



From the Corner Office...

TURNING PAGES

A couple of years back I was gifted with a very nice E-reader device. The premise was that I would be able to download favorite books and new reads and could do away with the bother of holding and housing actual books, magazines and periodicals. I was all in ...for only a couple of weeks that is. Although quite efficient and timely, I simply missed the rituals of holding the weight of the book or magazine in my hand; of placing bookmarks in between pages; of physically highlighting and making note of passages which resonated. In short, I missed turning pages. My terrific new electronic device sits in a corner drawing dust.

The same might be said of the adjustments we have all made to reduce risk in the midst of a pandemic. It is efficient to Zoom in for meetings or hold conference calls to collaborate. Still there is no substitute for human interactions where we may look one another in the eyes, witness body language and convey personal and professional thoughts, ideas and sentiments in real time.

On last month we were fortunate to have opportunity to practice social distancing, tamp down risk and still engage with our staff who have worked, served and stayed the course throughout the tumultuous year that was 2020. During a modified Annual Holiday gathering we were able to thank our veteran employee, Mr. Charles Smith for his 36 years of dedication to our company. We were able to surprise Ms. Danielle Sims with the coveted Cecil D. Moreman Service Excellence Award. Ms. Sims provides exemplary support, coaching and counseling to the children and families she engages as an Intensive In-Home Services team member. She also uses her areas of specific expertise to provide rehabilitative counseling to clients served in our residential center. Ms. Sims was especially deserving of this prestigious award named in honor and memory of one of our esteemed founders.

We also recognized another twenty-one team members who celebrated milestone employment anniversaries on last year including: 25 Years: Sherry Cook 15 Years: Mary Todd, Lorraina Buchannon

10 Years: Calandra Harris, Barbara Williams, Bettye Ray, Latoya Hunter 5 Years: Chantal Umutesi, Dakeius Kindell; Angie Morrison 3 Years: Elaine Tucker, Teresa Jackson, Mariah Williams, Johnathan Baker, BreeAnna Tinsley, Jessika Pollard, Jimmy Jackson, Jeffrey Coffman, Ebony Harmon, Sylvia Peagler, Anashia Ross, Danielle Sims.

Hearty congratulations to all who were recognized – we cannot accomplish the mission of our great agency without your efforts and sacrifices, thank you.

As we turn the page on 2020 and begin this new 2021 Chapter we are looking toward hope for better and brighter days to come – a time where we might be able to savor the luxury of the human touch and bask in the indulgence of meetings and gatherings where we may experience the human connection. Happy New Year to all...paged turned.

Laura Cooper, Executive Director



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 11/4 Raven Floyd
- 1/11 Bradford Ford
- 1/12 Tiffany Moore
- 1/13 Temeria Martin
- 1/20 Tarayla Ray
- 1/21 Stephen Roberts
- 1/26 Chantal Umutesi
- 1/29 Johnathan Baker

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2/3 Vickey McClurkin
- 2/6 Jimmy L. Jackson
- 2/6 Bobby J. Tucker
- 2/9 Shawna M. Peagler
- 2/9 Anthony D. Gardner, II
- 2/9 Bennie E. Calloway
- 2/10 Tamara Marie Boyd
- 2/12 Tavarious McNeil
- 2/14 Silvester Love
- 2/15 Jessika T. Pollard
- 2/21 Nicholas Malik Tolbert
- 2/23 Dakeius Kindell
- 2/24 Alycia N. Bryant
- 2/25 Sundiata Fleming

NEW HIRES

- 12/7/2020 Lillie Maddox, Life Coach
- 12/7/2020 KeiAmber Caldwell, Residential Specialist
- 12/14/2020 Marilynne Patterson, Cafeteria Aide
- 12/28/2020 Chanesha Morgan, Human Resources Specialist

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