



THE

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CHALLENGER

Challenging the community, families, and individuals to make a difference

A PUBLICATION OF THE DARLINGTON COUNTY DISABILITIES & SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD

Our Mission: To enhance the lives, develop the abilities, and promote the independence of people with disabilities.

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Angel Tree 2020

We normally ask you to place Angel Tree Cards on your Business or Church's Christmas tree for customers/members or staff to purchase gifts. This year looks much different than normal with Covid 19. Since we are trying to stay safe from this virus we are not going to ask you to put Angel Tree Cards on your tree, but if you would still like to participate in the Angel Tree Project, we are asking for Monetary Donations or you may make purchases online, and have them delivered here to the Scott Center. All donations should be sent to Attention: Angel Tree 201 N Damascus Church Road Hartsville SC 29550 by November 20th.

Examples of needed gifts that may be purchased online are: For Adults and Children: Coats of all sizes, Sweat Suits of all sizes, Twin or Full/Queen Sheets, Twin or Full/Queen Comforters, Soft Blankets, Educational Toys/Books/Puzzles or Diapers for Children.

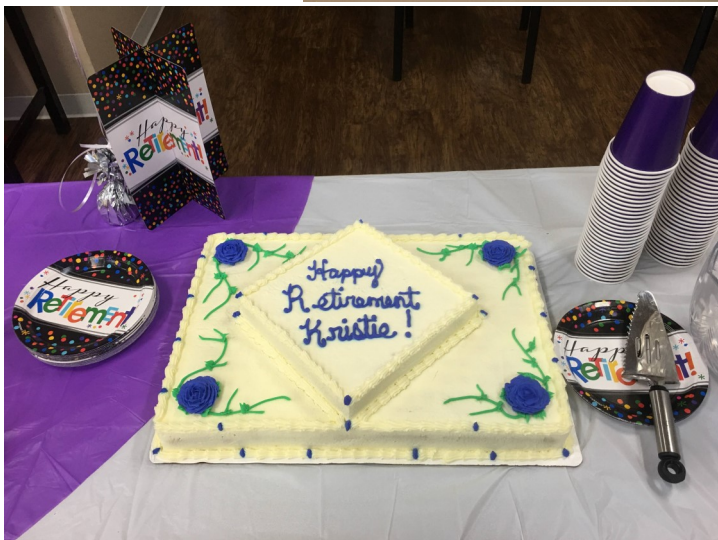
If you are interested or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Candy Wyrick at 332-7252 ext. 1110 or email me at cwyrick@dcdsnb.org.

The support from individuals, community businesses and organizations will make a difference for many children, teenagers and adults with disabilities and special needs in our community during the 2020 Holiday Season. With your help the Angel Tree Project will go on this year. Thank you in advance for your support!

Kristie's Retirement September 18 2020

DCDSNB Finance Director Kristie Stokes officially retired on Friday, September 18, 2020. She worked for the state for a total of 28 years, six of those at DCDSNB. While we miss seeing her every day, we are so glad she remains with us as a contractor, taking care of special Finance projects.

Congratulations on your retirement, Kristie!



Cake made by Christy Smith of Sister's Sweets Bakery in Florence. Christy is the daughter of Accounting Tech Wanda Cooke.

Ms. Kristie Stokes at the guest of honor table

Spaghetti Drive Thru September 25 2020

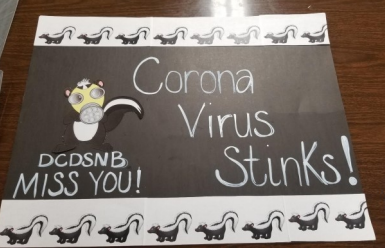
As you know, due to Covid-19, Bridging the Gap (BTG) Day Program had to close (until it is safer to open) which is why our Annual Picnic had to be cancelled. All of us at Darlington County DSN Board (DCDSNB) have missed seeing all our BTG Service Recipients! As a result, we planned an alternative to our Annual Picnic - a Drive Thru Picnic! Our Drive Thru Picnic included catered spaghetti lunch plates that had spaghetti, green beans, bread, dessert, and a utensil pack. A soda or bottle of water were also provided.



DCDSNB Case Managers
Bonnie Ellison and Michael Thomas



DCDSNB Maintenance Tech Micrin Copeland



Wendy Wallace and Willie Wallace,
BTG Service Recipients



Pauley House CTH II residents



DCDSNB Residential Director Byron Wilson



DCDSNB Staff Gwen Sansbury, Synquis Cook, and Lanie McPhail

Lanie's Farewell Drop In October 18, 2020

Bridging the Gap Lead Direct Support Professional Lanie McPhail left us to follow her dreams in starting her own cleaning business. We wish her the very best in her new adventure!



Good luck!



Some of the employees who dropped in to wish Lanie well.

Adventure awaits

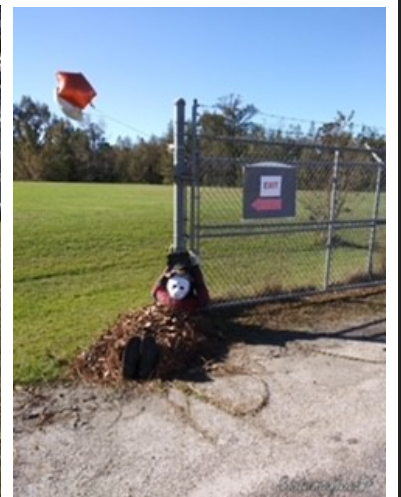
Halloween Drive Thru October 30, 2020



DCDSNB King House Residents: Patricia Wingate, Peggy Scipio, Peggy Wallace and Jennifer Douglas



April Pope, BTG Service Recipient



In Loving Memory of:

HASCI service recipient Mr. Rufus (RJ) Ussery;

Mozzine Montgomery, grandmother of Shaw House DSP Mozzina Williams and Pauley House DSP Ariel Williams, as well as aunt of Reagan House Manager Verniell Hannibal

Community service recipient Mr. Eric Outlaw

Amy Robinson, aunt of BTG DSP Shenetta Harkless

George Wingate, brother of Ms. Patricia Wingate (resident at King House)

Kathy Sims, mother in law of Alexandra Watson (Early Interventionist)

Ms. Juanita Annie Bell Hines, resident at Reagan House

Ms. Teresa Price Graham, the daughter of Board of Directors member Reverend Troy (Viola) Shaw and the sister of Roosevelt Price, one of our service recipients who attends BTG

Mrs. Barbara Arthur, the mother of BTG Service Recipient Lenis Arthur

David Thomas, Community service recipient

Mrs. Mary Mason, the grandmother of King House DSP Quandereca Benjamin and the mother of Contract Nurse Yolanda Benjamin

Mr. Andrew Hickmon, the brother of BTG DSP Dianne Mickens

Bozell Byrd, HASCI service recipient

Mr. Jimmy Dale Ratley, the brother-in-law of Accounting Technician Wanda Cooke

Ms. Linda Sue Stephens, resident at Reagan House

Our Condolences to their families and friends.

Human Resources Corner



New Employees since last Challenger:

August 2020

Lemonica McLeod	ICF – Bowen House Manager
Shaquana Janay Jordan	CTH – Pauley House DSP
Tylisha Yarborough	CTH – Pauley House DSP
Anitra L. Thomas	CTH – Washington House DSP
Deoshai D. Mason	CTH – Washington House DSP
Janay C. Bishop	CTH – Shaw House DSP
Latonya Lucas	ICF – Bowen House DSP

October 2020

Ashley Burns	BTG – DSP
Kristi Hinson	BTG – DSP
Lekiesha Lewis	CTH – King House DSP
Makayla Tyndall	ICF – Bowen House DSP



WE'RE HIRING DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS

At DCDSNB, we continuously accept applications for Direct Support Professionals who wish to work Part-time or on a PRN basis. This position requires exceptional people who are experienced caregivers with tireless patience. Caregiving is a calling, not just a job. If this is you, we welcome your interest by completing an employment application today! Visit us at www.dcdsnb.org or contact us at 843-332-7252 for additional information.

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Norton Funeral Home



We appreciate all donations and use them as we strive to provide services to over 500 individuals with Disabilities and or Special Needs in Darlington County. Thank you for enriching the lives of our individuals. We appreciate your generosity.



“The severity of one’s disability does not determine their level of potential. The greatest barriers that people with disabilities have to overcome are not steps or curbs, but expectations.”

– Karen Clay, disabilities advocate

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