



THE VALLEY VIEW

A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FOR ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

| WINTER 2012



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**SON VALLEY WISHES EVERYONE A
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR!**

**SON VALLEY CHRISTMAS
OPEN HOUSE**

DECEMBER 9, 2011

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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

More on the future...

Our first venture off campus is to open **SON Valley Industries Work Center in Ridgeland during 1Q/12**. SON Valley residents will be attending plus we will be a Provider for Waiver services (see definitions at www.sonvalley.net). Also, for those families who need Work Center Activities for their loved ones but who don't have a Waiver, we are opening our doors to them on a fee basis. Watch our web site...the fees should be posted in January. We also are planning our first **Supervised Living house** that will be in the Metro area. We will announce more as our plans are finalized.

If you are interested in getting on our Work Center or Supervised Living Waiting List, please go to the web site for an application. If you have questions, call me at ext. 224.

Every year at this time, we at SON Valley stop and thank God for a wonderful year and pray for His guidance in the New Year. This year as we anticipate expansion, we thank God even more for His bountiful blessings. While we were making our plans to grow the ICF-MR at Canton, He was planning a way for us to serve more of His people than we ever imagined.

Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year!

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Program Director Greetings

I hope and pray this newsletter finds you and your family doing well! What a fun and full Fall season we have had! The residents have participated in so many events and activities and also continue to do their part with so many responsibilities to be handled in their homes. A new special addition that we have added to the SON Valley grounds is our new flag pole. Every Monday morning our residents gather around at



Sergio Trejo



the flag pole to say our

Pledge of Allegiance and then have a group prayer to start the day and work week! What a wonderful thing it is to witness our residents participate with and we take such great delight in the freedom we have to be able to do such an act. God has truly blessed each and every one of us and we give Him all the praise for this great land of ours! Psalm 57:10 reads "For great is Your love reaching to the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the skies"(NIV). It is our prayer that His love reaches you and your family this Christmas season and New Year!

By Pam Langford, Resident

"I like SON Valley go places and be with friends and talk to them, and go to shows with them, to have fun. I like helping with the humming bird feeders. I am helping to keep the bird bath clean and feed the wild birds. That why I like living at SON Valley".



Brenda Bozeman

Ladies Auxiliary

At our Fall Auxiliary meeting in October we elected the 2012 officers: President and Treasurer—Brenda J. Bozeman, Vice President—Marje Kirk, Welcoming & Food—Wilma Ammons, Projects—Ruby Wadfore, Publicity—Ruth Moore, Public Relations—Lisa Lann, Programs—Rene Briock and Telephone Committee—Hazel Thornton.

The next meeting is January 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Woodland Hills Baptist Church, 3327 Old Canton Road in Jackson. Our guest speaker will be **Ronald C. Morton, LL.M Certified Elder Law Attorney.** I encourage you to come and bring a guest.

I hope to see you in January. 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.

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

SON Valley does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, or age in admission, treatment or participation in its programs, services or activities, or in employment. For further information about this policy, contact: Charles Shearer, 601-859-2100, ext. 227, or cbs@sonvalley.net

Track to Success



"TRACK TO SUCCESS results are in! Residents that completed their Super Goal will be traveling to the Peabody in Memphis TN.! We are so proud of everyone for their hard work and dedication to live healthier lives."



State Fair comes to town!



Shop till you drop at the Canton Flea Market!



Mandy Rogers's costume party!



Kirk family hosts Labor Day cookout!



FBC-Crystal Springs hosts fellowship!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT - ANDREA KING

BY ANN HORTON, QMRP



Since the beginning of June, Andrea King has been SON Valley's new Quality Assistant. You may remember Andrea's quiet demeanor and smiling face as an RA on the Green House. Even though she works in the administration building now, you'll quite likely see her with residents alongside. Her ability to work so well with residents and staff coupled with her sound judgment on the floor made her the natural choice for Quality Assistant. Her responsibilities are many and quite varied. She assists by monitoring to make sure our residents are receiving the very best, detailed care, by helping assure the quality of our information and records remains strong and even improves and by assisting in training staff and residents. SON Valley is blessed to have Andrea King as our Quality Assistant.



Pam & Karen ride the balloon!



Residents are footloose at the Fall Festival!



Blessed by Penn family as they host Barnyard Dance for special needs families & friends!



Goodnews Ringers perform at FBC-Jackson Ladies luncheon.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Donnie South
601-859-2100 ext 239

We are constantly going through "Seasons" and though we do not always know which "Season" is next, we can be prepared because of the consistency of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Many times in His holy Word, our Father is referred to as the "Solid Rock". If we build our lives on Him, we can rest assured that when our changing "Seasons" bring "Storms" we are safe because of whose we are! Recently, I had the honor of speaking to Mesa Baptist Church in Tylertown, First Baptist Church of Vicksburg, Highpoint Fellowship in Brandon, Enon Baptist Church in Grenada, Walker Hill Baptist Church and at First Baptist Church of Morton. I would love to come to your church or civic group. Let me tell you about the awesome plans to expand SON Valley. Contact me at ext 239.

KROGER CARDS UPDATE

With the reopening of the Kroger store in Madison, we now have the chance to give SON Valley 5% of our gasoline purchases! Please remember to use your SON Valley Kroger gift card for your groceries, pharmacy, and now gasoline purchases. **Need a great idea for a Christmas present for that hard to buy for person on your list? How about a pre-loaded SON Valley gift card?** 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.

2011 CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This year, as we lay out plans to expand into a Work Center in Ridgeland and a Supervised Living home off campus, we need your help more than ever. The expenses of the Work Center will include about 9000 square feet of rental space along with expanded Work Center activities. And for our Supervised Living home, we will be purchasing property and lining up the architect and contractors for all the dirt work, utility work and construction that will be needed.

Both are big steps in the history of SON Valley, but ones we need to make. The good news is that we have been able to declare the group homes and everything associated with them to be debt free! Thank God and thank all our generous donors over the years. But now we need to start raising the money for our expansion.

We will appreciate any donation you can give to help us start strong in 2012. God bless you and please continue to pray for SON Valley.

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Residents enjoy the balloon ride at Fall Festival.



**Zoe Boyd says,
"Merry Christmas to
all our supporters!"**

Amanda Dodd



Amanda came to SON Valley on September 11, 2007. Since her admission Amanda has made many friends at SON Valley. Amanda loves participating in outings, especially if shopping is involved. Amanda plays hand bells with the SON Valley Good News Ringers.

Amanda often helps her housemates when she sees a need. Amanda works with the mobile car wash unit, The CLEAN TEAM and is a very hard worker. Amanda has organized several parties for her friends at SON Valley. She also heads up our poster making committee and has gotten the other residents involved in making posters for special events. She has shown amazing growth since coming to SON Valley. We hope to see that growth continue and can't wait to see what good idea she comes up with next!

Karen Varner



Karen also moved to SON Valley on September 11, 2007. Karen is very mild mannered and gets along well with all of her housemates. Karen loves animals and enjoys watching for animals on the SON Valley grounds. Anytime there is an animal

or bug close by, Karen is right there to examine or save it if need be. Karen loves listening to gospel music. Karen collects figurines, stuffed animals and purses! Karen plays hand bells with the Good News Ringers and is involved with the SON Valley CLEAN TEAM. Karen has done very well at SON Valley and we can't wait to see how Karen continues to grow and show her sweet nature at SON Valley!

SON LIGHT INDUSTRIES

 BY JOE LITTLE, VOCATIONAL DIRECTOR

We started another vocational activity recently at SON Valley. We purchased two manual reel mowers a couple of months ago and I have been amazed at the enthusiasm of our people. Almost every one of our residents has participated in cutting the grass. We have plenty of grass to cut; so our residents began earning money by cutting the infield grass inside our new track first, but have expanded out to mowing around the houses and Work Center. They are really doing a good job and I look forward to next growing season.

The SON Valley CLEAN TEAM has had great response to the car wash. We would like to thank Ms. **Mary Grace Brown** for allowing us to use her parking lot on State Street during October. Employees from **Stuart C. Irby Company and Irby Construction** gave us plenty of business. I have been encouraged by our residents' motivation to work. Thank you to all our customers. 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 cheer at Canton Academy Football game!



Residents love the annual CMDSS Buddy Walk!



Canton Academy students minister at Fall Festival!



Residents take the field for another great TOPSoccer season!



Blessed by C'Paws for lunch!



SON Valley camp fire with Hayride!



Residents represent SON Valley at the MHCA convention!

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FACEBOOK

SON Valley now has a page on FACEBOOK! If you are interested in following the happenings at SON Valley, you can now do so through this page. We will give information as to events and even some pictures of our residents in action! "What if I do not have a FACEBOOK page?" you ask...well it is easy to sign up for one at www.facebook.com. Once you have your own page set up, you can then search for SON Valley in the top search section. You can Like SON Valley and begin receiving updates.

SON VALLEY HONORS OUR VETERANS

Last December members of the SON Light Council donated money to Wreaths Across America, an organization that honors veterans by placing wreaths on the graves of our nation's veterans. We also assisted other volunteers in placing more than 300 wreaths on the graves of veterans at the National Cemetery in Natchez, MS. This year we are again joining in the effort to place a wreath on every veteran's grave. We will travel again to Natchez this year as a sponsoring organization and all the SON Valley residents will have the opportunity to participate. The service honoring our veterans will begin at 11 am on December 10, 2011. The cost is \$15 per wreath and if you purchase 2 wreaths through SON Valley an additional wreath will also be placed. All money received will go toward placing wreaths on the graves of our veterans. The deadline to purchase the wreaths for the December 10th ceremony is November 30, 2011. If you would like to donate toward placing wreaths or for more information on the ceremony call Joe Little at 601 859 2100 x 230 or go to the website for Wreaths Across America www.wreathscrossamerica.org. Remember if you purchase through SON Valley additional wreaths will be placed.



GOODWILL VOLUNTEER SALUTE



Hazel Thornton, Mother of SON Valley resident Edie Thornton, was honored by Goodwill Industries as one of their Outstanding Community Volunteers for 2011. The honor was presented at a banquet at the Country Club of Jackson on August 18.

Hazel had all her family with her at the banquet along with Son Valley Friends. Congratulations to a wonderful lady!

