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Welcome to the team!



December 1st

ORIENTATION

Front Row L-R:

Rhegan Allen, Latosha King, Liyah Keyes, Ja’Kaji Rivers, Jenna Simonini, Breanna McNair, Regina Russell, Donavan Whitehead

Back Row L-R:

Dawson Pennington, LaDarian Childress, Lyle Hyder, Deontae Rogers, Tedrekus Magee



December 16th

ORIENTATION

Front Row L-R:

Markita Kinsey, Shakera McCoy, Camisha Keyes, Shykerria McCullum

Back Row L-R:

James Craven, Kimberly Graves, Timothy McLaurin



2024 MAGEE CHRISTMAS PARADE

"Hometown Christmas"

What better way to showcase the theme of the Magee parade, "Hometown Christmas," than with a church and its choir? The BRC Parade Committee decided this would be the perfect fit for the theme—and they were right! The choir even sang carols riding down Main Street, along with the sound of guitar. Boswell proudly took first place in the Magee Christmas Parade once again.



2024 MENDENHALL CHRISTMAS PARADE

"Angels Among Us"

The theme for this year's Mendenhall parade was "Angels Among Us." The BRC Parade Committee did an outstanding job embracing this theme!

The angels showcased in the images were handcrafted, painted, and glittered by Randy Robertson. The church was built by our talented maintenance team and envisioned by Kerri East. Each year, Kerri sketches her ideas out on paper, and the maintenance department brings them to life. She says that none of this would be possible without our wonderful maintenance team, along with our individuals who add the finishing touches by riding on the float.

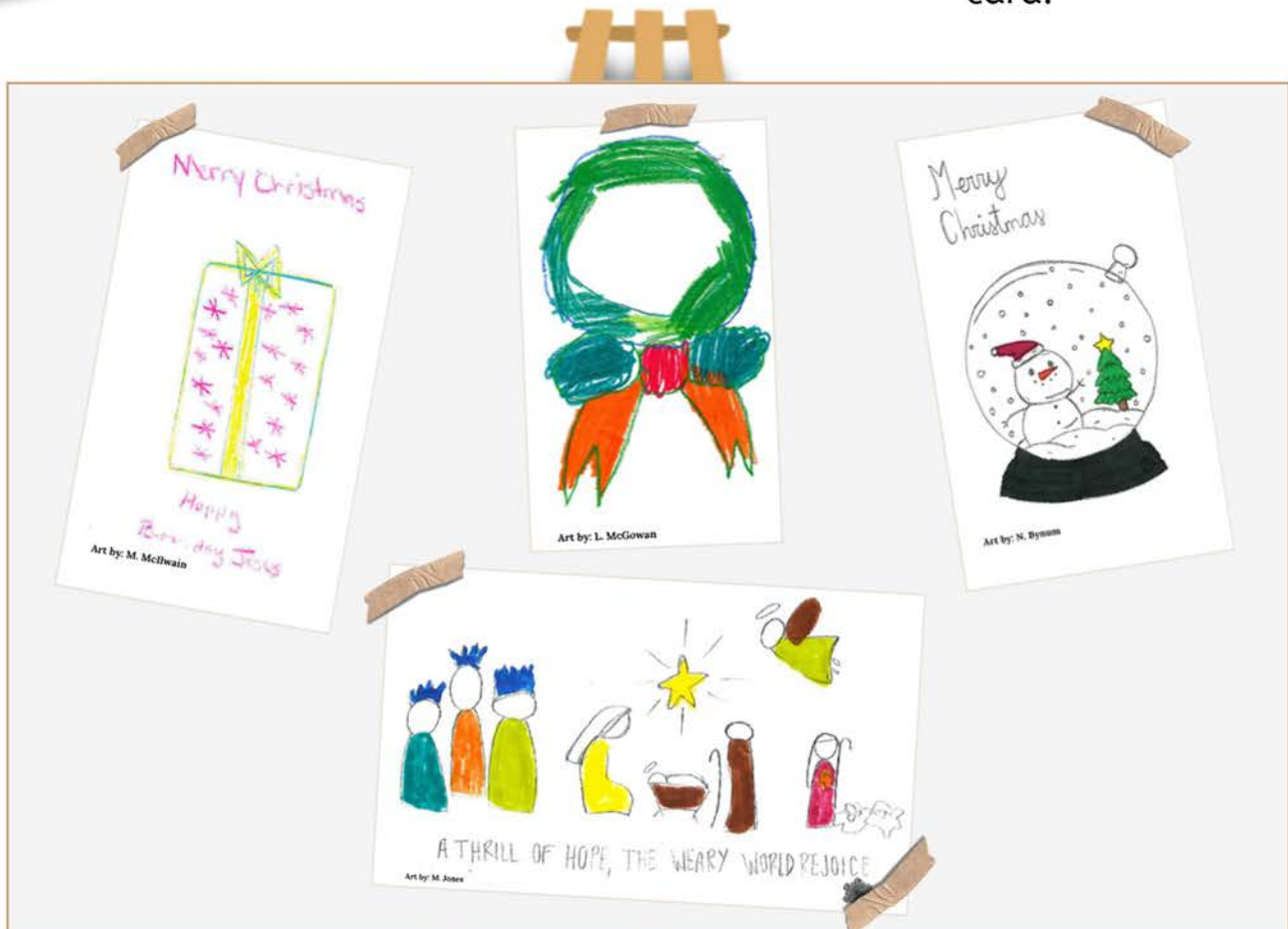


A Special Thank You to...

Our **BRC individuals** who participated in the parades by representing BRC on each of our Christmas floats. As well as our **BRC individuals** for coming out to support each parade. **Kerri East** for dedicating countless hours of hard work and decorating our Christmas floats. The **BRC Maintenance Department** for their hard work and many hours put in to make participating in the Christmas parades possible, and for pulling BRC's floats in the Magee and Mendenhall parades. Along with **Jarrood Lee** for playing guitar in the Magee Christmas Parade.

Christmas Art

Pictured below are some of the creative pieces drawn by our individuals for the BRC Christmas cards. Each year, these cards are sent out during the holiday season. It was decided to have our individuals create holiday-themed artwork again. Their creations were pieced together to make the perfect Christmas card.





🎵 "OH! 🎵

WHAT FUN IT
IS TO RIDE IN
THE BRC
PARADE! 🎵



Lighting of the tree

The "Lighting of the Tree" is an annual event for Boswell staff and individuals. Each year, the tree is lit at the beginning of December for everyone to enjoy during the weeks leading up to Christmas Day. Our staff and individuals gathered around the Christmas tree with hot chocolate to keep warm, and some tasty cookies! In addition to sweet refreshments, Christmas carols were sung by everyone. Thus, Campus was ready for Christmas



The GRINCH visits campus

The Grinch, along with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, made a special visit to the WAC. Both staff and individuals had a wonderful time relaxing, hanging out, and enjoying some refreshments with them! Thank you to those that made this possible!





Joni & Friends is a Christian ministry that was founded by Joni Eareckson Tada. This ministry has been serving and reaching those with disabilities since 1979. Their mission is to serve individuals with disabilities while spreading the saving love of Jesus.

Joni & Friends kindly visited our campus individuals, as well as those at Dream Extreme and Connections. They brought cookies, punch, and happies for each individual to enjoy as we celebrated the Christmas season.

We have extreme gratitude for ministries like Joni & Friends. Their mission aligns with our commitment to enhance the lives of those that we serve. The warmth and kindness they share truly makes a significant impact on the well-being and happiness of our individuals, and we are forever grateful for their partnership.



BUILDING LOCATOR SIGN CONTEST

Departments around campus participated in the annual Building Locator Sign Decorating Contest held every December. This festive competition is a wonderful way to spread Christmas cheer! The winning department receives a \$50 prize. This year, Lakeview took the gold—or should we say the “green!”

The judges were particularly impressed by their unique approach to decorate both sides of their sign, rather than just the front. Recreation Director, Cindy Sanders, is always grateful for those who participate. Spreading cheer around campus for our individuals to enjoy is always appreciated! Thank you to everyone who participated.





Out & About!



SOME OF OUR INDIVIDUALS FROM DREAM EXTREME RECENTLY ENJOYED A TRIP TO THE "MAGIC OF LIGHTS" IN BRANDON, MS. THEY DROVE THROUGH THEIR DISPLAY OF MANY LIGHTS WHILE SHARING THE CHRISTMAS STORY. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THEIR TRIP WAS MEETING SANTA HIMSELF!

ANOTHER GROUP OF OUR INDIVIDUALS, WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHOIR, TRAVELED TO BROOKHAVEN FOR DREAM HAVEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY.



OUR COMMUNITY INDIVIDUALS HEADED RIGHT DOWN THE ROAD TO CORINTH BAPTIST CHURCH FOR LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS. EVEN SANTA MADE AN APPEARANCE!

Priority One Christmas Party

Every year, Priority One hosts their Christmas party for many of our Community individuals. This event is something our individuals eagerly anticipate every December. Gifts are thoughtfully selected by Priority One employees, who personally pay for both the event and the gifts. Boswell is incredibly grateful for the employees of Priority One for giving back to their community during this season. Their kindness and generosity mean the world to everyone here at Boswell.

Not only did our individuals receive gifts from Priority One employees, but refreshments were also served, music was played for dancing, and some of our staff and individuals participated by acting out the “12 Days of Christmas.” This event is a delightful time for the staff of Priority One, Boswell staff, and, of course, our individuals.

Pictures With Santa:



PriorityOne Christmas Party *continued...*



"12 Days of Christmas"



Beth Luper



It is an honor to announce the retirement of Beth Luper, Director of Medical Records. Beth has worked for the state of MS for 25 years. She first started in Nutritional Services before moving to Medical Records. Beth stated that BRC is what she has known her whole life, as her mother worked here as well. As Beth embarks on this new chapter of her life, we extend our deepest gratitude for her outstanding contributions and unwavering commitment. Her legacy will continue to inspire us, and her presence will be greatly missed. Beyond her professional abilities, Beth has always been a big help when decorating for events. Her creative touch has always made our events shine and added a special charm. The talented skills she showcased at BRC will be greatly missed. Congratulations, Beth!



We are delighted to announce the retirement of Telessa Randolph, whose dedicated service has been an integral part of our team of nurses in Bay Springs. Telessa has worked for the state of MS for 30 years. Throughout her career, Telessa has shown exceptional dedication, professionalism, and a genuine passion for her work. As Telessa steps into retirement, she looks forward to taking a well-deserved vacation. We are excited for her as she embarks on this new chapter and takes time to relax and enjoy her new adventures. Congratulations, Telessa!



Telessa Randolph



Christmas Message & Carols

Our campus individuals gathered in the chapel for a heartwarming session of Christmas carols and the reading of the message from the book of Luke. They sang beloved carols such as "Joy to the World," "Away in a Manger," and many more. After the beautiful message and carols concluded, everyone headed over to Rainy Day for refreshments and a joyful time of fellowship with one another.



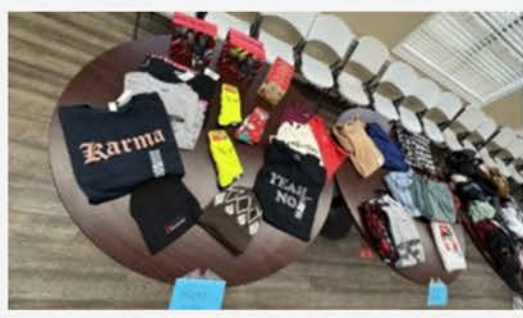
The Arc



We are deeply grateful for the generous donations we receive for our individuals. The Arc and Westminster Presbyterian Church kindly donated gifts for our clients to enjoy, and their unwavering support and kindness have truly touched the hearts of those we serve. These donations have made a significant impact on the lives of our individuals, especially during the Christmas season.

Westminster Presbyterian

As Proverbs 11:25 reminds us, "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." The celebration of the Christmas season would not be possible without each and every donation made to Boswell Regional Center. We are forever thankful for every contribution that has been made.



Campus Construction

from this

to this



to THAT!

Boswell's entrance is being completely restructured! This new entrance is inspired by the historic Sanatorium entrance. Construction is still in progress, but will be finished shortly after the new year.



Lakeview is also under new construction with an addition for new administrative offices.



The Arc recently added a special touch to our campus. Matt Nalker, Executive Director of The Arc of MS, planted a heart-shaped piece of ryegrass just below the hill behind Lakeview.



WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!



SCAN HERE
TO LIKE
OUR PAGE



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"Where Dreams Can Become Reality!"



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.

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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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