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Employees of the 2nd Quarter



Pictured above (L-R): Shaqueta Smith, Anitrus Robinson, Robert Jenkins, Diana Holland, and Jennifer Kittrell.

Traxler Recognized at Employee of the Quarter Recognition for 10 Years of Service

As part of our Second Quarter 2026 Employee of the Quarter Recognition, Boswell Regional Center was also proud to recognize Rita Traxler for 10 years of dedicated service to the State of Mississippi and Boswell Regional Center.

Rita's commitment, hard work, and dedication over the past decade have made a lasting impact on our organization and the individuals we serve. We are grateful for her years of service and the contributions she continues to make each day. Congratulations, Rita, on this well-deserved milestone, and thank you for 10 years of service.



Boswell Regional Center is proud to recognize our 2026 Employees of the Second Quarter for their outstanding dedication, exceptional work ethic, and commitment to making a difference every day.

These employees were nominated by their supervisors and peers for consistently demonstrating excellence in their roles. Whether providing direct care, supporting their coworkers, maintaining our campus, or ensuring essential services are delivered efficiently, each recipient has made a lasting impact through their hard work, compassion, and professionalism. Their willingness to go above and beyond does not go unnoticed and serves as an example of the high standards we strive to uphold throughout our organization.

The Employee of the Quarter Program recognizes staff who

consistently exceed expectations and exemplify Boswell Regional Center's mission and values through their daily actions. These employees are dependable, compassionate, and committed to providing the highest quality care and support to the individuals we serve. Their positive attitudes, strong work ethic, and dedication to teamwork help create a welcoming and supportive environment for everyone on our campus.

We are honored to recognize these outstanding employees and celebrate their achievements. This recognition is a reflection of the difference these employees make each day through their commitment to those we serve and to one another. Congratulations to all of our 2026 Employees of the Second Quarter, and thank you for your outstanding service to Boswell Regional Center.



Enchanted Parade of Beauties



It was a day of glitz, glamour, and plenty of smiles at our Enchanted Parade of Beauties Pageant! Our ladies had the chance to spend the day getting pampered, dressing up, having their hair and makeup done, and getting ready for their moment in the spotlight.

When it was time for the pageant, each of our ladies took the stage and proudly showed off their look and personality. From beautiful dresses to big smiles and confident walks, every participant brought their own special touch to the event.

The pageant gave our ladies an opportunity to dress up, have fun, feel beautiful, and enjoy being celebrated. It was wonderful to see their excitement as they walked across the stage and received the attention and applause they deserved.

The Enchanted Parade of Beauties was a memorable day filled with confidence and lots of fun. We are proud of every lady who participated and helped make the day so special!



Celebrating Suzie Wilder's Retirement After Nearly 27 Years At Boswell Regional Center



Pictured (L-R): Jessica Tillman, Ounchea McGee, Suzie Wilder, Hanna Duran, Roslyn Lott, and Stephanie McClendon.

Suzie is originally from Portland, Texas. After moving to Mississippi, she began her public service career with the MS State Personnel Board. In 1998, she joined Boswell as the Human Resources Director, beginning 28 years of dedicated service to the organization and the individuals it serves.

Throughout her time at Boswell, Suzie was committed to treating everyone with dignity, respect, compassion, and kindness.

She understood that human resources was about more than policies and procedures—it was about people. She took the time to listen, care, and build meaningful relationships throughout the Boswell community. Her dedication and compassion left a lasting impact on countless lives.

Now, Suzie begins a new chapter, enjoying more time with her husband, children, and grandchildren.

She also looks forward to traveling, making new memories, and enjoying new adventures with the people she loves.

Boswell is grateful for Suzie's 28 years of service and the difference she made in so many lives. Her kindness, compassion, and dedication will be remembered and appreciated for years to come. We wish Suzie all the best in this exciting new chapter filled with family, travel, laughter, and wonderful memories.



Pictured above: Olivia Wilder, Reid Wilder, Suzie Wilder, Tommy Richardson, Regan Wilder, Kaitlyn Rose, Lenora Jo Wilder



Pictured above: Director, Ricky Grimes, presents retirement plaque in appreciation of Suzie's service and dedication.



Pictured above (L-R): Standing: Kristen Sanders, Jennifer Collins, Brenda Craft, Jodie Allen, Lynn Broome, Kenzie Boone, Wanda Davis, Tamia Blanks, Pamela Ory
Kneeling: Natalie Keyes

Lynn Broome Retires After 38 Years in Nursing

Mrs. Lynn has dedicated 38 years to the nursing profession. She began her career at Millcreek, where her experience inspired her to pursue nursing school. After becoming a nurse, she proudly returned to Millcreek, where she spent 28 years caring for others. Throughout her career, she also gained valuable experience working in a nursing home and in home health before joining Boswell Regional Center. For the past eight years, Ms. Lynn has proudly served at Boswell Regional Center.

Ms. Lynn has a special connection with many of the individuals at BRC, having cared for some of them since they were children at Millcreek. She is especially fond of the individuals on Ridgeview and has always been a strong advocate for those she serves. Her compassion is deeply personal, as her brother had special needs and lived at Ellisville State School until his passing.

Known for being kind, firm, dependable, and fearless, Ms. Lynn has never hesitated to step up when the individuals needed her, even in difficult and challenging situations.

Outside of work, Ms. Lynn and her husband, T.M., have been married for 37 years. They enjoy camping, fishing, hunting, and traveling. She is also a proud mother of three, grandmother of 10, and great-grandmother of six, with another great-grandchild on the way in January.

After 38 years of nursing and eight years at BRC, we are grateful for Ms. Lynn's dedication, compassion, and the lasting impact she has made on the individuals she has cared for.



Pictured above: Director, Ricky Grimes, presents retirement plaque in appreciation of Lynn's service and dedication.



Pictured above: Lynn Broome with Director of Nursing, Wanda Davis.



Meet Our New Director of Human Resources, Hanna Duran

Boswell Regional Center is proud to introduce Hanna Duran as our new Director of Human Resources.

Hanna began her career at Boswell Regional Center in February 2018 as a contract Records Clerk in Community Services. During this role, she earned her Bachelor of Science in Speech and Hearing Sciences from The University of Southern Mississippi before transitioning into the Human Resources Department at Boswell. There, she began processing employment applications and quickly expanded her responsibilities to include contract employee onboarding, Family and

Medical Leave administration, and workers' compensation. She later earned a Master of Science in Human Capital Development from The University of Southern Mississippi, further strengthening her expertise in human resources and organizational leadership.

Her dedication and commitment to Boswell Regional Center led her to the Mississippi Adolescent Center, where she served as Human Resources Director. During her time there, she completed the Mississippi State Personnel Board Human Resources Certification Program, further enhancing her knowledge of state personnel policies and human resources practices. She later returned to Boswell Regional Center as the Disciplinary Officer, continuing to build upon her extensive experience in employee relations, personnel management, and workforce development.

Following the retirement of longtime Human Resources Director Suzie Wilder, Hanna accepted the position of Director of Human Resources. With more than eight years of experience, a strong work ethic, and a genuine passion for supporting employees, she is well prepared to lead the department and continue fostering a positive workplace culture throughout Boswell Regional Center.

Hanna is married to her high school sweetheart, Eli Duran, and together they have two children, Penelope and Fount. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her family, reading, and searching for unique treasures while thrifting.

Please join us in congratulating Hanna on this well-deserved achievement and wishing her continued success as Director of Human Resources at Boswell Regional Center.

Celebrating National QIDP Day



On National QIDP Day, we proudly recognize and celebrate our Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professionals (QIDPs) for their unwavering dedication and commitment to the individuals we serve.

Our QIDPs go above and beyond each day, working closely with individuals, families, and staff to ensure personalized care, support, and opportunities for success. Their compassion, expertise, and advocacy make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve and contribute greatly to our mission.

While the photo included highlights our campus QIDPs, we are also proud to recognize the QIDPs serving in our group home programs. We are grateful for each of them and sincerely thank them for the exceptional work they do every day.



Mission Magee Volunteers Visit Dream Extreme

As part of Mission Magee, volunteers from First Baptist Church of Magee and Dry Creek Baptist Church recently visited our Dream Extreme program to spend time with the individuals we serve. The group shared an afternoon filled with games, fellowship, laughter, and meaningful conversations, creating an enjoyable experience for everyone involved. Their visit brought smiles to many faces and served as a wonderful reminder of the positive impact that kindness and community involvement can have.



We are grateful to the volunteers for choosing to spend part of their week with our individuals and for sharing their time, compassion, and encouragement. Their visit was truly appreciated, and we look forward to welcoming them back in the future.



happening at the MAC



summer social

MAC hosted a Summer Social to help everyone beat the summer heat! The guys enjoyed two water slides, water gun activities, and a variety of other outdoor activities throughout the day.

To stay cool and refreshed, everyone enjoyed popsicles and plenty of cold beverages. Lunch included hamburgers and hot dogs.

One of the highlights of the day was seeing staff join in on the fun and play alongside the MAC guys on the water slides. The guys had a great time and agreed that the Summer Social was the perfect way to enjoy a hot summer day!

MAC BEGINS TRANSITION FROM MANDT TO CPI TRAINING

On July 1, 2026, the Mississippi Adolescent Center (MAC) officially began its transition from MANDT to Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) training. Led by instructors Ian Smith and Brittany Thompson, the transition has been a smooth and rewarding experience for staff.

The new training has provided team members with the opportunity to expand their knowledge and strengthen their skills while embracing a fresh approach to prevention, de-escalation, and safety. As staff continue through the training process, they are gaining valuable tools

and techniques that support positive interactions and promote a safer environment for both the individuals we serve and our employees.

MAC is excited to continue implementing CPI principles and looks forward to the positive impact this transition will have on daily care and support.



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LOVIN' LINCOLN VISITS MAC

On July 23, 2026, the Mississippi Adolescent Center (MAC) was blessed to welcome members of Lovin' Lincoln County Ministries for a day of fellowship, encouragement, and fun. Led by Mr. Steven "Walker" Winter, a group of youth volunteers from across Lincoln County spent the day building meaningful connections with the individuals we serve. Throughout their visit, the volunteers prayed over the facility, the staff, and the clients, offering words of encouragement and support. They also spent time socializing and participating in outdoor activities, including kickball and basketball, creating an atmosphere filled with laughter, teamwork, and friendly competition. The visit provided a wonderful opportunity for our clients to interact with members of the community while forming new friendships and making lasting memories. The kindness, compassion, and servant hearts demonstrated by the volunteers made a meaningful impact on everyone they encountered. MAC is grateful to Lovin' Lincoln County Ministries for taking the time to invest in the lives of those we serve. The guys truly enjoyed the visit and are already looking forward to welcoming the group back in the future.

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MAC EMPLOYEES OF THE 2ND QUARTER



Grippi Receives 25 Year Parking Sign

Congratulations to Cam Grippi on reaching an incredible milestone of 25 years of service at the Mississippi Adolescent Center (MAC)!

As MAC's Maintenance Supervisor, Cam has dedicated the past 25 years to ensuring the facility remains safe, functional, and well maintained. His hard work, dependability, and commitment have made a lasting impact on both the staff and the individuals served.

Pictured in front of his personalized parking sign, Cam is recognized for this well deserved achievement. Thank you, Cam, for your dedication and congratulations on 25 years!

The Mississippi Adolescent Center (MAC) is proud to recognize its Employees of the Quarter for their outstanding dedication and commitment to those we serve.

Direct Care Staff Employee of the Quarter, Yolanda Garner, was nominated by Departmental Director Kathy Williams for her exceptional teamwork, willingness to work on her days off when needed, and the compassion she shows the boys each day. Yolanda goes above and beyond by providing encouragement, emotional support, and motivation while helping them succeed in their daily lives.



Pictured above (L-R): RLS Director Kathy Williams, Yolanda Garner, and MAC Program Director Renee Burton.

Support Staff Employee of the Quarter, Tamara Smith, was nominated by her supervisor, Madonna Sanchez, for her reliability, strong work ethic, and positive attitude. She consistently goes the extra mile, takes pride in her work, and encourages those around her, making a positive impact on both her coworkers and the individuals we serve.

Congratulations to Yolanda and Tamara on this well deserved recognition, and thank you both for your continued dedication to MAC.



Pictured above (L-R): Dietary Supervisor Madonna Sanchez, Tamara Smith, and MAC Program Director Renee Burton.



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