



THE VALLEY VIEW

A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FOR ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

| FALL 2011

TRACK TO SUCCESS!



The residents of SON Valley gathered recently to celebrate the Grand Opening of our Walking Track. It is a 1/12th mile elliptical track with two walking surfaces—shredded rubber for a cushioned surface and crushed limestone for those with assistive walkers.

Beginning September 9, the residents will start the latest SON Valley health and fitness campaign—**TRACK TO SUCCESS!** Carrie Kirk, the new Activities Director, will unveil the specifics of the campaign that day. Some of the challenges will be: individual walking goals for each resident; Super Goals set for those who accomplish the first set of goals; and, of course, **PRIZES** for those who reach their goals.

The campaign will last through November 4...then the winners will be announced...and prizes will be awarded.

The residents are eager to get started on **TRACK TO SUCCESS!** They have succeeded in losing weight and getting healthy on every exercise program we've had. **Nikitia Vaughan** summed it up best when she said, "I like the new Walking Track and I like it when we have goals. That helps us get healthy plus I love to earn prizes!"

MISSION STATEMENT

SON Valley's mission is to build a quality Christian Community for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, ministering to their physical, spiritual, mental, vocational and recreational needs.



Bill McCormack
601-859-2100 ext 224

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTES **SON Valley and the future...**

When we opened in July 2007 the plan was to build many more group homes on our 80 acres. As often happens, the future looks different as it gets closer. Now we understand that we won't be adding more group homes.

Instead of ICF-MR expansion, everything is moving toward the Home and Community Based Services Waiver Program...either providing services in the person's home or providing housing in a non-facility setting.

Since the original plan has always been to help as many individuals and families as possible, we heartily embrace the future. Our plan is to be certified by the MS Department of Mental Health in several Waiver areas: **Work Activity Services, Prevocational Services, Day Services – Adult, Supported Employment Services, Supervised Living Services, Home and Community Supports (formerly Attendant Care) and possibly In-Home Respite Services.**

You can find a description of each service on our web site (www.sonvalley.net).

Naturally, there is a State Waiting List for Waivers. Hopefully, funding will increase so more Waivers can be granted. If you want to put someone on the **SON Valley Waiting List for Waiver services**, please let us know. Go to the SON Valley website and click on "SON Valley Waiver Waiting List". Fill the form out and e-mail it to me (wfm@sonvalley.net). That will help us determine the areas we need to concentrate on first.

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I hope and pray this Newsletter finds you and your family well! This past July 5th, we turned another chapter at SON Valley and marked our 4th year in operation! Wow! It's amazing to ponder back on this past year and see all of the wonderful things our good Lord continues to do through our residents and through all of the people that are wrapped around them!



Sergio Trejo

Ephesians 2:10 reads, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do". Our residents are a special workmanship and how amazing it is to witness His good works through them daily. I love it when you sit down with any of our residents, on any given day, and see just how special and wonderfully each of them are made. It's an amazing thing! And right along side our residents is our incredible staff ready for the task of providing a great service to them! We ask for your continued prayer and support as we continue to take action in what God has prepared in advance for us to do; come join us! May God bless you!



Brenda Bozeman

Ladies Auxiliary

Welcome to Fall SON Valley Friends! It is kind of hard to think about crisp fall mornings, raking leaves and hot apple cider when the heat index is over 100, but I assure you...Fall is on it's way. With the coming change of seasons, the SON Valley Ladies Auxiliary is committed to staying on track, the walking track that is. The walking track is now complete and ready to be used. Fall will be a perfect time to start walking!

Our next meeting will be October 15, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Woodland Hills Baptist Church, 3327 Old Canton Road in Jackson. We will nominate officers and committee leaders for 2012. There are several committees that have opportunities for you to get involved more in the ministry of the Auxiliary, please come and consider one! The program will be fall decorating tips. We will create an easy project perfect for fall. The Auxiliary will provide the supplies.

Congratulations to our Charter Member Hazel Thornton! The Goodwill Industries Volunteer Service recently honored Ms Hazel at the "Volunteer Salute 2011" as an Outstanding Community Volunteer. Mrs. Thornton has spent countless hours working for others; she is an inspiration to all!

Please remember our ongoing projects, the SON Valley Kroger cards, SON Valley Coffee, and EFT's (electronic fund transfers). With your support these projects will continue to serve SON Valley.

I hope to see you in October. If you have any questions or suggestions on how to improve the Ladies Auxiliary, please contact me at 601-857-2712 or bbozeman@mpbank.net.

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Glories of Summer



Central Hills Camp



A big **THANK YOU** is due to **Mae Bozeman** who hosted a wonderful cookout at her house in Flora, Ms. The residents enjoyed fishing, swimming, great hamburgers and all the watermelon they could eat! They all had a fantastic time and have asked when they can do it again!



Café Du Monde, Jazz Music, and the French Quarter ...**The New Orleans Trip in May** was a success! The **four** of eleven residents who completed the **"Run from the Sun" 5K race** were rewarded with an overnight trip to New Orleans. Amanda, Jody, Karen, and Nikitia enjoyed snacking on beignets, visiting the St. Louis Cathedral, and exploring the aquarium. While Jody eagerly told me about his delicious red beans and rice dish, Karen and Amanda were quick to expound upon their shopping adventures in the market. **Nikitia** exclaimed, "I had fun, and I want to go back!" We are all excited to see what trips await us in the upcoming year.



The Amazing Lazy Boy host concert!



Residents host a baby shower for Sarah Stowers, Director of Nursing



Residents visit French camp Academy

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



The SON Valley residents and staff want to give a big thank you and grand farewell to **Karly Lewis**. We will miss her! Karly hands the Activities Director baton over to Carrie Kirk, our newest member to the SON Valley family!

Carrie Kirk is a Mississippi girl and brings much knowledge and experience to our residents in the activities and recreational arena. She is a graduate of Mississippi College and has such a heart for the special needs population. Our residents are already beginning to ask with such excitement, "What are we doing next"!



In His Steps Ministries conducts VBS with Residents!

What I Like about SON Valley By: Amanda Dodd



Well I like to go shopping and visit Philip. I like going to the Prom and Flea Market and the fair. I like cookouts. I like outings and I go home and visit family. I like bowling and playing handbells. I like going to camp and I like doing crafts. I like playing the Just Dance Wii game. I like to walk to the mailbox. I would like to go to Hawaii.

I really and truly love SON Valley. I also love and enjoy all of my friends. I love getting mail and I love hobbies. I love to go home and visit family in Leland, Mississippi and I like to talk on the phone to family and Philip. I like to riding bikes and I like soccer and basketball and I like to fish. I like the walking track. I would like to go to the movie and I like going out to eat with family and friends.

I want to thank SON Valley for letting me live here, I truly love it here and that's all folks Ha Ha Ha!

The End



Congratulations to Andrea King who was promoted to Quality Assistant!



Hope Hollow volunteers conduct arts and Crafts

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Donnie South
601-859-2100 ext 239

This has been a very fast summer! I cannot believe that we are quickly approaching fall and all of the activities which accompany it. It has been a very busy summer for me. I have traveled many miles and have had the opportunity to speak to numerous groups. In May I spoke at Hillcrest BC in Byram, and at Bradford Chapel BC in Gore Springs. During the month of June, I spoke to the Sr. Adults of FBC Vicksburg, to Prentiss BC, to Sunday School classes at FBC Jackson, to FBC Brandon, and to the Sr. Adults of FBC Eupora. In July I spoke to Polkville First Baptist, Lula

BC in Jackson, Clear Branch BC in Florence, to Center Terrace BC in Canton, and to Bethel Black BC near Vaughan. I also had the privilege of taking Billy for an overnight stay at Central Hills Camp. It is a wonderful privilege for me to be able to speak about SON Valley to so many church groups. I would love to come and speak to your church or civic group.

KROGER CARDS UPDATE

Our Kroger Gift Card receipts continue to be around \$1200 to \$1300 per month. The amount we can receive from the Kroger Corporation is unlimited. SON Valley has a lot of supporters who regularly shop at Kroger and who are not using a SON Valley Kroger Gift Card. When we do not use our cards, we are allowing SON Valley to miss out on 5% of the total amount spent. We urge you to use your card and if you do not yet have one, please contact Patrice Bolls at 601-859-2100 ext. 225.

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Billy Crain. says,
"I appreciate SON
Valley and I know the
Donors do, too."

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Candi Brown



One of the resident spotlights this quarter is on **Ms. Carolyn Elizabeth Brown, a.k.a., Candi!** Candi became a resident of SON Valley on September 6, 2007. She is full of personality and spunk! She keeps everyone in good spirits with her "I love SON Valley" speeches and announcements. Candi enjoys video games, trading cards and jewelry. Candi loves dancing (especially to Michael Jackson) and being in the spotlight! She gives birthday cards to every resident and enjoys stuffing them with stickers and other fun surprises. Candi is doing wonderfully at SON Valley and we look forward to many more announcement filled days as she continues to entertain and delight us all!

Susanne Elliott

Susanne is our newest SON Valley family member. She joined the SON Valley group on June 15, 2011. Susanne enjoys listening to music or being sung to. She likes taking walks and afternoon naps.



Susanne, despite the Mississippi heat, loves being outside. She especially loves swimming. When you put her water wings on and turn her loose in the pool she becomes a fish! Susanne likes to give hugs. When she plays with you she will put her nose right up to your face, then lean back and laugh as if she knows she is being silly! She has made many new friends here at SON Valley and the other residents love her very much!



SON LIGHT INDUSTRIES

The SON Valley **CLEAN TEAM** has been busy over the last few months. We have been cleaning cars at **Old Trace Park, Center Terrace Baptist Church, BancorpSouth Insurance Services, and The Villas.** The residents have earned money which they used to buy clothes and other necessities as well as for leisure activities.

Several residents are becoming proficient in operating the Steamjet Cleaning System and others are learning the other skills required in our car cleaning operation. They have been so motivated to learn that they received a reward outing of a cruise aboard the Friendship II on the Barnett Reservoir. We have a growing list of satisfied customers. One customer, Bobby Lowery of BancorpSouth Insurance stated, "I don't think my car has been this clean since I drove it off of the car lot." As their skills increase we will look for other locations to offer our car cleaning service. If you would be interested in having the SON Valley **CLEAN TEAM** come to your church or business parking lot, please call the Clean Team at 601 859 2100 x243.



Residents take the Friendship II excursion



I love my job at Penn's Fish House! Jason H.

Good News Ringers!



Lula Baptist Church welcomes residents!



Highland Baptist Church , Vicksburg , MS



Thank you to John & Tommye Arnold & Jay & Jess Grisham for the watermelons!



Ridgecrest Baptist Church , Ridgeland , MS

Challenger Leagues



Kristi and Karen receive Spirit Awards!



First Baptist Church of Madison host ministry day



Colonial Heights BC host fellowship!



Pinelake Church provides outreach ministry services!

Upcoming Events:

- Ladies' Luncheon at FBCJ
- Ladies' Day Out at Easely Amused
- TOP Soccer League
- More Hand Bell Performances
- Mississippi State Fair
- Canton Flea Market
- Canton Academy Football games
- Buddy Walk at the Ag. Museum

FATHER'S DAY

Our 2011 Father's Day Offering was a huge success! We had some new churches who gave in addition to most who gave last year. We will finish the offering at or above last years offering with a total of \$15,650.00. We are so thankful for each person who gave this year. It does not matter about the size of your gift, what matters most is that you thought of SON Valley. Please continue praying for the residents and staff of SON Valley.

SUPER SUMMER

This was the second year in a row that the "Purple School" from Super Summer came to SON Valley. Super Summer is a camp which is held by Mississippi Baptist at Mississippi College each summer. Last year, Lance Word, leader of the "Purple School", called and asked if there was anything at SON Valley for about 25-30 student to accomplish. I quickly



responded, "Yes"! They are students who have graduated from high school and are about to enter college, the military, or the workplace.

The group this year consisted of 40 students with 10 adults. They scraped and painted all of the ramps and porches.

