



From The Corner Office

Potential...A Potent Force

More than two hundred years ago the late Danish philosopher, Soren Kierkegaard wrote – *“If I were to wish for anything, I should not wish for wealth or power, but for the passionate sense of the potential, for the eye which, ever young and ardent, sees the possible. Pleasure disappoints possibility never.”*

Many who have found passion in service to hurting and vulnerable populations are asked by others working outside this profession how and why do this work? Meaning no harm, those who inquire understand that the days are long, the work environments unpredictable and stress-filled and the pay? Well, let’s just say that most working in these endeavors have no need for wealth managers. No, most human service workers are instead hooked on this work by the infinite power of human potential.

Indeed we are afforded the privilege of having a court-side seat to the pitfalls, calamities, mistakes and missteps which come with navigating life. And yes, there is much which can be ugly, dark and appear to others as hopeless. However, having watched so many wrestle with and triumph over abuse, addiction, ability and aptitude barriers and chaos of all types and stripes we have learned to never doubt the capability and resilience of the human spirit. Each child holds in their hand a script waiting to be written and each family holds in their heart a story yet untold. There is immeasurable wealth and infinite power in knowing that our actions might positively influence or impact the lives of the children and families we encounter.

Kierkegaard is correct, possibility truly never disappoints. The potential in others to make course corrections and ongoing adjustments in their lives changes the trajectories of many, many other lives. Recognizing the potent force of potential in others is a cornerstone of our great agency.

We hope many of our newsletter readers will be able to join us on August 20th as we commemorate 45 years of pursuing the possible...of nurturing the potential... and of serving humanity. Join us won't you?

Open House

Join us – along with the Auburn and Opelika Chambers of Commerce – as we hold a main campus, noon-day Open House event. There will be food, fun and fellowship as we commemorate our agency’s 45th year of purposeful service. We will also cut the ribbon on our campus entrance improvements and our beautiful new Chanticleer Day School. Come share in our *Attitude of Gratitude!*

Laura Cooper,
Executive Director



BLESSINGS TO...

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/5 Xiamara Gomez
5/5 Angie Morrison
5/10 Phaedra Winston
5/16 Kevin Brooks
5/19 Detra McKissic
5/20 Pamela Williams
5/24 Marcus Johnson
5/27 Kelvante Philpot
5/31 Laura Griffin

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/2 Tara Torbert
6/5 Senetra Stovall
6/6 Sherry Cook
6/7 Voulishia Roberson
6/8 Monica McCord
6/10 Allison Taylor
6/11 Susan Grizzard
6/13 Chankia Berry

6/17 Britt-Nae Dowdell
6/19 Brandon Jackson
6/21 Kelley Wells
6/21 Ku'Wonna Ingram
6/22 Ratavious Williams
6/24 Aiesha Gentry
6/24 James Baldwin
6/29 Jasmine Rampey
6/30 Shelia Penn

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/3 Terrance Presley
7/5 Sylvia Peagler
7/7 Jermaine Holloway
7/11 Xavier Calloway
7/16 Anthony Brock
7/16 Ramond Succar
7/20 Takeila Davis
7/24 Alexis Borum
7/26 Wendy Birmingham
7/26 Tamika Morris
7/27 Starra Gray
7/28 Kelli Kitt
7/29 LuCrystal Hopkins
7/29 Vera Taylor

NEW HIRES

Calvin Nolen – Residential/Intake Specialist (Detention)
Megan Jackson – Life Coach (Transitional Living Program)
Yvana Engerman Counselor (Psychological Services)
Charles White – Program Coordinator (Detention)
Johnson Davis – Residential Specialist (Journeys)
Hannah Moore – Social Worker (Therapeutic Foster Care)
Hosea Watkins – Weekend Residential Specialist (Journeys)
Jamie Allen – Residential Specialist (Passages)
Jasmine Rampey – Residential Specialist (Detention)

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CENTER SCENES...

CHANTICLEER GRADUATION CEREMONY 2017-2018

Many times the question is asked, what is the purpose of the Chanticleer Day School? Every year we partner with the local school districts providing a bridge of hope for students to continue their education. The Chanticleer Day School program assisted local students in obtaining over 100 credit hours that will be used to obtain diplomas. This is a commendable effort since that these same students could have been classified as "high school dropouts."

This year we were given the opportunity to assist eight seniors in obtaining their high school diploma and assisted others who needed credits for promotion. These students were given educational and emotional support, one on one assistance, and an opportunity to obtain success, develop socially and build self-worth and self-esteem. The Chanticleer Day School's mission is clear in the eyes of the families of those eight seniors who walked across their high school stages for this year's graduation ceremony.

The Chanticleer Day School is committed to academic resilience. It is committed to reaching every student, improving their lives, while focusing on their futures. With that said, The Chanticleer Day School would like to congratulate its 2017-2018 graduates. The first steps are always that hardest. Continue to be resilient. Persevere through adversity! LCYDC is so very proud of their accomplishment.



JAB...MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Chanticleer learning center's Junior Advisory Board, JAB, is a small group of selected students that are dedicated to leadership and have a strong commitment to higher education. Each year, JAB sponsors several projects here on our campus that benefit the local community. June 29, 2018 marked, yet another, community service effort by these students. LCYDC banned

together to collect school supplies for those families in need. For the children that we serve here, engaging with the community in a positive and long-lasting manner promotes a strong sense of responsibility, awareness and volunteerism. Hats off to you ladies on gathering up these supplies and making a difference!



LEADERSHIP LEE COUNTY 2017-2018

Lee County Youth Development Center would like to congratulate the graduates of LLC 2017-2018, specifically, one of our very own, Amy Tatum. Ms. Tatum, the Coordinator of our Intensive In-Home Services program, is a valued member of our leadership team. She is dedicated to the mission that we promote here, and demonstrates on a daily basis her commitment to excellence and skills in effective leadership.

The LLC Class of 2017-2018 graduated on May 10, 2018 with the ceremony being held at the Auburn University Alumni Center. The class consisted of 32 members. Over the course of 9 months, this class not only completed monthly seminars, but also a community service project, specifically, the revitalizing of the Loachapoka High School Baseball and Softball fields. As Mrs. Cooper so eloquently put it, "find your passion, and serve where your passion is." This class found a passion for leading through the act of service. Congratulations



Ms. Tatum! This is well deserved, and LCYDC is proud to have you as a member of our team.

TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM GRADUATION 2017-2018

On May 25, 2018, Takia, Kania, and Jayda graduated from Opelika High School at the Bulldog Stadium. These ladies attended several community services projects for the month of May as well, including a cleanup project sponsored by the Humane Society of Lee County and a local food drive organized by the Lion Tamers Social Civil Club at the Covington Recreation Center.

These lovely ladies also attended a D.R.E.A.M. (Dedicated, Responsible, Empowered, & Motivated) Council Meeting in Montgomery, Alabama. The seniors received gifts for their major accomplishment. TLP would like to congratulate these lovely ladies on this accomplishment. We are so proud of you!

TLP residents, also had the pleasure of hearing guest speaker, Clarinda Jones, during their graduation ceremony. Ms. Clarinda Jones is a product of Alabama A&M University and an alumna of Alabama State University, where she graduated Cum Laude with her bachelor's degree in Business and Marketing Education. In 2008, she received the distinguished Aspiring Teacher Merit Award. Ms. Jones is an educator, nonprofit program director, motivational speaker, youth advocate, and most importantly a mother. She has been employed with Opelika City School since 2008 as a Career Prep Classes.

Takia plans on attending Lawson State Community College in Birmingham, Kania will be attending Southern Union Community College and Jayda will be at-

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15. July 2018 In-House Training Calendar UPDATED - 7/11/2018	16.	17. *New Employee Orientation A&B 8:30am-3:00pm SAFE Space Residential Experience - INVITATION ONLY - 1:00p - 3:00p - SAFE Space	18. *NCI Enhanced Course-8:30-4:30 - Art & Fitness. - K. Ingram	19. *Medication Side Effects - 8:30am-11:00am- Art and Fitness- AU School of Pharmacy	20. Cultural Sensitivity - 9:00-10:30am- SAFE SPACE Space Bldg. - N. Jackson	21.
22.	23. *Medication Administration - 9:00 am -1:00pm - SAFE Space- K. Bates/ J. Succar	24. *Imminent Risk Protocol ORIGINAL -9:00a-11:30a - SAFE Space- T. Woodall	25. *CPR/FA/AED- 8:30am12:30pm- SAFE Space L. Johnson HIV/AIDS Awareness - 10:00 - 11:30am - Art and Fitness Center- Presented by: Unity Wellness Center	26.	27.	28.
29.	30. *Behavior Management - 1:00pm2:30pm -SAFE Space - J. Succar	31. *Safety Awareness &Prevention Part I &II/Fire Extinguisher Training-8:30-12:30SAFE Space Bldg.- S. Tidwell				

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5.	6. *Medication Administration - 1:00 -5:00pm SAFE Space- K. Bates/J. Succar	7. *CPR/AED/FA- 8:30am12:30pm-SAFE Space Bldg. L. Johnson *Imminent Risk Protocol REFRESHER - 1:00 - 2:00pm - SAFE Space Bldg. - T. Woodall	8.	9.	10.	11.
12.	13. *Reasonable and Prudent Parenting - 10:30 - 12:00 pm- SAFE Space - S. Tidwell	14. *Grief &Loss- 9:00-10:30 *Healthy Attachments- 10:30-12:00 *Professional Boundaries- 1:00-2:30 SAFE Space Bldg. -D. Powell	15.	16. *NCI Enhanced Course-8:30-4:30 Art & Fitness. - M. Harris	17.	18.
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*Required Classes

You MUST REGISTER FOR ALL TRAINING AT www.cecilandiane1973.net BY SELECTING THE EVENT CALENDAR.

August 31, 2017 is the deadline for having all of your annual training hours completed. CEU's are available for APA. Please contact Terry Woodall at 745-2760 if you have any questions about information listed above him. Social Work CEUs are available for all trainings offered here, except CPR.



tending Alabama State University. Ladies, your futures look so radiant, and LCYDC is so very proud of you.

STAFF RECOGNITION

• Congrats to Sherquera Davidson on obtaining a Master's degree in School Counseling. She is also nearing her 4-year anniversary

sary with the agency.

• Congrats to Kayla Steffey-Bates and Joseph Succar on becoming certified through the St. Augustine School of Medical Assistants. Your hard-work is truly appreciated.

• Congrats Jaquana Brown on becoming our new Operations Manager of Journeys (Female Dorm). Keep up the great work!

