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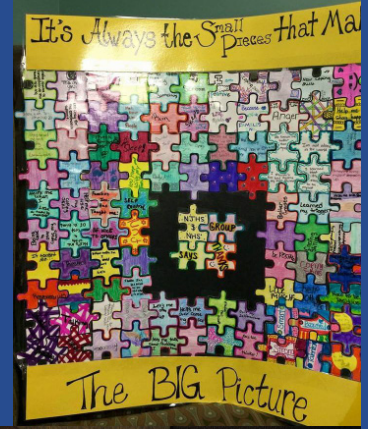
## The POWER of GROUPS!

Top Right: Created by members in MHP **Amy Harding's** teen group.

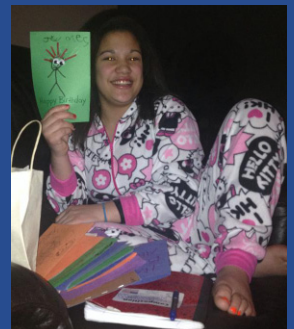
Bottom Right: Valentines cards created and sent to Arkansas Children's Hospital by an afterschool group hosted by Trumann MHP's **Jeremy Ducker** and **Heather Bryan**.



Left: Ladies of Women's Group hosted by MHP **Tracy Stribling** and MHPP **Lindsey Crisler** painted "Words of Empowerment".



Foster mother, **Caleigh Romine** (former employee) heard about a young girl very late at night that needed emergency placement after essentially sitting alone at the DHS office all day waiting on placement. The girl's 16th birthday was the very next day, meaning she would spend it away from any friends or family and instead be surrounded with what she knows as strangers. Caleigh sought help from the community to make this girl's birthday special. Trumann Therapist **Ashley Madden** made a special request for **Heather Bryan**, LPC and **Jeremy Ducker**, LPC to make last minute adjustments to their afterschool group to allow the kids to make birthday cards, to which they did so without hesitation. Their group kids hand-crafted 20-something birthday cards for the sweet foster child to help brighten her day, even just a little. Ashley delivered them that night and she was so excited! Picture is of Alex reading the cards made for her by the Trumann group kids. #**differencemakers**



# LIFE is meant to be ENJOYED!

# Welcome

## Ash Flat

**Jessica Martin**  
MH Paraprofessional

## Jacksonville

**Christina Garrett, LPC**  
**Tammi Moore, LCSW**  
Therapists  
**Knikia Banks**  
**Amanda Davis**  
MH Paraprofessionals  
**Rita Masterson**  
Graduate Intern

## Scholarships Awarded!

Paragould MHPP, **Megan Mitchell**, was awarded the Arkansas Rehabilitation Association, Harold Thomas Scholarship.

Paragould MHPP, **April Towell**, was awarded the Arkansas State University, Huddelston Social Work Student Scholarship.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## Promotions, New Licensures & Transfers

New LCSW's include **Jessica Reed** (JB), **Virginia Willis** and **Kellie Davison** (PG).

New LPC's include **Autumn Osment** and **Heather Cable** (JB), **Thomas Ritchie** and **Anne Lehman** (Scy).

Ash Flat former MHPP's **Dustin Birdwell** is now an LAC and **James Skinner** is an PLMSW.

Jacksonville's former MHPP's **Matt Davis** and **Megan Loney** are now LAC's.

Transfers include **Christa Jones** (MH) from AA to MHPP, **Carla Lane** (JB) from MHPP to Eligibility Specialist, and **Amanda Fender** (Scy) from MHPP to Court Liaison.

Paragould intern **Randall Murray** is now a WRAP Mentor.

Paragould Therapists **Ali Bean**, **Janet Siebert**, and **Samantha Spillman** recently received training in Trauma Focused - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

## Jonesboro

**Ron Young, LCSW**  
Therapist  
**Sara Childers**  
**Bobby Willis**  
MH Paraprofessionals  
**Susan Shelley**  
Support Services Assistant

## Osceola

**Christie Brister, RN**  
Therapist  
**Laura Clark**  
MH Paraprofessional  
**Carl Coleman**  
WRAP Mentor

## Paragould

**Samantha Vericker, LPN**  
Clinical Assistant  
**Ashley Withrow, LCSW**  
Therapist

## Pocahontas

**Natasha Wheeler**  
Support Services Assistant

## Searcy

**Brandy Reed, LPN**  
Clinical Assistant  
**Emily Kersey**  
Administrative Assistant  
**Belinda Cooley**  
Therapist

## Trumann

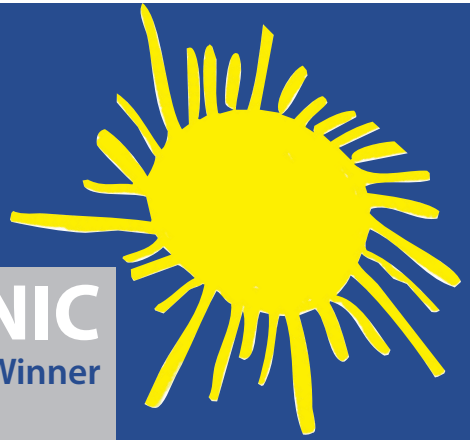
**Kelli Cole**  
MH Paraprofessional

## Walnut Ridge

**Garrett Shepard**  
WRAP Mentor

# Above & beyond

## PARAGOULD CLINIC 1ST Quarter Winner



We would like to recognize the entire Paragould Clinic as this quarter's Above and Beyond award winners!

There have been numerous recent events in which the staff of the Paragould Clinic have shown that they are willing to do whatever it takes to succeed. They have dedicated time and effort, as a group, to promote programs which have proven to benefit greatly the communities they serve. They have shown patience and understanding when a large portion of their clinic was destroyed due to flooding. They have rallied behind their own when faced with difficult personal situations. Their character has been challenged both professionally and personally and the manner in which they met those challenges has been truly Above and Beyond!

## Nice job Paragould!!

Pictured: Mission Outreach Chili Rodeo - 3rd Place in booth decoration.  
MHP Tiffany Felty in her handmade team jersey.  
Fundraisers to aid fellow staff members MHP Clint Dickson and MHPP Elizabeth Forehand.



### SMOKED BOSTON BUTT FUNDRAISER

*Our Good Friend Was Recently Diagnosed With Lung Cancer.  
We Are Dedicated To Assisting Him Every Step Of The Way.*

*You Can Help By Purchasing A Smoked Boston Butt  
All Proceeds Benefit Team Dickson*

Price - \$30.00

Pick-Up Date - February 28th

Pick-Up Time - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Pick-Up Location - 504 South 2nd Street

*Kindred Camp will deliver to Souders*

*Thank You For Your Support!!!*



Call 870-215-2926 if you have any questions

### Fundraiser for Elizabeth and Tony Forehand

\$15 per ticket

Ticket # \_\_\_\_\_  
Sold By \_\_\_\_\_



*Dine in or Take Out*

Redeem this ticket for one 4 piece Fish Plate

Saturday, Feb 21st from 5:00 - 6:30

At East Side Baptist Church

For more information contact

Tony Lucius @ 239-1820 OR Toni Johnson @ 565-3905

*Advance Tickets Only*



# In the Community

## TRUMANN CLINIC

### Baldwin Receives Community Service Award

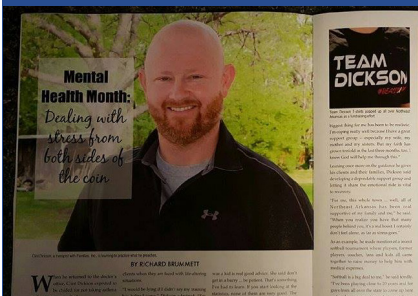
Our own **Jane Baldwin** was the recipient of the 2015 Trumann Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award for her work with the Trumann Food Pantry. She stated that she "loves volunteering with the pantry and never ceases to be amazed of how appreciative the folks are of the food they receive. And, it really makes you stop and think and be so thankful for everything we are are blessed with on a daily basis." Jane volunteers her time weekly at the pantry and has "gotten pretty proficient at finding and being able to secure grants for extra food!" Trumann is a better community for having you in it, Jane!



## PARAGOULD CLINIC

### Dickson Recognized in Premier Magazine

Once Therapist **Clint Dickson** was diagnosed with Stage 4 Lung Cancer, he realized he "had to practice what he preached, following the same coping strategies he suggests to his clients when they are faced with life-altering situations." Clint acknowledged how important it is to have a dependable support system when you go through something like this and expressed appreciation for how much he has received throughout the community. **TEAM DICKSON #beastmode**



## JACKSONVILLE CLINIC

### Open Arms Shelter

#### Banquet

Representing Families, Inc. from the Jacksonville Clinic are therapists **Stacy Wihebrink, Heather Collias, and Monica Theobald.**



## SEARCY CLINIC

### White County Children's Safety Center GLO RUN

Representing Families, Inc. from the Searcy Clinic are Therapist **Thomas Ritchie** (with wife Sarah and children) MHP **Hannah Allen** and MHPP/ Grad Intern **Emily Taylor.**



## ASH FLAT CLINIC

### Anti-Bullying Presentation

Ash Flat therapist **James Skinner** recently provided an interactive presentation on Anti-Bullying at IZARD County Consolidated High School. Their drug-free group (Chase) held its annual fifth and sixth grade Summit Conference on March 20, 2015.

## TRUMANN CLINIC

Clinical Supervisor **Dr. Dana Watson**, has been elected to the Trumann Chamber of Commerce. She will serve on the Education and Marketing Committees. Therapist **Kari Crawford** had an article that she wrote on Bullying featured in a Northeast Arkansas magazine, *Premier*.

# Announcements

## Baby

Beth Light, Searcy Therapist

Baby Girl: Kendi Nichole on February 4

Martha Flores-Dupriest, Searcy Therapist

Granddaughter: Maleah Faith on February 1

Kim Tullos, Searcy Clinical Supervisor

Adopted Daughter: Blakely Elaine Tullos on March 3

Suzanne Parsley, Ash Flat MHPP

Baby Son: Jett on April 1

## Recovery

Joy Davis, President/Owner

Clint Dickson, Paragould Therapist

Paul Swymn, Paragould MHPP

Elizabeth Forehand, Paragould MHPP

John Everett, Paragould MHPP

Dr. Steve Austin, Psychiatrist in Trumann, Pocahontas, and Walnut Ridge Clinics

Diane Medley, Training Coordinator, Jonesboro

Ginger Tillman, Pocahontas Clinical Assistant

## Our Sympathies

Samantha Wray, Paragould MHPP

for the loss of her grandmother

Lauren Tyler, Ash Flat MHP

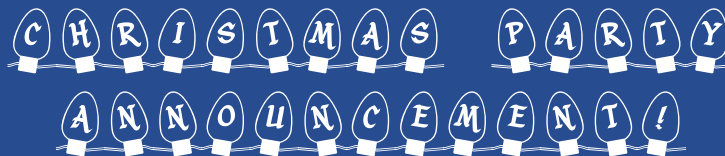
for the loss of her grandfather

Heather Collias, Jacksonville MHP

for the loss of her grandfather

Kerry Deflorian, Searcy MHP

for the loss of her grandmother



The Families, Inc. Annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 12th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**!!! NOTE CHANGE OF DATE & TIME DUE TO CONFLICT !!!**



## Relay for Life - May 29th

Northeast Arkansas Expo Center-Jonesboro

JOIN US at the Craighead County American Cancer Society Relay for Life. This is a great opportunity to honor the survivors of cancer and as well as those that have passed. Opening Ceremony and Survivor Lap begins at 6:00 with the Luminaria Ceremony at 9:00. Lots of food and fun ALL NIGHT LONG! For more information contact Holly Dobbs at the JB office or [hdobbs@familiesinc.net](mailto:hdobbs@familiesinc.net)

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## May

JANA BURNETT	5/1
BYRON COLLINS	5/1
BRENDA BARKER	5/2
WHITNEY SIEBERT	5/2
JUSTIN COX	5/3
MELANIE COOK-DOBBINS	5/4
CASSY GARDNER	5/4
ALICIA GARDNER	5/6
STACY MEDLEY	5/7
DUSTIN BIRDWELL	5/8
DR. SHARON CURTIS	5/9
AMANDA BAKER	5/11
BRITTANY MESSER	5/15
WHITNEY MILLER	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
CAREY DOBBINS	5/25
APRIL SCRAPE	5/26
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

## June

AMANDA FENDER	6/3
KARNILLA SCHINGOETHE-LEE	6/3
CHRISTA JONES	6/5
TERRI EVANS	6/6
MYSTY LANGLEY	6/8
KELLY MEARS	6/8
JIM THURMAN	6/8
LISA COGGINS	6/9
CHELSEA FIFE	6/11
AMANDA COLLINS	6/12
MICHELLE VEST	6/13
CINDY RHOADES	6/14
PAULA HAILE	6/16
CAYLEY LEE	6/16
SHELBY COOPER	6/17
CARRIE MOFFITT-REAVES	6/18
NIKKI POE	6/18
TRACY BIRMINGHAM	6/19
HOLLY COOK	6/19
MELINDA WALLIS	6/19
JANICE FRY	6/21
KARRAH SEITZ	6/22
JOE BRANCH	6/25
SHERRY ADKINS	6/27
BILL BOSCHERT	6/29
SHAUNA TUCKER	6/29
REAGAN MARTIN	6/30
LISA MILGRIM	6/30
BROOKE WEAVER	6/30

## July

ROBERT CHANNING	7/3
JACQUE DUMAS	7/3
TRACY STRIBLING	7/3
BIANCA JORDAN	7/4
LOIS SOMLAR	7/5
HALEY WELLS	7/5
LACIE EDWARDS	7/8
TRACY QUALLS	7/8
DEANN RICHMOND	7/10
PAM WILCOXSON	7/10
CHRISTIE BRISTER	7/10
JANICA HUMPHREY-PATRICK	7/11
DEBRA HICKS	7/13
CARL COLEMAN	7/14
HEATHER COLLIAS	7/14
TIM JOHNSON	7/14
VIRGINIA WILLIS	7/14
MACI JONES	7/15
SUZANNE PARSLEY	7/15
TAYLOR GREGORY	7/16
DION ROWLETT	7/16
JEREMY DUCKER	7/17
CALE MCGILLVRAY	7/18
JAMIE DAWSON	7/19
DR. ANN MATHERS	7/19
MONICA THEOBALD	7/19
DAVID BRYANT	7/21
AMY HARDING	7/23
BOB PUCKETT	7/23
RON YOUNG	7/23
MEGAN LONEY	7/25
SHERRI PUCKETT	7/25
ERIK WILSON	7/25
DEVIN HARPER	7/27
SARAH CARTER	7/29
DANISE CHANDLER	7/29
CHRISTEN HIGGINS	7/29
CANDICE MARTIN	7/29
CORRIE WOOD	7/29

## August

PAM ROBERSON	8/1
LESLI BALTZ	8/2
LORI HOGGARD	8/2
JESSICA INTERIANO	8/2
HEATHER LEACH	8/2
TONYA SWANN	8/2
DAWNA HALEY	8/3
CAROLYN BALLARD	8/5
KATRINA BURNSIDE	8/6
KEITH MERRIWEATHER	8/8
PAM MULL	8/8
CATHY MANNING	8/9
SUSAN SHELLEY	8/9
AMY WALLACE	8/9
BENJAMIN MERRITT	8/10
LAURA MADDEN	8/11
RALPH WRAY	8/11
LINDSAY HOWARD	8/12
RJ MARTIN	8/12
RACHEL WALKER-RAND	8/12
HEATH EVANS	8/14
CASSANDRA MCQUAY	8/15
JASON TURNER	8/15
JIMMY LIVENGOOD	8/17
ROBIN TERRY	8/17
AUDREY DOBBINS	8/18
SUZANNE EUDALY	8/18
DANNA MAYHALL	8/18
EMILY KERSEY	8/20
JOANN CLAY	8/20
SHANNON MOORE	8/20
PAULA NORVELL	8/22
JOHN CHESTER	8/23
VERONICA GLOVER	8/23
JAMES DALTON	8/24
DOUG MITCHELL	8/24
GAYLA SPENCE	8/24
KIM TULLOS	8/25
MATTHEW TULLOS	8/26
ALI BEAN	8/30