



THE CHALLENGER

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

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Darlington County Disabilities and Special Needs Board

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

2014 Annual Training & Awards

Vonoka Kind Award – Tywan Goodson



Sue Woodham Award – Wilton Griffith



Lou Scott Award – Wilton Griffith



Employee of the Year – Jacquay Archer



“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

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2014 ANNUAL PICNIC

The Family Advisory Council sponsored our Annual Picnic at Bridging the Gap on May 16, 2014. We enjoyed playing games and winning prizes. Hamburgers and fixings made for a perfect Spring Day lunch. The Family Advisory Council (FAC) is an organization of supporters of DCDSNB comprised of family members and advocates interested in building a stronger bond between the agency and the families of the consumers we serve. The FAC provides support through a wide range of fundraising activities to fund special parties and events during the year for those we serve, their family members and staff.



Jason Truett - from Pauley House showing off his hard work.



Anthony Wesley from Bowen House showing off the prizes he won playing games.



Latoya, Zadie, Margie and Kim enjoying the Picnic at BTG



Joni Pendergrass from Early Intervention is showing everyone how the game is played.



John Register, David Lanier and his mother Mrs. Margaret Lanier, and his sister Meredith at the Annual Picnic



Wilton Griffith our Day Program Director and Annette Dixon from Bridging the Gap is showing off their dance moves.



Vicki, Contenia, and Violet having a good time.



Ruth Blocker
Executive Director

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The Challenger
in color -
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Nursing Department

Dawanda Brown, Director of Nursing/QID/DDP



Staff Support Team
Honored our
nurses for National
Nurses week in
May.
Left: Teresa
Right: Dawanda



CASE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Teshawn Moses, Case Manager Supervisor
Geraldine, Bonnie, Audrey, Sheneeka, and Shaunkita



MCTM
Darlington County Disability and Special Board is now providing Medicaid Targeted Case Management. MTCM has been implemented through SCDHHS which in turn focuses on recipients covered through Medicare and Medicaid in the state of South Carolina. Medicaid Targeted Case Management (MTCM) is a means for achieving beneficiary wellness through communication, education and services identification and referral. MTCM provides an organized structured process for moving beneficiaries through the process of change and toward the goal of self-sufficiency. DCDSNB serves 3 of the targeted 6 populations; Individuals with Intellectual and Related Disabilities, Individuals with Head and Spinal Cord Injuries and Related Disabilities, and Functional Impairments. We are delighted to be of assistance to the community, consumers and family. Case Management Department thrives on the mission to enhance the lives, develop the abilities and promote the independence of people with disabilities.

Early Intervention Corner—Deb Newsome, EI Supervisor Crystal, Deb, Kim & Joni



The EI department has been busy transitioning to the new online Baby Net System as well as overall changes to better serve our children. This has included lots and lots of training! We enjoyed the activity sponsored by Head Start entitled “Week of the Child” at Byerly Park.

The DCDSNB Staff Support Team is comprised of staff members who are dedicated to recognizing our employees and let them know they are appreciated. Their mission is to “Provide a direct link between the employees and the Executive Staff of DCDSNB, and to provide morale boosting activities for employees.” The team has participated in several fundraisers, including bake sales and spaghetti dinners in order to plan events to give thanks to our employees who are working to promote the independence of those with disabilities. We are always looking for Fundraising ideas, so if you know of something we could do, please let us know.

Staff Support Team News Jacquay Archer, SST President

HUMAN RESOURCES – ANNE BRUMLEY, HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR



Joy, Lanie, Teresa, Donald, Bonnie and Gloria receive their 5 year Service Award Pictured with Board Member Margaret Lannier and Executive Director Ruth Blocker



Brandy, Deb, & Karen receive their 10 Year Service Award



Geraldine Byron, Carmen, & Jennis receive their 20 year Service Award with Ruth Blocker and Margaret Lannier



Violet receives her 25 year Service Award

DCDSNB would like to express condolences to the following families of consumers and staff who lost a loved one: Ginger Grantham, a consumer who passed away March 5, 2014, and Willard Hyatt, HASCI consumer who passed away on January 27th, 2014, Kevin Daniel Farmer, passed away May 24th, 2014, one of our Day Program consumers, and the family of Edith Frazier in the death of her niece.

*The Darlington County Disabilities Foundation
appreciates all of our generous donors.*

The following Donations were received after the last printing of the Challenger.

A donation was received from:
United Way of Hartsville
United Way of Darlington
Debbie Fink, Cindy Evans
Several anonymous DCDSNB supporters

**A donation was received for
the Staff Support Team By:
Wilton Griffith**

SENIOR PROGRAM



**Lynn and
Glynn with
Edith and
Carroll
wearing the
beautiful
bibs made
and
donated by
Lynn**



**THANK
YOU!**



Abbreviation / Acronyms

SDCDSNB - Darlington
County Disabilities & Special Needs Board
DCDF - Darlington County Disabilities Foundation
DDSN - (SC) Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
ICF - Intermediate Care Facility
CTH - Community Training Home

FAC - Family Advisory Council
EI - Early Interventionist
SST - Staff Support Team
DSP - Direct Support Professional
BTG - Bridging the Gap Enterprises
CM—Case Manager

The Staff Support Team and Mrs. Blocker
presented a pin and certificate to the following
employees.
Congratulations!

March Employee of the Month *“Peggy is very dependable with a self-starter attitude Peggy never needs to be asked to do a task.....SHE JUST DOES IT!”*



April Employee of the Month *“Candy is the epitome of a TEAM PLAYER, performs with abundant enthusiasm. We saw this first hand when she successfully organized and directed our annual training through her teamwork approach.”*



June Employee of the Month *“Stacia is always willing to help complete **any** task at **any** time. She is **very reliable** and is great to the guys at Pauley House!”*



May Employee of the Month *“Wendy always puts **100% PLUS** into whatever task is given! Her dependability, punctuality and attendance are **EXCEPTIONAL.**”*



We plan to place this newsletter on our Web page and Social Media in the future.

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