

From The Corner Office

E Pluribus Unum

Two Divisions...Sixteen Departments...but only **One mission.**

Folks, it has been a busy summer all across our Youth Development Center. The pictorial insert paints a picture of our 45th anniversary celebration, our new Day School ribbon cutting, a Chanticleer Learning Center graduation, Governor Ivey selecting Chanticleer as a Bi-Centennial School and many, many other activities that kept our summertime living truly bustling and anything but “easy”.

One item of business which garnered a great deal of attention was the effort to realign our organizational structure in a way to best position our people and programs for the future. This was a thoughtful, deliberative and intentional process with the ultimate goal of better serving our clients, our partners and our community. It was determined that we would transition to a two service division model. We have established **The Division of Residential Services** with Mr. Charles Smith at the helm and **The Division of Continuum Services** with Mr. Terry Woodall as division leader.

Our Residential Services Division has the following eight departments under its umbrella:

Intensive Residential	Independent Living	Regional Juvenile Detention
Moderate Residential	Security & Emergency Response	Buildings, Grounds & Maintenance
Transitional Living	Child Nutrition & Cafeteria	

Under our Continuum umbrella there are the following eight departments:

Therapeutic Foster Care	Project Uplift	Wellness & Medical
Intensive In-Home Services	Clinical & Quality Improvement	TransParenting
Education Services	Psychiatric Care	

The above two divisions and sixteen departments represents hundreds of employees, contractors and volunteers who are impacting the lives of thousands. And even this is not the entire story. There is a dedicated Board of Directors, additional agency departments and many external partners with engaged individuals who have a relentless passion to serve our agency with excellence.

There is a Latin phrase adopted by our country’s Founding Fathers that can be found stamped on much of the change you carry in your pants pocket or purse – **E pluribus unum – out of the many, one.** As we say goodbye to summer, hello to fall and welcome to Fiscal Year 2019, our charge is to not lose sight of the fact that though there be many people, programs, departments and divisions at LCYDC, there is only one clear and singular mission: **“A Place of Service... Offering hope to children and families...Strengthening Communities.”**

Happy fall y’all – let us go forth realigned with our minds on this one mission and this one mission on all minds!
Laura Cooper, Executive Director



BLESSINGS TO... JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/2 Shanell Bray
8/3 Kristi Tolbert
8/5 Janice Thomas
8/7 Laura Cooper

8/11 Roberta Taylor-Jones
8/16 Hannah Moore
8/16 Chris Nunn
8/18 Gennie Bynam
8/21 Angela Stringer
8/23 Danielle Sims
8/23 Mary Williams
8/28 Jamin Darden
8/31 Shayvon Chambliss

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/5 Cora McGriff
9/7 Jessica Johnson
9/8 Patrice Bryant
9/9 Johnson Davis, Jr.
9/10 Yvana Engerman
9/13 Kristie Thomas
9/13 Elijah Wilson
9/15 Jessica Askew
9/15 Kyle Cooper
9/15 Calandra Harris
9/21 Kayona Brown
9/22 Valerie Moffett
9/22 Anashia Ross
9/24 Rosetta Joyner
9/26 Phyllis Jeter

9/28 Jocelin Davis
9/28 Ruth Dutch
9/30 Dontavious Griffin

NEW HIRES

Frank Tolbert – Consultant
Rodney Crayton – Residential Specialist Detention
Ciarra Kinsey – Residential Specialist Journeys
Zashawn Porter – Life Coach TLP
Tilvana Johnson – Residential Specialist Voyages
Shelia Buckley – Journeys Social Worker
Janice Thomas – Residential Specialist Detention
Eriquel Florence – Teacher’s Aide Journey’s Education
Melvin Wright – Residential Specialist Passages
Jessica Johnson – Residential Specialist Voyages
Tameria Martin – Residential Specialist Detention
Stanley Garrett – Security and Safety



CENTER SCENES...



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY LCYDC

The Lee County Youth Development Center celebrated its 45th anniversary with the opening of their new Chanticleer Day School Building.

Founded in 1973, LCYDC has helped thousands of children and families. Mrs. Moreman's and Mrs. Walker's vision for a place of refuge and healing continues to be realized. Our Chanticleer Learning Center allows residential and students from the community an opportunity to remediate, learn, explore and achieve. The Chanticleer Learning Center provides a space for those in residential care to continue their education with state certified teachers and mission minded staff.

In attendance were Mayor Gary Fuller, Mayor Bill Ham, Mayor Pro Tem Ron Anders, Opelika and Auburn Chamber of Commerce leaders and many, many guests who love our agency and believe in our mission.



Governor Kay Ivey announced Friday, August 3, 2018, that 200 schools were selected as official Alabama Bicentennial

Schools. Attending this occasion were several Alabama teachers, students, superintendents, principals, and school administrators from the schools selected. There was also a company of legislators from this great state.

The Alabama Bicentennial Schools Initiative encourages all public, private, and homeschool students and teachers to participate in the celebration of Alabama's 200th anniversary of statehood in 2019. In early 2018, all Alabama K-12 schools were invited to submit a proposal that would encourage outreach for their school and surrounding communities.

From a competitive batch of 400 proposals, only 200 schools were chosen. Lee County Youth Development Center's very own Day school was chosen as one of the 200 schools selected to receive a \$2000.00 grant, to make our outreach proposal a reality. Congrats Chanticleer Day School!

CELEBRATING 45 YEARS... HAPPY ANNIVERSARY PROJECT UPLIFT

On August 30, 2018, Project Uplift celebrated its 45th anniversary by hosting a Welcome Back cookout for its mentors and mentees. This event was held at Martin Luther King Park. Project Uplift munchkins got to enjoy an inflatable slide, MLK Park's playground and various activities provided by the Project Uplift staff. Grilling at the event was provided by Dakota Wells of Southern States Bank and spouse to our very own, Kelley Wells. Also, in atten-

dance, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Westmoreland and Director of Continuum Services on the LCYDC main campus, Charles Smith. Project Uplift would like to thank all the volunteers who came out to celebrate this joyous occasion. Everyone had an AUsome time!

A LEGEND AMONG US

Dr. Bernard LaFayette, Jr., visiting Professor of Auburn University & prominent leader of the Civil Rights Movement graced the students of LCYDC with his message of Nonviolence. He used his personal life experiences to encourage and empower the student of LCYDC to have a positive Life Motto and mentor to guide them through



GREEN ACRES... IS THE PLACE TO BE!

20 Under 40 is a local program sponsored by the Opelika Chamber of Commerce. The aim of this program is to acknowledge the achievements of young professionals who live, who love and who are dedicated to this great city. Lee County Youth Development Center would like to take this opportunity to announce that



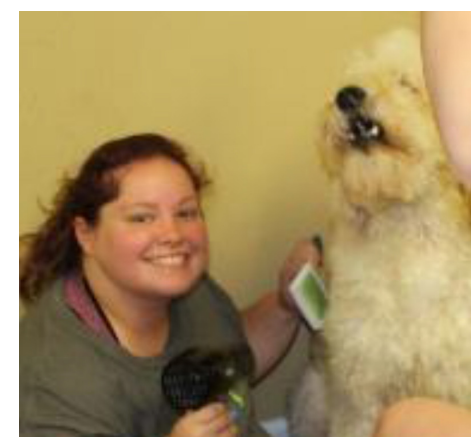
our campus greenhouse project, formally named Green Acres, will be a project taken on by this committee.

Auburn University has partnered with 20 Under 40 and Lee County Youth Development Center to provide our students with a Greenhouse that will cultivate their horticultural skills. Plans are pending for this new feature on our campus, and we look forward to this new addition.



SUMMERS AT TLP

The residents in TLP enjoyed their summer break. This time was filled with activities including: volunteer work, part time employment and even special trips and outings provided by the program. Our residents have also had their hands full taking care of their beloved Hailey.



STUFF THE BUS

JAB and the campus of LCYDC conducted a campus wide school supply drive. Thank you to all of those that helped to make the fall school term a success for the community. Way to Go JAB!



BACK TO SCHOOL WE GO!



2018 SUMMER GRADUATION

CLC held its first summer graduation since its accreditation in August. We are so proud of Brady and Lauren. Both of these awesome students are to be commended for such a tremendous milestone. Our commencement speaker was Jeanette Bailey, of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. We, the faculty of CLC, and LCYDC are extremely proud of Lauren and Brady and looking forward to a prosperous and bright future.

