

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

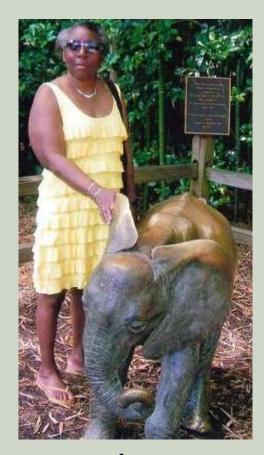
ADVISORY IS BACK IN FULL SWING!

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!



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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

Reeping 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!

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20+ years

Alice Mobley Arleen Glover

15+ years
Shamia Borders

Angela Caldwell Summer Conner Jackie Mcclain HAPPY WORKAVERSARY

10+ years

John Gibb Dana Poo<mark>le</mark> Tammy Simpson

5+ years
Stephanie Hayes
Lynette Morgan

CMG:

Karen Brooks
Clerical
9 Years

Michael Catena Janitorial 10 Years



WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND GRS?

Newsletter Reports:

Empowering Innovation



Thanks to your contributions, we met our goal and we are currently in the process of purchasing tablets for therapeutic and communication purposes.

Looking Forward



GASTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Annual Picnic

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

September 18, 2021 at Karyae Park





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