

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## september

Sheila Collins 9/28  
Tina Milam 9/07  
Nena Burnette 9/05  
Angela Quest 9/16  
Leah Evers 9/07  
Mark Thurman 9/09  
Sarah Griffin 9/05  
Kaisha Jones 9/05  
Greg Starnes 9/05  
Jane Tacker 9/13  
Amanda Rowe 9/23



## october

Steve Jones 10/01  
Dr. Steve Austin 10/12  
Sue Summers 10/03  
Lisa Bowen 10/18  
Roger Barnhill 10/22  
Tracy Matlock 10/25  
Sandra Lewis 10/04  
Wendell Smith 10/14  
Beth Jackson 10/02  
Stacey Roleson 10/23  
Christina Bullock 10/22  
Allison Poe 10/28  
Josh Strickland 10/06  
Kathy Hudson 10/17



## november

Dr. Elmo Diaz 11/29  
Anna Gatlin 11/08  
Diane Medley 11/01  
Paula Morse 11/21  
Clint Dickson 11/23  
Terrance Gray 11/07  
Lucretia Beecham 11/25  
Stacey Dalton 11/27  
Aaron Kimberland 11/25  
Michael Davis 11/24  
Stephanie Dicus 11/12

## babies, babies & more babies!!!



**Christian Smiley**, Jonesboro Therapist, delivered baby girl, Cameryn Brooke, on July 14th.  
**Debbie Mays**, Jonesboro Case Manager, delivered baby boy, Richard Garrett, on July 16th.  
Michelle Wilson, wife of **Marc Wilson**, Walnut Ridge Clinical Supervisor, delivered baby boy, Landon, on July 18th.  
**Lauren Betts**, Human Resources Assistant, delivered baby girl, Savannah Grace, on August 4th.  
**Shauna Tucker**, Billing Clerk, delivered Justan, on September 2nd.



**CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES!**

## Wedding Congratulations

**Emily Cline**, Osceola Therapist, is now Emily Qualls after marrying Brian Qualls on July 19th.  
**Keisha Jones**, Osceola Case Manager, does not have to change her name about marrying Sedrick Jones on August 30th.  
**Ali Gathings**, Paragould Case Manager, is now Ali Bean after marrying soon after joining Families, Inc. in August.

## *Sympathy to:*

**Lucretia Beecham**, Jonesboro Case Manager, in the loss of her father.  
**Nakitha Scott**, Osceola Case Manager, in the loss of her mother.  
**Natasha Wheeler**, Pocahontas Administrative Assistant, in the loss of her grandfather.

## Your LINK to Families, Inc.



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# Why Vote???

On Tuesday, November 4, 2008, America will elect a new President of the United States. There is no better time to express your voice through voting than now. Other than it being your Constitutional right as an American, voting is your opportunity to let legislators know whether you approve or disapprove of the way they represent your views.

In addition to the highly anticipated Presidential campaign, control of the U.S. Congress will be decided in November as well. Many seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate seats will be contested in this election. Many state and local elections will also be held on November 4th.

Your vote, and that of your co-workers, on November 4th is important as it will help determine the future of America!

For more information and to print out a voter registration form visit our website [familiesinc.net](http://familiesinc.net) and check out Families News. Voter registration deadline in Arkansas is Oct. 6th

# CONGRATULATIONS ABOVE & BEYOND AWARD WINNER...

## jane baldwin

2008 Second Quarter Winner  
Billing Manager

We have all heard the expression, "the buck stops here". Jane Baldwin was nominated for the Above & Beyond Award because, "The buck (\$) starts here" when Jane sends our codes and letters to a payor source. All of our professionals and para-professionals are out generating billing and our clerical staff are entering it into the computer and filing it away. BUT it gets converted into dollars and cents when Jane works her "magic". There are evenings when Jane is sending billing "again" at 7:00 p.m., after beginning her work day at 6:30 a.m. She just keeps sending it and sending it until it is accepted. Luckily most days are not like that but when it does happen, Jane always stays with it until our work is converted to a bank deposit.

And it is not really "magic"...it is skill and experience that Jane brings to Families.

Thanks Jane,  
for always going Above & Beyond!

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

### Families for Families Fun Day

Families, Inc. and other concerned community members, hosted the inaugural "Families for Families Fun Day" on August 9th at the Allen Park in Jonesboro. Inspired by Case Managers **Joe Anderson and DeShawn Denson**, this event included a cookout, activities, and a giveaway of some basic school supplies. Approximately 165 children and adults ate hamburgers and hot dogs. 120 bags of school supplies, donated by our staff and Joy, were handed out. Besides a huge THANK YOU to Joe and DeShawn, there were 14 volunteers from Families...**Derick Carter, Stacy & Diane Medley, Shelly Horton, Sharon Travis, Bob Puckett, Lois Somlar, Dawn Layer, Wendell Smith, Debbie Buck, Jeff Cline, and Kendall Camp**. To view pictures of this day visit our website [familiesinc.net](http://familiesinc.net). Click on Resources and Photo Gallery.

### Educating the Educators

The month of August, as expected, was very busy – training teachers, meeting with parents, and coordinating the implementation of mental health services for the 2008-09 school year. I would like to acknowledge all of the staff that participated in kicking off this school year right by "educating the educators":

- \* **Paula Norvell** and the **entire staff of Osceola** for another successful summer program
  - \* **Paula Norvell** - Osceola Schools
  - \* **Lori Hoggard & Lee Ann Short** – Riverside School
  - \* **Jeff Woods** – Bradford Schools
  - \* **Belinda Cooley** – Bald Knob Schools (Thanks to **Stacy Medley** for the speedy delivery of materials)
  - \* Open houses: **Kendall Camp** and **Laura Madden** (Bay Schools); **Amy Harding** and **Brenda Barker** (Nettleton Schools); **Belinda Cooley, Jeff Woods, Kathy Reynolds, and Jeremy Trull** (Bald Knob Schools)
- A big "Thanks!" to all of you for going the extra mile with your schools, I wish you all a successful 2008-09 school year.  
Shelly Horton, School Based Coordinator

### The Families, Inc. "Stick Family" Returns to Ash Flat

When the Highland Clinic was destroyed in the February tomado, there too went the "Stick Family". However, **Kriste Bryant**, Ash Flat Administrative Assistant, and her daughter, Nell, painted the "stick family" on the Group Room wall. To check out a picture of the artwork, visit our website at [familiesinc.net](http://familiesinc.net) and click on Resources and Photo Gallery. Thank YOU!

## Welcome to NEW STAFF... since June 28, 2008

**JONESBORO**  
**Michael Davis, Ph.D.**  
Psychologist  
**Lesli Elkins, LMSW**  
Therapist  
**Holly Dobbs**  
Billing Clerk  
**Kristy Lynch**  
Case Manager  
**Sara Armstrong**  
Intern  
**Casey Newman**  
Public Relations Intern  
**WALNUT RIDGE**  
**Amber Hampton**  
Case Manager

**SEARCY**  
**Janie Patterson**  
Clinical Assistant  
**Liz Adams**  
Filing Clerk  
**Jeffrey Isaacks**  
Case Manager  
**Mark Cooper**  
Intern  
**MOUNTAIN HOME**  
**Jamie Bohannon**  
Administrative Assistant  
**Misti Waugh**  
Intern  
**Heather Leach, RN, Therapist**, has transferred from Pochahontas to Mountain Home

**OSCEOLA**  
**Jackson Neil, RN**  
**Kimery Howell, LMSW**  
**Martha Williams,**  
**LCSW**  
Therapists  
**Heidi Horton**  
Case Manager  
**Kathy Hudson**  
Filing Clerk  
**Jessica Stanford**  
**POCAHONTAS**  
**Stephanie Dicus, LAC**  
Therapist

**PARAGOULD**  
**Ali Gathings**  
Case Manager  
**Kristen Wallace**  
Clinical Assistant  
**Samantha Spillman**  
Intern  
**ASH FLAT**  
**Loni Beagle, LMSW**  
Therapist  
**Melinda Wallis**  
**Gale Tinsman**  
Case Managers

## Congratulations! Congratulations!

**Mountain Home clinic** recently hosted a Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours".  
**Trumann clinic** recently held a ribbon cutting and hosted some of the chamber members.  
**Joe Branch, LPC, Paragould Clinical Supervisor**, has been approved to provide LAC Supervision.  
**Natasha Byrd**, Trumann Case Manager, former billing clerk, graduated from Arkansas State University, August 1st with her BSW.