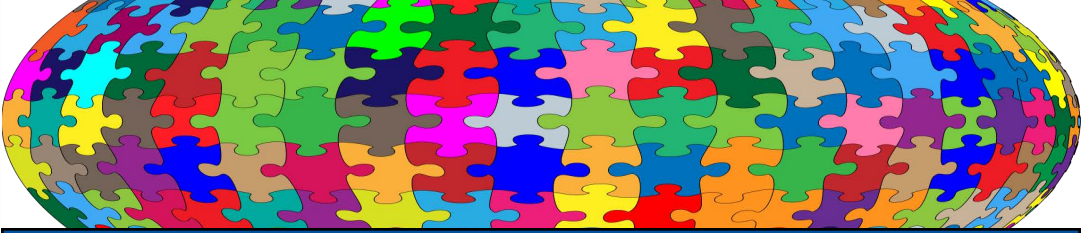




# Boswell Regional Center Bulletin



A Publication for Employees, Family and Friends of BRC

## Autism Awareness Month

Inside this issue:

Front Cover: Autism Month

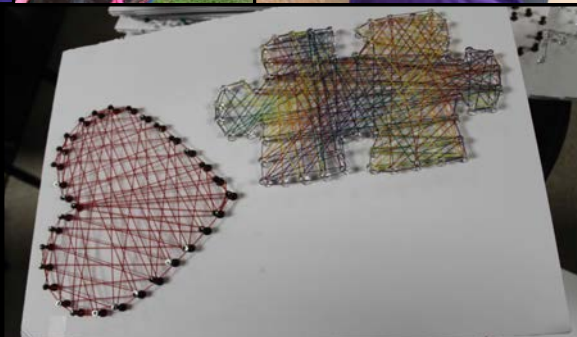
Autism continues	2
Spotlight on Kettleman	3
Good Friday Service	4
MAC's Easter Egg Hunt	5
Out and About	6
Boswell Artist	7
Boswell Artist continues	8
B.Kinsey/Trojan Baseball	9
Clean Up/Green Thumb	10
Brushing up on Skills	11
Boswell Industries Tour	12
BRC Orientation	13
BRC EOY	14
BRC EOY continues	15
BRC EOM	16
MAC EOM	17
Anderson Retires	18
Cole Retires	19
Gates Retires	20
Pastors Corner	21
Announcements	22-25

The month of April was designated as Autism Awareness Month by a proclamation from Governor Phil Bryant. The main focus is to raise awareness the entire month and educate the general public about Autism. As puzzle pieces hung at the front gate, a colorful wreath hung on the front door of Autism Services, and the festivities that took place at Morton Group Home on April 28<sup>th</sup> were enjoyed by Boswell Regional Center's individuals and staff. The morning began with a welcome by Clint Ashley, Director of Boswell Regional Center. Next, the activities consisted of face painting, hair spraying, arts and crafts, badminton, a petting zoo and many more. The big hit was the petting and feeding of the horse and also taking pictures in the horse carriage. Calvert Sims, Jr., Director of Magee ICF/IID Group Homes, was the chef for the day taking care of the entrees'. After lunch a delicious Autism cake was served as dessert and the activities resumed. To top the day off, everyone enjoyed popcorn and snow cones! This will always be a day everyone will remember. A big thanks to everyone that participated and helped.

The publication of the BRC Bulletin is made possible by contributions from our dedicated and talented employees. The articles and pictures were written, taken and formatted by BRC employees. Their contributions are greatly appreciated! We sincerely hope that you enjoy this edition of the Boswell Regional Center Bulletin, April 2017 Issue.

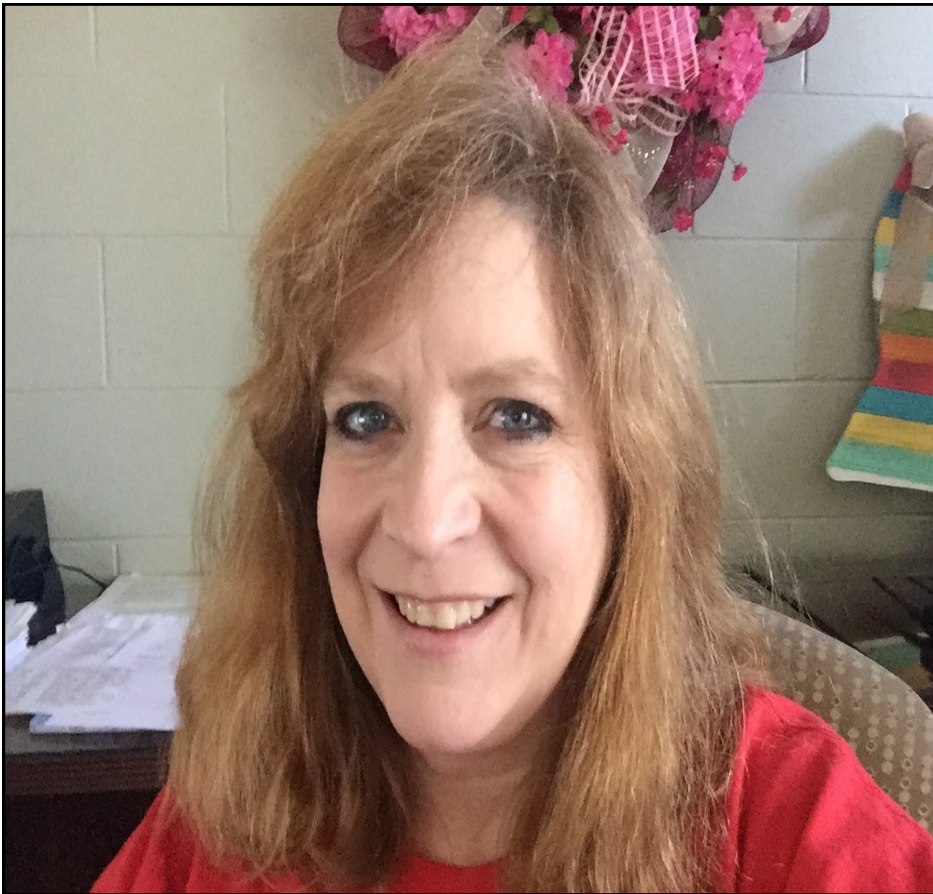


Pictured above: Rick Tillman, Recreation Therapist at Magee ICF/IID Group Homes. Rick designed the Autism shirts this year. This one is by far our favorite design! Thank you for all that you do!



# Spotlight on Vicki Kettleman

By: Vicki Kettleman



Vicki Kettleman was born a few days after Christmas 1965 to Dennis and Emma Jean McKee. She grew up the middle child of three. Her childhood was spent on the family farm which was homesteaded when pioneers settled Mississippi. She graduated from high school in 1983 as Valedictorian. Her high school and early college years were spent aspiring to be an artist but she soon discovered the Psychology Field. She obtained Bachelors (1987) and Masters (1988) Degrees in Educational Psychology from Mississippi State University.

She spent several years working for Mississippi Department of Education as a Psychometrist in the Learning Resource Centers located in Starkville, MS and Gulfport, MS. Next, she began working as a Psychometrist for Hancock County Schools. During this time, she be-

came a mother to two sons, Cole and Quade Stadalis, who are the light of her life. After a change in Administration of the school district, that position was struck from the budget and the district went to Contractual Services. Real estate sales provided a break from the political environment of the school systems, but due to a stagnant market and not having a flair for sales, that lasted only about two years. She returned to college to study pharmacy and obtained a Bachelors Degree in Pharmaceutical Science.

A lack of motivation for a career behind a drug counter prevented further progress in that field. During her stint in Pharmacy School, she married her current husband, Joey Kettleman, rooting her in central Mississippi. Vicki began working at UMC as a Psychometrist gathering Neurological Data for medical studies. When these studies were completed, she began working at Mississippi School for the Deaf as a Psychologist for four years. She then spent about two years at home, enjoying time with her family but after her eldest son graduated high school and the youngest moved to his father's house, she obtained a job at Boswell Regional Center working as a Behavioral Health Specialist for Oak Brook. She quickly fell in love with the beautiful campus, the wonderful people she works with and the ladies on the unit. She has changed positions to be the QIDP for the unit and finds the work very challenging. However, it has been the most rewarding job she has ever had the privilege of working.

# Good Friday Service

Boswell staff and individuals had the opportunity to attend the Good Friday Service at the Boswell Regional Center Auditorium on April 14, 2017. The program began with a welcome by Clint Ashley, BRC Director, followed by an amazing prayer by W. Bunt. The Boswell Regional Center Expressive Hearts Choir blessed everyone with several songs including solos. The beautiful sounds of music filled the auditorium! Everyone clapped as their hearts were filled with love and excitement as Resurrection Sunday approached. The message was delivered by BRC Chaplin, Bro. Rudy Jackson. God's words spoke to everyone's heart. Boswell is thankful for the opportunity to worship together and grow spiritually. B. Kinsey closed in prayer.



# Easter Egg Hunt at MAC



# Out and About



MAC visiting Bass Pro Shop



MAC visiting The Ag Museum



MAC visiting The Natural Science Museum

# Boswell Artists Receive Awards At the 29th Annual Goodwill

Each spring for 29 years, the Jackson, MS Goodwill Industries partnered with VSA (founded by the Kennedy's at the same time as Special Olympics), has called for art from artists with disabilities. The artists are invited to enter their work in an exhibit which has been held at venues such as Veteran's Hospital, the Mississippi Arts Center, Madison Square Center for the Arts, and this year at Jackson Prep High School. Cash prizes, totaling more than \$2,000 in Professional, Nonprofessional, and Student categories, are awarded. All artwork is for sale, but unfortunately could only be purchased this year at the awards ceremony and reception on March 26 from 2:00-4:00 P.M. The competition is always open to all artists with disabilities in Mississippi. Some artists have intellectual disabilities, while others have physical limitations. Some have both. We have been told that the margin between professional and non-professional is narrowing every year as all our artists are improving. The disabilities have definitely challenged these artists, but have not prevented them from producing very high quality, skilled work. Each artist may enter only one piece of art. Boswell entered 14 pieces of art by the following artists: B. Landrum, W. Tslepsis, Sandra, E.M. Thomas, A. Thornhill, R. Woods, T. Cliburn, K. Loggins, D. Howell, D. Robertson, M. Keyes, E. Mingo, C. Roberts, and D. Herrington. This art was representative of a wide spectrum of ability among our artists on campus, and in the community, covering artists who are or have recently been involved in Expressive Arts in Magee, Wesson, and Brookhaven.

**D. Jackson**, former soloist and Boswell Expressive Hearts Choir participant residing in BRC Wesson Group Home, was invited by Dave Hollingsworth, CEO of Goodwill Industries, to sing three songs for the Awards Ceremony and was very well received. **Many** people spoke to him afterward to express how much his presentation blessed them. Since he is so far away from the campus from which the choir operates, Mr. Jackson now presents concert programs of his own at assisted living facilities and churches as often as he is invited, accompanied by Claire Bevell, Expressive Hearts Choir director. He is able to have piano and voice lessons with Claire each Wednesday in space provided at Wesson Baptist Church. The church family there has adopted Mr. Jackson and enjoys having him join them for Wednesday night dinners and Bible Study where he often sings, and always shares his prayer requests (and menu suggestions). Occasionally, Mr. Loggins is able to join the BRC choir for a performance when we are able to work out logistics. We are expecting him join us for the

Good Friday Service at the auditorium on April 14.

**K. Loggins stands with several other Goodwill Art Show winners at Jackson Prep's Fortenberry Theater.**



continued

**K. Loggins and S. Little** both won Honorable Mention Awards this year and \$50 each. Mr. Loggins resides at the Goodwater Group Home in Magee. He and his teacher, Claire Bevell, attend the VSA/Community Artist Group led by professional artist, Tom Harmon, at the Mississippi Arts Center in Jackson on Tuesday afternoons. Mr. Loggins is exceptionally talented and has won many awards for his work. Sandra resides at Pine-lake Geriatric Unit in Magee and has enjoyed several private art sessions with Claire Bevell. Though Sandra requires physical support from Claire to steady her hand, she is able to select her colors and control her own paint brush to complete her very personal and beautiful artwork.

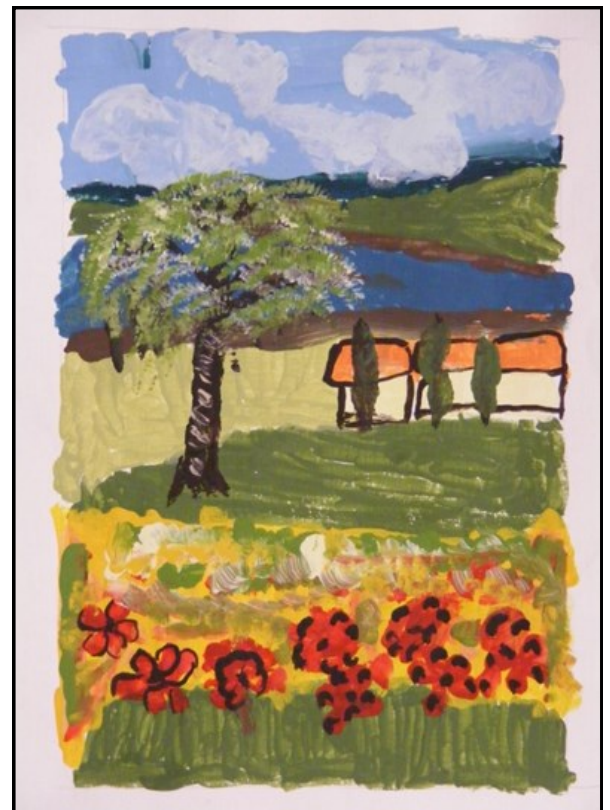
The clients and staff who attended the ceremony and reception all seemed to enjoy the event. It was attended by R. Woods, T. Cliburn, D. Jackson, K. Loggins, D. Howell, D. Robertson and their staff.

Many matted works of art by Boswell artists are kept for future exhibits in the Expressive Arts Classroom at the WAC and are always for sale. Please feel free to visit and choose one for your home or office. 75% of the sale price is deposited in the artist's account, so this is a great way to support our artists. Call 75120 to make an appointment, or take a chance and just drop by.



“Sailing Past the Mountains” by K. Loggins is Professionally framed and priced at \$150 by VSA/Community Artist Group. Korbin also won Grand Prize and \$75 at our Heart Expressions Exhibit in Brookhaven in November for this painting.

“Italian Landscape” by A. Thornhill sold for \$20 at the Goodwill Art Show. She was awarded \$50 and first prize for this painting at the Heart Expressions Exhibit in Brookhaven in November.





# Where Dreams Can Become Reality



On April 4th, B. Kinsey attended his first Magee Trojan Baseball game. He witnessed a tough loss for the Trojans. As they left the field, he encouraged each team member. The following week he attended a team practice where he shared his testimony and continued encouraging everyone to never give up. The players and coaches sat tentatively listening, some had wailed eyes, and Mr. Kinsey closed with caring remarks that will forever remain in their hearts. The Trojans would move on to win the next game! The game ball was given to Mr. Kinsey at Saturday's game which was a total surprise to him. This was Senior night and he had a chance to go on the field and receive a Trojan Baseball T-Shirt, a tumbler and a gift bag full of crosses. Every game since then Mr. Kinsey stands by the dugout yelling for every batter on deck. Boswell is thankful for the many relationships formed on and off the field. Mr. Kinsey is truly an inspiration.

# Great American Clean up



Boswell Industries participants volunteered to pick up trash around Main Street Magee and in the surrounding neighborhoods as part of the Great American Clean Up Campaign.

## A Green Thumb He Is!



T. Beube takes pride in his gardening! He works very hard daily and gets joy out of doing what he loves! As Mr. Beube pats the soil around each plant and a drop of sweat rolls down his forehead, he looks up with a smile. He has planted two rows of rattlesnake peas, two rows of southern peas, two rows of lima beans, two rows of corn, two rows of okra, half a row of cantaloupes, half a row of watermelon, a row of squash, a row of tomatoes, a row of peppers and a half row of cabbage. Mr. Beube is a resident in BRC's community program.



Boswell Industries participants enjoyed a friendly game of Hot Seat Bingo. Everyone received a hairbrush to “Brush Up” on their Employment Skills. **Pictured:** Tonya George, Community Waiver Program Coordinator, along with several happy faces that received brushes.

# Boswell Industries Takes Tour

By: Janie Floyd

Boswell Industries toured “The Country Printer” with Mr. Robert Vinson on Main Street. Mr. Vinson gave a demonstration on how the business of Printing Press operators, the preparation of Printing Press operator assistants, and overall maintenance of printing presses work. In addition, Mr. Vinson stated, many press operators perform maintenance on the machines between jobs. They oil and clean the presses as well as make minor repairs. Mr. Vinson also expressed he worked alongside his father when starting the operation in the early to late 1970’s. Mr. Vinson’s duties include installing and adjusting printing plates, loading and feeding paper, mixing inks, controlling ink flow, and ensuring the quality of the final printed materials such as post cards and business cards for varies advertisements. Each job is different and the man power of the operation depends on how much the customer demands. Mr. Vinson’s business is family owned and his father and uncle inspired him. Mr. Vinson enjoys serving people in the community for whatever their need may be.



# BRC Orientation Classes



**April 1st Orientation Class: Bottom Row Left to Right:** Jordan Norwood (Pinegrove), Faye Berry (Oakbrook), Chilibra James (Magee Autism) **2nd Row Left to Right:** Kirkland Hubbard (Ridgeview), Zenobia Smith (Oakbrook) **3rd Row Left to Right:** Tiara May (Pinegrove), Eddie McDonald (Rials Creek) **4th Row Left to Right:** Demarkus Williams (Pinelake), Jeremy Cox (Success) **5th Row Left to Right:** Tevin Herrion (Ridgeview), Andrea Norris (Rials Creek), **Top:** Brittany Griffith (Rials Creek)



**April 16th Orientation Class: Front Row Left to Right:** Me'Lea Johnson (Success), Jarquez Anderson (Security), and Amber Briggs (Community Floater) **Back Row Left to Right:** Allegra Berry (Success), Emanuel Thompson (Success), and Mylon Skiffer

# Boswell Names Employees of the Year



The annual Employee of the Year Recognition Banquet was held Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Nutritional Services Building. Lashina Keyes of Fairway, Richard Brown of Community and Bobby Prince of Staff Development, were named as Boswell Regional Center's Employees of the Year for 2016. Each employee is awarded with a plaque, a chicken dinner from the Magee Popeyes's, a ZIP Burger from Zip Windham's Restaurant in Magee, an Employee of the Year parking sign, a BRC bag, a new name badge labeled EOY and \$100 each from the Friends and Family Association of BRC.

The peacock décor was beautiful as everyone entered the doors to a welcoming spring scenario. Clint Ashley, Director of BRC, greeted everyone followed by the Invocation by Bro. Rudy Jackson, BRC Chaplin. After a delicious lunch, the program began with announcing The Business of the Year Award. The City of Magee was awarded this because of the joined forces with Boswell Regional Center throughout the years. Mayor Jimmy Clyde was present to accept this award. This year's Eisenhower Durr Leadership Award recipient was David Tedford, The Longevity Award recipient was Martha Sharbrough and David Tedford. The Tracy Dampier Spirit Award recipient was Wanda "Faye" McInnis. This award is given to a well-deserving employee of Boswell Regional Center who goes above and beyond everyday work duties. Faye is that employee! She goes above and beyond the expectations of her position and does it with a smile. Faye was awarded with a plaque and \$100 from Peoples Bank. The Tracy Dampier award began after Dampier lost his life in a tragic car accident in 2011. He was a dedicated employee who loved the ones we serve. Congratulations, to all of the award recipients! Boswell appreciates all that you do!

**Pictured:** Clint Ashley, Director of BRC; Bobby Prince, Employee of the Year; Lashina Keyes, Employee of the Year; Richard Brown, Employee of the Year; Renee Brett, Director of The Bureau of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities; Cindy Womack, Assistant Director of BRC; and Steven Allen, Deputy Executive Director of The Department of Mental Health.



continued



**Pictured Top Left:** Clint Ashley, Director of BRC; Mayor Jimmy Clyde, (The City of Magee) Business of the Year; and Cindy Womack, Assistant Director of BRC.

**Pictured Top Right:** Debbie Walker, Peoples Bank AVP/ Bankruptcy Officer and Wanda “Faye” McInnis, Tracy Dampier Award Recipient.

**Pictured Bottom Left:** Clint Ashley, Director of BRC; Martha Sharbrough, Longevity Award Recipient and Cindy Womack, Assistant Director of BRC.

# BRC EOM



During the April Directors' Meeting, Boswell Regional Center recognized Employees of the Month in the area of support/professional staff: Employees of the Month for March are Jasmine Craig, Pinelake; Yolanda Walker, Psychology/Oak Brook and Meredith "Pete" Johnson, Community. Congratulations to each of you!



# MAC EOM



MAC's March 2017 Employee of the Month is Annie Murray. Murray is an LPN and has been employed with MAC since February 9, 2015. Congratulations and MAC appreciates you!

# Anderson Retirees



While it's hard to see co-workers retire from Boswell Regional Center, it is a joyous feeling to know that they'll be free to participate in all those things they've been planning on doing upon their retirement. Whether it's fishing, hunting, traveling, spending time with family or other employment, Boswell congratulates them on reaching this milestone and wishes them well. Each retiree is honored with a certificate and a chance to say goodbye to their fellow employees at a retirement reception. A reception was held on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> honoring Hebert Anderson. Anderson stated, "I have enjoyed my time at Boswell Regional Center, now it's time for me to eat breakfast at the Waffle House and enjoy family."

# Saying Goodbye



On April 26, 2017, a retirement reception was held in honor of Sam Cole. Many of his co-workers lined the walls to say their last goodbyes before he starts a new chapter in his life. It is hard to see co-workers retire, but it is nice to know that they will have free time to participate in other things upon retirement. Cole was presented with a framed certificate and everyone enjoyed refreshments. Congratulations and best wishes!

# Gates Retires After 26 Years of State Service

William Gates, a longtime employee of the Department of Mental Health retires after 26 years of state service. Gates is known for his dedication and advocacy for the ones served. His career started as a Direct Care Worker at Boswell Regional Center. Gates kept education first and continued until he completed several degrees which assisted him in climbing the corporate ladder. After supervising for many years, an opportunity came along and Gates jumped right in. In 2014, he became the Director of The Mississippi Adolescent Center in Brookhaven, MS. This is where his retirement reception was held. Several staff and individuals gathered in the gymnasium as 1:30 p.m. approached. The time had come for Gates to close one chapter and open another. Steven Allen, Deputy Executive Director of The Department of Mental Health, spoke highly of Gates. He thanked him for his years of service and stated, “you will be missed.” Clint Ashley, Director of Boswell Regional Center, shared some encouraging words as he presented Gates with a framed certificate. The most touching part is when C. Brown, recipient receiving services, walked from the back of the room and approached the podium to give Gates a hug. This surely marks the sign of someone that has been around for quite some time, as well as, someone that learned from the individuals just as much as teaching them. Gates made his final remarks as he thanked everyone, including his family that was present. Best wishes, William!



**Pictured Left:** Gayle McCann, mother; Taylor Gates, daughter; William Gates, retiree; Shelley Fuqua, Fiancee; Danielle Hayman, niece; and Michelle Boler, sister.

**Pictured Right:** Clint Ashley, Director of Boswell Regional Center; Steven Allen, Deputy Executive Director of The Departmental of Mental Health; William Gates, retiree; Diana Mikula, Executive Director of The Department of Mental Health; and Renee Brett, Director of the Bureau of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

# Pastor's Corner



**Bro. Rudy Jackson,  
BRC Chaplain**

In Planet In Rebellion, George Vandeman wrote: "It was May 21, 1946. The place - Los Alamos. A young and daring scientist was carrying out a necessary experiment in preparation for the atomic test to be conducted in the waters of the South Pacific atoll at Bikini. "He had successfully performed such an experiment many times before. In his effort to determine the amount of U-235 necessary for a chain reaction--scientists call it the critical mass--he would push two hemispheres of uranium together. Then, just as the mass became critical, he would push them apart with his screwdriver, thus instantly stopping the chain reaction. But that day, just as the material became critical, the screwdriver slipped! The hemispheres of uranium came too close together. Instantly the room was filled with a dazzling bluish haze. Young Louis Slotin, instead of ducking and thereby possibly saving himself, tore the two hemispheres apart with his hands and thus interrupted the chain reaction. By this instant, self-forgetful daring, he saved the lives of the seven other persons in the room. . . as he waited. . . for the car that was to take him to the hospital, he said quietly to his companion, 'You'll come through all right. But I haven't the faintest chance

myself' It was only too true. Nine days later he died in agony. [Isa 53:5](#) But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

## Mission Statement

**Boswell Regional Center offers Specialized program options to Mississippians with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. These programs are designed to identify the necessary supports for successful community transition. With collaboration between the individual, family, and community, dreams can become reality.**

*Where Dreams Can Become Reality*



**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**  
**(Magee, Brookhaven, New Hebron**  
**and Shivers)**

**Direct Support Professionals are needed**  
**for all shifts and locations.**

**If you believe that helping people**  
**matters, then we need you at BRC!**

**For more information contact:**

**Human Resources**  
**601-867-5000 Ext. 75079**

**P. O. Box 128**  
**Magee, MS 39111**



**Boswell Regional Center**

Where dreams can become reality.

## Mission Statement

Boswell Regional Center (BRC) offers specialized program options to Mississippians with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). These programs are designed to identify the necessary supports for successful community transition. With collaboration between the person, family, and community, dreams can become reality.

## Programs

Boswell Regional Center programs offer an extensive range of program and service options to those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). The primary goal of each existing program using a person centered approach is to allow each person to live more independently and to fulfill their lives through meaningful days.

Programs and services offered through BRC include:

### Community Options:

- In Home Services
- Community Living
- Crisis Transition Homes
- Employment Opportunities
  - Day Options
  - Behavior Services
  - Autism Services



### Campus Options:

**On Campus Residential Services**

**On Site Day Programs**

## Membership Information

Indicate at right which type of membership you wish by circling the appropriate amount.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to:  
**Friends & Family Association**  
P.O. Box 128  
Magee, MS 39111

---

## Annual Membership Fees

**Single/BRC Employee - Free**

**Single/Non-employee \$5**

**Bronze \$25**

**Silver \$50**

**Gold \$100**

**Platinum \$500**

## Fundraisers

Some examples of fundraisers that have been held are:

**Scrub Sales**

**Jewelry Sales**

**Book Fairs**

**RADA Knives**

**T-shirt Sales**

**Special Hosted Events**

## Purpose

To promote and support the individuals of Boswell Regional Center

To foster the development of programs on their behalf

To recognize and reward the efforts of employees of Boswell Regional Center

To raise and receive funds for the accomplishment of the above purposes.

*Boswell Regional Center's*



**Boswell Regional Center**

---

Boswell Regional Center

Post Office Box 128

Magee, MS 39111

Telephone: 601-867-5000

[www.brc.state.ms.us](http://www.brc.state.ms.us)

A MS Department of Mental Health Facility





**Boswell Regional Center's Friends & Family Association is a non profit all volunteer organization that works to ensure Boswell individuals are valued and loved.**

**All monies received from memberships are donated to the organization to purchase items for the individuals served by Boswell Regional Center.**

## Donations

Donations may be made in memory or honor of a loved one:

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Acknowledgement should be sent to the following:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Boswell Regional Center

**Friends & Family Association  
P.O. Box 128  
Magee, MS 39111**

**Boswell  
Regional  
Center  
Friends and  
Family  
Association**



*Where Dreams Can  
Become Reality!*