



BOSWELL REGIONAL CENTER

BULLETIN



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MARCH IS OUR MONTH!



March isn't just another month at BRC—it's **National IDD Awareness Month!** This month is all about embracing what we do every day—coming together to celebrate, support, and advocate for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). It's a time to shine a light on inclusion, recognize the incredible contributions of individuals with IDD, and reaffirm our commitment to creating a community where everyone thrives.



CHRIS GAINES

Chris Gaines lives in a rental home not far from his support staff, allowing him to maintain his independence while still having access to assistance if needed. He takes great pride in living on his own and works hard to keep his home clean, organized, and well-maintained. His sense of responsibility extends beyond his personal life and into his job at Community Services, where he plays an important role in cleaning and shredding paperwork for the entire BRC campus. Chris is a dedicated and reliable worker who takes his job very seriously, always making sure his tasks are completed efficiently and thoroughly. His strong work ethic is evident in his commitment to never missing a day of work, and he is highly valued for his dependability and attention to detail.

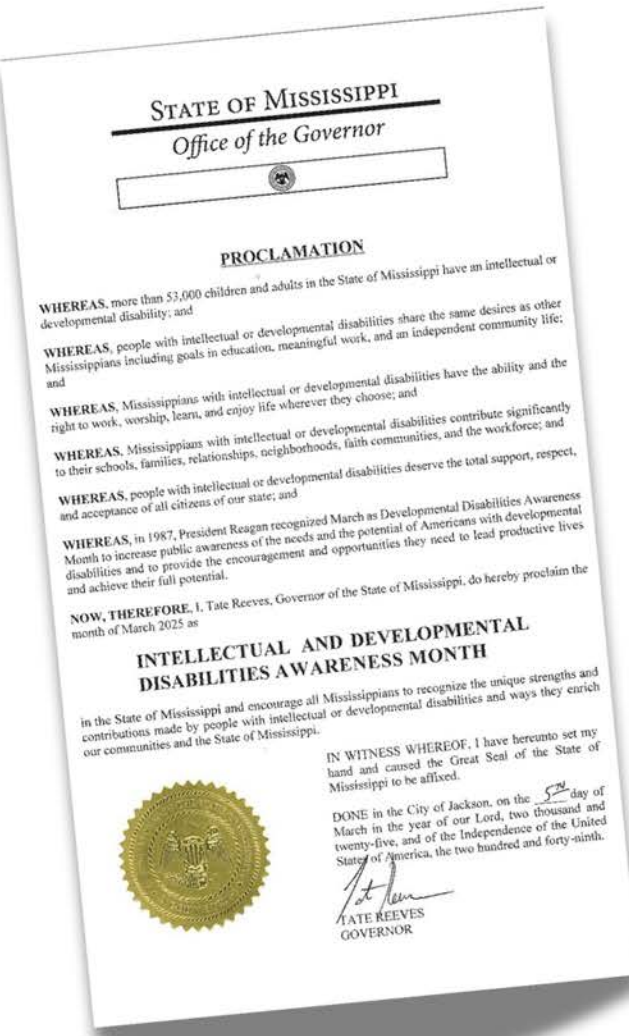


JACK THORNTON

Jack Thornton came to the Community program from Success after experiencing homelessness and has since worked hard to build a stable and independent life for himself. He now resides at Cedar Crest Apartments, where he takes pride in having his own place to call home. Jack is employed full-time at Hol-Mac Industries, demonstrating his strong work ethic and dedication to maintaining steady employment. This past year, he faced a major health challenge when he suffered a massive heart attack. However, through determination and resilience, he made a full recovery and was able to return to work once he was fully healed. His perseverance in overcoming obstacles, both in his personal life and health, showcases his strength and commitment to creating a better future for himself.



Governor Signs Proclamation



Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves officially recognized March as Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Awareness Month by signing a proclamation that underscores the state's commitment to inclusion, advocacy, and support for individuals with IDD. This proclamation serves as a powerful statement acknowledging the importance of raising awareness, eliminating barriers, and creating opportunities for individuals with IDD to live fulfilling lives.

The Mississippi Department of Mental Health also played a key role in the event, reinforcing the state's commitment to providing resources, services, and advocacy for individuals with IDD. Their participation highlights the ongoing collaboration between state agencies, organizations, and community members to promote accessibility, independence, and inclusion for all.

A special highlight of the proclamation signing was the presence of individuals from BRC and surrounding facilities, who had the incredible opportunity to attend the ceremony and witness history in the making. Their attendance not only symbolized the importance of this recognition but also served as a reminder of why IDD awareness matters. As they stood alongside advocates, caregivers, and state leaders, they represented the voices of so many individuals across Mississippi who deserve to be seen, heard, and included in all aspects of life.

***No Call-In
Direct Care Staff
\$100 Cash
Incentive Winners***



Markita Gholar



Lennette Thompson

Congratulations!

DEPARTMENT
Spotlight

ADMINISTRATION

Chanda Davis

Internal Auditor

Chanda, from Magee, MS, has been an employee of BRC for nearly a year. She holds an Associate of Arts in Accounting, a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, and a Master of Science in Business Technology Education.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Chanda has a passion for reading, crafting, and photography.

However, her greatest joy comes from being a mom to her son! Her favorite part about BRC is the people we work with and the individuals we serve.



**Belinda Thames-
Arrington**

**Director of Constituency
Services**

Belinda is in her 27th year at Boswell. She began her employment at the Work Activity Center in August of 1998. A few years later she transferred to the Risk Management department as the HIPAA Coordinator. After receiving her Master's degree in 2003, Belinda became the Director of Constituency Services, and she continues to serve in this position. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, watching football, travelling, and vacationing at the beach. She enjoys being able to help people in need of services. Belinda also values the life-long friendships she has made here throughout the years.



Amber Canoy

Administrative Assistant

Amber has been an employee of BRC for 11 years. She began her journey in records and has since gained experience in nutrition, business, and employment services. She now serves as an Administrative Assistant in the Administration Office.

She holds an Associate's degree from Co-Lin and enjoys spending her free time with family, shopping, and visiting the beach. What she loves most about BRC are the friendships she has built and the opportunity to connect with the individuals we serve.



Pastor's Corner

I firmly believe that every Christian should pay their tithes to maintain places of worship and advance the kingdom of God. However, some people give only to make themselves look good rather than giving from the heart.

In the Gospel of Luke 21:1-4, we learn about a widow who gave all she had from her heart and was considered to have given more than everyone else who gave out of their abundance. How did people know how much a person gave? In those times, when offerings were given to the Lord, multiple collection boxes were set out in the place of worship. As people came forward, they placed their money in the boxes, making their giving visible to others.

This poor widow gave two mites, which is equivalent to 1/8 of a cent in today's currency. Yet, the Lord recognized her sacrificial giving as greater because she gave all she had. Just imagine how different things would be if we gave to the Lord sacrificially.

From this passage, we learn three important lessons that we should apply to our lives:

- 1. As Christians, we should have a desire to give sacrificially. Instead of giving to make ourselves look good, we should give as an act of worship to the Lord.*
- 2. God commands His people to give sacrificially. We should give to advance the kingdom of God, not to elevate ourselves. God blesses those who give out of faith and with a sincere heart.*
- 3. God is more concerned about your heart than your pocketbook. Some churches accumulate wealth but hesitate to invest in people or ministries. When we give our offerings to the Lord, we should do so sacrificially, trusting in His provision.*

It is my prayer that the Lord will speak to your heart this morning. If there is anything you need to surrender to Him, today is the day to take care of business.



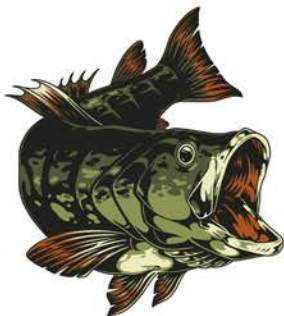
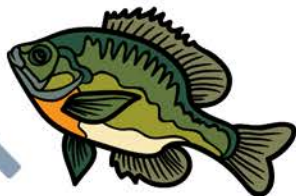
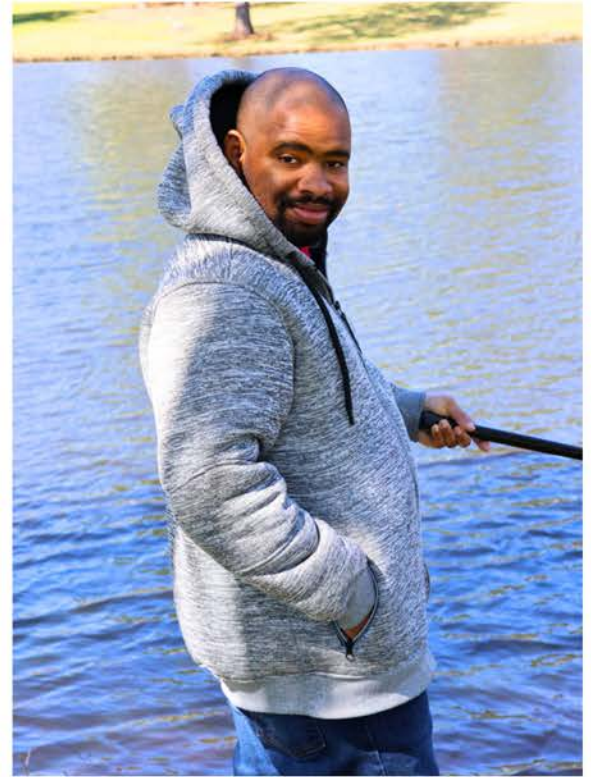
Rev. Charles
Meadows
BRC Chaplain





HOOKED ON SPRING!

OUR INDIVIDUALS RECENTLY ENJOYED A GREAT DAY OF FISHING AT THE BRC LAKE, MAKING THE MOST OF THE WARM SPRING WEATHER. WITH CLEAR SKIES AND COMFORTABLE TEMPERATURES, IT WAS THE PERFECT TIME TO GET OUTDOORS AND ENJOY ONE OF THEIR FAVORITE ACTIVITIES. FISHING POLES WERE IN HAND AS EVERYONE SPREAD OUT AROUND THE LAKE, HOPING TO CATCH THE BIG ONE! SOME REELED IN FISH, WHILE OTHERS WERE JUST HAPPY TO RELAX BY THE WATER AND ENJOY THE BREAK. THE DAY OFFERED A FUN, LOW-KEY WAY TO BE ACTIVE, SOCIALIZE, AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE BEAUTIFUL WEATHER. WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO MORE DAYS LIKE THIS AT THE LAKE AS SPRING CONTINUES!



UPCOMING EVENTS

**APR
11**

**SPRING
FLING**

**10AM-3PM
BRC GREEN
PARK**

**APR
10**

**EMPLOYEE OF
THE QUARTER
RECOGNITION**

**2PM
TRAINING
CENTER**

**APR
18**

**GOOD
FRIDAY
SERVICE**

**9AM
BRC
AUDITORIUM**



**APR
18**

**AUSTIM
AWARENESS
DAY**

**GOODWATER
GROUP HOME
10:30AM**



**APR
22**

**FRIENDS & FAMILY
ANNUAL MEETING,
EMPLOYEE OF THE
YEAR
RECOGNITION**

**2PM
BRC DINING
HALL**



**MAY
1-2**

**JEWELRY
SALE**

TO BENEFIT F&F

**9AM
DREAM EXTREME
ALL WELCOME!**

**MAY
07**

**TORCH
RUN
1PM**



**MAY
09**

**BRC F&F
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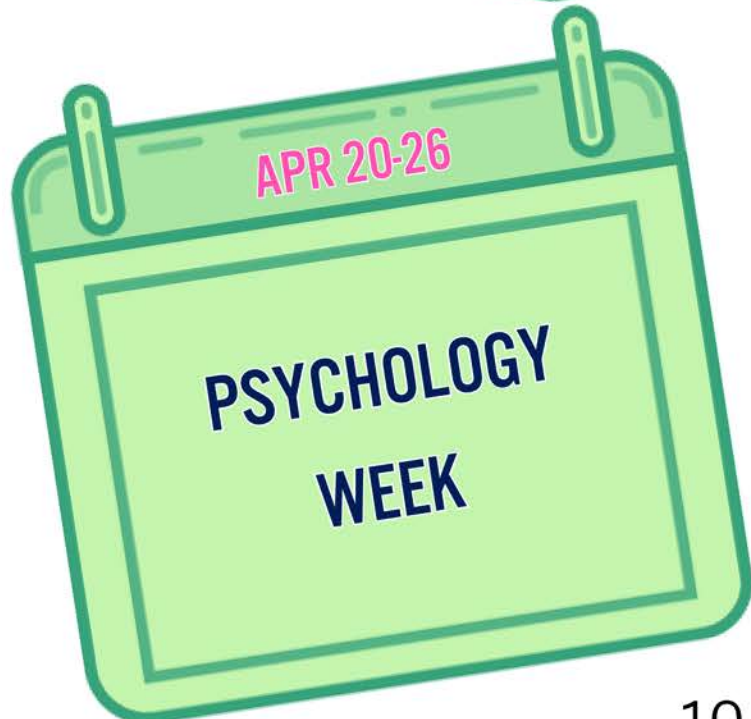
**OKATOMA GOLF CLUB
COLLINS, MS**



NATIONAL

Career Appreciation Dates

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OUT & ABOUT



WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!

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TO LIKE
OUR PAGE



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"Where Dreams Can Become Reality!"

WELCOME TO THE TEAM



BOSWELL
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MARCH 3RD ORIENTATION



**STANDING: (L-R)
KIMBERLY WADE,
RONICA MCDANIEL**

**SITTING: (L-R)
LESLIE TILL,
KIA FEAZELL**

MARCH 17TH ORIENTATION



**STANDING: (L-R)
EVAN PURSER, EXCELL
NORWOOD JR., JOHN
MEADOWS, CHELSEA
ROBERTSON**

**SITTING: (L-R)
MALAJAA WOMACK,
SHERICE BUCKLEY, LEE
WINN**

BOSWELL REGIONAL CENTER'S

FRIENDS & FAMILY ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT



MAY 9, 2025
OKATOMA GOLF CLUB,
COLLINS, MS
REGISTRATION 7A, TEE TIME 8A

Grab your clubs and gather your crew—it's time for the Friends & Family Golf Tournament! Whether you're a seasoned pro or just here for the laughs, this is your chance to hit the greens with your favorite people.

Expect a day filled with friendly competition, plenty of laughs, and so many chances to win! You could walk away with an amazing hole-in-one prize or snag one of the many door prizes up for grabs. Plus, there will be plenty of fun surprises along the way! So don't forget to mark your calendar, polish those clubs, and bring your best game—this is one tournament you won't want to miss!



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BECOME A HOLE SPONSOR!



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HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZES

Woolwine



2025 FORD BRONCO
SPORT HERITAGE
SUV I-3 CYL
Valued at \$34,240.00

Kubota



KUBOTA Z412KWNC-48, 48"
ZERO TURN MOWER
Valued at \$8,199.00

R&M
Tractor and Supply

Happening at the MAC

Helping shape the Future

Mardi Gras

COURTYARD PARADE



KATHY WILLIAMS WON THE "MOST MARDI GRAS SPIRIT" AWARD DURING THE MAC MARDI GRAS COURTYARD PARADE. SHE RECEIVED \$10 CASH SPONSORED BY BRC FRIENDS & FAMILY ASSOC.



THE BOYS LINED THE SIDEWALKS AS A PROCESSION OF MASQUERADED MAC STAFF MADE THEIR WAY THROUGH THE COURTYARD THROWING BEADS, TRINKETS, TOYS, AND TASTY TREATS. THE PROCESSION WAS ALL IN NEW ORLEANS FASHION WITH JAZZ MUSIC AND BUBBLES FILLING THE AIR.

The Arc VISITS THE MAC
Mississippi

Brookhaven Mayor Signs Proclamation



IAN SMITH, DIRECTOR OF RISK MANAGEMENT, AND DIRECTOR RENEE BURTON ATTENDED THE PROCLAMATION SIGNING BY MAYOR JOE COX DECLARING MARCH AS IDD MONTH IN THE CITY OF BROOKHAVEN.



ON MONDAY, MARCH 31ST, MAC TEAM MEMBERS HAD THE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY OF HEARING MOTIVATIONAL GUEST SPEAKERS, DWIGHT OWENS, ISHAUNNA GULLY, AND DAVID HALES. REPRESENTING THE ARC OF MISSISSIPPI, EACH SPEAKER SHARED PERSONAL ACCOUNTS OF HOW GOD HAS ALLOWED THEM TO COME OUT TRIUMPHANT OVER DEVASTATING LIFE TRAGEDIES. THEY HIGHLIGHTED THE PREVALENCE OF SUICIDE AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE/ABUSE BY INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. THEY HAILED THE TEAM MEMBERS AT MAC AS HEROES FOR THE WORK THEY DO.

PICTURED ABOVE IS HR DIRECTOR HANNA DURAN, WHO WORE SIMULATION GOGGLES TO DEMONSTRATE HOW ONE'S VISUAL PERCEPTION CAN BE GREATLY SKEWED EVEN WITH SLIGHTLY ELEVATED BLOOD-ALCOHOL LEVELS.

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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