

THE QUARTERLY UPDATE

Gaston Residential Services Making a Good Community Better

From The ED: by Darlene Norton

HAPPY SUMMER, EVERYONE!

I HOPE THAT YOU ARE ENJOYING YOUR SUMMER AND EXPERIENCING SOME RETURN TO NORMAL LIFE AND ACTIVITIES.

THE PAST YEAR OF THE PANDEMIC WAS UNPRECEDENTED IN MANY WAYS. MANY HARD DECISIONS AND SACRIFICES WERE MADE TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE. THE PEOPLE WE SERVE, FAMILIES, AND STAFF ALL WORKED TOGETHER TO MAKE THE BEST OF THIS UNIMAGINABLE SITUATION, AND FOR THAT I WILL BE FOREVER GRATEFUL. WE CAN ALL LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE, POST-PANDEMIC, WITH OPTIMISM. IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, OUR RECREATION FOCUS WILL ONCE AGAIN RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY. I KNOW EVERYONE IS EXCITED ABOUT GETTING OUT AND ABOUT AS PART OF THEIR DAILY LIVES AGAIN.

THE GRS PICNIC IS ON! PLEASE SAVE THE DATE, SEPTEMBER 18, AND MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US AT KARYAE PARK FOR OUR ANNUAL CELEBRATION. IT WILL BE AWESOME TO GATHER ONCE AGAIN FOR THE EVER-POPULAR BINGO, LOTS OF FUN FELLOWSHIP, AND GREAT FOOD. LOOKING FORWARD, WE ARE PLANNING TO HAVE OUR TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY BALL IN DECEMBER AS WELL AS OUR EXCITING VIVA LAS VEGAS FUNDRAISER IN MARCH OF 2022. BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THOSE EVENTS.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO OUR SPRING FUNDRAISER, OPERATION UPGRADE. WE MET OUR GOAL!

I HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT OUR PICNIC, UNTIL THEN, PLEASE TAKE CARE.

Darlene

ADVISORY IS BACK IN FULL SWING!

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR LATEST COMMUNITY ADVOCACY PROJECT! THE ADVISORY COUNCIL WILL BE COLLECTING BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES BETWEEN NOW AND AUGUST 6TH FOR CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING: PENCILS, ERASERS, SCISSORS, GLUE STICKS, COLORED PENCILS, CRAYONS, LOOSE LEAF NOTEBOOK PAPER, SPIRAL OR COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS, 3-RING BINDERS, PENCIL POUCHES, POCKET FOLDERS, OR BOOKBAGS. OUR GOAL IS TO BE ABLE TO DONATE 5 FULL BOOKBAGS! DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF WITH A COUNCIL MEMBER OR AT GRS' MAIN OFFICE. PLEASE CONTACT CATHERINE BRIDGES AT 704-917-0070 OR ASK A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR MORE DETAILS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!





Mary Delores Watson

3.3.49-5.24.21

**IN LOVING
MEMORY OF
OUR FRIEND,
MARY WATSON**

**“YOU HAVE LEFT
OUR LIVES, BUT
YOU WILL
NEVER LEAVE
OUR HEARTS ”**

**JOANNE MITCHELL - FORMER
PRESIDENT,
GRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Joanne Mitchell, steps
down after 7 years of
serving as President.
She was recognized
during the June board
meeting for her
service and
dedication to GRS.
She will be succeeded
by Zed Bradley, and
she will continue to
serve on the Board of
Directors.**

**SHE RECEIVED A PLAQUE
TO SHOW OUR GREATEST
APPRECIATION FOR HER
ONGOING COMMITMENT
AND DEDICATED SERVICE.**

**PRESIDENT GRS BOARD
OF DIRECTORS - 2014-
2021**



Rec Team Strikes Again!

A SPECIAL
MESSAGE
FROM THE
REC TEAM...

*The Rec Team
has so much to
be thankful for
here at GRS.
Words can't
fully express
our
appreciation so
we were able to
plan not one
but two REC
Gives Back in
April and June*



Great Job Rec Team

Keeping us Afloat

Events from: *The Recreational Team*

We wouldn't be able to do our jobs without the support from YOU. The Rec Team traveled around to all the group homes and delivered Ice Cream Floats. It was a creative idea that showed our appreciation to the staff and the persons served. We all are aware of how hot it has been this year and a nice ice cream float to keep us cool was the perfect idea.



"OUT & ABOUT"



ENJOYING HOBBIES





APRIL ADMIN DAY

Every year on April 21, GRS takes the time to show how much the administrative staff are appreciated. On this day the admin staff were thanked with a delicious cake, delightful lunch and a certificate of appreciation.



NURSE WEEK

May 6-12, is a special week here at GRS. It gives us a chance to extend our gratitude to our nurses during Nurse Week. This year the nurses got the chance to receive gifts and thanks all week long! We couldn't do it without you!

April - June 2021

20+ years

Alice Mobley
Arleen Glover

15+ years

Shamia Borders
Angela Caldwell
Summer Conner
Jackie McClain

HAPPY WORKAVERSARY

10+ years

John Gibb
Dana Poole
Tammy Simpson

5+ years

Stephanie Hayes
Lynette Morgan

CMG:

Karen Brooks
Clerical
9 Years

Michael Catena
Janitorial
10 Years

Thank you!

WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND GRS?

Newsletter Reports:

Empowering Innovation

2021 SPRING FUNDRAISER
OPERATION UPGRADE
GASTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES
GRS

EMPOWERING INNOVATION ONE STONE AT A TIME

Help us raise \$20,000 to purchase tablets for people served to use for therapeutic and communication purposes.

ENDS ON APRIL 30TH, 2021

Learn more about how you can help at:
WWW.GRSINC.ORG
CASH OR CHECK DONATION CAN BE SENT TO GASTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

To Whom It May Concern:
GOODBYE STONE-AGE TECHNOLOGY!
From: GRS

Sponsor the purchase of:
\$50 - Screen protectors
\$100 - Protective casing and ancillary hardware for one tablet
\$250 - Software app for one tablet
\$500 - One tablet
\$850 - One tablet and associated software
\$1,700 - Purchases desired 2 tablets and associated software for one group home.
Surprise us! (Please specify \$.....)



Looking Forward



GASTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Annual Picnic

September 18, 2021 at
Karyae Park

GRS DSP/ STAR
STAFF WEEK:
SEPTEMBER 13-19 2021
WHO WILL BE
NOMINATED THIS YEAR?



SAVE THE DATE

SAT

18

JOIN US FOR SOME FUN IN THE SUN

SEP

Gaston Residential Services Annual Picnic



3PM | BINGO
5PM | DINNER
RAFFLE PRIZES | FOOD | FUN
AT KARYAE PARK

4227 Linwood Rd. Gastonia, NC 28052
CALL 704-861-9280 "OPTION 0"
to RVSP by: SEP 3, 2021

50/50 Raffle: Cash Only



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