



Wedding Congratulations

to **Ashley Webb**, Trumann Therapist, who married Josh Madden on 9/14;
to **JoAnn Clay**, Searcy APN, who married Bill Lassiter on 9/21;
and, to **Jeff Cummins**, Ash Flat MHPP, for his marriage to Tonya.

babies, babies & more babies!!!

BABY CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO:

Jeremy Trull, Searcy MHPP, and his wife had baby boy Tyler Paxton on 7/26.

Valerie Brannen, Jonesboro Therapist had baby boy Jagger on 9/1.

Caleigh Romine, Jonesboro Therapist, had baby girl Clarke on 9/20.

Sarah Haverfield, Searcy Therapist, and her husband Charles, had baby girl Kiley Jane on 9/20.

Stacy Dalton, Osceola Therapist, and **James Dalton**, Quality Assurance Officer, had twin girls Chara Mae and Chloe Anna, on 9/23.

Thomas Ritchie, Searcy Therapist, and his wife Sara, had baby boy Koen Thomas on 9/26.

MaeKellie Smith, Searcy Therapist, had baby boy Braydon Malik on 10/8.

Your LINK to Families, Inc.



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JACKSONVILLE FAMILY FUN DAY - Saturday, August 10th



SUPPORTING OUR
COMMUNITIES
& MORE!

Trumann Clinic
hosted a
community
blood drive.
18 pints collected!

Families, Inc.'s Downtown J-Town 5K raised \$10,000 for City Youth Ministries. Thank you to Mark Thurman, DeShawanna Doke, Dawn Layer, and Lindsie Sutton for helping to make it a SUCCESS! Also, thank you to Jonesboro Therapists Lori Hoggard and Christina Bullock, MHPP Brittany Davis, Training Coordinator Diane Medley, and Paragould Therapists Leah Everett and Tiffany Felty, for participating!

Six Trumann Clinic staff recently participated in the Peggy Bankston Walk-Run-Ride in Marked Tree supporting those affected by breast cancer. THANK YOU to Dr. Dana Watson, Amber Gonzales, Terri Clark, Debra Hicks, Kari Crawford and Natasha Byrd!



Jonesboro Therapist **Lynda Nash** served on an American Red Cross Crisis Team that assisted families after the Colorado floods.



Paragould Therapist Jeremy Wooldridge's band "Scatter Creek" played to a packed house at Marmaduke School in support of Red Ribbon Week.

Paragould staff have been BUSY BUSY supporting their community through attendance at the Mission Outreach Annual Banquet, the Greene County Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet and the Greene County Fair!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

october

BETH JACKSON	10/1
SUE SUMMERS	10/2
SANDRA LEWIS	10/3
DEVON STEWART	10/3
JEANETTE PIKER	10/4
SARAH BUCK	10/5
JOSH STRICKLAND	10/5
KERRY DEFLORIAN	10/7
TANGIE CAMPBELL	10/9
CASSIE COOLEY	10/9
KIM ROUTLEDGE	10/9
PAM MYERS	10/10
STEVE AUSTIN	10/11
LINDSEY CRISLER	10/12
BRITTANY DAVIS	10/13
WENDELL SMITH	10/13
TIM BEARDEN	10/14
CHRIS GORDON	10/15
LISA BOWEN	10/17
LAURA RAY	10/20
ROGER BARNHILL	10/21
CHRISTINA BULLOCK	10/21
GINGER BRITTON	10/22
STACEY ROLESON	10/22
MEREDITH HARRIS	10/23
TRACY MATLOCK	10/24
JENNIFER GRIGG	10/26
LAURA NEEDHAM-PUCKETT	10/26
ANNE LEHMAN	10/27
LISA MUSE	10/27
LAUREN OVERMAN	10/28
JULIE COX	10/29

november

CARISSA EDGAR	11/1
LESLEE LOWE	11/1
DIANE MEDLEY	11/1
MYLA ROTH	11/3
THOMAS RITCHIE	11/4
KATHY BRANDON	11/5
OLIMPIA ROSARIO	11/5
APRIL GUZMAN	11/6
HEATHER CABLE	11/7
BRANDI CRAIN	11/7
BRITTANY BLAIR	11/8
TAMMY GARLINGHOUSE	11/9
MAEKELLIE SMITH	11/9
STEPHANIE HANKS	11/10
DEBBIE MYLAR	11/10
JOSHUA NEELEY	11/10
BRITTANY CASEBIER	11/11
STEPHANIE DICUS	11/12
PAULA BUTTERFIELD	11/15
STEPHANIE JONES	11/15
STEPHANIE MARLOWE	11/16

december

MARK DOBBS	11/17
AMBER GONZALES	11/17
EMILY TAYLOR	11/17
SCOTT STEPHENS	11/18
JEFFREY CUMMINS	11/19
TAMMY TRIPP	11/19
KAYLA MEALER	11/20
PAULA MORSE	11/20
CLINT DICKSON	11/22
MIKE DAVIS	11/23
DORA LINDSEY	11/23
DONNA ST. CLAIR	11/23
SEAN THOMAS	11/23
STACEY DALTON	11/26
DESHAWNNA DOKE	11/26
LEAH EVERETT	11/26
ELMO DIAZ	11/28
TRACY VONALLMEN	11/28
MELISSA GUIPE	11/29
JONATHAN PIKER	11/30
HOLLY DOBBS	12/2
LAUREN LAWSON	12/3
TRACY TOWERY	12/3
ASHLEY WEBB	12/3
JANET STEWART	12/4
BRIDGETTE FIELDER	12/5
KRISTE BRYANT	12/8
NIKI MARTIN	12/9
HEATHER KEMPER	12/10
JAY SPRAY	12/10
ALLAN COLTON	12/12
DARIUS MILLER	12/12
KEVIN NEISLER	12/12
JOE ANDERSON	12/13
CHRISTA MAJOR	12/14
NATASHA WHEELER	12/16
JEREMY WOOLDRIDGE	12/17
MIKE ARMSTRONG	12/18
MATT DAVIS	12/19
TRACY JACKSON	12/19
AARON MILAM	12/19
AMY WADKINS	12/21
HOLLI SHELTON	12/23
CHEYENNE MILGRIM	12/26
JOY DAVIS	12/30
RITA BARKER	12/31
BRANDI EDWARDS	12/31



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EVENT PHOTOS

Welcome to NEW STAFF... SINCE July 3, 2013

ASH FLAT

Kindalh Mayfield
MH Paraprofessional

JACKSONVILLE

Laura Ray, LPN
Clinical Assistant
Ken Berry, LMFT
Joanna Berry, LMFT
Glen Mendahl, LPC
Therapists

Corrie Wood

Brandy Baker

Jacque Dumas

MH Paraprofessionals

Brian Whiteside

Cassy Hopkins

Graduate Interns

MOUNTAIN HOME

Tracy Vonallmen, LCSW

Therapist

Richard Melick

Elisa Tyler

MH Paraprofessionals

POCAHONTAS

Ashley Nelson

MH Paraprofessional

Michelle White

Graduate Intern

WALNUT RIDGE

Cheyenne Milgrim

WRAP Mentor

Tracy Stribling

Graduate Intern

JONESBORO

Melody Mosley, LAC

Therapists

Brittany Davis

Kandace Berner

MH Paraprofessionals

Mark Dobbs

IT Technician

Andi Watson

Receptionist

Jessica Buchanan

Support Services Assistant

Dustin Birdwell

Tangie Campbell

Janica Humphrey-Patrick

Angela Artis

Graduate Interns

Chelsea Phillips

Darius Miller

David Turpin

Kallie Brice

Undergraduate Interns

PARAGOULD

Ann Mathers, D.O.

Psychiatrist

Sandra Brown, LCSW

Kellie Taylor, LMSW

Therapists

Skyler Pieri

MH Paraprofessional

Jason Lewellan

Lindsey Fox

Graduate Interns

Kei-Lynn Swindle

Undergraduate Intern

OSCEOLA

Amy Wallace, M.D.

Psychiatrist

Erik Wilson, LAC

Therapist

Nakitha Scott

MH Paraprofessional

Mysty Langley

MH Technician

SEARCY

Nicole Bauknight, M.D.

Psychiatrist

April Guzman, LMSW

Therapist

Josh Medley

MH Paraprofessional

Sara Miller

Graduate Intern

Kimberly Wikoff

Undergraduate Intern

Casey McDonald

MH Technician

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

NEW LICENSURES

Monica Theobald, LAC

Heather Collias, LMSW

Christy Kelly, LMSW

Searcy

Tammy Garlinghouse, LMSW

Osceola

Jeremy Anderson, LPC

Jonesboro

Summer Bader, LPC

Michael Turner, LPC

Audrey Dobbins, LPC

Paragould

Ben Moore, LMSW

Pocahontas

CONGRATULATIONS ABOVE & BEYOND AWARD WINNER... helen shirron



2013 3rd Quarter Winner

Jacksonville Therapist Helen Shirron, LCSW, has gone Above & Beyond her usual job duties consistently since she joined Families, Inc. in May, 2004. From exceptional clinical skills and competence, to a genuine investment in the lives and careers of her peers, Helen is a model professional. Even after a necessary relocation a few years ago, Helen continues to commute to the Jacksonville Clinic and surrounding area in order to deliver high quality services to her clients. For her professionalism, her kindness, and her loyalty, Helen has truly gone Above & Beyond.

*For going Above & Beyond, the Administration of Families, Inc. would like to say... **THANK YOU!** Your consistent hard work, dedication and perseverance is truly appreciated. Congratulations!*

We also received nominations that recognized the hard work of other great staff: Danise Chandler & Haylee Tucker (Osceola-MHPP's), Brenda Hahn (Trumann-AA), Jessica Evridge (Searcy-AA), Joe Anderson, (Trumann MHPP) and Melissa Garrett (Jacksonville MHPP).

4th Quarter 2013 nominations will be accepted until December 15th. Please send to Bob Puckett.

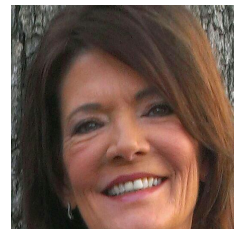


Mark Thurman, CEO

Well, it's that time of year...Fairs, booths, conferences and more fairs, booths, and conferences. All of which are very time consuming and exhausting, but necessary and beneficial. These are all great opportunities for the staff of Families, Inc. to get out and greet the folks in the communities in which we work. I think it is well worth the effort for our potential customers and colleagues to see your smiling faces and have a chance to meet with you.

As we wrap up this season of activities, I would like to say THANK YOU to all of the staff who volunteered their time to serve at these functions. Your loyalty to Families, Inc. and the investment you make on a daily basis is much appreciated. By working with you, I am reminded that I am blessed. Have a great day today and enjoy this wonderful Fall Season. P.S. If your schedule didn't allow for booth time this Fall, don't be disappointed!...Another opportunity will soon arrive. ;-)

On August 25th, we lost one of our own, Lorri Sanders, LCSW. Lorri was a great therapist, great friend and is missed by her family at Families, Inc. Lorri joined Families, Inc. in June, 2004 and served clients through both the Jonesboro and Trumann clinics. The staff of Trumann clinic adds "we deeply mourn the passing of an outstanding therapist and an amazing friend. Lorri touched so many lives and her generosity and spirit of service will continue through us."





**PARAGOULD THERAPIST TIFFANY FELTY
HONORED AS ASU DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI!**

Five outstanding graduates of Arkansas State University's College of Nursing and Health Professions (CNHP) were honored as distinguished alumni during Homecoming activities Saturday, Oct. 12. Paragould therapist Tiffany Felty was selected for the Department of Social Work.

Felty graduated from A-State in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in social work and subsequently obtained a master's degree in social work from the University of Arkansas in 2007. She has been a therapist at Families Inc. since 2007, and is an active board member of the Mission Outreach Homeless Shelter in Paragould.

In addition, she has served as field instructor for social work interns at Families Inc. since 2008 and has served as an adjunct faculty field liaison since 2010, teaching a field seminar class every semester. She has also participated on

several social work department committees, including the MSW Admissions Committee, Field Advisory Committee, Community Advisory Committee and Search Committee.

**CONGRATULATIONS TIFFANY!
THANK YOU FOR REPRESENTING FAMILIES, INC. SO WELL!**

(Photo is of Tiffany accepting the award presented by Loretta Brewer, Ph.D., acting director of the Social Work graduate program.)

and THE SURVEY SAYS...

The Joint Commission surveyors were with us September 4-6. The survey went very well and the surveyors were complimentary of many aspects of our services and manner in which we provide them.

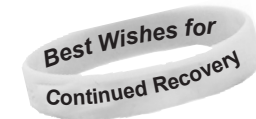
We appreciate the efforts of each and every one of you whose commitment to excellence made this survey a great success!

Jason Turner, LCSW
Director of Quality Assurance



Sympathy to:

- Tracy Birmingham, Osceola MHPP, for the loss of her mother.
- Bill Boschert, Osceola Therapist, for the loss of his mother.
- Melissa Guipe, Jonesboro MHPP, for the loss of her father.
- Donna Parker, Paragould Therapist, for the loss of her father.
- Nena Burnette, Paragould Therapist, for the loss of her sister.
- Sonya Goode, Paragould Therapist, for the loss of her mother.
- Bob Puckett, Director of Business Operations, for the loss of his grandmother.



Joy Davis, President/Owner
Brayli, Granddaughter of Ash Flat & Mt. Home Clinical Supervisor, **Shawn Dennis**,
Paige, mother of Jonesboro Therapist, **Caleigh Romine**.



Certified Instructors Shelly Horton, LPC, School Based Coordinator, and Diane Medley, Training Coordinator, have been all around Northeast and Central Arkansas presenting Youth Mental Health First Aid to a large variety of folks. But nothing compared to presenting to 150 from the 2nd Judicial District. Judge Barbara Halsey heard about the training and requested it for those that work with children throughout her district. Included among those attending were juvenile probation officers, CASA workers, DHS staff, foster parents and a few school counselors. Judge Halsey declared this "The best training to date"! Director of Marketing Dawn Layer reached out to others in the mental health community and partnered with eleven to provide a great breakfast, lunch by John 3:16, and even a yummy snack from Andy's Frozen Custard.

TRAINING NEWS!!!

We would like to thank the outstanding staff that have been sharing their expertise through CEU presentations. Making these available through webinar has truly stepped up the participation. Since March, 2013 - **Dana Watson** x 3 (Tr-PsyD & CS), **Karnilla Schingoethe-Lee** (WR-LCSW), **James Dalton** x 5 (Ph.D., LPC & QAO), **Jeremy Ducker** (TR-LAC), **Heather Bryan** (TR-LAC), **Joe Branch** (JB-LPC & CS), **Kendell Camp** (PG-LCSW & CS), **Jason Turner** x 4 (LCSW & DQA), **Sharon Travis** (JB-LCSW), **Shelly Horton** (JB-LPC & SBC), **Diane Medley** (Training Coordinator), **Beverly Rackley** (AF-LPE), **Shawn Dennis** (AF & MH-LCSW & CS), **Beth Jackson** (POC-LCSW & CS), **Stacey Dalton** (OSC-LCSW), **Neal Harwell** (WR-LPC), **Susan Oldham** (OSC-LPE-I), **Stan Gray** (JB-LCSW), **Allen Busby** (SCY-LAC), and **J.D. Eddins** (JX-LAC).

