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Families, Inc. **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Saturday, December 12th

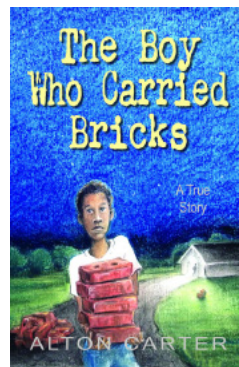
5:00 ~ 7:00

A-State Centennial Hall

Jonesboro

Special Appearance by Alton Carter

Author of "The Boy Who Carried Bricks"



LIFE is meant to be ENJOYED!

Welcome

Ash Flat

Candice Biewer
Roxanne Byram
Ragan Maxwell
MH Paraprofessionals

Jacksonville

Katherine Darling
Advanced Practice Nurse
Mika Gill, LMSW
Justin Keathley, LMSW
Therapists
Teresa Hardy
Amy Scales
MH Paraprofessionals
Aaron Leverette
Graduate Intern
Tammy Stafford, LPN
Clinical Assistant
Marsha McKinley
Support Services Assistant

New Licensures & Transfers

From the Jonesboro Clinic:

Bart Holden achieved his LCSW,

Jason Lewallen his LAC, **Reagan Martin** and **Ben Merritt** are now

PLMSW's, **Shauna Tucker** moved to MHPP/Undergrad Intern, and **Susan Shelley** moved to

Managed Care Assistant. **Chris Gordon** of Mountain Home and Ash Flat's **Debra Colvey** are now LPC's.

Paragould Therapists **Leah Everett**, LPC is now a Registered Play Therapist, **Virginia Willis**, LCSW a Regis-

tered Integrative Sandtray Therapist, **Amy Dickson** and **April Towell**, are now LMSW's. **Garrett Shepard**

has transferred to Paragould as an MHPP. Searcy's **Dora Lindsey** and **Ellen Soles** have obtained their

LPC, **Hannah Allen** is now an LMSW and **Josh Medley** an LAC, and **Jessica Evridge** has moved to MHPP.

Hadyn Huckabee, LCSW has transferred to the Trumann clinic.

Jonesboro

Morganne Brown, LCSW
Deondra Merritt, LAC
Therapists
Angelica Gray
Victoria Williams
MH Paraprofessionals
Jean Sisk
Billing Clerk
Autumn Stemple
Support Services Assistant
Jamie Harris
WRAP Mentor

Osceola

John Burnett, M.D.
Psychiatrist
Kimberly Tomblin, LAC
Therapist
Iris Allen
Keith Gregory
Mechelle Harvell
MH Paraprofessionals
Chrystal Pendleton
Brianna Smithey
James Speed
MH Technicians

Paragould

Robin Wise, M.D.
Psychiatrist
Kevin Curtis, LCSW
Therapist

Pocahontas

Todd Clements, M.D.
Psychiatrist
Jennifer Rawls, LCSW
Therapist
Laura Wright
MH Paraprofessional

Searcy

Jeremy Shelby, LAC
Nicholas Clemmons, LAC
Therapists
Ben Stanley
MHPP/Graduate Intern
Ethan Bassham
Daniel Neely
MH Paraprofessionals
Natasha Northweather
Support Services Assistant

Trumann

Brandi Hankins, M.D.
Psychiatrist
Samantha McFadden, LCSW
Wade Drury, LMSW
Therapists
Melinda Carter
Administrative Assistant

Walnut Ridge

Erin Snodgrass, LCSW
Therapist
Alison Johnson
MH Paraprofessional
Samantha Parker

Above & beyond



Ashley Madden, LMSW 3rd Quarter Winner



True to form, Ashley Madden volunteered to cover a colleague's caseload while the colleague was on maternity leave. Her hands were very full while managing all of these cases. Shortly thereafter, another colleague went on leave and Ashley again agreed to cover her colleague's most high-risk clients and complete Intakes. Needless to say, the Trumann staff and the clients truly appreciated ALL of Ashley's hard work! She has been an asset to the Trumann clinic since she began as a graduate intern in 2012. Thank you, Ashley, for everything you do for staff and clients. You are appreciated for the many times you have gone Above & Beyond!

For going Above & Beyond, the Administration of Families, Inc. would like to say "Thank You." Your willingness to voluntarily take on additional responsibilities is truly appreciated. Congratulations!

Others nominated this quarter were Floyd Shivers, Trumann MHPP; Stephanie Thatch, Pocahontas AA; Debbie Buck, Jonesboro AA; Debbie Mays, Osceola LPC; and Kendell Camp, Paragould Clinical Supervisor.

Families, Inc. and Director of Marketing Dawn Layer, honored at the City Youth Ministries Journey of Faith Banquet.

Families, Inc. was selected by City Youth Ministries for the Business Partner Award: "This year we want to honor a business that "gets" us. They work with families in need of emotional support, seeking the skills to best raise their children in a rapidly changing world. In fact, their commitment to this effort is in their name. Families, Inc. has proven time and again to be a steady partner to CityYouth" said Executive Director, Kim Shumpert.

In addition, "we honor **Dawn Layer** with the John Troutt Jr. Distinguished Service Award for her unyielding devotion to making Jonesboro and Northeast Arkansas the best sort of place to live. For connecting people and showing us all what it means to be a bridge that builds hope for the future."



In the Community

OSCEOLA CLINIC

...they are EVERYWHERE!



Fun day at Carroll Smith Elementary in Osceola – Chelsea Fife, MHP/ Marilyn Wilson, MHPP, Intern / Tammy Tripp, MHP/ Lynette Jones, MHPP; Face painting for Homecoming Week at Rivercrest Elementary - Stephan Elrod, MHPP / Lori Warhurst, MHP/ and Lacie Herrera, MHPP; MHPP Byron Collins and MHPP Kim Routledge at the East Arkansas Family Health Fair in Lepanto; Open House at North Elem and Carroll Smith Elementary – Chelsea Fife, MHP/ Marilyn Wilson, MHPP, Intern/ Tammy Tripp, MHP/ Lynette Jones, MHPP. Not pictured: MHP Susan Francis participated in the Osceola Health Fair hosted by Absolute Care; MHP Nakitha Scott presented on Classroom Management to staff of the Mississippi County Child Development Center and Bullying /Teen Suicide/ and Sexual Harassment at staff development days for Osceola School District; MHP’s Susan Francis, Debbie Mays, and Myla Roth participated in the Mississippi County Hospital Health Fair in Blytheville; and Osceola, Rivercrest, and EPC Summer Groups participated in lots of fun activities including trips to the movies and water park, kiddie pool kickball, crafts, creating a self-esteem closet and providing back to school supplies.

ASH FLAT CLINIC Cherokee Village

Harvestfest

Didn't win in the Scarecrow contest but "Families, Inc. Land" sure was cute!



WALNUT RIDGE CLINIC

Helping with YouthMove & supporting The Children's Shelter at the gala.



Trumann's Dr. Dana Watson working a road block in support of the Alzheimer's Foundation



JONESBORO CLINIC

Families, Inc. held our first Back to School Bash in Jonesboro. Nearly 300 people came through and received school supplies, received hair cuts, ate hot dogs, visited with resource groups and enjoyed the slides. There



was a great group of staff volunteers that made it happen! Also pictured: St. Bernards Kids Day Color Run volunteers and the annual Families, Inc. Downtown J-Town 5K benefiting City Youth Ministries.



Searcy Staff at the White County Day of Caring.



Paragould Staff work the Greene County Fair.



Announcements

Wedding

Lacie Edwards, Osceola MHPP
Married Felix Herrera on August 15

Josh Everett, Paragould MHPP
Married Whitney Felty on August 19

Baby

Kari Crawford, Trumann Therapist
Baby Girl: Charleston Rhea on May 21

Larry Dawson, Osceola Therapist
Baby Boy: Larry Landon on September 14

Samantha McFadden, Trumann Therapist
Baby Girl: Milly Ruth on July 6

Recovery

Joy Davis, President/Owner

Clint Dickson, Paragould Therapist

Paul Swymn, Paragould MHPP

Elizabeth Forehand, Paragould MHPP

Tammy Tripp, Osceola Therapist

Laurie Ruple, Osceola Therapist

Vickie Carter, ISS Tech for Marked Tree Schools

Derek Thomason, Searcy Therapist

Veronic Glover, Jacksonville AA

Molly Telford, Jacksonville Therapist

Our Sympathies

Gayla Spence, Jacksonville Therapist
for the loss of her mother

Sarah Haverfield, Jacksonville Therapist
for the loss of her father

Cassie Cooley, Searcy MHPP
for the loss of her grandmother

Cale McGillvray, Searcy Therapist
for the loss of his grandfather

Sandra Beasley, Jonesboro Therapist
for the loss of her nephew

Melinda Wallis, Ash Flat MHPP
for the loss of her grandmother

Kerry Deflorian, Searcy Therapist
for the loss of her aunt

Stephanie Marlowe, Searcy Therapist
for the loss of her grandmother

Tyler Garmrath, Paragould MHPP
for the loss of his grandmother

Josh Neeley, Jonesboro MHPP & Brittany Neely,
Jonesboro Therapist
For the loss of father and father-in-law



On August 21st, Families, Inc. lost one of our own when Dr. Steve Austin passed away after bravely battling health problems for an extended period of time. Dr. Austin had been with Families since 2007. CEO Mark Thurman stated, "I can truly say that I am thankful to God for the opportunity of knowing this man. He touched many lives for the good. I ask now that your prayers be with his family, and ours, as we mourn our loss."

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
SALLY GIBSON	10/8
CASSIE COOLEY	10/9
RANDALL MURRAY	10/9
KIM ROUTLEDGE	10/9
JAMIE HARRIS	10/10
PAM MYERS	10/10
LINDSEY CRISLER	10/12
ESSENCE TAYLOR	10/12
BRITTANY DAVIS	10/13
BRANDY REED	10/13
WENDELL SMITH	10/13
DR. ROBIN WISE	10/13
TIM BEARDEN	10/14
CHRIS GORDON	10/15
KIMBERLY STEPHENS	10/15
LISA BOWEN	10/17
JERESA CHISHOLM	10/18
BRANDI PINN	10/20
ROGER BARNHILL	10/21
CHRISTINA BULLOCK	10/21
STACEY ROLESON	10/22
GINGER TILLMAN	10/22
MEREDITH HARRIS	10/23
SCOTT FOSTER	10/24
TAMMY STAFFORD	10/24
LAURA NEEDHAM-PUCKETT	10/26
ANNE LEHMAN	10/27
LISA MUSE	10/27
JULIE COX	10/29

November

CARISSA EDGAR	11/1
LESLEE LOWE	11/1
DIANE MEDLEY	11/1
BRITTNEY DOWLER	11/2
MYLA ROTH	11/3
ASHLIE WILLIAMS	11/3
JON MADILL	11/4
THOMAS RITCHIE	11/4
DR. OLIMPIA ROSARIO	11/5
APRIL GUZMAN	11/6
HEATHER CABLE	11/7
BRANDI CRAIN	11/7
BRITTANY BLAIR	11/8
MAEKELLIE SMITH	11/9
STEPHANIE HANKS	11/10
JOSHUA NEELEY	11/10
DR. JOHN BURNETT	11/11
BRITTANY NEELEY	11/11
STEPHANIE DICUS	11/12
GARRETT SHEPARD	11/14
LAUREN TYLER	11/14
PAULA BUTTERFIELD	11/15
KEVIN RAPOSO	11/15
STEPHANIE THATCH	11/15
STEPHANIE MARLOWE	11/16
SAMANTHA VERICKER	11/16
MARK DOBBS	11/17
AMBER GONZALES	11/17
ALISON JOHNSON	11/17
MARK KELSO	11/17
EMILY TAYLOR	11/17
SCOTT STEPHENS	11/18
TAMMY TRIPP	11/19
KAYLA MEALER	11/20
CLINT DICKSON	11/22
DR. MIKE DAVIS	11/23
DORA LINDSEY	11/23
SEAN THOMAS	11/23
PAM BATCHELOR	11/25
DESHAWNNA DEFORD	11/26
LEAH EVERETT	11/26
DR. ELMO DIAZ	11/28
TRACY VONALLMEN	11/28
MELISSA GUIPE	11/29
JONATHAN PIKER	11/30

December

MEGAN MITCHELL	12/1
HOLLY DOBBS	12/2
LAUREN LAWSON	12/3
ASHLEY MADDEN	12/3
DANIEL NEELY	12/3
TRACY TOWERY	12/3
JENNIFER WALLS	12/3
CARL MINER	12/4
JANET STEWART	12/4
BRIDGETTE FIELDER	12/5
HEATHER KEMPER	12/10
MELINDA CARTER	12/10
ALLAN COLTON	12/12
DARIUS MILLER	12/12
JOE ANDERSON	12/13
CHRISTA MAJOR	12/14
MECHELLE HARVELL	12/16
JEREMY WOOLDRIDGE	12/17
MATT DAVIS	12/19
TRACY JACKSON	12/19
AARON MILAM	12/19
BEN STANLEY	12/20
SCOTT BOLING	12/21
AMY DICKSON	12/21
CHRISTINA GARRETT	12/21
SHELBY MILLIGAN	12/22
STEPHANIE TIDWELL	12/23
CHEYENNE UTLEY	12/26
FRANK BEAUPRE	12/27
JOY DAVIS	12/30
ALISHA HAMPTON	12/30
BRANDI EDWARDS	12/31

January '16

CRYSTAL ADKINS	1/1
TASHA COOK	1/1
BRIDGET CRECELIUS	1/2
WADE DRURY	1/2
SANDRA BROWN	1/3
KANDACE BERNER	1/4
LORIE FARMER	1/5
SHANA YOUNG	1/5
AUTUMN OSMENT	1/8
EVI TAYLOR	1/8
DEBRA SUMMERS	1/12
JAMIE GIBSON	1/15
HELEN SHIRRON	1/16
BRIANNA SMITHEY	1/16
SARA CHILDERS	1/19
MIKA GILL	1/19
SARAH HOWARD	1/19
DR. NICHOLE BAUKNIGHT	1/20
LEE CRAWFORD	1/20
MICHELLE HIX	1/20
BOBBY WILLIS	1/20
ROXANNE BYRAM	1/21
MELISSA GARRETT	1/21
NICHOLAS CLEMMONS	1/22
SHERYL KINSEY	1/22
KRISTY LYNCH	1/22
DEBBIE MAYS	1/24
ANDREA EASON	1/25
ERIN SNODGRASS	1/25
BRANDI BAKER	1/26
KELLI COLE	1/26
BELINDA COOLEY	1/26
NATASHA BYRD	1/27
SADIE MALONE	1/28
JENNIFER SALLYARDS	1/28
IRIS ALLEN	1/29
MARCI BLACKSHEAR	1/29
LORI WARHURST	1/29
MATT NOLES	1/30
JANET SIEBERT	1/30