During the month of May, the CDC hosted visitors from The Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, TN state government and local county representatives for a tour of our Early Intervention centers and a discussion of services for individuals of all ages who have an intellectual and/or developmental diagnosis.

On May 27th, several individuals and families supported through CDC programs were able to meet and talk with Senator Jim Tracy, DIDD Commissioner Debra Payne, DIDD Assistant Commissioner Julie Ferrara and DIDD Director of Communications, Cara Kumari. Marshall County was represented by Joe Boyd Liggett, Mayor. The visit included opportunities for information sharing, refreshments and smiles all around!!

Programs in the CDC include Early Intervention in Bedford, Giles, Marshall and Lincoln counties while Family Support provides services to families and individuals across 6 counties. The ISC of CDC supports 325 individuals in 17 South Central and Middle TN counties. The CDC supports over 800 people ages newborn through end of life.
New Beginnings for Tommy!

Tommy Sanders is a very fun loving kind of guy. He loves music, playing his guitar, dancing and singing. Tommy remembers the lyrics to several songs, especially from the Zac Brown Band, which happens to be his favorite album at this time. Tommy recently moved into a new family based residential home. He absolutely loves his new home, and enjoys the time he shares with his new “family.” Tommy always has a smile on his face and is a delight to be around!

ISC : Renee Reed

Tommy is singing his favorite song “Sweet Annie.”

AN ISC GETS A HELPING HAND FROM GREG!!

While out doing visits in Hickman County, my car began to overheat. When I got to Greg’s house for my visit with him, I asked if he could help me and when he asked what was wrong I told him that my car was overheating. He opened the hood of my car and checked the fluid levels. He let me know that the water was low so he added more water to the coolant reservoir, and had me start the car and run it for a little while. Once he did that, the car did not overheat again and I made it to the rest of my visits and safely home that day! Greg was so thoughtful that he even put an extra gallon of water in my backseat just in case I had anymore problems.

So a BIG Thank You to Greg Clark for coming to my rescue and fixing my car!!!!!

ISC : Taffe Cunningham
Rest in Peace

Charles Powell

Charles Powell was received onto the Lord on May 21, 2015. He was 79 years old. Charles had a sister named Pauline that he was very close to. I loved his ‘dry’ sense of humor. I learned so much from Charles being such a ‘history buff.’ I could sit for hours happily, and listen to him recall many life events on American history that he witnessed over his lifetime. Charles had a photographic memory that amazed everyone around him. He was also a ‘train enthusiast’ and had an impressive collection of railroad history. He was a devoted Tennessee VOL’S fan and loved his football games. He will truly be missed.

ISC: Kristen Quinn

Marci Brown

Marci Brown went home to the Lord on June 4, 2015. Marci was a very sweet, bright, cheerful woman. She always had a loving, gentle smile and greeted everyone with enthusiasm. She loved to paint pictures and was great at making various craft projects. These were her favorite hobbies. She loved her family very much and adored her father Joseph, whom she was very close to. She lived with a wonderful family through MillarRich agency during her last year of life. They took excellent care of her and it brought back a twinkle in her eye. Marci was a joy to work with and will be terribly missed.

ISC: Kristen Quinn
Getting to Know…….  

MICHAEL OLIVER

Favorite Pastime — Listening to the Radio...

Favorite Movie — Amityville Horror

Favorite Food — Catfish

Good Friend — Candy

Things I would like to do — Go to the YMCA to work out!

Birthday — October 31st

Favorite Outing — Going out to eat!

Michael is new to the Columbia area and looking for a job in the area. Michael likes to sing and loves music!!

ISC : Rhonda Green

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ON THE JOB

With

Morris Word

Morris Word is a lifelong resident of Giles County. He lives in the small town of Minor Hill located just on the TN/ALA border. When he decided to look for work, Morris naturally looked to the same area where he has lived for so many years and was successful—he is a regular employee of the Bank of Frankenwing in Pulaski working part time. Morris has worked at the bank as a “document disposal technician“ for the past 8+ years and truly likes his job because he not only gets paid, he gets to visit with the many people he has known for so many years in his country community.

ISC: John Nelson
You might recognize this guy from one of our previous newsletters. His ISC Renee Reed had written about him appearing in an informational video about the disease Tuberous Sclerosis. You may have seen it on TV or even used the link to view it online; either way if you did it was very interesting. In this newsletter we would like to share with everyone a wonderful picture of Tony with his birthday balloons. His Personal Assistant Loretta, was nice enough to bring him by the Columbia ISC Office and take a picture with staff. So from everyone at CDC we would like to wish Tony Klinzing a HAPPY 32nd BIRTHDAY!!!!!!

WELCOME NEW ISC’S

The ISC of CDC would like to welcome two new employees to our team. At the Shelbyville office Kellie Campbell will be working in Tullahoma, Winchester and Manchester. At the Columbia office Courtni Demumbran will be working in Lewisburg and Columbia. We would like to wish them the best as they begin their journey here at the CDC.
The Columbia Office held its annual Advisory Board Meeting at the Maury County Park on June 26, with an excellent turn out of members. The program included DIDD Person Centered Unit representative Kate Rogers, who offered information and guidance on how to develop a personal, person centered support plan including a one page profile of themselves. The day also included a cookout lunch of hotdogs, chips, cookies and drinks. And of course BINGO was a highlight. Everyone was a winner and got to pick a couple prizes from the Prize Table. Everyone had a great time and we look forward to meeting again next year!!
MORE PICTURES FROM ADVISORY BOARD SEMI ANNUAL GATHERING!!

**Bradley** enjoys his hot dog lunch!

**Preston** arrives from Hohenwald!

**Wesley** takes a break!!

**Kate Rogers**, DIDD Person Centered Trainer

**Columbia ISC Staff!!**

**Bobby** loves hotdogs!