

**VISION STATEMENT: PEOPLE EXPERIENCING THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF LIFE
REGARDLESS OF THE CHALLENGES.**

**MISSION STATEMENT: TO IMPROVE LIVES BY CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH SUPPORTS
AND SERVICES.**

From the Editor

We have all been experiencing a lot of changes recently. I want to thank you for your support during the recent changes in the newsletter. Although change can be inconvenient or uncomfortable, the end result can often be worth it. "The Council" has challenged us to look at things in a different light. To think outside the box, if you will. In doing this, a suggestion was made that we combine two of our newsletters. We are currently working on implementing this idea. This change would open up many other opportunities to improve lives by connecting people with supports and services. This could give residents the opportunity to report, and allow us to see things from a different perspective. The possibilities are endless. So, once again, I am asking for your support as we look towards our vision and mission and work together at making them reality.

Shannon Martinez

For questions or comments, or if you would like to submit something to be published in the PSH&TC Newsletter, please contact: Shannon Martinez at 620-421-6550, extension 1790 or e-mail me at: shannon.martinez@srskansas.org

Happy Birthday

Nancy Black
Kelly Buske
Carol Carland
Lauren Carland
Valerie Carnahan
Ronald Eggers
Judith Fager
Robert Gant
Donna Gilliland
Joann Goedeke
Melanie Harris
Nicole Kindrick
Pamela King
Lashawn Lee
Ron Malmstrom
Charles Merchant
Linda Morris
Ron Neville
James Ryan
Linda Ryburn
Roger P. Thompson, Jr
Johnathan Walker
Tracy Wertz
Diane Wilmoth
Paulette Wilson
Joe Woodworth

Welcome Wagon

Please welcome these new employees. Introduce yourself and help them to feel welcome.

Elm Cottage:

Rita Perez-DDT II

Spruce Cottage:

Duane Williams-Temp.

Holly Cottage:

Cody Carrillo-Temp.

Lisa Patterson-Temp.

Vo. Tech.:

Lauren Carland-Temp.

Stephanie Emery-Temp.

Maintenance:

Jarod Rea-Temp.

Pharmacy:

Linda Morris-Temp.

Correction: Please note that in last month's issue, Joshua Shaw was listed as a Electrician, Sr., his job title should have been listed as Electrician I. Sorry for any inconvenience or misunderstanding that this may have caused.

For Sale:

Electric Whirlpool dryer. New heating element and new belt about a year ago. Asking \$50. Call: 421-3978 or 421-6550 ext. 1709, ask for Eva.

Beatitudes for Friends and Family

Blessed are you who take time to listen to difficult speech, for you help us to persevere until we are understood.

Blessed are you who walk with us in public places and ignore the stares of strangers, for we find havens of relaxation in your relationship.

Blessed are you who never bid us to "hurry up," and more blessed are you who do not snatch our tasks from our hands to do them for us, for often we need time—rather than help.

Blessed are you who stand beside us as we enter new and untried ventures, for the delight we feel when we surprise you outweighs all the frustrating failures.

Blessed are you who ask for our help, for our greatest need is to be needed.

Author Unknown

Thank you to Mark Swafford for finding and sharing the Universal Lifestyles website, on which this poem came from. I encourage you to explore this website and take some time to reflect on the information provided. It will confirm that you are currently doing a great job. You have implemented and mastered a lot of these suggestions, long ago. You were the pioneers, to these ideas. Why be satisfied with pioneering only these? Why not master the other suggestions and pioneer new ones? Challenge yourself to achieve more than is expected. Set the bar for others, as you have done in the past.

<http://www.universallifestyles.com/index.html>

JoDee Rye graduated from Leadership SRS Class, Thursday, May 26, 2005, in the Old Supreme Court Room Capitol Bldg. 313-S. Congratulations to JoDee. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. We are proud to have you as part of our team.

Chaplin's Corner

Dennis Kastens tells the story of Sir Alexander Fleming, who upon introducing his newly discovered drug, penicillin, warned against taking too little of it. An underdose, he said would permit germs to remain in the system thereby allowing one to build up an immunity to the drug. These immune germs could be "passed on to other individuals so that the thoughtless person playing with penicillin treatments may be responsible for the death of another" if not himself as well.

Something similar to this carelessness takes place in the spiritual realm where masses of people seem to be playing with religion - taking in just enough of it to become immune to the real thing. Many people attend just enough religious services to temporarily quiet their conscience; they attend just enough weddings, funerals, and special observances to keep them from longing for a genuine and thorough encounter with God who is so absent from their commitment. They have just enough religion to make them immune to the real thing.

Have you become immune to God's love and power in your life?

Leroy Foreman, Chaplain

Inspirational Quote

"The attitude you choose to assume toward life and everything it brings you will determine whether you realize your aspirations. What you are capable of achieving is determined by your talent and ability. What you attempt to do is determined by your motivation. How well you do something is determined by your attitude." *Lou Holtz, Winning Every Day: The Game Plan for Success*

Hats Off to You

Hats off to Carol Carland and Becky Dhooghe for the excellent job they are doing as Council Trainers. Their insight and dedication has been invaluable as we continue our efforts of people experiencing the highest quality of life regardless of the challenges.

As of May, 115 staff (approximately 25% of our total permanent staff) completed the intensive 4-day workshops. Each session consists of staff representing various work areas, disciplines and support personnel learning and sharing ways we can improve lives by connecting people with supports and services.

Take this Quiz and Enter for a Chance to WIN!!

The "Hats Off to You" article contains the new vision and mission statement for the PSHTC, can you identify them?

Hint: A vision statement tells where we want to go. A mission statement tells how we will reach our vision.

Fill out and return this form to Shannon Martinez, Personnel, or Lynn Stover, Volunteer Services, Administration Building by **June 15th** for an opportunity to win. The first 100 correct entries will receive a prize. 5 Grand prize winners will be drawn from all the entries that submit a completed form correctly identifying our new vision and mission statements. (Limit 1 entry per person.)

Name: _____

Vision Statement: _____

Mission Statement: _____

On-Grounds Going-on's

Several staff attended a presentation by Dr. Tom Pomeranz at LCC on May 18th. Dr. Tom Pomeranz is a nationally recognized authority, trainer, clinician and consultant in the field of services for people with disabilities. The title of the presentation was "Overcoming Life's Obstacles." I had the pleasure of listening to a few of the people in attendance and was inspired by the stories they told. Please take the time to talk with those in attendance and ask them to share some of the stories they thought memorable. The people who attended were: Becky Dhooghe, Carol Carland, Becky Stich, Mike Almond, Frank Chapman, Lori Woodman, Tanessa Hill-Franks, Ben Foster, Roger Thompson, Gary St. Clair, Faye Garrett, Kim Ptasznik, Kevin Mosier, Amy Donaldson and Michelle Fontelroy. Some of the materials from this training have been ordered and are in the training department. You can review more information at <http://www.universallifestyles.com/index.html>. Plans are being made to develop a small group setting to read each of Dr. Pomeranz's printed articles and discuss them in a group setting. I will bring you more information as it becomes available.

Thank You's

Thank you for your kindness. The residents at Parsons State Hospital meant so much to Dan. The family of Dan Willis would like to thank you for your kind expression of sympathy and your donation to the Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Fund. Our special memories will comfort us and keep his spirit alive.

**Linda Willis and
The Family of Dan Willis**

Iwould like to thank all the direct care staff for working "short staffed" and I would like to thank Greg Lambkins for nominating me for Leadership SRS 2005. Thanks to everyone for all your support in letting me have this wonderful opportunity. Thank you.

JoDee Rye

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Father's Day						
26	27	28	29	30		