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Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week

Thank You For Making Dreams Become Reality!
By Steven Allen, BRC Director

The week of September 7-13 was Direct Support Professionals' Week. It was an opportunity for agencies to show appreciation for the hard work and dedication this group gives every day to people who rely on them for support. I would like to take this opportunity to speak to all of the Direct Support Professionals at BRC and MAC.

Matthew 6:21 says, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." You are the heart of what our agencies are about. You come to work every day to put others before yourself. You do amazing things to positively impact the lives of so many people every day. You pride yourself in supporting others to take charge of their own lives, and to experience life to the fullest. The commitment you show to those we serve is unique and greatly appreciated.

Without your hard work and dedication, our worth would not be as great. It truly takes special people to perform the duties of your job. All of you are truly "everyday heroes," and I am proud to have each of you at the center of what we do. Because of you, many peoples' dreams are becoming a reality. Thank You!

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 individual, family, and community, dreams can become reality.

Where Dreams Can Become Reality

The publication of the BRC Bulletin is made possible by the contributions of our dedicated and talented employees. The articles and pictures were written, taken and formatted by BRC employees. Their contributions are greatly appreciated! We sincerely hope that you enjoy this edition of the Boswell Regional Center Bulletin, September, 2014 Issue.

Spotlight on Belinda Arrington



**Belinda Arrington,
Director of Constituency Services**

Belinda Thames Arrington resides in Mize, MS, where she lives with her husband, Jay, and three children: Jordan, Jace, and Jaylin. Belinda and her family are active members of Mize First Baptist Church. Belinda joined the Boswell Regional Center family in August of 1998. She began working at BRC as a General Service Employee at the Work Activity Center. During this time, she had two small children at home while working full-time and attending night classes full-time at Jones County Junior College. Belinda later advanced to the position of Vocational Training Instructor. She was the WAC representative for the Interdisciplinary Teams. Belinda earned her Bachelor of General Studies degree at William Carey College in Hattiesburg, MS, in May of 2002. She then received her Master of Education degree at William Carey College in May of 2003. Belinda now serves as the Director of Constituency Services. She coordinates admissions, discharges, and transfers for BRC, as

well as community transitions. She supervises the Diagnostic and Evaluation Services Department and the Home and Community Based Waiver Department. Belinda also serves as Boswell's HIPAA Compliance Officer. Belinda completed the Certified Public Manager Program in 2007. She earned her Mental Health Administrator License in 2008. She graduated from the Accelerated Leadership Development Program (Focus Pilot Group) in 2008. Belinda has thoroughly enjoyed her 16 years at BRC because she truly cares for the individuals and believes in BRC's mission. Belinda stated, "I love helping people and that is what Boswell is all about."

Pastor's Corner



**Bro. Rudy Jackson
BRC Chaplain**

Early African converts to Christianity were earnest and regular in private devotions. Each one reportedly had a separate spot in the thicket where he would pour out his heart to God. Over time, the paths to these places became well worn. As a result, if one of these believers began to neglect prayer, it was soon apparent to the others. They would kindly remind the negligent one, "Brother, the grass grows on your path."

In 1Thessalonians 5:17 the Bible says, "Pray without ceasing." I have heard it said that prayer is to the soul what food is to the body. Regardless, many Christians walk around malnourished for lack of prayer leaving them vulnerable to the enemy. Ask yourself the question, "is there any grass growing on my prayer path?"

Have a blessed day.

Settin' Hooks & Rippin' Lips

By Kerri East

This year's annual fishing trip was held in Mendenhall at the courtesy of Stacy Broadhead. With much planning and team work, it was carried out successfully. Boswell Industries sponsored this year's event. The weather was absolutely beautiful; it was overcast and cool. Everyone fished at the pond of Mr. Broadhead's and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Catfish and brim were reeled in as fast as hooks could be baited. The smiles and laughter proved that a good time was experienced by all. Many fishing stories were shared as everyone fellowshiped with their friends. Bright orange shirts were worn by all Boswell Industries employees as a token of appreciation. The day concluded with a meal prepared by Boswell Industries and friends. Everyone enjoyed grilled sausage dogs, chips, and cookies.



Pet Therapy at the MAC



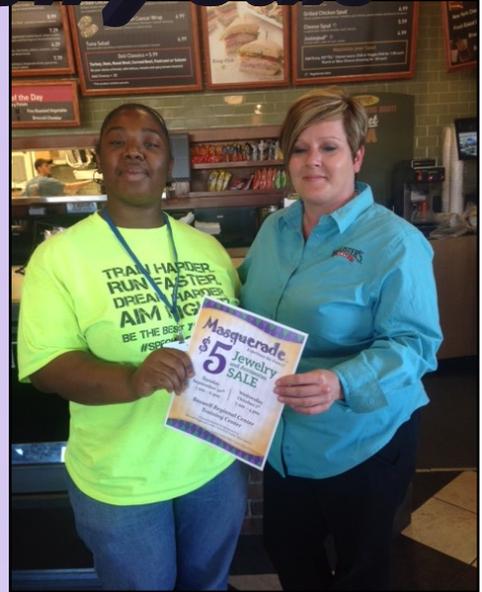
MAC at the Games



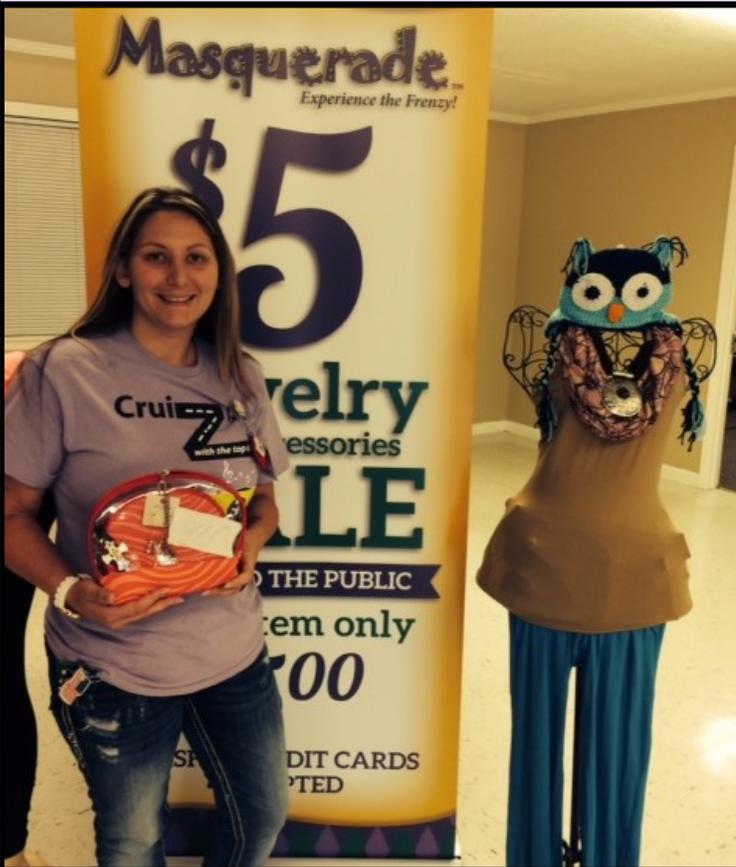
Some children at the MAC have had a busy September attending football games at Co-Lin Community College and Bogue Chitto and Magee High Schools.



Masquerade Jewelry Sale



Several people from Boswell hit the streets to make the Magee community aware of the Masquerade Jewelry Sale. Dairy Queen, All American Check Advance, and McAlister's Deli were among the places they ventured.



Congratulations to the Masquerade Jewelry door prize winner
Amanda Kendrick!

Thank each of you that stopped by the jewelry sale to make it a great success! Friends and Family appreciates your support.

BRC Employees of the Month



During the September Directors' Meeting, Boswell Regional Center recognized Employees of the Month in the area of support/professional staff. Employees of the Month for August are Janet Applewhite, QIDP for Oakbrook and Michelle Harper, Direct Support Professional Community Services. Congratulations to you both!!!!

BRC Governor's Service Awards



Boswell Regional Center employees receive Governor's service awards in recognition of a total of 40 years of state service. They were recognized for their dedication to BRC at the September Directors' Meeting. Pictured are John Robertson, Community Services (20yrs) and Sharon Keys, Campus Police (20yrs). Congratulations!

MAC Employee of the Month



During the September Directors' Meeting, Mississippi Adolescent Center recognized Katina May Well as the Employee of the Month for August. Congratulations!

A Look Around Boswell



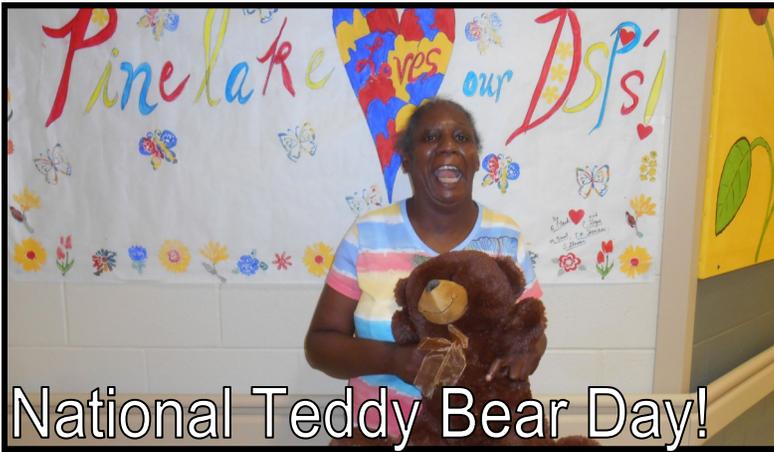
A Rainbow at Morton Photo courtesy of Bebe Ashley



Arts Fair



Remodeling at the Training Center



National Teddy Bear Day!



Around Town



E. Smith at Elegant Nails



BRC Working the Concession Stand at Magee ball game



People 's Bank Painting It Purple for Alzheimer 's Awareness!



Thanks for Supporting Special Olympics Area 2

Pat Byrd (Area 2 volunteer/coach) has placed an order form in every department. If you are interested, please fill out the form provided to your department. The money is due by October 31st (Pat will be by to pick it up). Delivery will be November 17th-21st.

Some items available are Gourmet Smoked Cajun Turkey, Peppered Turkey Breast, Spiral Sliced Honey Glazed Ham, Smoked Pit Ham, Shrimp/rice Stuffed Chicken, Gourmet Smoked Turkey Breast, Pork Filet Mignon, Hickory Smoked Peppered Bacon, Natchitoches Meat Pies, Chunky Chocolate Chip, White Chocolate Macadamia, Country Pork Sausage, Pecan Pie, and Stuffed Pork Chops. **Check out the brochure for prices!!!!**



Place Your Order Today

Pottery Sale



5-Oaks Collection

Christmas is fast approaching so place your order today

Orders cannot be guaranteed to be ready by Christmas after November 21

Items include - Crosses, Servers, Ornaments, Mississippi pieces, coasters, bowls, mugs, trivets, and much more

Prices range - \$1.00 - \$30.00

To place your order stop by - Dream Extreme Gift Shop on the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month 12:00-4:00PM at 224 Main Ave. S Magee, MS 39111

If you are on campus stop by - 5-Oaks Monday - Thursday 8:00AM - 4:00PM

For More Info - Call 601-867-5000 ext. 75163



GLAZED TO PERFECTION



ZOMBIES...RUN!5K

A 5K WALK/RUN THAT'S TO DIE FOR...

WHAT?

A THRILLING NIGHTTIME 5K WALK/RUN THROUGH THE STREETS OF
DOWNTOWN MAGEE. FILLED WITH SCARES AND SURPRISES!

WHEN?

OCTOBER 18, 2014

WHERE?

DOWNTOWN MAGEE, MS

REGISTRATION AT 5PM. RACE BEGINS AT 6PM

(BEGINNING ON MAIN STREET IN FRONT OF PRIORITYONE BANK)

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE MAGEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**The Boswell Regional Center Fall Ball 10th Anniversary Program
October 31, 2014**

**Boswell Unified Softball Game
9:30 AM-11:30 AM (7 Innings)**

Community Coach- Calvert Sims Jr. Ext. 75037

Campus Coach- Gilbert Reed Ext. 75218

*** Staff members interested in playing must have been with BRC since May 2005.**

**** Individuals interested in playing softball should be on the field by 9:00 AM.**

Trophy Presentation: S. Allen or Designee

Commentators: Rev. Ralph Walker & Friends

Sound/Music: Curtis Skiffer

Score Keepers: A. Brinson & M. Womack

Officials: J. Holloway, W. Beeson & J. Prine

Water: Jason Martin/Maintenance

Cookout at Green Park 11:30 AM-12:30 PM *For Individuals and Staff

Pep Rally 1:30 PM-2:00 PM at Green Park

BRC Cheerleading Coaches: Campus Coach: C. Bynum Community Coach: S. Jones

Magee High School Band Performance

Magee High School & Jr. High Cheerleader Performance

BRC Campus & Community Cheerleader Performance

Welcome: S. Allen or Designee

Player Presentation: C. Sims & J. Holloway

Invocation: Rev. Rudy Jackson

National Anthem: Magee High School Band

Hurricane Run-Thru

Wild Cat Run-Thru

Run-Thurs Provided by the BRC Expressive Arts Program

Boswell Autumn Classic 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

Hurricanes: Coaches J. Holloway & J. Randolph Team Captain: Kathy Pitman

Wild Cats: Coach C. Sims & G. Payne Team Captain: Brittany Walker

Officials: D. Lockhart, B. McDonnieal, Jason Martin & W. Beeson

Trophy Presentation: S. Allen or Designee

Half Time: BRC Homecoming Court Presentation

Campus Coordinator: B. Luper Community Coordinator: Sheri Allen

Home Coming Queen Presentation: S. Allen or Designee

****A Special Thanks to BRC Friends & Family for their support of the Fall Ball!!!**

****The Wellness committee will be serving Pink Lemonade and handing out Breast Cancer info.
Staff may wear PINK shirts and nice jeans on this day!**

LUCKY 7 RUN

11.15.2014

Special Olympics
Mississippi



Feeling Lucky? Run for Special Olympics!

Special Olympics Mississippi is hosting the first Lucky 7 Run, a seven-mile charity fun run on November 15, to raise funds for Special Olympics Mississippi and the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Join us for seven fun miles from Legends Grill in Flowood, across the Ross Barnett Reservoir Spillway, and finishing at McB's in Ridgeland with live music, games and a good time for a great cause.

7 Mile Run

In the Lucky 7 run, you can sign up as an individual and run the entire seven-mile course yourself, you can sign up as part of a relay team, or you can participate in our one-mile fun run. A relay team can be made up of 3-7 participants who will decide which leg of the course they will run.

7 Mile Poker Run

Participants who are participating as individuals will have the opportunity to up their ante to the Poker Run edition, a high-stakes version of the Lucky 7, for an extra \$10.

For the 7-mile poker run, participants will wear an armband that allows them to collect a playing card at each mile. The best hand at the end of the race will receive a Grand Prize! If you would like to participate, please select "7 Mile Poker Run" in the event category.

1 Mile Fun Run

We will also host a one-mile Fun Run after the Lucky 7 for people who want to join in the fun without committing to seven miles.

Course

The race will begin at Legends Grill, 5352 Lakeland Drive in Flowood, head across the Ross Barnett Reservoir and end at McB's Grill, 815 Lake Harbour Drive in Ridgeland. The paved course will follow a seven-mile track. Shuttles will be available to transport runners, volunteers and spectators from both restaurants.



Sat., Nov. 15, 2014 at 3 p.m.
Rain or Shine

	By 9/15	9/16-11/14	On 11/15
1 Mile Fun Run	\$14	\$14	\$14
7 Mile Run	\$21	\$30	\$36
7 Mile Poker Run	\$31	\$40	\$46



Boswell Regional Center's Friends & Family Association is a non profit all volunteer organization that works to ensure Boswell individuals are valued and loved.

All monies received from memberships are donated to the organization to purchase items for the individuals served by Boswell Regional Center.

Donations

Donations may be made in memory or honor of a loved one:

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

By: _____

Acknowledgement should be sent to the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

State: ____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Boswell Regional Center

**Friends & Family Association
P.O. Box 128
Magee, MS 39111**

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Friends and
Family
Association**



*Where Dreams Can
Become Reality!*

Membership Information

Indicate at right which type of membership you wish by circling the appropriate amount.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please make your check payable to:
Friends & Family Association
P.O. Box 128
Magee, MS 39111

Annual Membership Fees

Single/BRC Employee - Free

Single/Non-employee \$5

Bronze \$25

Silver \$50

Gold \$100

Platinum \$500

Fundraisers

Some examples of fundraisers that have been held are:

Scrub Sales

Jewelry Sales

Book Fairs

RADA Knives

T-shirt Sales

Special Hosted Events

Purpose

To promote and support the individuals of Boswell Regional Center

To foster the development of programs on their behalf

To recognize and reward the efforts of employees of Boswell Regional Center

To raise and receive funds for the accomplishment of the above purposes.

Boswell Regional Center's



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