



THE CHALLENGER

Spring 2019

Darlington County Disabilities and Special Needs Board (The Scott Center)
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Our Mission: To enhance the lives, develop the abilities, and promote the independence of people with disabilities.

2019 Valentine Party



2019 Valentine King and Queen



2019 Valentine 1st Runner Up



2019 Valentine 2nd Runner Up

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

“We, the ones who are challenged, need to be heard. To be seen not as a disability, but as a person who has and will continue to bloom. To be seen not only as a handicap, but as a well intact human being.”

-Robert M. Hensel

A Night to Shine

Sponsored by: The Tim Tebow Foundation
Hosted by: West Hartsville Baptist Church

A Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with Disabilities and Special Needs ages 14 and older. A Great time was had by all. Many smiles and lots of dancing.





**Ruth Blocker
Executive Director**

A Word from Mrs. Ruth Blocker, Executive Director

We welcome all of our readers to this edition of The Challenger. We have truly been faced with some challenges in the last six months. We are still recovering from the "after effects" of Hurricane Florence. We are facing budget challenges within several departments, but continuing to strive to provide excellent service to our service recipients and keep our readers informed of the happenings within our agency.

I would like to welcome aboard our new Adult Day Program Director, Mrs. Venessa Jefferson. Mrs. Jefferson has prior work experience with Pee Dee Center as well as Morris College Residential Services. She has a Master of Arts Degree in Counseling and we look forward to working with her.

Welcome Mrs. B.J. Frotten to the agency as the Executive Assistant to the Executive Director. B. J. received a Bachelor's in Business Management from Coker College. She was previously employed with First Baptist Church of Darlington, S.C. as an Office Administrator.

We also want to welcome two (2) new Case Managers, Mr. Michael Thomas. Mr. Thomas has worked previously in the field of disabilities and was most previously employed with Mcleod Regional Medical Center. Mrs. Tina Esaw has a Master of Social Work degree from the University of South Carolina and has worked in Case Management for several years. She was previously employed with SCDDSN- Pee Dee Center.

Congratulations

2019 Annual Service Awards

Five Year Service Award

Lisa Kennedy

Felecia Scott

Candy Wyrick

Shaunkita Simon

Ten Year Service Award

Gloria Benjamin

Lanie McPhail

Twenty Five Year Service Award

Carmen Brown

Byron Wilson

Thirty Year Service Award

Violet Johnson

Congratulations

2019 Staff Support Team Awards

Lou Scott Award

Kristie Stokes

Vonoka Kind Award

Jennie McQueen

Sue Woodham Award

LaShana Stuckey

Employee of the Year

Winnie Arnold

Thank you to all staff for your Noteworthy Contributions and Enhancements to the lives of Individuals with Disabilities & Special Needs



Congratulations to Violet Johnson on her Retirement. DCDSNB will certainly miss you! Thank you for your dedication and service for 31 years.



Scott Center Water Damage in 2018

The Scott Center Administration building has been closed since Hurricane Florence. The building received water damage to the lower walls. It is still a work in progress. Renovations are still in progress. We look forward to when we can get back in the building. Staff is sharing office space with other staff in the Rambo and BTG offices.



Repaired Gutter System and Landscape to keep water from flowing into the building



Before repairs to the walls



Carpet removed and walls are in the process of being painted

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