

BULLETIN



GOOD CHOICES PAY OFF

Being debt free may seem a bit out of reach for many of us. Not the case for Sam Banks, he knows first hand the liberation that comes from being completely out of debt. He also knows these things don't happen by chance; they take hard work, dedication, and consistently making good choices. (p.9)



BINGO ALTERNATIVE

Playing games is always a fun activity; It's a great way to engage and share laughter and excitement with those around us. It's also well-known to lift the spirits, bring joy, and reduce stress & anxiety. Interactive games, like BINGO, create a sense of connection and well-being that fosters the type of positive environment where everyone thrives. As an alternative to their regular game of BINGO, the staff at Dream Haven found a unique way of bringing good times to the auction table. (p. 21)



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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 person, family, and community, dreams can become a reality



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First Class of 2024

1st Row L-R:

Sheppanie Holloway

Precious Flowers

Elaine Flagg

Alfrieda Smith

2nd Row L-R:

Janiyah Body

Adrienne Abercrombie

Natalie Keyes

La'Shina Keyes



Welcome TO THE TEAM



Second Class of 2024

Seated L-R:

Ja'Myia Warren,
Tamica James, Minnie
Dampeer

Standing L-R:

Parish Walker,
Cassandra
Grantham, Terica
McNair, Shermeka
McDonald

Meet Natalie

“I Know that God has been on my side throughout this career journey.”



Natalie Keyes, FNP-C

Born in Detroit, MI and raised by her grandmother in Brandon, Natalie’s first career dream actually had nothing to do with nursing. “As I journeyed through the Rankin County school system, I believed I wanted to model the role of an educator... it truly was my ultimate dream.” That dream changed, however, when she became older and began working in the Radiology Department at a local hospital. “I found the passion of caring for those in need... I started my coursework and decided, ‘I’ wanted to become a registered nurse.” But the road to get there was not as easy as it looked.

She went through many trials of trying to pass the entrance exams and raising her ACT scores to enter the program but says she never made high enough marks. Her counselor advised her to enroll into the LPN program instead. She says several people told her not to bother with the LPN program, to wait for acceptance into the RN program, but against their best advice, Natalie enrolled into the LPN program at Hinds Community College, and in 1996, she became a Licensed Practical Nurse. After working as an LPN for 4 years, she was encouraged by a special friend to bridge from LPN to RN. She applied, was accepted into the program, and in 2001, met all the requirements to officially become an RN.

She says she was very satisfied with her career as an RN, but after several years felt that it might become necessary for her to hold a bachelor’s degree, so she enrolled in Mississippi University for Women and earned a BSN in 2014. While practicing as an RN in a very busy clinic, she tossed around the idea of becoming a Nurse Practitioner and even mentioned it to the physician she was working for. However, this MD was not excited about ANY Nurse Practitioners, so Natalie says she “rolled that idea under the rug.” She says she and the MD had a great working relationship, and she knew he truly valued her work ethic, but it was still a surprise when he approached her one day and said, “I really want the best for you and think you should get your NP so you can be paid for what you’re worth.”

In 2015, she applied to the nurse practitioner program, and after completing the pre-requisite class, she received an email that said she had not been accepted. She said she was momentarily devastated but then offered up a prayer to God, thanking Him, especially if this path wasn’t meant for her. Later that same year, she received an email with instructions to re-apply to the program, but she chose not to pursue it a second time. In January of 2016 she was awakened by a plain, spiritual voice that said, “Apply; you will get accepted.” She says she initially just laughed it off and went back to sleep, but that early the next morning she called the school to see what was required to update her status. She was told to obtain an updated drug screen, send in her application fee, and wait. She received an invitation to interview and says she left out of the interview feeling like she had answered all their questions wrong. “As I left, I laughed and said, ‘OK, God, I have done what you asked me to do’”. She says she put the interview and the thought of ever being accepted into the NP program far back in her mind and never thought of it again.

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Later on that same year, Natalie's mom was in the hospital undergoing heart surgery. She said the day they were moving her mom out of ICU she received an email saying, "Congratulations, you have been accepted". She immediately called the college to verify that the email was really for her, and after talking it over with her husband, she enrolled into the program. She earned her master's degree in 2017 and has been practicing as a FNP-C ever since.

Natalie says she KNOWS that God has been on her side throughout her career journey. "When I felt like I was finished, He made it such for me to go farther. When I felt like I was a failure for not getting into the program when I wanted to, he ordered my steps to bring me where He wanted me to be and when He wanted me to be there. I am so grateful that He is my guiding light, and I am so thankful for the many positive people he has placed in my path. What I am most grateful for at this moment is that He has placed me in a facility where helping those who truly cannot help themselves brings so much joy to my heart."

Natalie is married with two grown sons. She says from the initial encounter, her experience at Boswell has always been positive. "Mr. Ashley and Wanda Davis were extremely nice and made me feel welcomed then and even more now. The attitudes of the nurses and unit staff are beyond superb." She says she is truly grateful and blessed to be here serving the individuals at BRC and prays it is God's plan for her to remain here for many years to come. To anyone with a dream, she says, "Never give up! Always believe that the best is yet to come, if you'll just hang on. Just look at me."

Employees Receive Service Awards

Pictured with

HR Director, Suzie Wilder (far left):

2nd from left-Right:

Evelyn Williamson (20 yrs.)
Amanda Diaz (10 yrs.)
Angelina Lynch (20 yrs.)
Jason Kittrell (20 yrs.)
Sharon Jones (10 yrs.)
Trista Brown (20 yrs.)
Angel Bratcher (10 yrs.)

Not Pictured:

Sharon Sumrall (10 yrs.)
Bonita Sullivan (20 yrs.)
Kim Berry (10 yrs.)
Linda Lucas (20 yrs.)
Rhonda Blackwell (10 yrs.)
Tequillia Bouie (10 yrs.)
Christina Roberts (30 yrs.)



Tuesday

She just did it!

5/4/1974 ~ 12/22/2023



Tuesday Renae Pittman was a mother to three beautiful children: Raegan, Stormy, and Darius. She began her career at Boswell working under David Tedford at the WAC, but she didn't stop there. She was determined to move up and soon transferred to the community as supervisor at Pinegrove. She loved to work and dug into the job to learn as much as she could. Over the course of that 2-yr span, she worked to complete her MS in Interdisciplinary Studies to help further her career. She was later selected as the Unit Director for Pinelake and Fairway. She was so excited and worked hard to improve client care and boost staff morale. She spent her own money to host cookouts and purchase incentives for her staff. Tuesday did all of this while battling metastatic breast cancer. She was a fighter, and she pushed herself everyday. Many days she would come to work sick, but she wouldn't have it any other way. We can learn a lot from her strength, her fight, and her faith. She had an excellent work ethic; she was always early, didn't mind staying late, and she didn't care if it was part of her job description or not, she just did it.

Law

Enforcement

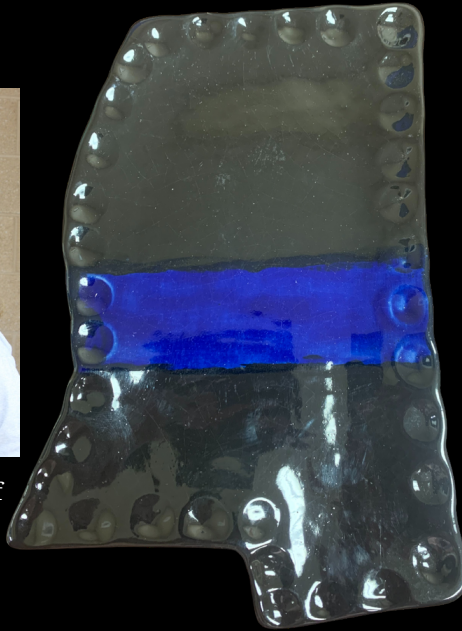
Officer



APPRECIATION



Carla Mitchell presents her creation to Sheriff Paul Mullins alongside Melissa Sparks



Aaron Mooneyham presents his creation to Magee Police Chief, Shane Little and Officer, Vance Hamilton

Community Individuals pay tribute to Simpson County & City of Magee LEOs with specially-designed pottery

The Thin Blue Line

The “Thin Blue Line” American flag represents law enforcement and is flown to show support for the men and women who put their lives on the “line” every day to protect us. The black space above the blue line represents society, order and peace, while the black space below it represents crime, anarchy, and chaos. The thin blue line running between them represents law enforcement officers who keep crime from pervading into our society. When placed into the context of a flag, there’s an added element of patriotism, as the stars represent the law-abiding citizens who benefit from the sacrifice our heroes make to protect them. Law enforcement officers often look on this flag as a reflection of courage and a tribute to those who have fallen in the “line” of duty.

BRC RECOGNIZES 2023 EMPLOYEES OF THE 4TH QUARTER



Mary Garner, DSP III

Pictured with Ronald Britt and Tonya George

“ She teaches our individuals that having a disability doesn't mean you can't do something; it just means those things may have to be done differently.

~Tonya George”



Jewelene Owens, Psychology Tech.

Pictured with Ronald Britt and Arthur Milton

“ She has a positive attitude that is contagious to both our staff and our individuals. She is outstanding at her job and in how she interacts with our individuals.

~ Arthur Milton”



Christina Hall 2nd Shift Supervisor

Pictured with Ronald Britt, Katina Runnels & Laura Jones

“ She is never one to like being in the spotlight, but Ms. Hall has the kind of love that shines brightly in everything she does for our individuals and how she prioritizes caring for their needs.

~ Katina Runnels”



Jennifer Kittrell, IT/EHR

Pictured with Ronald Britt and Beth Luper

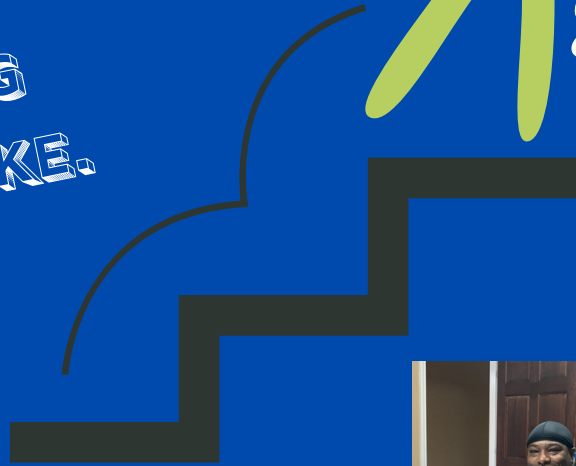
“ She is very knowledgeable of IT systems and requirements and loves challenges in technology. She has been vital to getting EHR (TIER) up and running for BRC.

~ Beth Luper”

WAY TO GO, SAM!

Got Goals?

THIS IS WHAT BEING DEBT FREE LOOKS LIKE.



Above: Sam signing loan papers in 2020 and receiving the keys to his new home.

The American Dream

The American dream has always centered around owning your own home, and now Sam Banks can attest to what a great feelin that actually is. On December 5, 2023, he made the final payment on his 3 bedroom, 1 bath home in Magee and became completely debt free. In 2020, while working at Polk's Meats and living in the Cedar Crest Apartments, Sam had an opportunity to put a sizeable down payment on his home and receive a 5% fixed rate of financing from owner Anthony Koehn. He made his first payment on January 5, 2021, and faithfully made every monthly mortgage payment until he was able to say his home was 100% his. Today Sam works in Nutritional Services on campus and says all he needs now is a girlfriend.

Congratulations, Sam! We are so proud of you!

yum!

TOO MANY HANDS???



There's a saying, "Too many hands in the pot spoils the sauce." Well, that's certainly not the case when it comes to good friends making a delicious tater tot casserole. Bernard, Wendy and Helen did a great job of working together to prepare a warm, hearty meal, and of course there's always plenty to share.

Remembering Paul

Paul Clayton Lowery

4/20/1958 ~ 1/09/2024

Paul was a resident of the Taylorsville Group Home. He loved talking about the Bible, leading prayer, and enjoying the nice breezes while sitting on his back porch; but most of all, Paul loved going to eat fish. He also cared deeply for his housemates and enjoyed visiting with his sister, Joyce who came to see him often.

A Celebration of Life Service was held on January 11, 2024, at Colonial Chapel Funeral Home in Taylorsville. Officiating the service was pastor and long-time family friend,

Bro. Malcolm Byrd.

He was laid to rest at Providence Baptist Church Cemetery in Mize, MS.



Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ~ John 5:25



The Pastor's Corner



To Be Christlike



*Rev. Charles Meadows
BRC Chaplain*

The Apostle Paul is one of my favorite New Testament writers, because in his letters you can see how he was a man truly devoted to Christ. It was his desire to serve the Lord and be faithful to the Lord, even if it cost his life. The Apostle Paul experienced his fair share of opposition as he traveled from town to town spreading the gospel, planting churches, and making disciples. Most people, if they experienced only a small part of the opposition that Paul faced, probably would have given up. One thing is for certain, Paul never gave up but continued to live in such a way that gave God the glory. So as a true, born-again Christian, we should have that same mentality as we live for and serve our risen savior. In Philippians 1:20-21 Paul stated "According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Remember this, no matter the amount of opposition we face in this world as true born-again believers nothing is compared to what is next.

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Upcoming Events

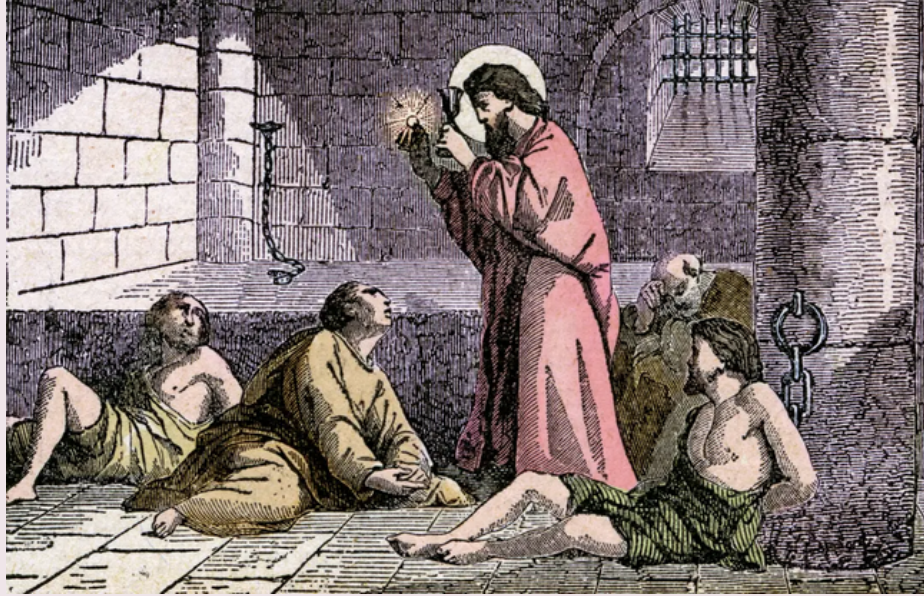
February

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 5 Wagon Train on Campus 9:00 a.m.
- 6 MS Blood Services Blood Drive 10-4 Museum Parking Lot
- 7 Events Team Meeting 1:30 Admin. Conference Room
- 8 Mardi Gras Ball (campus) 6:00 gym
- 9 BRC Wear Red Day
 - Dixie National Rodeo (2/9-2/17)
 - Night to Shine* Easthaven Bapt. Church 6-9 p.m.
- 11 Super Bowl
 - Campus party RDR/RAC, Pre-game 5-6, Kick-off 6:30
 - Good water GH Party
- 14 Valentines Day
 - Sweetheart Dance (campus) 6:00 gym
- 15 Friends & Family Board Meeting 11:30 @ Jose's
- 19 President's Day***
- 24 Special Olympics MS, Spring Basketball Tourney
 - NMRC, Oxford 9:00 a.m.
- 29 Leap Day



The Legend of St. Valentine

Valentine's Day occurs every February 14. Across the United States and in other places around the world, candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of Valentine's. But who is this mysterious saint and where did these traditions come from?



Where did Valentine's Day originate? The history of the holiday—and the story of its patron saint—is clothed in mystery. We all know that February has long been celebrated as the month of romance, and that Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains remnants of the Christian faith, as well as hints of ancient Roman traditions. But who was Saint Valentine, and how did he become associated with this ancient rite of romance?

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome, under the Emperor Claudius II, who was convinced that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, so he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl—possibly his jailor's daughter—who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and—most importantly—romantic figure.

Department Spotlight

Community Day Services - Adult



Tonya George,

Tonya is the Director of Community Day Services - Adult and is the Program Director for Connections. She is from Mendenhall and has been at BRC for 24 years. She holds a masters degree in Counseling/Psy. from the University of West Alabama and enjoys rummaging at thrift stores and yard sales.

Her favorite things about BRC are the participants, the friendships she's formed with other staff, and the fact that she has such a fun job. Her goal is to be better today than yesterday, and she says most people don't know that she's a top-rated seller on e-bay.

To sum up the Day Services Program in just one word... FUN.

Community Day Services- Adult is a Community-based program that promotes independence, participant choice, and community integration. The program provides regularly scheduled group and individual activities, recreation, socialization, daily living and life skills, community outings, and to ensure each participant has a meaningful day.

Examples of activities: "5-Oaks Collection" Pottery and "Made by Grace" Ceramics (a participant created entrepreneurship) sold in the Day Services sites and local festivals, arts/crafts, board and card games, bingo, computer fun and learning, and music. They also offer learning/assisting in daily living skills and life skills: cooking, cleaning and laundry, money management, self-care, employment, education, and socialization. Recreational activities such as: swimming, van rides, movies, park, zoo, fishing, picnics, festivals and fairs, ball games, date nights for couples, bowling, science and art museums, concerts, exhibits, and beach trips.

Some of their most memorable trips: State Fair in Jackson is a must for participants and staff alike! Also, the weekly trip to the Magee library: just around the corner but they love the library's ever changing displays and happenings. Other memorable outings: Natural Science Museum and Hattiesburg Zoo (They got to hold a live snake—a first and LAST time for some), Horses for Handicapped, Biloxi Beach, Joni and Friends Barnyard Dance, Ole Miss ball game, USM Private Meet and Greet with Football player and coaches, and Eason's and Luckey's (local fish house restaurants-- nothing like good food, friends, and fellowship!)

Theresa Partman

Theresa is from Brookhaven and serves at Dream Haven. She has been at BRC for 28 1/2 years and enjoys reading, crafts, and creative media. She attended JSU and Phillips Junior College. Before coming to Day Services, Theresa worked at the Brookhaven & Wesson ICF Group Homes. Her goal is spiritual, to walk closer and lead others to Christ. Her favorite thing about Boswell is the love and inspiration she can give while serving others.



Robin Moss

Robin is from Raleigh and serves at Connections. She has been at BRC for 28 years and enjoys spending time with her new granddaughter, crafts, and vacations. She attended JCJC, and before coming to Day Services, she worked in Education, Recreation, & Expressive Arts. Her goal is to spend more time vacationing and her favorite thing about BRC is spending time with the participants, helping them enjoy life. She says most people don't know that she would like to work at an animal shelter.



Lashanya Kelly

Lashanya is from Brookhaven and serves at Dream Haven. She has been at BRC for 26 years and enjoys cooking/baking and spending time with family. She received her certificate in cosmetology from Co-Lin, and before coming to Day Services, she worked at the Wesson ICF Group Home. Her goal is to retire and continue to be a blessing to others, and her favorite thing about BRC is seeing the smiles on the participant's faces. She says most people don't know that her anxiety kicks in around large crowds of people.





Kerri East

Kerri is the Program Director for Dream Extreme and is from Sand Hill. She has been at BRC for 20 “wonderful years” and enjoys water sports, working, and spending time with her husband. She holds a BA in Elementary & Special Education from USM, and before coming to Day Services, she worked in Recreation and the 2nd floor of Jaquith. Her goal is to be the best version of herself, and her favorite thing about BRC is ensuring participants are happy and have a meaningful day. She says most people don’t know that she HATES mayonnaise.

Jarrod Lee

Jarrod is from Magee and serves at Dream Extreme. He’s been at BRC for 18 years and enjoys playing guitar, spending time with his wife & children, and dancing with “the misses”. He holds a Masters Degree in Blues from MSU, and before coming to Day Services, he served in the Education Dept. Prime Timers. His goal is to talk to God more and get the band back together, and his favorite thing about BRC is trying to make someone laugh, the participants smiles, and serving others. He says most people don’t know that he sings and has his prayer time in the shower.



Mary Garner

Mary is from White Oak and serves at Connections. She has been at BRC for 17 years and enjoys watching sports, especially her granddaughters’ basketball games. Before coming to Day Services, she served at the WAC. Her goal is to retire in a couple of years and spend time with her granddaughters. She says her favorite thing about BRC is working with the participants in Day services & her great co-workers. She says most people do not know that she is a breast cancer survivor.



Andrew Amason

Andrew is from Magee and serves at Connections. He has been at BRC for 16 years and enjoys fishing & watching the Atlanta Braves. Before coming to Day Services, he served in the Pre-vocational Department and in Grounds. His goal is to one day retire from Boswell, and his favorite things about BRC is working with the participants and his coworkers, as well as being able to have personal and medical leave.



Rhonda Tillman

Rhonda is from Raleigh and serves at Dream Extreme. She has been at BRC for 16 years and enjoys music, gardening, and eating out. She holds a Music Appreciation degree from ECCC, and before coming to Day Services, she served as a Job Coach for Employment Services. Her goal is to follow life's path as God directs her, and her favorite things about BRC are the wonderful staff and participants. She says most people don't know that the majority of people call her by her nickname, "Tillie".



Matthew Robinson

Matthew is from Magee and serves at Connections. He has been at BRC for 14 years and enjoys fishing. He attended Co-Lin, and before coming to Day Services, he served in Behavior Crisis, HR and at Fairway. His goal is to retire one day, and his favorite thing about BRC is being able to be a part of the lives of the individuals we serve.





Renee Wade

Renee is from Mize and serves at Connections. She has been at BRC for 13 years and enjoys crafts, history, decorating and traveling. She attended Jones County Jr. College, and before coming to Day Services, she served as a job coach and as an attendant at Simpson Cove and Rials Creek. Her goal is to be the best she can be and to learn something new each day. Her favorite things about BRC are seeing the participants grow by learning new things and the staff she works with. She says most people don't know that she wants to visit every state in the U.S.

Christy Glenn

Christy is from Mize and serves at Dream Extreme. She has been at BRC for 13 years and enjoys cooking & art of any kind. She attended JCJC, and before coming to Day Services, she served on Unit 4 and in the Prevocational Department. Her goal is be better this year than 5 years ago, and her favorite things about working at BRC is the community & family. She says something most people don't know about her is that she believes in giving people second chances, because we're all human.



Jennifer Keyes

Jennifer is from Pinola and serves at Dream Makers. She has been at BRC for 9 years and enjoys sports, mud riding, and spending time with family. Her goal is to get rich and retire one day, and her favorite thing about BRC is the Individuals.

Nadia Young

Nadia is from Magee and serves at Dream Extreme. She has been at BRC for 9 years and enjoys basketball & being with family. She holds an Associate Degree from Co-Lin Community College, and before coming to Day Services, she served at Broadhead. Her goal is to continue her education and finish her degree from JSU. She says her favorite thing about working at BRC is making sure the clients are taken care of and that most people don't know she loves music and loves to sing.



Edrick Smith

Edrick is from Mendenhall and serves as the Program Director at Dream Makers. He has been at BRC for 7 years and enjoys sports, singing, and traveling. He holds a Bachelors Degree from USM, and before coming to Day Services, he served at Fairway, Connections, Pine Grove and Dream Makers. His goal is to complete his Masters Degree with the University of Phoenix and to further his career in mental health. His favorite thing about BRC is the clients and says most people don't know that he's auditioned for American Idol and Sunday Best.

Melissa Sparks

Melissa is from Magee and serves at Connections. She has been at BRC for 2 years and enjoys spending time with her three grandchildren, horseback riding, and traveling. She attended Hinds Community College, and before coming to Day Services, she served at Cedar Crest. Her goal is to support the clients and make their lives better, and she would love to become a counselor. Her favorite thing about BRC is seeing the clients grow in knowledge & independence, and most people don't know she enjoys extreme sports and quiet time.





Madonna Perkins

Madonna is from Brookhaven and serves as the Director of Dream Haven. She has been at BRC for 8 months and enjoys reading African-American novels, journaling, shopping, getting into make up, and spending time with friends. She holds a Bachelors Degree in Sociology from Alcorn State University. She says her favorite thing about BRC is being able to spend time with the clients and learning their likes/dislikes. She says most people don't know that she is very passionate and enjoys meeting genuine people.

Westminister Presbyterian Church



For nearly 50 years, the congregation at Westminister Presbyterian Church in Hattiesburg has partnered with BRC in providing Christmas gifts for the individuals we serve. Each year BRC receives large donations of clothing, personal hygiene items, craft supplies, etc. to be distributed to the individuals on campus who might otherwise get very little for Christmas.

This year, Director, Clint Ashley visited with members during a mid-week service to express appreciation for their continued faithfulness in giving and to inform them of the many opportunities and services provided by BRC to Mississippians with IDD. He extended an invitation for members to visit the BRC campus, stating that he believed they would be proud to see how our state invests its tax dollars into programs like ours that help people “live life”. He took time to answer questions and ended by sharing a few of his favorite scripture verses.

Kathy Mormon, accompanied by Jarrod Lee on guitar, opened the service by singing popular southern gospel hymns like, “I’ll Fly Away” and “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”. It was a great opportunity to fellowship with special friends and learn some of the history behind the church’s annual giving.

STAFF COMPLETE SUPERVISOR TRAINING COURSE



Left to Right:
Kayla Smith
Robert Barnes,
Naja Holliday
Stephanie Pruitt
Sandra McCollum
Janie Beavers
Essie Gavin



The BRC Supervisory Class is an intensive 3-day class for upcoming and current supervisors. Each participant spends three days being introduced to the concepts and expectations of an effective supervisor. The class is tailored to meet the unique supervisory needs of Boswell Regional Center.

Dream Haven finds an exciting BINGO alternative

Most people love BINGO, but it's always fun to do something new from time to time. Madonna Perkins, Director at Dream Haven, found a way to do just that. She and her staff printed paper money and gave the same amount to each participant. Then they put several items up for bid, items like, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, sunglasses, etc. During the auction, participants bid on the items, and whoever had the highest bid won the item. They paid for it using the paper money given to them by the staff. Madonna says participants love the auction game and look forward to playing each month.

BID *Sold to the highest bidder!*



Test Your Knowledge of Black History...

Who was the iconic civil rights leader known for his “I Have a Dream” speech in 1963?
(*Martin Luther King Jr.*)

In what year did Rosa Parks refuse to give up her bus seat in Montgomery, Alabama, sparking the Montgomery Bus Boycott?
(1955)

What was the name of the landmark Supreme Court case that ruled segregation in public schools unconstitutional?
(*Brown v. Board of Education*)

Which Black American inventor and agricultural chemist developed innovative methods for crop rotation and soil conservation, known as the “Carver System”?
(*George Washington Carver*)

What Black American neurosurgeon, known for his pioneering work in pediatric neurosurgery, became the first person to successfully separate conjoined twins joined at the head?
(*Ben Carson*)

Who was the first Black person to win a Nobel Prize in any category other than peace?
(*William Arthur Lewis, won for Economic Sciences*)

What Black American zoologist was instrumental in environmental conservation?
(*Roger Arliner Young*)

Who was the Black American inventor and engineer known for his contributions to the development of the gas mask and the traffic signal?
(*Garrett Morgan*)

Who was the Black American physician and pioneering researcher who developed surgical techniques for the treatment of glaucoma, a leading cause of blindness?
(*Patricia Bath*)

What Black American astronaut became the first person of Black descent in space, flying aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger in 1983?
(*Guion S. Bluford Jr.*)

Who was the Black American mathematician and physicist who made significant contributions to the development of the atomic bomb during World War II?
(*J. Ernest Wilkins Jr.*)

Who was the Black American computer scientist and mathematician whose work at NASA contributed to the success of the Mercury and Apollo space missions?
(*Dorothy Vaughan*)

Who was the Black American educator, author, and orator who founded Tuskegee Institute, a school dedicated to the education of Black Americans in the post-Civil War era?
(*Booker T. Washington*)



BOSWELL REGIONAL CENTER

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TUESDAY, FEB. 6TH, 2024
10:00AM - 4:00PM



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10 NIGHT to Shine

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024
6 - 9 PM

at Easthaven Baptist Church, 130 Hwy 84, Brookhaven, Mississippi
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Walk the red carpet, enjoy the royal treatment and dance the night away.

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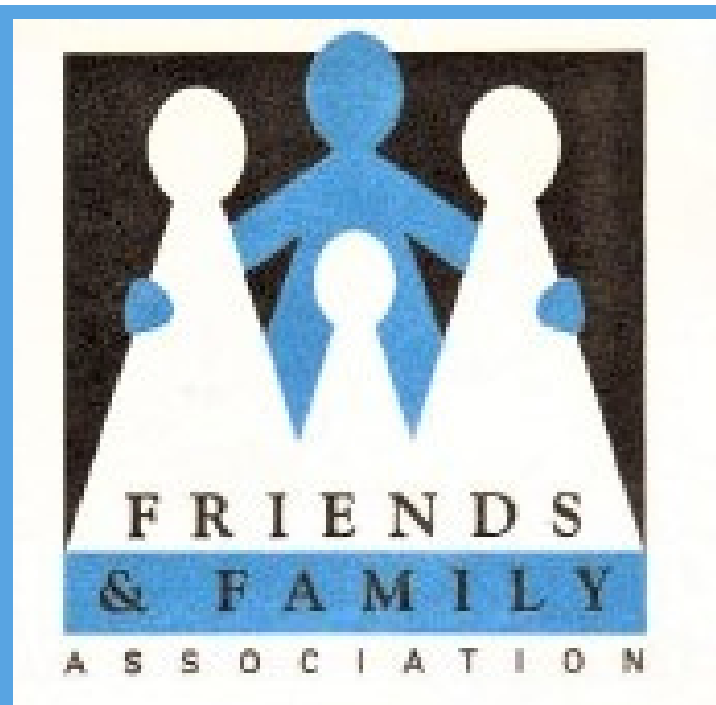
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