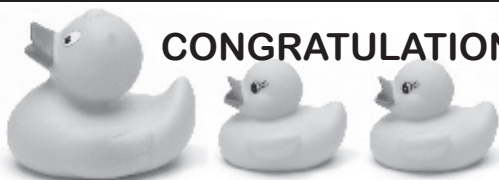


babies, babies & more babies!!!



CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO:

Brandi Edwards, Jacksonville Therapist,
had baby boy Judah on 12/10.



Wedding Congratulations

MaeKellie Bunch, MHPP from Searcy is now
MaeKellie Smith since her recent marriage.

Joy Davis, President/Owner

Brayli, Granddaughter of

Ash Flat & Mt. Home Clinical Supervisor, **Shawn Dennis**.
Amelia Hiltz, daughter of **Danna Mayhall**, Searcy Therapist
Tracy Towery, Osceola Mental Health Technician

Best Wishes for
Continued Recovery

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

january

TASHA COOK 1/1
CRYSTAL WILLIS 1/1
BRIDGET CRECELIUS 1/2
JENNIFER HARPER 1/2
LORIE FARMER 1/5
RICHARD LUCUS 1/6
AUTUMN OSMENT 1/8
CINDY TEDDER 1/9
LAURYN CARR 1/15
HELEN SHIRRON 1/16
SARAH HOWARD 1/19
LEE CRAWFORD 1/20
MICHELLE HIX 1/20
MELISSA GARRETT 1/21
KRISTY LYNCH 1/22
SARAH KNIGHT 1/24
DEBBIE MAYS 1/24
NATASHA BYRD 1/27
KATHY HOWARD 1/29
LORI WARHURST 1/29
MATT NOLES 1/30
JANET SIEBERT 1/30
AMANDA BROWNDERVILLE 1/31

february

VIVIAN DOTY 2/2
AMALIE FIELDS 2/2
MONICA TAYLOR 2/2
SHAN HENDERSON 2/3
MICHAEL TURNER 2/4
JOYCE JOHNSON 2/5
VICKIE CARTER 2/6
ANNA KETCHERSIDE 2/6
CORY CHAMBERLAIN 2/9
C J MEDLEY 2/10
SUSAN OLDHAM 2/11
TONY WALTON 2/11
CHRISTY KELLY 2/12
TIFFANY FELTY 2/13
DONNA PARKER 2/17
KENDELL CAMP 2/18
ELIZABETH FOREHAND 2/19
CHARISSA BRIDGES 2/21
LORRI SANDERS 2/21
JON MORGAN 2/22
BARBARA TATE 2/23
REBBECA WELLBORN 2/24
ANDREA STILES 2/26
J D EDINS 2/27
STAN GRAY 2/27
SARAH KILGORE 2/27
SHEA LANGS 2/27
ROBERT BOOTH 2/28
LYNETTE JONES 2/29

march

JESSICA REED 3/1
MARVIN CARR 3/2
DARREN HORTON 3/2
KRISTEN WALLACE 3/4
DELANY HARRISON 3/10
JAMES SKINNER 3/10
MONICA SEAGRAVES 3/11
SHARON TRAVIS 3/11
AARON HANNAH 3/12
DAVID BALTZ 3/15
LANI BEAGLE 3/17
SONYA GOODE 3/17
ADRIAN FENNELL 3/19
AMBER BAKER 3/20
JENNIFER CLESTER 3/21
ELLEN GANN 3/21
AMANDA LEE 3/22
JOY MELICK 3/22
SHARON BELL 3/23
JON BRADSHAW 3/23
SARAH HAVERFIELD 3/24
FLOYD SHIVERS 3/24
AMY PIKER 3/29
JEREMY TRULL 3/29
GLEN MELDAHL 3/31
CALEB SMITH 3/31
SUSAN VANCE 3/31

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CHRISTMAS PARTY



L-R: Joy Davis, Andrea Stiles, Gayla Spence, Beth Jackson, Leah Evers, Vivian Doty, Jennifer Clester, Joe Branch, Jim Thurman, Sue Summers and Jane Baldwin.
Not in attendance: Paula Morse, Lee Crawford, Derrick Singleton and Jane Tacker.



L-R, Front Row: Joy Davis, Shauna Tucker, Kaisha Jones, Stacey Dalton, Debbie Buck, Christina Bullock, Tracy Matlock, Susan Oldham, and Amy Wadkins.
L-R, Back Row: Natasha Wheeler, Marc Wilson, James Skinner, Jon Bradshaw, Tiffany Felty, Debbie Mays and Greg Starnes.
Not in Attendance: Cary Brown, Bridget Crecelius, Neal Harwell, Lauren Lawson, Tamarah Love, Jeremy Trull, Suzanne Eudaly, Paula Medieros, and Laurie Ruple.

Mark your calendars
now for the
2013
Christmas Party
on
Saturday,
December 7th!

More 2012 Christmas Party photos
are located on the Families, Inc.
Facebook page.

From Joy:

Another Families, Inc. Christmas Party has come and gone. It is always one of my favorite times as it is our one opportunity to fellowship with old friends...and to make new ones. Thank you so much for the great turnout! As always, I so appreciate the wonderful gifts; they are always so unique and thoughtful. We are blessed to have each of you at Families and I wish you all of the best for 2013!

CONGRATULATIONS ABOVE & BEYOND AWARD WINNER... **laura madden**



2012 4th Quarter Winner

Laura Madden has gone above and beyond...over and over again...semester after semester as she has provided field supervision for undergrad social work interns during the past four years. Laura is not only making a significant investment in her client's lives each day with the highest quality of MHPP service but she is also investing in the future of Families, Inc. by training, guiding, and encouraging our interns. Of the twelve interns Laura has supervised, four of them have continued with Families, Inc. throughout grad school and are now full-time therapists. This sort of dedication, added to the dedication of so many other clinicians and support staff, is what Families, Inc. was founded on. I am honored to say today, "Thank You Laura".

Training Coordinator, Diane Medley

For going Above & Beyond, the Administration of Families, Inc. would like to say...

THANK YOU LAURA!

Your consistent hard work, dedication and perseverance is truly appreciated. Congratulations!

1st Quarter 2013 nominations will be accepted until April 15. Please send to Bob Puckett



REFLECTION LEADS TO OPPORTUNITY!

Reflecting on the previous year brings many opportunities. An opportunity to see where we went right, and where we went wrong. An opportunity to learn and an opportunity to grow. An opportunity to give thanks for our many blessings, and an opportunity to seek guidance from our God who makes it all possible.

We all realize there are obstacles to overcome, battles to fight, and changes that require adjustments. (Especially working in the Behavioral Health field-haha). Some are logical; some leave us scratching our head wondering "why". One thing I've learned over the years is that regardless of the circumstances, when we invest positively in other people, we simple can't go wrong. Then the small stuff just doesn't really matter. This is one reason I look forward to every New Year at Families, Inc. and I hope you do as well. We have been given the ability and opportunity to invest in the lives of others. I truly believe there is not a better bunch of people in the world and it pleases me beyond words to have the opportunity to work alongside of you.

Happy New Year folks!!! May your 2013 be filled with much joy and happiness!

Mark Thurman, CEO

Welcome to NEW STAFF... SINCE October 16, 2012

JACKSONVILLE
Lauren Overman
Therapist
Heather Collias
Monica Theobald
MH Paraprofessionals

JONESBORO
Chelsea Fife
MH Paraprofessional
Keane McGough
IT Technician

PARAGOULD
Michael Turner, LAC
Therapist
Brittany Messer
Medical Records AA

SEARCY
Justin Allen
MH Paraprofessional

OSCEOLA
Justin Tedesco, LCSW
Diane Wimberley, PLMSW
Therapists

TRUMANN
Ashley Webb
Floyd Shivers
MH Paraprofessionals

Robert Booth - Jonesboro, Lisa Milgrim & Aaron Milam - Walnut Ridge, all former Mentors have been hired as Mental Health Paraprofessionals.

IT'S OFFICIAL!!! CONGRATULATIONS!!!

New Licensures for: Brandi Edwards, LCSW, Jacksonville, Lauryn Carr, LAC, Jonesboro and Thomas Ritchie, LAC, Searcy.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE!!!

Osceola Staff hit nearly every Parent/Teacher Conference in their many schools in which they are involved. This helped to solidify relationships with family, counselors and staff, as well as gave them an opportunity to let people know that Families, Inc. is available for them.

Osceola therapist, Laurie Ruple, and MHPP Laura Oldham presented on "Bullying" at Buffalo Island Consolidated school and helped staff put up their "Change Tree". In addition, Laura made trail mix and sugared pecans for the teacher's lounge...YUM! Laurie Ruple, and MHPP's Sarah Griffin and Haylee Tucker also presented the "Bullying" program at Manila school.

Several Families, Inc. folks have received SAFE Training that will enable them to work as home study volunteers for The CALL and other groups. The CALL's mission it is to encourage more foster families throughout the Christian community. From Jonesboro that included therapists Caleigh Romine and Leigh Ann Short; from Jacksonville, Clinical Supervisor Andrea Stiles and therapist Helen Shirron, and from Searcy, therapist Martha Flores.

Sympathy to:

Ginger Britton, Clinical Assistant in Pocahontas & Walnut Ridge, and David White, Searcy Therapist for the loss of their mothers
Stephanie Sagers, MHT in Searcy for the loss of her father-in-law
Stephanie Tidwell, Pocahontas Therapist, Kim Tullos, Searcy Clinical Supervisor, and Dr. Dana Watson, Trumann Clinical Supervisor, for the loss of their grandmothers.