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*Scenes from the Families, Inc. Christmas Party 2015*



LIFE is meant to be ENJOYED!

# Celebrating Anniversaries 2015

## 15 Year Anniversary Recipients:

Jon Morgan  
Sarah Carter  
Donna Parker  
Barbara Tate  
Joy Davis



## 10 Year Anniversary Recipients:

Sharon Travis  
Ellen Gann  
Terri Evans  
Shelly Horton  
Stacey Roleson  
Kim Tullos



## 5 Year Anniversary Recipients:

Front Row (L-R); Jeremy Anderson,  
Jeremy Ducker, Thomas Ritchie,  
Darren Horton and Seth Haney

Back Row: Tracy Qualls, Christen Higgins,  
Amanda Fender, Janet Seibert , Leah Everett,  
Tracy Birmingham, Joyce Johnson, Marilyn  
Wilson, Crystal Adkins, Virginia Willis,  
Amy Piker, Sean Thomas, and Jana Burnett



*Congratulations!*



From the desk of  
**MARK THURMAN, CEO**

Another year has come and gone, and with it, another Families, Inc. Christmas party. I don't know about you but I think this one just might have been the best yet. We had a great crowd, great food, entertaining music, and an amazing speaker. I'm not quite certain at this moment how we're going to top it next year.

First, I want to say a big thank you and congrats to all of this year's anniversary recipients. We awarded not only 5 and 10 year folks, but we were able to also award our first group of 15 year veterans!! I've said it many times and I'll keep saying it; we can't do this without you. Your dedication and loyalty is much appreciated. Because of you, Families, Inc. is the best in the business.

Also, let's hear it for the Pocahontas Clinic as they took home the prized "cup" for winning the 1st Annual-Clinic Achievement Award!! This (pretty attractive) cup went to the clinic that had the overall best scores throughout 2015 regarding Quality Improvement Measures and Profitability. Congrats to Pocahontas! Job well done. I must say that there are several clinics that are hot on your heels so this is no time for complacency. Haha.

Best of luck to all as we tackle another year. My hope is that each and every one of you experience peace, joy, and much success throughout 2016. Press on as we continue investing in the lives of others.

God Bless,

*Mark Thurman*

A special *Thank You* from Joy Davis...

What a great "bunch" of folks we get to celebrate Families, Inc. and Christmas with each year. Thanks to all of you who attend our Christmas party - it makes me so Happy! I am so blessed to be the owner of a company who represents our core beliefs and values so well in your daily interaction with clients and other staff members. Thank you so much for all you do throughout the year. Also a big thanks to all the clinics for the gifts that are so creative and thoughtful...y'all are the BEST!

***To develop, teach, share, ...by example***

# Welcome

## Ash Flat

**Marsha Budnik LAC**  
**Mitchell Cherry, LAC**  
Therapists  
**Chelsea Finley**  
MH Paraprofessionals

## Jacksonville

**Tracy Haselow, M.D.**  
Psychiatrist

## Mountain Home

**Donette Boyett, LCSW**  
Therapist

## Paragould

**Sally Gibson**  
MH Paraprofessional

## Jonesboro

**Tina Bailey, LPC**  
**Casie Hagans, LCSW**  
**Brad Holloway, Ph.D, LCSW**  
Therapists  
**Summer Corker**  
**Tonya Huckabee**  
**Anna Strong**  
MH Paraprofessionals  
**Deanna Thurman**  
Education Support Technician  
**Natalie Mallard**  
Support Services Assistant  
**Brandon Cable**  
**Mariel Diaz**  
Graduate Interns

## Trumann

**Jodie Venicker, LPN**  
Clinical Assistant  
**Ebony Wilson**  
MH Paraprofessional

## Pocahontas

**Lee Hayes, LMFT**  
Therapist

## Searcy

**Bogan Avery, LAC**  
**Kelsey Prothro, LAC**  
Therapists  
**Tabby Cole**  
Administrative Assistant

## Osceola

**Bridgett Driver, LMSW**  
Therapist  
**Regina Archer**  
**Sherrie Gavin**  
**Charles Williams**  
MH Paraprofessionals  
**Megan Wilcox**  
Graduate Intern

## New Licensures & Transfers

From the Jonesboro clinic, **Alex Sprouse** achieved her LPC, **Ben Merritt** is now an LMSW, and **Brittney Dowler** is now an MHPP/Graduate Intern. From the Ash Flat clinic, **James Skinner** is now an LMSW and therapist **Sheryl Kinsey** has transferred to the Mountain Home clinic. From the Jacksonville clinic, **Stacy Wihebrink** achieved her LPC, and from the Paragould clinic, WRAP Mentor **Sally Gibson** has transferred to MHPP Rachel Jetton from intern to WRAP Mentor.



Our folks were looking good supporting the Bridge of Hope Ministries at the recent "Hope Ball". From left: Psychiatrist **Dr. Todd Clements**, Therapist **Rebecca Wellborn** and Administrative Assistant **Stephanie Thatch**, all from the Pocahontas Clinic, Clinical Assistant **Ginger Tillman**, from the Pocahontas and Walnut Ridge Clinics, and Therapist **Ralph Wray** from the Walnut Ridge Clinic.

In addition, the **Pocahontas staff** volunteered for the Salvation Army for a day passing out Christmas baskets and cleaning & organizing the building in two hour shifts.

# Above & beyond



**NATASHA WOODS, LCSW**  
4th Quarter Winner



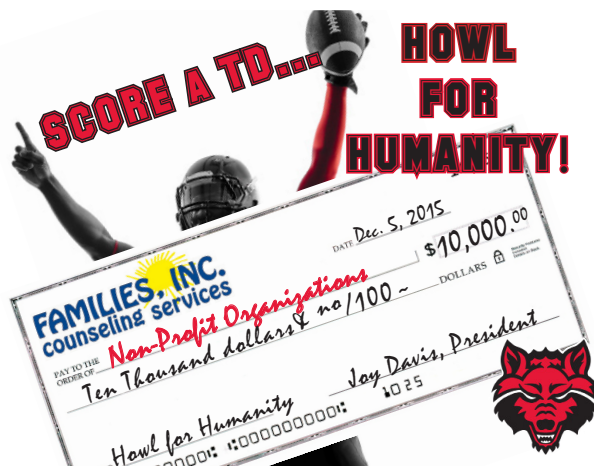
We occasionally receive phone calls or letters from clients expressing their appreciation for the work that we do as an agency. Recently, we received a three page handwritten letter from an adult client that Natasha Woods has been seeing regularly since 2014. The client says Natasha helped her gain control of debilitating depression and anxiety by being “generous with her suggestions of tools I could use to help myself.” She says “Natasha ‘held my hand’ while I wavered back and forth as to whether I could actually handle living on my own.” The client went on to describe how well the treatment planning process worked, and ultimate treatment success. The client’s life is different today and so much better...thanks to Natasha. This is a clear example of how we work each day to fulfill our mission statement.

***For doing an exceptional job, the Administration of Families, Inc. would like to say “Thank You” and Congratulations!***

*Others nominated this quarter were Angela Gean, Trumann MHPP/Graduate Intern.*

## **2015 HOWL FOR HUMANITY A HOWL OF A SUCCESS!**

Six select non-profit organizations were the recipients of \$250 for every touchdown that the A-State Red Wolves produced at each home game. In addition to \$\$\$ they received some well deserved awareness of their organizations. This year’s recipients and their total \$\$\$ received were: Out of the Dark - \$500, Beck PRIDE Center - \$2500, Marc’s Place - \$1750, Pregnancy Resource Center - \$1500, Restoration House Ministries - \$1750 & CrimeStoppers - \$2000, for a total of **\$10,000!**



# Announcements

## Baby

Aaron Hannah, Trumann Therapist

Baby Boy: Wyatt Anthony Gardner born on November 4

Amber Gonzales, Quality Assurance Officer

Baby Boy: Oliver James born on January 18

Lacie Herrera, Osceola MHPP & Paula Norvell, Osceola Clinical Supervisor

Baby Girl & Granddaughter: Julianna Linnea born on January 11

Karrah Seitz, Jonesboro Therapist

Baby Boy: Wade Richard born on February 10

## Recovery

Joy Davis, President/Owner

Clint Dickson, Paragould Therapist

Sherry Adkins, Jonesboro Billing Office AA

Julianna Herrera, Daughter of Osceola MHPP  
Lacie Herrera & Granddaughter of Clinical Supervisor Paula Norvell

Andi Watson, Jonesboro Psychiatry Dept AA

Ashley Madden Trumann Therapist

Vickie Carter, ISS Tech for Marked Tree Schools

Molly Telford, Jacksonville Therapist

Derek Thomason, Searcy Therapist

## Our Sympathies

Nena Burnette, Paragould Therapist  
for the loss of her brother

Laurie Ruple, Osceola Therapist  
for the loss of her father

Joe Anderson, Trumann MHPP  
for the loss of his father

Cale McGillvray, Searcy Therapist  
for the loss of his father

Janet Stewart, Jonesboro Therapist  
for the loss of her father-in-law

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

Cassie Cooley, Searcy MHPP  
for the loss of her grandmother

Christian Smiley, Jonesboro Therapist  
for the loss of her father-in-law

Melissa Guipe, Jonesboro MHPP  
for the loss of her brother-in-law



*Paragould MHPP, Jon Bradshaw, was recently selected to receive the first "Bias Bunch Quilters of Mountain Home" American Hero presentation quilt. Jon was chosen because of his exemplary service that was known to one of the members. This beautiful quilt is full sized and designed and crafted in patriotic motif and color scheme. "Jon represents the best of the soldiers spirit as he served his country during the Vietnam War and continues to serve his fellow man through his work with Families, Inc." Congratulations Jon and thank you for your continued service.*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## February

ANNA STRONG	2/1
MOLLY TELFORD	2/1
SHAN HENDERSON	2/3
MICHAEL TURNER	2/4
JOYCE JOHNSON	2/5
VICKIE CARTER	2/6
MCKENZIE PRICE	2/6
ANNA SLATTON	2/6
LARRY DAWSON	2/8
DR. TRACY HASELOW	2/8
VICTORIA WILLIAMS	2/10
SUSAN FRANCIS	2/11
JESSICA MARTIN	2/11
TONY WALTON	2/11
CHRISTY KELLY	2/12
SARA JANE NICHOLS	2/12
TIFFANY FELTY	2/13
CARLA LANE	2/14
VICKY BOWMAN	2/15
CHRISTY BOYD	2/15
DONNA PARKER	2/17
KENDELL CAMP	2/18
ELIZABETH FOREHAND	2/19
KELLY LENDERMAN	2/19
SHELAH ROOK	2/19
CHARLES WILLIAMS	2/19
ELLEN SOLES	2/20
JON MORGAN	2/22
BARBARA TATE	2/23
SALLY MAURRAS	2/24
REBBECA WELLBORN	2/24
STACY WIHEBRINK	2/24
ANDREA STILES	2/26
LAURA WRIGHT	2/26
STAN GRAY	2/27
SARAH KILGORE	2/27
TAMMI MOORE	2/28
LYNETTE JONES	2/29

## March

JESSICA REED	3/1
MARVIN CARR	3/2
DARREN HORTON	3/2
MADI KELSO	3/3
KIM ABANATHY	3/4
MARSHA BUDNIK	3/4
SCOTT BURCHAM	3/9
JAMES SKINNER	3/10
STEPHANIE SWEAT	3/10
SHARON TRAVIS	3/11
AARON HANNAH	3/12
ELIZABETH KNIGHT	3/15
ETHAN BASSHAM	3/17
LANI BEAGLE	3/17
SONYA GOODE	3/17
MORGANNE BROWN	3/18
BRENESHA HARDIMON	3/19
ALLAN MOSER	3/19
AMBER BAKER	3/20
HADYN HUCKABEE	3/20
JENNIFER CLESTER	3/21
ELLEN GANN	3/21
SKYLER PIERI	3/21
AMANDA LEE	3/22
JOY MELICK	3/22
JON BRADSHAW	3/23
DR. BRANDI HANKINS	3/24
SARAH HAVERFIELD	3/24
FLOYD SHIVERS	3/24
TRAVIS WOODRUFF	3/24
KINDALH MAYFIELD	3/25
ANDI WATSON	3/25
PAT REYNOLDS	3/26
TINA BAILEY	3/29
AMY PIKER	3/29
JEREMY TRULL	3/29
GLEN MELDAHL	3/31
SUSAN VANCE	3/31

## April

JASON LEWALLEN	4/1
DEBBIE BUCK	4/3
SUMMER BADER	4/6
MITCHELL CHERRY	4/7
KARI CRAWFORD	4/7
NAKITHA SCOTT	4/7
LINDSIE SUTTON	4/7
LAURIE RUPLE	4/8
DEONDR MERRITT	4/10
ALEX SPROUSE	4/11
GINA ANGLIN	4/13
VALERIE BRANNEN	4/13
BOGAN AVERY	4/15
DAWN LAYER	4/16
ASHLEY TAYLOR	4/18
APRIL TOWELL	4/18
MARY BURNETT	4/19
DR. MARK CATES	4/19
TONY DICKSON	4/19
TONYA WRIGHT	4/19
KELLIE DAVISON	4/21
HANNAH ALLEN	4/22
SAMANTHA WRAY	4/23
CHRISTASIA COLEMAN	4/24
DEREK THOMASON	4/25
LESA DELANCEY	4/26
STACEY BURNETT	4/28
NATASHA WOODS	4/28
ANITA DILLARD	4/29
TROY FENDER	4/29
MARTHA FLORES-DUPRIEST	4/29
ANGELA GEAN	4/29
SHELLY HORTON	4/30
SHELLY KEATHLEY	4/30

## May

JANA BURNETT	5/1
BYRON COLLINS	5/1
BRENDA BARKER	5/2
DR. TODD CLEMENTS	5/2
WHITNEY SIEBERT	5/2
MELANIE COOK-DOBBINS	5/4
CASSY GARDNER	5/4
ANGELICA GRAY	5/5
ALICIA GARDNER	5/6
SHERRIE GAVIN	5/7
STACY MEDLEY	5/7
DUSTIN BIRDWELL	5/8
BRAD HOLLOWAY	5/9
AMANDA BAKER	5/11
CRYSTAL PENDLETON	5/14
BRITTANY MESSER	5/15
HEATHER BITTENBENDER	5/16
DEBRA COLVEY	5/16
BRITTANY DROPE	5/16
CHRISTIAN SMILEY	5/18
LAURA CLARK	5/19
JESSICA EVRIDGE	5/19
TERRI CLARK	5/21
LUKE LEWALLEN	5/21
MARC WILSON	5/21
AMANDA HAMILTON	5/22
MEGAN WILCOX	5/22
MARIEL DIAZ	5/24
CAREY DOBBINS	5/25
LYNNITA WALKER	5/26
SALLY LEBLANC	5/27
LYNDA NASH	5/27
WILL TRAVIS	5/27
SETH HANEY	5/28
JEREMY ANDERSON	5/29
JANE BALDWIN	5/29
JUDY MCDANIEL	5/29
RON TRIMM	5/29
STACY ADAMS	5/30
CASEY MCDONALD	5/30

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