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MCAD bowls for kids' sake

On Thursday, March 2, the Montgomery County Day Center held a bake sale to raise funds to give back to the Clarksville community. The bake sale raised more than the minimum donation needed for two teams to bowl in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Clarksville Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser.



Cumberland Civitan, Owners Nat & Carolyn Green of South East Cues & Billiards and Jerry & Judy Lambert each sponsored a team for a total of five teams represented at the fundraiser.

PDI's slotted time to bowl was Sunday, March 5, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pinnacle on Warfield.

"It's awesome that our individuals are giving back to the community," said Director of Day Services Irma Augustine.

Also giving donations to PDI were Sue Lewis, and the Special Victims Unit and Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Unit of the Clarksville Police Department.

PDI would like to recognize the hard work of Jennifer Nix and Carla Fincke. Both are Outcomes Coordinators at

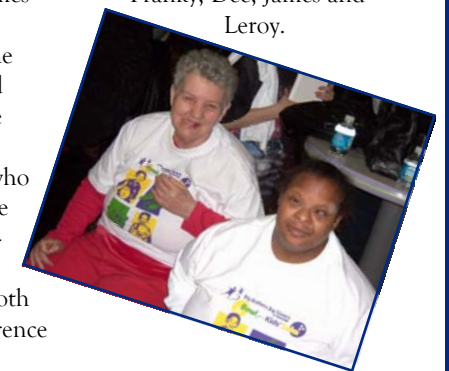
MCAD and helped plan the bake sale. Also to Sam and Anya, our volunteers at the bowling event.

We appreciate everyone who contributed to the bake sale by bringing items and especially Marshall Newberry and Brenda Hunter who both offered to donate the difference



if the bake sale had not been so successful.

Congratulations to our bowlers on a job well done: Vincent, Jenny, Wanda, Capri, Randy, Becky, Darlene, Craig, Lonnie, OJ, Greg, Allison, Temeka, Sharron, Jessie, Brady, Melena, Ronald, Donald, Lee, Franky, Dee, James and Leroy.



PDI builds Respite House

PDI is in the process of building a respite house. Respite refers to short-term temporary care provided to people with disabilities so that families can take a break from the daily routine of care giving. One of the important purposes of respite is to give family members time and temporarily

relieve the stress they may experience while providing extra care for a family member. Respite is often referred to as a gift of time.

The location of the new respite house is on the lot of the main office on Paradise Hill Road. The new three-bedroom house is fully

handicapped accessible, including the bathrooms. This will be the only true respite house in Montgomery County, as well as the surrounding counties.

Construction is scheduled to begin in April.



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30 years
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About Progressive Directions Inc.

PDI was founded in 1976 by eight families who had children with developmental disabilities. Today we serve over 500 individuals annually and employ over 230 staff. We provide services for children ages birth to three years with a range of special needs, and for adults over the age of 22 with a diagnosis of mental retardation.

The agency was chartered by the State of Tennessee as a private not-for-profit organization in 1976. All Progressive Directions Inc. operations are licensed by the state of Tennessee. PDI's mission is to serve the people of Montgomery and Stewart Counties, acting in the public interest by providing mental retardation services to this

catchment area.

PDI is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors who have full responsibility for directing the agency. The agency is funded by the Tennessee Division of Mental Retardation Services, Tennessee Early Intervention System, United Way, Local Governments, Corporate and Private Contributions.



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PDI Web site needs family input

The PDI Web site, progressivedirections.com, recently went through a few changes. The site has been updated to reflect a more organized layout and easier navigation.

Although the updates are still in progress, some great additions are on the way. On the Families & Friends page, we're adding virtual photo albums to separate the pictures into events. This will

make the pictures easy to view and navigate. Another great addition is the Events page. This page will feature any upcoming PDI events and give information.

“We hope these changes make accessing information about PDI more user-friendly,” said Director of Marketing Leah Short.

We would like input from our families regarding the Web site. Please take some

time to look over it and let us know if you see areas for improvement or have some suggestions for new additions.

Kids Depot is getting its own new Web site. Chris Bolton, a student from APSU, is designing the site for his final class project. kidsdepot.org should be ready sometime in May.

Send your input to Leah Short at 647-6333 or leahpdi@bellsouth.net.

Civitan ‘Tips Cup’ buys chairs for MCAD

A big thank you to the Clarksville Civitan Club and its ‘Tips Cup’ project for purchasing 50 new chairs for the Montgomery County Day Center.

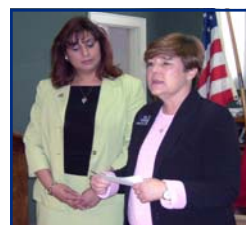
During each weekly Civitan meeting, members contribute money to the tips cup for PDI. The money goes towards monthly birthday parties, the annual Christmas party and special requests, such as the

chairs.

Both Jay Albertia and Irma Augustine, Director of Day Services, attended the Civitan Club meeting on February 15th to accept the check for the new chairs.

Pictured right is Irma Augustine and Debbie Hutchinson, Civitan Treasurer, who presented PDI with the donation. The new

chairs were purchased from Sam’s Club.



Irma Augustine & Debbie Hutchinson



Carla Fincke

Fincke earns Outcomes Coordinator position

Carla Fincke has accepted the position of Outcomes Coordinator for the Montgomery County Day Center. As Outcomes Coordinator, Carla will be responsible for overseeing the training specialists on the implementation of ISP Outcomes as they relate to day services. She will assist in the coordination of daily

programming to make sure our individuals are involved in meaningful activities.

“I wanted to learn something more about PDI and work with our individuals, said Carla.

“I’ll be creating new activities for them to do because I want them to be excited about coming to the center.”

Carla was previously the Fiscal and Human Resources Assistant in the main office.

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Family Handbook available on Web

Tennessee’s Division of Mental Retardation Services has developed a Family Handbook that is available to download from their Web site. The handbook serves as a roadmap to state services for adults and children with mental retardation. This is the second printing of the handbook since 1998 due to significant changes.

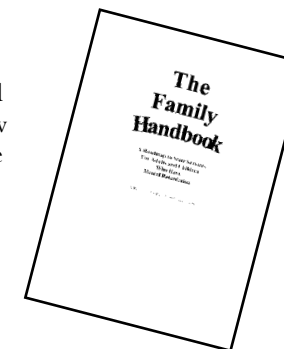
The Handbook is intended

to be used as a tool with clear descriptions of the services and supports available. It focuses on the services that DMRS provides, but also includes information on TennCare, lists important numbers and provides a glossary of key terms and acronyms.

We encourage everyone to read through the Family Handbook and become

familiar with its contents. This Handbook is a useful tool in understanding how the services work from the state level.

The Handbook is accessible at www.state.tn.us/dmrs/. Click on “For Consumers” and under Resources is the link to the Family Handbook.



MCAD Social makes for *engaging* success

On Tuesday, February 14th, the Montgomery County Day Center celebrated the day of love with a Valentine’s Social.

Letters went home to the individuals to prepare for the potluck social, and staff members brought food as well.

A karaoke machine provided music and the center was decorated with Valentine’s Day balloons. But the best was yet to come...

After everyone had eaten lunch and announcements had been made, John had one last announcement. He got on one knee and asked his girlfriend, Melena, if she loved him and she said yes. Then he asked Melena, “Do you still want to marry me?” and she said yes!

Their wedding is tentatively set for April 15th.



John & Melena

Thank You Families!

PDI and the Montgomery County Adult Day Center would like to thank the following families and individuals for contributing to the Valentine’s Day Social on February 14th by providing lunch.

Sherry Davis
Elizabeth & Domingo Gamez
Carolyn Green

Martha Hoosier
Brenda Hunter
Melissa Jefferson
Linda Katzenmeyer
Lettie & Robert Kendall
Patricia Kinch
Delma Rogers
Bonnie Sexton
Carlene Shepherd
Margaret Jean Shull
Ingrid Thompson
Jonnie Young

More Bowling Photos

