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Piedmont Residential Development Center

Adult Activity Program to Kick-off this Fall

This fall, a new program will kick-off at PRDC—an adult activity program. The purpose of the program is to provide daytime activities for adult residents while the children are away at school. “Since these residents have aged out of the school programs, we still want to be able to provide a similar structure to their day,” PRDC director, Lisa Azzarello, explained.

When the children start back to school, the adult residents will visit the Children’s Center at least once each week. They will participate in a variety of

activities, including pet therapy, arts & crafts, music therapy, and sensory stimulation.

The long-term goal is to incorporate the activity program with a new in-house physical therapy program. Grants have been sought to fund an addition to

the Children’s Center for a physical therapy center. Currently, the physical therapist has to travel between PRDC homes to administer therapies, carrying equipment with her. This addition will allow everything to be centralized, providing an opportunity for residents to try out a larger range of physical therapy equipment and techniques. With both programs occurring at the same home, residents will be able to rotate through each during their visit.

PRDC is seeking volunteers to assist with the day program. Call 704.788.2304 for more information.



TOP: Volunteer, Dana Moose, and staff member, Sharon Lipke, encourage Tracy to interact with the dogs. LEFT: Brandon enjoys pet therapy.

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Volunteers Needed...

- For reading to residents & assisting with crafts
- For assisting on trips
- For visiting hospitalized residents
- For landscaping and painting at homes

To volunteer, contact Teresa Furr at 704.788.2304.

Residents & Board Celebrate Staff at Annual Event

On June 26, PRDC staff, board members, and residents gathered at Kerr United Methodist Church in Concord for the annual staff banquet.

Staff enjoyed a catered dinner by Gary's Barbeque. As a thank-you, everyone received a PRDC T-shirt and was entered in a drawing for door prizes. Gift basket prizes were donated by S&D Coffee and restaurant gift cards by board members. Residents enjoyed helping announce the winning tickets and awarding the prizes to staff.

A therapy aide was recognized from each of the four PRDC

homes for their outstanding service, and each was awarded with a Wal-Mart gift card. Those recognized included Debra Eury from Christy Woods, Mary Goodwin from Michigan Street, Natasha Hartley from the Children's Center, and Stephanie Lindsay from Wilhelm Place. Transporter Waynette Mastin was also recognized. Vincent Hess was given a certificate for his thirty years of service as custodian, the longest term of service at PRDC.

A plaque and a final farewell was also given to board member and Secretary, Scott Criminger, upon completing two terms of service equaling six years.

The night ended with dancing to music provided by Junior Peacock. Residents played musical instruments to go along with the music.



TOP: Board member, David Montague, chats with resident, Korie. **BOTTOM:** Board President, Joann Jerman, presents certificate of service to Vincent Hess.



Resident, Beverly, plays a morocco while staff dances to the Electric Slide.

Thank you to our donors & volunteers...

RJ Fisher Construction Company—free repair service to PRDC homes

The Elkins Group—discounted design services for PRDC brochure, promotional video, and website

Concord Printing—discounted printing for newsletters

Kerr United Methodist Church, Gary's Barbeque, & S&D Coffee—donations for the PRDC staff banquet

Mr. & Mrs. Junior Peacock—free DJ services for staff banquet

Kelly Almond, Melissa Liles, & Judy Montague—volunteers at the PRDC staff banquet

Mt. Zion Freewill Baptist Church—provides church services to Christy Woods

Happy Birthday!

- Sandy - August 6
- Amy - August 13
- Karee - August 24
- Paul - August 27
- Sissy - September 20
- Josh - October 1
- Janelle - October 28

Director's Notes...

New resident admitted. To fill the empty space at the Children's Center, recently, a new resident has been admitted. The resident is named Benjamin, and he is the fraternal twin of current resident, Brandon.

Promotional brochures & DVD help fundraising efforts. We have recently received our newly designed PRDC brochures and 6-minute informational DVD. The video is also available for viewing on our website, at www.prdc.org. These materials will assist in presentations for fundraising efforts and volunteer recruitment. If you belong to or know a church, civic or social group who is interested in learning more about or getting involved with PRDC, please contact Development Director, Amanda Hodges at 704.699.0349 or ahodges@prdc.org to schedule a presentation.

Board member leaves after 6 years of service. After six years serving on the PRDC board of directors, Scott Crimminger's latest term is complete. His last term was served as Secretary.

New members join human rights committee. PRDC welcomes to the human rights committee Jan Clayton, PRDC parent; Ann Hess, RN; and Mark Kies, Assistant Program Specialist for Cabarrus County Schools. The committee meets quarterly to review, approve, and monitor client behavioral programs and other programs that may, in the opinion of the committee, involve risks to client protection and rights.

Staff Awarded at State NORCARR Ceremony

Each year, agencies for the developmentally disabled gather at the North Carolina Association of Residential Resources (NORCARR) banquet in Raleigh to recognize staff members from each of the organizations. On June 19, two PRDC employees were honored.

Donna Pigford received the Ann Wolfe Award for Outstanding Excellence in direct care. Donna has been with PRDC since 2007 and is employed as a Therapy Aide at the Children's Center. Donna was recognized because of her willingness to always go above and beyond the call of duty.

Robin Banister was recognized with the Virginia Franks Achievement of Excellence Award, given to those

who serve in roles other than direct care. Bonnie has been with PRDC since 2005 and currently serves as the Director of Nursing for PRDC. She was chosen for this award because of her professionalism and commitment. Robin serves as an excellent role model to other staff members.

NORCARR was incorporated in 1975 by the administration of agencies dealing with the developmentally disabled, for the purpose of sharing knowledge, experience and expertise in the field.

List of Needs

PRDC welcomes the following items for donation:

- Craft Supplies
- Paper Towels, Baby Wipes & Hand Sanitizer
- VCR
- Patio Set
- Large Rain Ponchos
- Winter Accessories, such as Coats, Mittens, Scarves, Toboggans, and Socks
- Collar Bibs

For questions, please contact Teresa Furr at 704.788.2304. Donations can be dropped off at the PRDC administrative offices, at 8590 Park Dr., Mt. Pleasant, located in the Town Hall building.



TOP: Robin Banister, Director of Nursing & recipient of the Virginia Franks Achievement of Excellence Award



LEFT: Donna Pigford, Therapy Aide & recipient of the Ann Wolfe Award for Outstanding Excellence

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About Piedmont Residential Development Center

Piedmont Residential Development Center (PRDC) is a private, non-profit corporation that provides 24-hour high quality care to children and adults with severe to profound disabilities. PRDC offers each resident an opportunity to reach his or her full potential both physically and mentally. The ultimate goal is to have each resident acquire skills which will enable him or her to function as independently as possible and to live in the least restrictive environment appropriate to his or her needs.

PRDC operates four group homes throughout Cabarrus County. Its twenty-five residents range in age from two to fifty-one, and many have been with PRDC since childhood.

Residents are cared for a professional group of staff, including a physical therapist, psychologist, doctor, dentist, social worker, dietician, and teacher. In addition, medical personnel are on-call 24 hours a day.

Funding is received through Medicaid reimbursement, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, grants, and business and private donations.

PRDC is governed by a volunteer board of directors, a group of dedicated and concerned citizens and professionals. These members include Chairperson Joann Jerman, Vice Chair David Montaque, Treasurer Bobby Smith, Secretary Leslie Cook, Cathy Cook, Laura Hatley, and Bruce Wright.

PRDC also utilizes a Human Rights Committee to review, approve, and monitor risks to client protection and rights. Committee members include Chairperson Ann Hess, Jan Clayton, Markl Kies, and Lisa Azzarello.

If you would like to make a contribution to PRDC, please mail to P.O. Box 909; Concord, NC 28026 or call the administrative office at 704.788.2304.