ABLE Tennessee Helping Families Save

On June 13th, Tennessee became the second state in the nation to open enrollment for ABLE accounts. At a news conference at Legislative Plaza, Tennessee State Treasurer David Lillard spoke briefly on the program and presented a short video showing some of the people who will benefit from ABLE TN. The ABLE TN accounts will allow people with disabilities and their families to save and invest with tax-free earnings to help people maintain their independence and quality of life. Funds up to $14,000 per year can be deposited in an ABLE TN account without affecting other benefits. An account can also mount up to $100,000 without losing its’ tax benefits. Money saved in the account can be used to pay for qualified disability expenses. Treasurer Lillard talked about the program’s low investment fees and said that the same fiscal responsibility that has made the TCRS one of the best state employee plans in the nation will be applied to ABLE TN. You can view the video of the news conference, find more information about ABLE TN, and sign up for an account at ABLETN.gov. Testimonials and updates can be seen on ABLETN’s Facebook page. Additional information can be found on the Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities’ website.

Thanks to ABLE TN for allowing us to share this article.
ISC Activities

Marshall and Giles county Impact friends met at a local bowling alley for a friendly tournament of several games. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the time and a lunch together.

The area’s 2016 Summer Special Olympic Games were conducted in April on the Tullahoma High School grounds. The opening ceremonies included a parade with an Olympic Torch run in which many of the local Police, Firemen, and EMT’S participated. Some of the favorite sports were the softball throw, long jump and Bocce Ball. The participants enjoyed many activities throughout the day with a box lunch being provided.

D'Angelo and David

Eddie receiving his ribbon.

Amanda and Tim playing Bocce ball.

Kerry playing Bocce ball.
Helping Hands Golf Benefit

The 18th Annual Helping Hands Golf Classic sponsored by Waste Management was held at Saddle Creek Golf Course in Lewisburg on May 12th. The tournament benefits the Marshall County Child Development Center and the Children’s Center for Autism. After a quick downpour during lunch, the weather was wonderful. It was a great day for participants and volunteers.

Keller Williams Realty employees from the Lewisburg and Spring Hill offices came together on RED Day to donate their time to spruce things up for the Marshall County Child Development Center/Children’s Center for Autism. They pressure washed the parking lot, trimmed trees and bushes, painted outside doors and planted flowers. They also painted playground equipment, replaced sand and the top to the sand box with new handles and hinges, pulled weeds and pressure washed the sidewalk. The Center looks so nice and refreshed. We appreciate their hard work and volunteering their time to the CDC.
The Family Support Yard Sale was held on April 30th this year. Our many thanks to the International House of Prayer Ministries at 865 Union Street, Shelbyville for the use of their facility. Thanks also to the many volunteers and the donation items received. The sale was a great success!

Mandy Jean (at left) is ready for the beach! Thanks to the CDC Family Support Program and the Bedford County Southern Longbeards organization, Mandy’s mom Carol was able to purchase this beach chair for favorite vacation trips to a friend’s beach house. Mandy is a recent graduate of Shelbyville Central High School and is hoping her future holds many trips to the beach!
Children’s Center for Autism

Where We Are........

The Children’s Center for Autism (CCA) has been officially open for three months and we have been very busy! We are excited to announce that we are fully enrolled, and we also have a growing waiting list. All of our children have made measurable progress, which includes talking, toilet training, and following directions while in group sessions. Our CCA parents have stated in multiple meetings that they are very excited for their child’s growth and that they can’t wait for what the future holds. We have had many family support group meetings, family counseling days, and even a field trip to Walmart! Our families appreciate the ability to go out in the community with their children and be able to navigate the more difficult sections of stores, especially the toy section. The CCA program is proving to have a huge impact on our families and our community and we can’t wait to see what else is in our future.

........ And Where We’re Going!

There are many exciting changes coming in the future of the Children’s Center for Autism (CCA). Community Development Center (CDC) staff are working hard to ensure that we are guided by quality and the CDC mission. The Children’s Center for Autism is expanding due to the expressed needs within our community. The Marshall County Advisory Board is eager to grow and develop this program and approved moving forward with expansion. Some of the changes being implemented include adding Pre-Enrollment Services to those on the CCA Waiting List, adding Behavior Consultation services for children ages 5-12, and expanding the clinical therapy program to the afternoon, increasing those served from four children to eight, which would mean increasing staff. We have also recently been designated a Department of Education (DOE) Vendor, allowing the CCA Clinical Coordinator to provide behavior therapy to eligible TEIS children. We are eager to begin the next step in the continued growth and outreach of our autism program.
We Say Good-Bye

Former Child Development Center Foundation board member, David Glenn Hardison, age 65 of Lewisburg, died May 14, 2016, at Maury Regional Hospital. The son of the late David G. Hardison and Elizabeth Glenn Hardison of Lewisburg, Glenn was a 1969 graduate of Marshall County Senior High School and a 1973 graduate of David Lipscomb College. Mr. Hardison was a Certified Public Accountant and owner of his own firm in Lewisburg from 1984-2002. He was the Chief Financial Officer for First Commerce Bank since its inception in 2002, was one of the incorporators of First Commerce Bank, and sat on the bank’s Board of Directors. Glenn served on many area boards and was an elder of the Church Street Church of Christ. In addition to his mother, Glenn is survived by his wife of 43 years, Ginger Brown Hardison of Lewisburg, a daughter, Andrea Hardison of Lewisburg, a son, Greg (Haley) Hardison of Lewisburg, sister, Janice Hardison (Howard) Rosser of Knoxville, and grandson, Bennett Neal Hardison of Lewisburg.

CDC Foundation Donors

The Community Development Center wishes to thank Randy and Darla Hartley of Brentwood, TN for supporting the CDC foundation in their donor-advised recommendation through the Hartley Family Charitable Fund and to Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund for their generous grant, matching the gift made by Sarah Hunt. Thank you Sarah Hunt for your generous contribution and encouragement of other’s support.

Musgrave Pencil Company celebrated 100 years of operation on June 10th. All 100 years of which was under family ownership.

Company president Henry Hulan (above) receives a special plaque on the occasion.

Governor Haslam made an appearance to commend the company. "You're helping build Tennessee's brand name by the incredible quality you have," said Haslam.
ISC Mega Conference

The ISC staff from both the Columbia and Shelbyville offices attended Tennessee’s largest conference for individuals with disabilities which was held on May 26th and 27th. The conference was open to individuals with disabilities, family members, and providers. It included exhibits of disability products and services along with interactive workshops and educational sessions. Over 40 different breakout sessions were offered in a wide range of topics, including community engagement, early intervention, special education, employment, housing, and healthcare with special emphasis on person centered planning. On Thursday the keynote speaker was Jonathan Frieson, who is an award winning author, acclaimed international speaker, and advocate for disability concerns. The conference offered many opportunities for learning and sharing.

CAT Conference

The Conservatorship Association of Tennessee (CAT) held a conference in April in Nashville, which was attended by three ISCs from Community Development Center. A panel comprised of both conservators and family members of individuals with disabilities provided presentations and real life stories. The future state of conservators in Tennessee was discussed and Judge Christy Little gave a “View from the Bench.” Attendees were also shown a video produced by William Barrick, Michelle Poss, and Steve Tepley, Attorneys at Law, which covered the basics for new conservators.
Thank You Shoppers!!

Thank you to all those who signed up for the Kroger Rewards card and named the CDC Foundation as the recipient of Kroger’s Community Rewards Program. It was wonderful to receive a check from Kroger in late June. We encourage others to sign up for this wonderful program at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. After enrolling, enter our organization’s name, the Community Development Center Foundation #78127. The CDC values Kroger’s willingness and ability to support local organizations such as ours. Now every time you shop at Kroger, a percentage of your purchases will benefit the Community Development Center and the individuals and families of Middle Tennessee that we so lovingly serve. Giving back all year long, while shopping. Don’t forget! You must renew every August.

TOGETHER

Keep Fit

A shout out to CDC Staff for working to stay fit!

On the left is Shay King, ISC QA Manager, with 80# on the bar at CrossFit.

On the right is Kristen Quinn, ISC, with her finisher’s medal, after running the course in the Viola, TN half marathon.

Community Development Center’s Mission Statement

Providing supports and services to children, families and individuals with disabilities while addressing the health and well-being of all persons in the communities in which we serve.

http://givingmatters.guidestar.org  https://www.facebook.com/CommunityDevelopmentCenter

Happy Birthday

Glenda Griffin  July 7th
Stephanie Amos  July 11th
Nycole Pinard  August 1st
Patty Clifton  August 24th
Teresa Winnette  August 28th
Britney McConnell  August 30th
Holly Shaddix  September 8th
Sheri Vaughn  September 20th

Patty Clifton  35 years
Shay King  13 Years
Fara Mullins  12 years
Leslie Throneberry  11 years
Becky Jamison  8 years
Anita Teague  3 years

Bedford  Lincoln
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