

In and Around the CDC

Reaching out to Serve

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Summer 2019

Time to Celebrate



We want to celebrate the accomplishments of the Community Development Center with an Open House on Friday September 27th from 11:00 am- 2:00

pm. Join us and invite everyone to see what great things have been happening at our Agency.

Community Development Center

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.

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Happy Birthday!

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Agency FUNdraising

On July 9th we had such an amazing fun night supporting the Child Development Center of Coffee, Franklin, and Moore Counties at the Tullahoma Chick-fil-A Charity Cruise In!!! It was also Cow Appreciation Day and the CDC represented the Cows in fashion (check out the shirts).

The CDC has such amazing Advisory Board Members and Staff! Our Agency cannot express enough how much appreciation we have for ALL those who worked this event or baked yummy goodies for our bake sale. Early Intervention staff, Children's Center for Autism staff, Independent Support Coordination staff, Family Support and Administrative staff...all came together to help support this program. This shows just what a truly AMAZING agency we have at the Community Development Center!!! We were able to raise over \$700 from this event



Family Support

Kyle Brown is a former client of the CDC Family Support Program and has also worked closely with the staff of our ISC program. For a couple of years, Kyle had expressed to the FS Coordinator his desire to have his caretaker recognized at the Professional Women's Day Luncheon in Shelbyville. It's an event where women of Bedford County are applauded for their service in their careers and in the community. Testimonies are submitted as nominations for special awards. Kyle was ecstatic when he learned his caretaker, Naqunia Brannon, would receive the 2019 Faithful Service of the Year Award. His words were shared that day, as a testament to Naqunia and the care she shows him...

I believe in my heart that the world is a good place. I also believe though, that the world is made up of a lot of people who want to just get by, when it comes to a job. Whether they work at McDonald's, Walmart, for a bank, or their job is to take care of someone with Cerebral Palsy. So many want to do only what's required – when the work day is over, they are done! This is not the case, however, for the lady who has taken care of my needs for the past three and a half years.

It's hard to put into words just why I think Naqunia Brannon deserves the Faithful Service of the Year Award. This lady, who was a stranger to me four years ago, has changed my life in so many ways... from giving me a family, to helping me get an apartment and live on my own.



Timing was perfect when she and I first met – she needed a job and for the first time I was going to have a Personal Assistant (instead of depending on a non-dependable family to help me with basic, everyday needs.)

As my PA, Naqunia is responsible for making sure on a day to day basis that I get a shower, take my medications, eat, have clean clothes, and get to my doctor appointments. Naqunia doesn't make me feel like I'm just a job to her. She does these things out of kindness and with a big heart. "After hours" she takes me to her children's ballgames (even when it's a tournament in Gatlinburg!), and she has cared for me when I was sick, from having a common cold to a stint in the hospital. Naqunia includes me in her family celebrations and holiday get-togethers, something I haven't had with my own family in a long time. Two years ago, when it became evident that it would be best if I moved out of my dad's home, she, with open arms, suggested that I move in with her and her family.

Webster's dictionary defines faithful as constant and loyal. It implies qualities of stability, dependability, and devotion. When Naqunia came in to my life, I was living on the edge. I didn't experience stability or have someone show me I was worth their devotion. I haven't always been without those things, but I think as the years went by, I was becoming more of a burden to those around me; at least it felt that way as their assistance and companionship became less and less.

Naqunia has filled a void in my life. More than taking care of my day to day needs, she has helped me to grow as an adult and to gain my independence. Naqunia helped me get my own cell phone, my own bank account, and as of last year, reach the goal of having my own apartment. I don't live with her and her family anymore, but I know I can depend on her faithfulness and devotion, long after her work day is over.

New Hire Spotlight!

Melanie Grun has joined the CDC team as an Independent Support Coordinator in the Shelbyville office. Melanie is a recent MTSU graduate and a huge Star Wars and Tim Burton. She is also a mom to a sweet 2yr old.



Vautralise Dunlap has joined the CDC team as the Accounting Manager. Vautralise comes to us with years of nonprofit and accounting experience. We are so excited to have her as part of the Admin team and as part of the CDC.

Welcome to the CDC family

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July

Katie Fletcher	1 year
Anita Teague	6 years
Becky Jamison	11 years
Patty Clifton	32 years

August

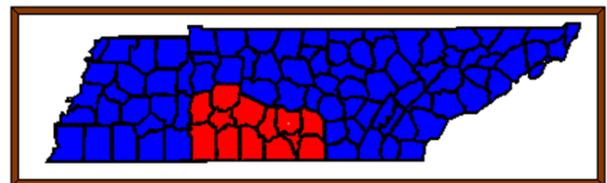
Lex Robinson	1 year
Holly Shadix	1 year
Leslie Throneberry	14 years

September

Hannah Turner	1 year
Rachel Koonce	1 year
Crystal Bentley	1 year
Shay King	16 years



We would like to introduce you to the newest addition to the CDC family. Aiden Lee Lafont was born on May 2, 2019. He weighed 8 lbs and 5 oz and was 20 in long.



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Summer with ISC



On Friday, June 21st, a group of individuals and staff from New Life in Winchester, TN spent the day riding coasters and playing games at Lake Winnepesaukah in Chattanooga. Several enjoyed cooling off from the summer heat in the lazy river at the SoakYa water park as well. Only the bravest of the brave, including Christin Brannan, zoomed down the water slides! Christin said she had an awesome time, and she can't wait to go back.

ISC: Jennifer Williams



Advisory Board - Columbia Office



The Columbia ISC office held their annual Advisory Board gathering on June 25th at The Bridle and Saddle Pavilion located at The Maury County Park. Everyone listened to Lee Brown with Progressive Directions speak about Employment opportunities for individuals in the waiver program. Pizza and refreshments were enjoyed by all for lunch. Everyone joined in at craft time and made pine cone peanut butter bird feeders and decorated visors to wear on the 4th of July. A good time was had by all and we all look forward to doing this again next year.



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Loan Program


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Children's Center for Autism

CCA graduates many students this year. We are so proud of their success. Below are some of our photos, and well wishes that we send with each one of them.

GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT



A Letter to our Kids

And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed!) Kid You'll Move Mountains."

There is nothing more rewarding to us than having the opportunity to watch you all grow over the past few years. You all have come to us with different mountains to move, and we have watched you move those and exceed all expectations. You all have reached your fullest potential with us, and we cannot wait to see what the future has in store. This is the bittersweet part of our jobs - our #1 goal is that you will graduate and won't need us anymore, and we have met that goal. Now go out there and be the future world changes that we know you will be.

We are SO proud of you, and we cannot wait to see how you will change the world.

Parents- Thank you for letting us share the joy of watching your child grow.

"You're off to great places! Today is your Day! Your mountain is waiting. So.. Get on your way!"

-The CCA Team

Ms. Rachel, Ms. Lex, Ms. Melinda, Ms. Hannah, Ms. Crystal, Ms. Mickey,
Ms. Ashley, Ms. Becky, Ms. Teah, Ms. Kat, Ms. Jennifer, and Ms. Lucy