



Boswell Regional Center Bulletin

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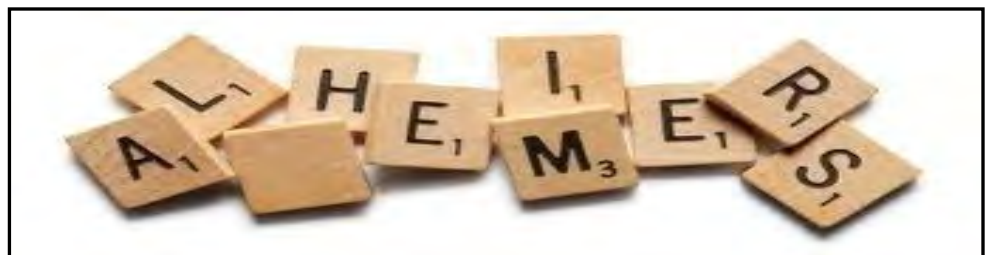
BRC "Paints it Purple"

Boswell Regional Center raised awareness by "Painting It Purple." On September 22, 2017, BRC held a campus Paint it Purple Parade! The route began at Ridgeview and Oak Brook at approximately 9:00 a.m. with total excitement in the air. It was a little warm, but Jennifer Chennault, Director of Nutritional Services and Chairman of the Wellness Committee, ensured there were water pit stops along the way. As individuals and staff strolled through campus waving and smiling, one could see the happiness in their eyes. The parade was led by Boswell Regional Center's Employees of the Year: Bobby Prince, Staff Development and LaShina Keyes, Fairway.

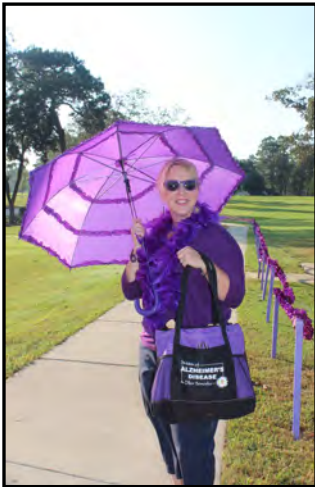
Boswell Regional Center has made this an annual event to raise awareness for those that have been stricken with the disease. Alzheimer's is a disease causing brain changes that worsen over time. One has the tendency to lose social and intellectual skills. Kathy Van Cleave, Director of the Department of Mental Health's Division of Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias, stood proud as she welcomed everyone just before the start of the parade.

The sidewalks were draped with purple tinsel and purple ribbons flourished the front entrance of BRC. Mr. Clint Ashley, Director of Boswell Regional Center, states, "Next year it will be even bigger!" Thanks to all who participated in decorating and wearing purple for this worthy cause. This year's winner for the best sign was Ridgeview! A BIG thanks to the Wellness Committee for planning this event!

The publication of the BRC Bulletin is made possible by contributions from our dedicated and talented employees. The articles and pictures were written, taken and formatted by BRC employees. Their contributions are greatly appreciated! We sincerely hope that you enjoy this edition of the Boswell Regional Center Bulletin, September 2017 Issue.



Parade Fun!



Spotlight on Ashley Cook



Ashley Cook

Years of Service: 8 years. Started as a contract worker in 2009 with D. “Little Dee” Halverson

Resides: Brookhaven, MS

Favorite Color: Pink

Favorite Team: New Orleans Saints

Favorite Food: Steak and Potatoes

Favorite Restaurant: Red Lobster

Favorite Vacation Spot: Atlanta, GA

Favorite Music: Gospel

Favorite Song: God Provides - Tamela Mann

Favorite Movie: “Lean On Me”

Favorite Hobby: Spending time with family

Ashley Cook is 33 years old and the proud mother of 3 wonderful and active boys; Jacobieus 14, Kamryn 9, and Zadyn 2 months. She is the beautiful daughter of Ms. Renae Cook (Brookwood/Montgomery). Ashley currently holds the position of QIDP at the Brookhaven Autism Group Home. She is a member of Right Road Ministries in Brookhaven under the leadership of Pastor Jackie Gordon. Ashley graduated from Brookhaven High school in 2002. She graduated from Jackson State University in 2016, where she earned a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Professional Interdisciplinary Studies. She is currently enrolled as a Graduate student in Counseling at Jackson State and will graduate December 2018. Cook states, “Working at Boswell Regional Center has taught me to never take things for granted and to stay humble.” Ashley says she lives her life by Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Meet Trinessa Feazell



Trinessa Feazell

Years of Service: 15 years (2002)

Resides: Mount Olive, MS

Favorite Color: Pink and Red

Favorite Team: Pittsburgh Steelers

Favorite Food: Chicken

Favorite Restaurant: Chili's

Favorite Vacation Spot: Disney World

Favorite Music: Rhythm and Blues

Favorite Song: I Wanna Know (Joe)

Favorite Movie: The Green Mile

Favorite Hobby: Dancing and going to games

Trinessa is from Mount Olive, MS. She is married to Kenneth Feazell and they have two handsome sons; Kenneth II and Kentarius. Trinessa graduated from Mount High School in 1991, and also graduated from John's Nail and Cosmetology School of Hattiesburg. She is a member of Macedonia M.B. Church in Prentiss, MS. Trinessa is a kindhearted person that will go the extra mile to help anyone. Feazell states, "My motto is one of my grandmother's favorite sayings... I don't beg, I don't borrow. If I ain't got it, I do without it." She had a special bond with her grandmother that will last forever and ever. Trinessa is a Program Manager at the Cedar Crest site. When asked what she loves about her job, she stated, "Seeing the individuals smile simply warms my heart."

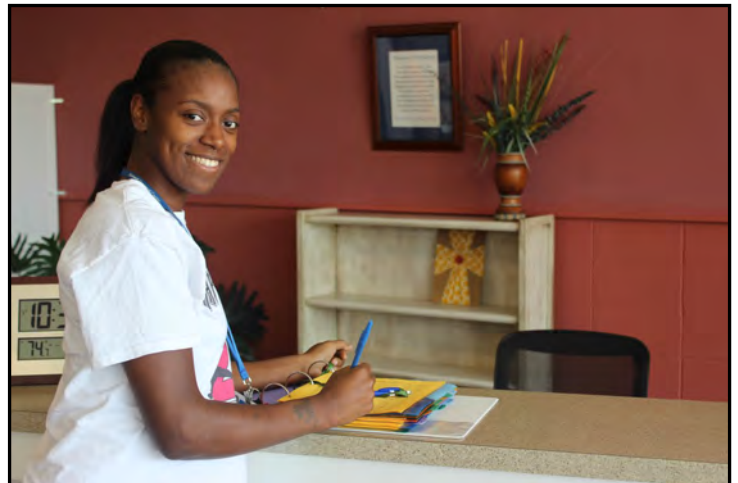
Arts Fair 2018



Just like that and it's over... Arts Fair has come and gone! Every year this event gets better and better. Staff and individuals have the opportunity to laugh, dance and reminisce over memories of past and present friends. On September 8, 2017, Boswell Regional Center pulled back the curtains and C. Gaines opened the show with an amazing prayer. Next, the slide show began and there were many recognizable faces on the screen. This year's theme was "Celebrate Good Times," and everyone did just that! The audience was filled with pink and blue Arts Fair shirts that clearly expressed the theme of this year's show.

The DJ for Arts Fair was none other than Greg "Big G" Barnes who played several songs between acts. One of the entertainers for the afternoon was Elvis Presley, and Bruno Mars can't be left out! What an afternoon to remember! A special thank you goes to the Arts Fair Committee, the recreation department, local businesses for door prizes and most of all Mr. Clint Ashley, Director of Boswell Regional Center, for allowing BRC to host this annual event. Planning for next year's Arts Fair has already begun. See you then!

Direct Support Professional Week



Thank You!

Proclamation Signing



September 10-16 is observed as Direct Support Professional Week. The Mayor of the City of Magee, Dale Berry, signed a proclamation on September 14, 2017, recognizing all Direct Support Professionals. Wanda “Faye” McInnis, Tracy Dampier Award Winner, is pictured far left along with P. Thomas (standing center), an individual receiving services; Clint Ashley (far right), Director of Boswell Regional Center and Mayor Dale Berry (seated). Boswell Regional Center thanks every Direct Support Professional for providing the best possible care to those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Boswell is thankful for the City of Magee and its involvement with the program. Mayor Berry states, “If there is anything I can do, just let me know.”

Fishing Fun!



Several of the guys at Mississippi Adolescent Center took time out to go fishing in the little pond located next to the center. They enjoyed catching and releasing the fish. The guys would bait the hook themselves, catch the fish and then compare the sizes of each fish caught. This was a relaxing time for them and the weather was perfect!

Lunch in the Park



On September 7th, the guys at the Mississippi Adolescent Center enjoyed another beautiful day at the park. They spent the entire morning swinging and playing and afterwards they enjoyed lunch. It is always nice to take a walk in the park and enjoy the lovely scenery. Fall is in the air now, so there will be more days like this in the near future.



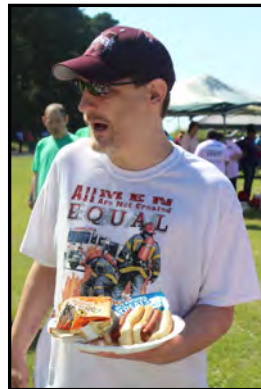
A Giving Heart



On September 13, 2017, the Expressive Hearts Choir visited Westminster Presbyterian Church in Hattiesburg, MS. Westminster has, for several years, graciously collected and given gifts to those that Boswell serves for Christmas. The choir's performance is Boswell's way of giving back and saying "thank you" to the church. Both parties enjoy the time together, filled with worship and fellowship.

Hooks, Lines & Good Times!

On Friday, September 29, Boswell Regional Center's Community Services enjoyed a fun-filled day of fishing and cooking out. This event was held at the Broadhead's Cabin in Mendenhall courtesy of Stacy and Debbie Broadhead. This event kicked off around 10:00 a.m. and came to an end around 2:00 p.m. Everyone enjoyed watching people catch fish and even laugh over broken lines. The weather was warm, but the early start surely made the rodeo a success. As the day passed, the temperature rose but the shady area helped to comfort folks. Lunch was served at 11:30 a.m. and began with an amazing prayer by Mr. Clint Ashley, Director of Boswell Regional Center. This was the perfect day for fellowship with friends! A BIG thank you goes to the many departments involved in making this event successful for another year. Also, a special thanks goes to Boswell Industries and friends for preparing the meal. Everyone enjoyed grilled turkey dogs, oven baked chips, cookies, sodas and water. Everyone is already looking forward to next year!



Team Spirit Day!



BRC Orientation Classes



September 1st Orientation Class, Back Row Left to Right: Justin Sullivan (Broadhead), Gwendolyn Durr (Broadhead), Stacy Barnes (Oak Brook), Nyesha White (Broadhead), Mario Chaney (Bradford), Albert Hill (Fairway). **Front Row Left to Right:** Timber Williamson (Pinelake), Tamara Rice (Mendenhall Retirement), Shamisha Craft (Oakbrook), Jalisa Donald (Pinelake), Kobe Berry



September 16th Orientation Class, Back Row Left to Right: Brooklyn Moore (State Farm), Mario McNair (Ridgeview), Shantae Barber (State Farm), James Dampeer (Fairway), Marshwanda McCullough (Fairway), Kyla Holloway (Brookhaven Autism), Tequila Witherspoon (Brookhaven Autism). **Front Row Left to Right:** Teresa Collins (Mendenhall Retirement), Harlie Rayborn (Oakbrook), Madison Martin (Pinelake), Dianne Smith (State Farm), Freda Smith (Rials Creek).

Governor's Service Awards



Boswell Regional Center employees receive Governor's Service Awards in recognition of a total of 50 years of state service. They were recognized for their dedication to BRC at the September Directors' Meeting. Pictured left to right: LaShanya Kelly (20 yrs), Jacqueline Motley (20 yrs), and Paulette Mathis (10 yrs). Congratulations to each of you!

BRC EOM



During the September Directors' Meeting, Boswell Regional Center recognized Employees of the Month in the area of support/professional staff. Employees of the Month for August are pictured **Left to Right**: Quadrea Roberson, Wesson Group Home; Celia "Kay" Maddox, Community Nurse and Robin Perry, Community Services. Congratulations to each of you!

Pastor's Corner



**Bro. Rudy Jackson,
BRC Chaplain**

Parnell Bailey visited an orange grove where an irrigation pump had broken down. The season was unusually dry and some of the trees were beginning to die for lack of water. The man giving the tour then took Bailey to his own orchard where irrigation was used sparingly. "These trees could go without rain for another 2 weeks," he said. "You see, when they were young, I frequently kept water from them. This hardship caused them to send their roots deeper into the soil in search of moisture. Now mine are the deepest-rooted trees in the area. While others are being scorched by the sun, these are finding moisture at a greater depth." Upon hearing this weekend of the deadly shooting in Las Vegas my heart and prayers go out to the families of these victims. What

do you do, and where do you turn in a time like this? The story above really illustrates the matter. It is the droughts that we face in everyday life as Christians that challenges us to dig deeper into the Word of God, so that when we are to face these kind of challenges we already have the roots of our faith sunk deep into the truths of God's Word. This will help make for unshakable Saints. May the roots of

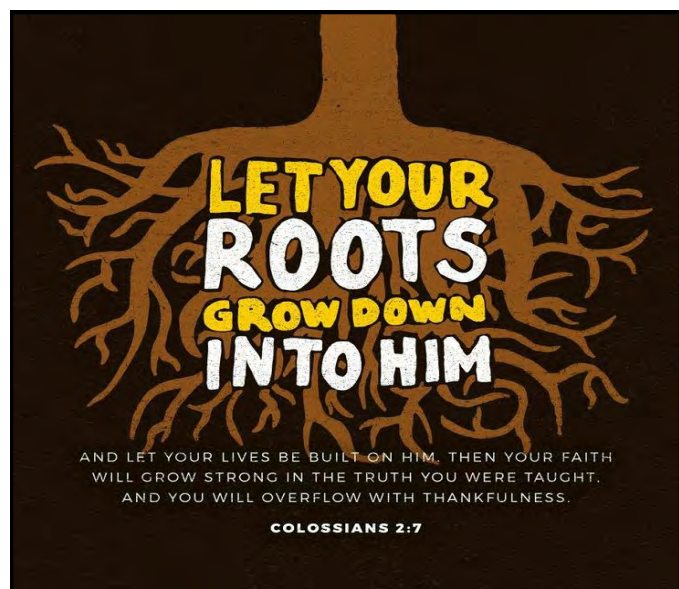
your faith draw peace and hope from the wells of Gods riches in Christ Jesus.

Bro. Rudy

Mission Statement

Boswell Regional Center offers Specialized program options to Mississippians with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. These programs are designed to identify the necessary supports for successful community transition. With collaboration between the individual, family, and community, dreams can become reality.

Where Dreams Can Become Reality





2017 Boswell Regional Center Homecoming
Thursday, October 26, 2017



Cookout @ Green Park 11:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.

Pep Hurricane Rally- 1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
(Magee Jr. High Cheerleaders & Band Performance)

BRC Homecoming Court Presentation- 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

BRC Homecoming Football Game- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.



BRC Hurricanes

VS



SIMPSON COUNTY
A C A D E M Y

The Wellness committee will be serving **Pink** Lemonade & handing out Breast Cancer information



Staff may wear **PINK** shirts and nice jeans on this day!



BRC Fall Festival

Thursday, October 19, 2017

(Campus individuals will begin dinner @ 3:30 p.m. in the Big Kitchen)

All activities will be held at Green Park beginning at 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Campus and Community invited



POSITIONS AVAILABLE
(Magee, Brookhaven, New Hebron
and Shivers)

Direct Support Professionals are needed
for all shifts and locations.

If you believe that helping people
matters, then we need you at BRC!

For more information contact:

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601-867-5000 Ext. 75079

P. O. Box 128
Magee, MS 39111



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Programs

Boswell Regional Center programs offer an extensive range of program and service options to those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). The primary goal of each existing program using a person centered approach is to allow each person to live more independently and to fulfill their lives through meaningful days.

Programs and services offered through BRC include:

Community Options:

- In Home Services
- Community Living
- Crisis Transition Homes
- Employment Opportunities
 - Day Options
 - Behavior Services
 - Autism Services



Campus Options:

On Campus Residential Services

On Site Day Programs

Membership Information

Indicate at right which type of membership you wish by circling the appropriate amount.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please make your check payable to:
Friends & Family Association
P.O. Box 128
Magee, MS 39111

Annual Membership Fees

Single/BRC Employee – Free

Single/Non-employee \$5

Bronze \$25

Silver \$50

Gold \$100

Platinum \$500

Fundraisers

Some examples of fundraisers that have been held are:

Scrub Sales

Jewelry Sales

Book Fairs

RADA Knives

T-shirt Sales

Special Hosted Events

Purpose

To promote and support the individuals of Boswell Regional Center

To foster the development of programs on their behalf

To recognize and reward the efforts of employees of Boswell Regional Center

To raise and receive funds for the accomplishment of the above purposes.

Boswell Regional Center's



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A MS Department of Mental Health Facility



Boswell Regional Center's Friends & Family Association is a non profit all volunteer organization that works to ensure Boswell individuals are valued and loved.

All monies received from memberships are donated to the organization to purchase items for the individuals served by Boswell Regional Center.

Donations

Donations may be made in memory or honor of a loved one:

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

By: _____

Acknowledgement should be sent to the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

State: ___ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (___) _____

Email: _____

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