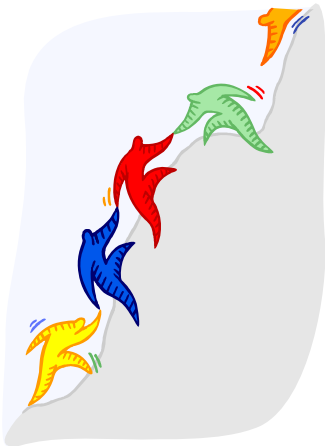


VOLUNTEER NEWS

FALL 2009

CONSIDER THIS...

Those who can do.
Those who can do
more, volunteer.
~Unknown Author



What a great summer we have had. We had several groups who contacted us to volunteer for special projects. These brave people did not mind the hot, humid weather and carried out many chores that we needed done. I am always amazed how eager volunteers are to help others.

We had a wide range of groups who volunteered this summer. Thank you to Rayville, Louisiana Baptist Church, United Parcel Service, Alabama Primary Healthcare and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,. Each gave their own special touch to our facilities while working in the summer heat. We appreciate all that you do.

Each fall Tennis Across Montgomery is held on the Huntingdon College tennis courts as an annual fundraising affair. It would not be possible without Coach John McWilliams who initiated this event in 1996. This year Ashley White served as board liaison for TAM. Her leadership motivated an all time high for board participation and fundraising success.

Thanks for volunteering.

Barbara Harrington

Please Consider:

The Family Sunshine Center needs childcare volunteers who can serve in the evenings. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Barbara Harrington @ 206-2100.

Family Friends and Crisis Line Training

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer with either the Family Friends or Crisis Line you need to attend the training set for October 26, 27 and 29 and November 2.

A Family Friend provides support and guidance to an assigned Exodus Community resident and their family. A Crisis Line volunteer responds to calls on the Family Sunshine Center/Shelter 24-hour crisis line.

Please contact Barbara Harrington at 206-2100 to confirm your attendance. Remember this training is only offered once a year!

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION CEREMONY AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

On September 17, 2009 close to 150 Family Sunshine Center volunteers and staff members gathered to celebrate the commitment of serving this agency. The support and devotion of hundreds of volunteers allows us to serve families in time of crisis. Montgomery's Mayor, Todd Strange, presented a keynote message to the crowd. He presented an encouraging and challenging speech for all there to continue with the work and aid that FSC gives to domestic violence victims.

During the ceremony we acknowledged volunteers who have given 5, 10, 15 and 20 years of service to FSC. Several volunteers who go above and beyond in their service were also honored with special awards. The Employee of the Year Award went to Layla Deloach.

The Estelle Popkin Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Ted Nobles while the Golden Heart Award was presented to John McWilliams, III. The Mary Prim Warden Award went to Tina Moon and the Justice for Victims Award was given to Jeff Baker. The 2009 President's Special Service Awards honored Keith Lewis, Chris Polk, Wynnlake's Women's Club, Edward V. Welch, Sr., Dale Walker and the STEP Foundation.

Without the commitment of all our staff, Board of Directors members and volunteers, we would not be able to give the caliber of service that we provide. THANK YOU!



ABOVE: The STEP Foundation receives a Special Presidents Award.

LEFT: Wynnlakes Women's Club is recognized with a Special Presidents Award.



Montgomery Mayor Todd Strange enjoys a moment with Family Sunshine Center Executive Director Karen Sellers before his keynote speech.



ABOVE: Ted Nobles receives his plaque.
RIGHT AND ABOVE: Award winner Jeff Baker enjoys the evening. RIGHT: Keith Lewis and Chris Polk receive awards.

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Can you believe we are planning our Holiday Program? Yes it is time to get started! Each year we are amazed at how much time, food and gifts our volunteers donate to our clients. For those of you who may not be familiar with our program, visit our website www.familysunshine.org and click on Holiday Adoptions. You will find out how you or your company or club can participate in these heartwarming activities. If you are interested in helping, just give us a call at 206-2100, we will be happy to sign you up.

