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Welcome to THE TEAM



April 1st Orientation



Standing: (L-R)

Caria Mikel, Jukiyah

Womack, Sherry

Ducksworth, Raylah

Williams, Destiny Phillips,

Shynand Jackson, LaBoris

Shinall

Sitting: (L-R)

Jocelyn Rivers, Britney Keyes,

Casey Parrett, Sereniti

Jackson

April 15th Orientation

Standing: (L-R)

Brianna O'Quin, Alicia

Chapman, Amanda Taylor,

Corianna Barnes, Gabriel

Melton, Jeremy Killingsworth,

Dalane "Mack" Melton, Ernest

Williams

Sitting: (L-R)

Alecia Wallace, Shabraia

Wheaton, Tamuaria

Easterling, Joesha Magee,

Laura Cook



services DAY

The Day Services Program at Boswell Regional Center is a dynamic and supportive environment designed to enrich the lives of the individuals we serve. Our program focuses on personal development, social engagement, and the promotion of independence through a wide variety of structured daily activities. Participants in the Day Services Program enjoy a full schedule of engaging and therapeutic activities tailored to their interests and needs. The caring and dedicated staff at BRC work closely with each individual to ensure they are supported, engaged, and encouraged to reach their full potential. The Day Services Program is more than just a schedule of activities—it's a vibrant, nurturing space where individuals can grow, learn, and thrive every day.



Employee of the Quarter

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We are proud to recognize our Employee of the Quarter recipients for their exceptional work, dedication, and positive contributions to our team. Congratulations to Wanda Davis, George Griffith, Karlie Williamson, Rhonda Blackwell, and Tairia Benson, who was unable to attend the presentation. Each of these individuals has gone above and beyond in their roles, embodying our values and making a meaningful impact on those around them. We thank them for their continued commitment and excellence – they truly help make our workplace outstanding.



Pictured above L-R: Wanda Davis, Director Clint Ashley



Pictured above L-R : George Griffith, Director Clint Ashley



Pictured above L-R: Karlie Williamson, Director Clint Ashley



Pictured above L-R: Rhonda Blackwell, Director Clint Ashley

Not pictured: Tairia Benson

Longevity Service Awards



Pictured L-R: Chaska Walker, Nadia Young, Christy Glenn, Rhonda McCallum, Jarrod Lee, Director Clint Ashley

We are proud to honor several staff members who have reached important career milestones in their service to the state. Chaska Walker, Nadia Young, and Christy Glenn are each celebrating 10 years of dedicated service, while Rhonda McCallum and Jarrod Lee are being recognized for an impressive 20 years. Their long-standing commitment, professionalism, and contributions have made a meaningful impact not only at Boswell but throughout their time serving the state. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to each of them for their years of dedication and continued excellence.

Supervisory Class Graduation



Pictured above L-R: (Back row) TK Bryant, Valerie Buie, Terri Rayner, John Meadows, Heather Fairchild, (Front Row) Kimberly Allen, Achantrick Hall, Shana Thompson, Kimberly Rawls

BOSWELL REGIONAL CENTER BLOOD DRIVE

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10:00 AM - 3:00 PM



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Spring Fling



BRC swung into the spring season with a day full of fun, food, and good times. From games like Plinko and baseball throwing to bracelet making, face painting, bubbles, and a popcorn booth, there was no shortage of activities to enjoy.

A special thank you to our kitchen team—and the awesome group of guys who stepped up to help with grilling—who kept everyone well-fed with hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks and more!



A highlight of the day was the baseball game, led by James Randolph, which brought energy, excitement, and lots of smiles. A special thank you to those who participated in the fun game!

We also want to give a special thank you to all the staff who showed up and showed out—bringing our individuals out to enjoy the day and making sure they had a blast. Your dedication and effort never go unnoticed, and it's because of you that events like this are truly meaningful.

Big thanks to the Recreation team for organizing, and to all the departments and staff who contributed. It was a great way to kick off spring at BRC!



Spring Fling



Swinging into Spring!





EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT



HORSES FOR HANDICAPPED



We are proud to share that several of our individuals recently had the opportunity to attend the Horses for Handicapped event—a program that offers therapeutic horseback riding experiences to individuals with disabilities. Held in Brandon Mississippi, this inspiring event brings together participants from across the state for a week of learning, connection, and fun.

We also want to extend a sincere thank-you to all the staff of BRC who helped make this experience possible by coordinating transportation, providing support, and ensuring that our individuals could attend and fully enjoy this wonderful event.

We are deeply grateful to the organizers, volunteers, and sponsors of Horses for Handicapped for creating such a welcoming and impactful environment. The experience made a lasting impression on our group, and we look forward to participating again in the future.

He is not here; he has risen! Matthew 28:6



Good FRIDAY Service



On Good Friday, BRC hosted a service that brought the community together for reflection and worship. The Joyful Noise Choir led with a selection of songs, and Bro. Charlie Meadows shared a meaningful Easter message centered on Christ's sacrifice and the hope of His resurrection.

We appreciate everyone who attended and those who helped make the service possible.

AUTISM



AWARENESS CELEBRATION

Our Goodwater Group Home celebrated Autism Awareness with a day packed full of games, music, food, and fun! Staff and individuals came together in a spirit of fellowship to enjoy a lively atmosphere where everyone could take part and feel supported.

Family members of our individuals also joined in on the fun, making the day even more special. It was great to see everyone—staff, individuals, and families—spending time together, sharing laughs, and celebrating what makes each person unique.



FRIENDS & FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS & EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Our Annual Friends and Family Meeting was recently held in the dining hall on campus, bringing together staff, families, and supporters to celebrate our organization's accomplishments and look ahead to an exciting future.

One of the highlights was recognizing BRC staff who not only give their time and care, but also generously contribute through donations. These dedicated individuals received a commemorative pin as a small token of our deep appreciation. We also hosted a table inviting attendees to join the Friends and Family Organization or renew their membership, ensuring the continued strength and growth of our support network.

F&F LEVEL MEMBERS RECEIVE PIN



We reflected on all that Friends and Family has achieved over the past year, including large fundraising events and other impactful initiatives that have enriched life at BRC. Looking forward, we're excited to share upcoming plans—building a new pavilion, opening the Memory Garden, and hosting the Golf Tournament to benefit our organization this May.

The meeting also included a leadership transition. We held a vote to elect new officers, and we're pleased to announce that Matthew Windham will be stepping into the role of President, succeeding Lee Maddox, while Josh Allen will serve as our new Vice President, taking over from Jessica Cockrell. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Lee and Jessica for their incredible service and leadership, and we look forward to the vision and energy Matthew and Josh will bring to these roles.



A highlight of the meeting was the official announcement of our Employee of the Year, chosen from this past year's exceptional Employee of the Quarter recipients. Each of these individuals demonstrated remarkable dedication and impact, and we were proud to recognize them all for their contributions to the BRC community.

Thank you to all who attended and continue to support BRC. Your involvement helps us grow, thrive, and build a better future—together.

MEMBERSHIP SIGN UP TABLE



Belinda Thames and Kathy Pittman staffed the Friends & Family sign-up table, where they recruited new members and encouraged existing members to renew their commitment.

2024 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Arthur Milton



We are proud to announce Arthur Milton, SCP Team Lead, as Boswell Regional Center's 2024 Employee of the Year—a recognition that reflects not only his outstanding leadership, but the deep respect and appreciation he has earned across campus.

Arthur's journey at BRC began as a Direct Care Worker, and through his unwavering dedication, he moved into a supervisory role and now serves as the Lead Supervisor over two units. Previously, Arthur nearly single-handedly managed all four units on campus—a remarkable testament to his reliability, capability, and calm leadership under pressure.

He consistently steps into challenging situations with professionalism and grace, especially when addressing staff concerns or resolving conflicts. As the bridge between staff and HR, Arthur is known for his calming presence and ability to de-escalate tensions with compassion and insight, thanks to the strong relationships he's built with both staff and the individuals we serve. Arthur's commitment goes far beyond the clock. Day or night, weekday or weekend, he is always just a phone call away, ready to help solve problems and support the team however needed. Morning briefings, mentoring, encouraging others, and modeling true leadership—Arthur does it all.

His dedication not only ensures that daily operations run smoothly, but also creates a sense of home, safety, and consistency for the individuals at BRC. For many of them, Arthur is more than a staff member—he is family.

Arthur Milton is a shining example of what it means to lead with heart, integrity, and service. We are honored to celebrate him as our 2024 Employee of the Year.



Congratulations, Arthur!





Knowledge **AT NOON**



Dr. Harris and Nurse Practitioner Brown Ray hosted a luncheon while educating some of our staff members on shame and guilt. Delicious food and refreshments were provided and cooked by both Dr. Harris and Brown Ray.



PERS **FINANCIAL PLANNING** **WORKSHOP**



Several staff members recently attended an informative PERS financial planning workshop that highlighted the four key decisions every prospective retiree must make before stepping into retirement. This workshop also addressed how to avoid the most common and permanent mistakes that could impact financial security. The four crucial decisions every prospective retiree must address include: evaluating partial lump sum options, selecting the most beneficial income plan, understanding the cost-of-living adjustment ("13th check"), and securing post-retirement health insurance. Attendees also learned strategies for leaving a financial legacy to ensure a secure and fulfilling retirement.



Spring's cutest crew has officially arrived!

Keep an eye out for some adorable visitors on campus: ducklings! These fluffy newcomers have been spotted waddling around, bringing charm and joy to the campus. But they're no ordinary ducklings—each one was raised by Mr. Tommy Richardson with the special intention of making our campus their home. Some lucky individuals even had the opportunity to feed them, adding to the heartwarming experience. Don't miss the chance to welcome these new little residents!



NATIONAL CAREER DATES **MAY**



NURSE'S WEEK
MAY 5TH-9TH



NATIONAL 3RD SHIFT WEEK
MAY 14TH-18TH



NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH
AWARENESS MONTH

BRC Bulletin

The Boswell Bulletin is published without cost to inform the public, employees, friends, and family of Boswell Regional Center's activities, programs and progress. This publication also serves to provide information to those interested in the work conducted by BRC employees to enrich the lives of those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

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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