

**Dr. Elmo Diaz** has been going above and beyond for several months. He provided nearly all psychiatric services for eight Families, Inc. clinics from February 2007 until August 2007, in addition to the responsibilities of being our medical director...without complaining! He always has a smile on his face and is most accommodating for anything that you ask of him. We have been truly blessed by Dr. Diaz's presence in our agency.

# CONGRATULATIONS ABOVE & BEYOND AWARD WINNER...

## dr. elmo diaz

Medical Director / Psychiatrist for Jonesboro & Osceola  
2007 Third Quarter Winner

### WE THANK YOU, Dr. D

### *Families, Inc. Staff - Supporting our communities...and our clinics!*

A large number of staff from the **Searcy** clinic participated last weekend in the Race for the Cure.

Thank you to all of the staff from **Jonesboro**, **Searcy**, and **Pocahontas** that represented their clinics by manning Families, Inc. booths at their county fairs.

**Diane Medley**, Training Coordinator, participated in a mission trip in New York City. And, **Jeff Cline**, Jonesboro Therapist, also went on a mission trip to India.

**Marc Wilson**, Walnut Ridge Clinical Supervisor, had some fun September 2nd., when he had the opportunity to throw out the first pitch for the Memphis Red Birds game! If you are at all skeptical, he has a trophy that includes a picture of him throwing the ball and a signed baseball attached, to prove it!

### Welcome to NEW STAFF... since July 19, 2007

**YEA!**

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**Dr. Mervin Leader**, Psychiatrist, serving Walnut Ridge, Highland, & Paragould  
**Dr. Steve Austin**, Psychiatrist, serving Searcy, Trumann, Jonesboro, Pocahontas  
*We are so fortunate to have these great doctors join Families, Inc.!*

#### POCAHONTAS

**Charla Jones**  
Case Manager

#### HIGHLAND

**Dana Wagner**  
Master's Intern

#### OSCEOLA

**Anita Martin, LPC**  
Therapist

#### MOUNTAIN HOME

**Tracy Matlock**  
Therapist

**Judy Dunn**  
Case Manager

#### WALNUT RIDGE

**Carla Brown, RN**  
Therapist

#### SEARCY

**Matthew Zachary**  
Case Manager

**Julie Irvine**  
**Holly Woods**

**Erin Romann**  
**Ryan Butterfield**  
Master's Interns

#### JONESBORO

**Sally Maurus, LCSW**  
Therapist

**Christina Fissel**  
Case Manager

**Diana Rotscheid, LPN**  
Clinical Assistant  
**Sauna Tucker**  
Billing Clerk

**WELCOME BACK Jay Waltermire, Purchasing Agent...you've been missed!**

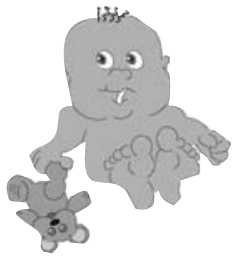
**Sharon Travis, Winona Elrod, Linda Nash, and Dawn Layer** recently participated in a training designed to educate first line responders and community stakeholders on recognition of vulnerability and basic intervention skills for Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom veterans experiencing readjustment problems.

**Shelly Horton** served as a "content expert" at a round table discussion on "Creating Good Role Models for Youth and Support Systems for Broken Families" at the recent MidSouth Delta Initiative workshop. The purpose of the Initiative is to work with a consortium to design a long-term strategic plan to "*Lift Up the Delta*." This program was sponsored by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. **Dawn Layer** and **Mark Thurman** also participated in the round table discussions.

**Mandy Erwin-Smith, Registered Play Therapist/Supervisor** recently attended the Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference, held in Hollywood, CA.

Note from **Diane Medley** on Team Training: "*Thanks so much to the Searcy and Jonesboro clinics for their participation in recent team training excercises. Searcy staff "joined" in teamwork that connected them in many new ways and they learned how to encourage each other with specific motivators they each respond to. Congratulations to Carrie, Helen, and Melissa for the quickest teamwork at Searcy. Jonesboro staff learned many new things about each other and MOST successfully escaped from Gilligan's Island. Teams sharing their knowledge and experience proved an overwhelming success over individual decisions. I can't wait to visit Paragould, Pocahontas, Trumann and Osceola clinics for more team training and I look forward to hearing from Walnut Ridge, Highland, and Mountain Home clinics to schedule the fun. FAMILIES, INC...WHAT AN AWESOME TEAM!*"

Congrats to **Cindy Smith & Jeremy Stuntz-Christian**, Therapists at the Highland Clinic, and to **Allison Poe**, Therapist at the Paragould clinic, for the compliment that they received from a Bridgeway representative. She was so impressed with them that she wanted to know "where we got our staff". *We're not tellin'.*



# Baby Congratulations!

Lauren Orbison, Searcy Therapist, gave birth to baby Ty on July 20th.

Lori Warhurst, Searcy Case Manager, gave birth to Jackson on August 6th.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### October

Beth Jackson	10/1
Sue Summers	10/2
Sandra Lewis	10/3
Josh Strickland	10/5
Perry Parsons	10/7
Carla Weatherford	10/10
Wendell Smith	10/13
Lisa Bowen	10/17
Roger Barnhill	10/21
Christina Fissell	10/21
Stacey Roleson	10/22
Tracy Matlock	10/24
Allison Poe	10/27

### November

Diane Medley	11/1
Anna Gatlin	11/7
Karen Fullen	11/14
Paula Morse	11/20
Clint Dickson	11/22
Diana Marr	11/26
Stacey Dalton	11/26
Dr. Elmo Diaz	11/28
Charla Jones	11/28

### December

Janet Stewart	12/4
Carla Brown	12/9
Niki Martin	12/9
Jay Spray	12/10
Sharron Shaffer	12/12
Joseph Anderson	12/13
Anita Martin	12/16
Jeremy Stuntz-Christian	12/20
Charlotte Featherston	12/24
Winona Elrod	12/29
Joy Davis	12/30



Let there be  
*Cake!*

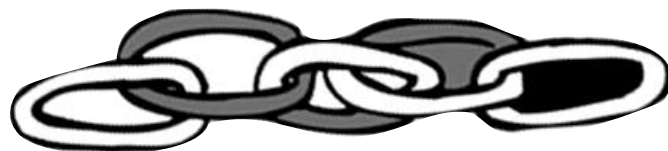


## Wedding Congratulations to:

Greg Stahl, Trumann Case Manager, married Nicole Dixon on August 11th.  
Natasha Tucker, Jonesboro Case Manager, married Mark Byrd on September 15th.



## Your LINK to Families, Inc.



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It's time for the annual  
Families, Inc.

## Christmas Celebration

You & a guest are invited to join us

**Saturday, December 8th**

**Holiday Inn Holidome • Jonesboro**

**4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m**

RSVP is required to Dawn Layer by Friday, November 30th.

