



MAGIC CITY NEWS

Magic City Enterprises, Inc.'s mission is to create opportunities for people with disabilities to achieve individual success.

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Getting fit with Wii-hab

BY REGINA MEENA

February is "Heart" month, and at Magic City Enterprises we are taking it seriously. Like everyone else, participants in MCE programs struggle with their weight and those elusive "healthy numbers." They choose exercise as a goal to work on every year, but trying to get an exercise routine set up they can stick with during the winter months is a challenge. Heather Raimondo-O'Brien is the Program Direc-

tor at MCE. "We have decided to emphasize health this year in our programs. We created a number of activities to do year round as part of our "Get fit at MCE" initiative. We must include everyone who wants to participate, and this means we have to accommodate wheelchairs, limited mobility and those with advanced physical abilities. So, designing a program for such a diverse group requires some creativity and innovation. Enter "WiiHab"."

"WiiHab" uses the Nintendo Wii sports package gaming system to

provide motions similar to occupational therapy that can actually improve endurance, strength, coordination and range of motion. MCE is incorporating this into our Day Habilitation program. Participants will start in 15 minute increments, then increase both the time and number of sessions as they work towards an ideal exercise routine of 30 minutes a day, four to five times a week.

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Message from MCE's CEO

BY LAURA MCKINNEY

Hi everyone! Thank you all for your long term and ongoing support of Magic City Enterprises and the people we serve. It is an honor to be a part of such a great organization and I am blessed to be able to see and interact with your family members and friends with developmental disabilities every day. Magic City is also extremely fortunate to have a visionary, supportive Board of Directors. It is a privilege for me to work for them.

Since the letter I sent out in January requesting your support and help with the Legislature several things have occurred. I had the privilege of speaking with the Governor and several of our Legislators during the session. They were all very gracious of their time and expressed their ongoing support for programs that serve people with developmental disabilities. Even with decreasing revenues and tightening bud-



gets the supplemental budget includes new money for all three Waiver waiting lists. This new appropriation won't completely clear the waiting lists but will provide services for individuals who have been waiting quite some time. The Legislature also appropriated money for young adults to transition from the Children's to Adult Waiver without having services disrupted. Also included in the supplemental budget is

a study to determine the best service model for people who are diagnosed with a developmental disability and a psychiatric disability. In these difficult economic times, the Legislature and the Governor worked hard to find additional resources for the people we serve. Please thank your Legislators, the Governor and other officials for all they do for our state and for people with developmental disabilities.

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RICH'S WEATHER CENTER



I predict that it will be a wet spring this year.

Helpless hen helps inspire

BY CAROL NOLLETT

The greys and white of winter are gone. It is spring time! The grass is green! Plants are sprouting up! Trees are budding and flowering. Bright colors are emerging everywhere.

Easter is at hand. The world is being made anew in other marvelous ways. Countless numbers of God's creatures are being born. Some are small. Some are large. All are helpless, in need of care. Mothers gently nuzzle, lovingly nestle, and nudge their babies. Smiles of joy abound.

I am very excited! Baby chicks have arrived at the local feed store. Large metal tanks safely display fuzzy little babies of various colors and types. I see my favorites. There are reddish colored Rhode Island Reds, golden yellow Buff Orpingtons, and the alternating black, white patterns of the Bared Rocks. All are special chicks, who will some day lay brown eggs.

They are small, and stay in my house. A heat lamp keeps them warm, as they snuggle down in soft cedar shavings. Special food and plenty of clean water fill their tiny craws. They are content and grow bigger.

I talk to them, as any Mother would. They turn their heads to listen. They answer me with quiet little "peep, peeps". They don't understand my words, but hear the caring tone of my voice. They feel loved. It makes them feel so good. They need my careful attention.

The chicks are really growing. There are real feathers on their once fuzzy bodies. It's time to leave shelter of my house. They are ready for a whole new world. Outside, their very own chicken house has a fenced yard to keep them safe.

The young chicks enjoy the warmth of the sun, as they spread their wings. Gentle breezes stir their shiny new feathers. New sights and sounds draw their attention. Bees go buzz, buzz, buzzing by. Birds chirp wake up songs, and sing evening lullabies.

The chicks are now young hens, and half grown. I have named them all. There is Ruby, Scarlet, Cora, Corina, and Henrietta. Very normal behavior for chickens, they have established a pecking order. "I'm number one, and you're number two. Don't argue with me". They cackle and cluck to one another in conversation. They settle their disputes. All seem nice and orderly.

Oh no! Something is wrong! Reddish colored Ruby seems to have an unusually long, thin neck, and a beak that curves downward. Something is not quite right with her eyes. What is it?

I watch with concern, as days pass by. Her behavior is unusual. Her house and yard have not changed. It's still safe, as always, but she looks uncertain and afraid. Her friends notice



the change in her. They chase her away from the food. Away from the water. Her fear increases, and she runs around frantically.

Ruby needs my help. I stand by her, as she eats and drinks. I talk to her in soothing tones. I scold the others for their inconsiderate, rude behavior. My presence brings comfort and strength to her.

Weeks pass. A very special bond of trust, and love builds between Ruby and I. More, more, and more. She now comes to me to stand. I am her very special friend. I was there in her time off need. She understands. We exchange smiles.

Ruby's confidence grows. Her fear subsides. The hens are respectful of the strength she displays. They are no longer in need of my scolding. The chicken house is once again peaceful and orderly.

It doesn't matter that Ruby is nearly blind! She sees only vague shadows, but that's O. K. Most importantly, in her eyes, she is number 1! She is never bossy though. She just thoughtfully shares her joy of the marvelous, beautiful world she lives in.

Ruby has learned something very special. She wants to share it with you. If you're afraid or uncertain, don't ever, ever doubt there is someone who loves and cares about you. There is a special someone, who will stand by you in trouble times, til you find strength and courage right within yourself.

Oh, yes! Most certainly! Just like Ruby, your eyes will shine with joy. And the world that cast an enormous smile the day you were born-you will smile back at!

There was a real Ruby, and I loved her. She was the inspiration for the story.

The story "Ruby" is about;
Nurturing, caring, loving
Stepping up and advocating for someone in need

Overcoming differences, limitations, when you believe in yourself

My hope is, "Ruby", will inspire you to give the gift of love, and make a difference in this world.



Camping cat and Whiskey-River: The classic odd couple

BY EMILY WHITING

Any of you recognize this cute Tabby named Kitty? He belongs to Miss Emily. Kitty is Magic City's Camping Cat! Yep, that's right, he has been on 3 camping trips with our participants.

He loves for everyone to scratch him on the noggin. It makes him purr and want to cuddle.

Kitty is also an official Navy mascot cat for the USS Abraham Lincoln. He sent letters to the sailors when they went to the Gulf War. He signed all his notes with his paw print.

Did any of you know that Kitty is also a very sassy cat? He meows at bedtime. When I say, Kitty. It's time to go to bed. He meows, "No." Sometimes he will even argue.

Kitty's favorite game is Meow-meow get you! He runs and hides beside my piano and acts like I can't see him, then when I walk by, he grabs my leg and runs to hide again.

Kitty has a brother. He is a big Golden Retriever. His name is, "Whiskey-River". Every cold morning, we give

him some newspaper and he shreds it into bits to start our fireplace. His favorite toy is an empty cardboard box. He tears the box apart with his teeth, until it's a torn up pile. Whiskey's name should be, Recycle.

Whiskey likes to stay outside guarding his territory, unless it starts to thunder. When the thunder starts, he knocks on the door with his big paw and runs into the house real quick. Then, he tries to hide under the couch in the living room. This is so funny, because he is 120 pounds. The other thing that Big Ole Whiskey is afraid of is cake pans. When he was a little puppy, he sneaked into the bakery room and swished over a stack of pans with his tail. He never got over hearing the loud crash. Now, every time he sees me with a cake pan in my hand, he runs the other way. One of these days, he going to figure out that he is much bigger than the pan!

Whiskey and Kitty's favorite game is for the dog to sniff the cat's tail, then the cat slaps the dog as many times as he can with both paws for invading his personal space. Maybe they need to go to Circle's Class!



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I know that some of you have expressed concern with MCE's financial situation since my last letter. I want to assure everyone that Magic City is financially stable and will continue to provide the best possible services well into the future. However, we continue to have difficulty with this year's finances and with cash flow. We have had to reduce some Nursing Services and will be closing one of our Shared Family Homes at the end of March. We are able to continue to serve all of the individuals who live there in another home. I have been working with staff at the Division of Developmental Disabilities to find ways to increase revenues. We also continue to strive to become more and more efficient while maintaining the highest quality of services possible.

Thank you all again for your ongoing support of MCE. I would be happy to talk with any of you personally if you have further questions or concerns.

Wii-hab continued from Page 1.

There are a number of blogs on the web, full of technical information about the benefits this system delivers. Here is what they are saying. Occupational Therapists use WiiHab to address perceptual processing issues. Problems in these areas contribute to a participant's ability to complete self care activities and daily living routines as well as general physical fitness. Specifically, WiiHab gaming systems provide:

- Right-left discrimination, identify left and right directions
- Form consistency or the recognition of objects or shapes regardless of size, spatial orientation or texture
- Position in space or the recognition of objects in relation to the surrounding environment

• Body scheme, the perception of one's own body arrangement in relationship to self and environment

- Figure ground, the ability to recognize three dimensions in objects and self and judging the distances between these objects and self
- Depth perception to recognize three dimensions in objects and self
- Topographical orientation, the ability to plan out a route and follow it through recognition of landmarks and directional memory
- Bilateral integration, using both sides of the body cooperatively either simultaneously or alternately

• Crossing the midline by passing one extremity across the body into the opposite side

- Motor planning, organize and execute a motion or action... and finally,
- Visual motor integration, the combined ability to visually perceive an object while accurately grasping and manipulating the object efficiently to complete a task.

Wow, all of this in a little box! By incorporating WiiHab into our get fit program, MCE hopes to not only see an overall increase in physical fitness, but benefits to the mind and spirit as well.

YAKITY YAK BOOK CLUB

BY NICOLE DAVIS

A few ladies from Magic City started up a book club. Those ladies are Pat, Bonnie, Lisa, Jennie, Jeana, Regina and Nicole outside of Magic City we have Jeana's mom Kay. We started this in October in which we read House of Sand and Fog.

The first book club meeting was held at Pat's house where she served up a delicious dinner and a dessert. We had some libation and discussed the book as well as many other subjects which led to some lively conversation and debate. It was fun having some time to get to know our co-workers away from the office. Everyone had a great time.

Jennie didn't read the book because she was told there was some "racy parts."

Regina said it was a fun and opinionated evening! It is amazing what a good story does for self reflection.

Nicole said she had a wonderful time being away from my duties of a single mom and hanging out with adults and having adult conversation. I'm looking forward to the new book and the next meeting.

November's meeting was held at Jeana's house, we discussed Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bon's. Many interesting points of view and interpretation were brought out. We all liked the book and had our favorite characters, discussions lead to other topics and was throughly an enjoyable time.

Jeana had a lovely lasagna dinner, with salad, and bread Nicole brought dessert and Pat and Lisa brought the libations. We made our selections for the coming months and appointed volunteered for hosting each meeting. We decided to skip the month of December, so the next meeting was in January.

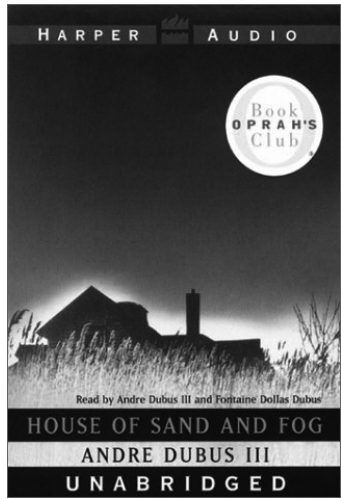
In January we had the meeting at Regina's beautiful, lovely home, where she made beef stroganoff, salad and brownies with ice cream for dessert. The book we read was The Gift of the Magi.

Everyone enjoyed the book and each person got a different meaning of the story.

In February we met at Jennie's home where we had fun ordering our 4 course dinner from our very own menu. We were really surprised when our food was served on trays by Jeana. It was a very creative and delicious dinner. As we devoured several glasses of libations we talked extensively of our impressions of the book selection In The Lake of the Woods, by Tim O'Brien.

Then it was on to other subjects sharing experiences and laughing the evening away.

The next book we are reading is The Bonesetter's Daughter, by Amy Tan.



MCE supports independent lives

BY REGINA MEENA

Independence. It is "the quality or state of being independent." There are many definitions for independent, but the one most applicable to participants in Magic City's Supported Living program is "not requiring or relying on others (as for care or livelihood)." For people with developmental disabilities, independence can be elusive. Not everyone is able to drive. Reading, writing or even communicating can become an obstacle to getting things accomplished. Then heap on top of this the same responsibilities, duties and obligations required of all citizens, and you can picture a typical day in the life of MCE Supported Living program participants.

Bibi Atwell is the Supported Living Program Manager. People served in her program range in ages from young adult to senior citizen. They hold jobs in various occupations, or are retired. Some are single. Some are involved in long term relationships. Others are mar-

ried. They live at home with parents, live with their spouse or live by themselves. They are a diverse and exciting group to work with.

Direct Care Professionals work one-on-one with participants to reach their daily living goals. "We help by motivating people to complete tasks. We put together a program specifically for them. They can work on laundry, weight loss and nutrition, shopping, housecleaning, computer skills, money management, you name it, they do it," says Bibi. Sometimes companionship is all that is needed. "We talk about what is going on and how best to deal with it. They have choices to make and sometimes they don't choose the best one. We always offer alternatives for action, but the choice is ultimately theirs. Like everyone, participants must do chores they absolutely hate. We are very encouraging. We break tasks into small steps that are easily completed. After all, learning and maintenance of independent living skills are

the ultimate goals," says Bibi.

People in the program also face the consequences of not completing their goals. Health is a big issue. So is housekeeping and money management. "We have people who were evicted because of unclean living conditions. We also have some who are taken advantage of by people who barrow money without ever paying it back. We advocate for them, and we role model for them. But ultimately it is their decision we move forward with," adds Bibi. After a hard lesson is learned, participants regroup and move on. "None are eager to go through that mess again."

It is amazing how these extraordinary people adapt to today's complex lifestyle all people find difficult and annoying to navigate. They try very hard, every day to maintain their hard earned independence. They all know It takes determination, courage, and a little support to make life much less of a struggle.

MCE CONTRACTS

BY REGINA MEENA

Contracts play a huge part in providing employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities in Magic City Enterprises' programs. MCE operates four large federal contracts for janitorial, snow removal, shelf stocking and recycling. All told, these contracts employ 35 people with severe disabilities.

The contracts are part of a federal government initiative called the AbilityOne Program. The program began in 1938 as an act to enable agencies serving people who were blind to sell products to the federal government. By 1971, the original act known as JWOD for Jarvis-Wagner-O'Day was amended to permit people with other severe disabilities to also benefit. Last year, the name was officially changed to AbilityOne. The program is administered by the Committee for Purchase from People who are blind or severely disabled. The "Committee" is responsible for determining which products and services are suitable to place on its Procurement List and furnished to the government by people who are blind or severely disabled. The committee also determines the fair market prices to be paid for those items. It has designated two Central Nonprofit Agencies, National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and National Industries for the Severely Handicapped (NISH) to assist with program implementation. NISH is the CNA Magic City Enterprises partners with. The core criteria for these contracts is 75% of total direct labor hours must be performed by people who are blind or have other disabilities.

GSA is one of the federal agency contracts performed by MCE. Under this contract, Magic City provides janitorial and

snow removal services for the Federal Office Building and the J.C. O'Mahoney building in downtown Cheyenne. The contract employs 10 individuals with developmental disabilities. The employees are referred from the state Division of Vocational Rehabilitation or participate in the Division of Developmental Disabilities waiver program. These programs provide funding for support from a job coach in MCE's Community Employment program. Job coaches learn the job, train the employee to perform it correctly until one-on-one support is no longer needed, then step aside as the regular supervisor takes over. It is a smooth transition.

GSA is a fairly complex contract. We maintain 239,788 sq ft of office space plus another 79,967 sq ft of grounds for a total of 319,755 sq ft. A contract this size requires a training curriculum to instruct employees on how to clean a variety of surfaces. They must also learn different cleaning techniques, safe equipment operation and maintenance, safe chemical handling, and public relations and customer service skills. As an example, employees learn how to properly clean marble, composite stone, terrazzo, vinyl tile, carpet, stainless steel, ceramic tile & grout, upholstery, leather, brass and chrome fixtures, window coverings and concrete. They know proper storage methods for "green" cleaning chemicals, and understand the best cleaning techniques for each surface. Suffice it to say, they are a highly trained, productive team. Their work is truly impressive. The buildings are immaculate, the customers are pleased, and if you ask any one of the employees they will tell you how much they love their job, being productive and having some financial independence.



SPORTS PASSES

BY DARCY FOURNIER

On August 29, 2008 I distributed Laramie County School District #1, Family Sports Passes. These passes will allow FREE ATTENDANCE to all participants and On-Duty Staff to all regularly scheduled events at East and Central High Schools, such as Football, Wrestling, Swimming, Basketball, Track, Cross - country, Soccer, etc. These passes are not valid at tournaments, Regional or State competition.

Not all the Shared Family Homes received a pass. Even so, you may use one (1) pass for several SFMs. That's why we call them 'Shared Family Homes.' Please, find a safe place to store the passes - they will not be replaced. These passes were donated. They are available to the general public for \$50.00 each.

We would like to thank Mr. Jerry Schlabs, Athletic Director at East H.S. for continuing to support us at MCE. If you happen to see Mr. Schlabs at a sporting event, maybe you could let him know how much you appreciate the opportunity to support our local athletes.

What a great way to spend time in the community.

Editor's Note: MCE NEWS apologizes for the lateness of this submission.

FOOD



Cheesy Chicken and Rice Bake for Eight

BY HEATHER RAIMONDO-O'BRIEN

This recipe I think would be great to cook at the Shared Family Homes

Ingredients:

- 1 can Cream of Chicken Soup (you can use lower fat, lower sodium types)
- 2 cans Cream of Mushroom Soup (you can use lower fat, lower sodium types)
- 1 cup Chicken Broth (you can use lower fat, lower sodium types)
- 2 cups water
- 1 ¼ cup white long grain rice
- 1 cup wild rice
- ¾ tsp paprika
- ¾ tsp ground black pepper
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 4 chicken breasts

Mix soup, water, rice, paprika and black pepper in a 4-qt. shallow baking dish. Top with ½ cut chicken breasts. Cover and Bake at 375 Degrees for 45 minutes or until done then top with shredded cheese and bake an additional 5 minutes. Serve with your favorite veggie.



So who's the lucky guy and handsome devil sporting a great hat and a new boom-box to rock out with? None other than Jeff Williams, of course.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FEED

MCE Activities Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the St. Patrick's Day Feed. Jeff Williams was the big winner of the "Greenest Contest" and won the grand prize of a stereo donated by Nicole Davis. It was so much fun and we appreciated all who cooked and helped to set up for the dinner and of course, tear down! Thank you to Heidi Chastain, the Pathfinder Guys, Linda Torres and her beautiful daughter for the centerpieces and music. We would also like to thank Trailway and South 4th for the lovely napkin/utensil wraps. Thank you to Sharon Farner and her children for set up and Emily Whiting and Kim Shaw for all the help. Finally, we would like to thank Mia for coming by and seeing what we do as well as Bonnie Martens, Karla Burmmond and the Laramie County Fairgrounds.

Thank you also to HUB for cutting out all of the shamrocks that decorated the fairgrounds.

CINCO DE MAYO

May 5 from 5PM - 7PM
Laramie County Fairgrounds
Stay Tuned for Details

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT NEWS

Flo Allen, manager of the Super 8 in Cheyenne, WY, presented Donald Milburn and Ida Garcia, members of Magic City Enterprises,

with their 5 year service pin. Congratulations Don and Ida!

WHAT DOES COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT DO?

August 25, 2008 Community Employment met in the evening for their Quarterly Meeting and held the Community Employment Olympics. Two teams went head to head in four station relays. We had Lydia and Daniel doing the Head on Bat turn and egg and spoon run, next we had Pauli and Sarah knocking down items with a Potato in the Pantyhose Thurst, next Carol and Desiree did the Ring Toss having to make three rings onto the orange cone, the last event was the Water Ball Toss with Clarice tossing water balls to blind folded Carol holding an inflatable Fish to catch 3 of the balls, at the same time Steven and Dorothy were doing the same. Team mates were yelling and cheering on there team. With the winning team shouting "Community Employment Rocks" at the end. This was a fun time for all, learning team work and Fish Play at the same time.

Ok, back to the question "What does Community Employment do? From start to end, we do Job Development this is working with the participant on a Career Plan, developing a

resume', practicing interviewing, application, dress and personal hygiene, and filling our applications. Assisting with transportation, orientation, and a new hire paper work. Job coaching, teaching the participant their job, helping the participant with bosses and co-workers. We do monthly follow along's with both the employer and the participant to be on top of any problems that may come up and help resolve them before employment is lost. Can you imagine having to keep track of around 100 participants work schedules and having to make those daily changes that are needed to make sure everyone is pick-up and or has a Job Coach with them. Community Employee works very hard advocating for participants in the Cheyenne business community.

There are various other things that Community Employee does but we would rather tell you in person if you have any questions, so give us a call and we can tell you more about the department at Magic City that has the funniest time of all departments. Beware we might be challenging your department to some fun games!

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER 2008

Karla Oliver was voted employee of the month for September 2008. Karla was nominated by two fellow co-workers, this is what they said.

Karla is always ready with an answer to help you out no matter how stupid the question might be. Karla isn't afraid of hard work and that rubs off on all of us! Karla takes care of us and makes sure things are getting done and she makes it look easy at the same time. Karla should be staff of the month because she is caring and understanding with staff. Karla knows all information about participants and is a wonderful source of knowledge to all of Community Employment. Although Karla is the Job Coach supervisor she also jumps right in to help, doing goals, transportation, IPC's, job coaching or what ever needs to be done. Karla is a great advocate for both participants and staff. She can make us laugh and she makes sure we do our jobs correctly at the same time, so in other wrds "She can crack

the whip with a smile."

Karla was born in Nebraska and has worked for Magic City/Community Employment since 2001. Karla said her most memorial time at Magic City was her first day or week when she met many of the clients and staff and felt so welcome. She said she was impressed at how accepting everyone at Magic City was.

Karla was asked what hobbies she does, she answered; Shooting Pool, fishing, her pet, kids and now her new grandson. Karla said her favorite movie is Halloween, "I like scary movies." If Karla could be an animal she would be a Frog, because they are cool. When asked what her reaction was when she received Employee of the month she said, "I was very surprised and happy to be appreciated."

We want to thank Karla for keeping us together and let her know that she ROCKS!!

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER 2008

Linda was voted as Employee of the Month for last August 2008, Linda was also Employee of the Month of February and now for October 2008. Linda was given a series of questions to answer about herself and these are her answers.

Who has inspired you and why? Gosh - where do I start. When I was a teenager it was Caesar Chavez and fighting for Chicano Rights, I was involved in a few protests. As a young women it was my mentor in the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault field, Pauline Gonzales, teaching me good work ethics. And always it was my mother and older sisters, they are all strong women keeping family always as the number one priority, this includes extended family and our work families. Now it is my children - being able to teach them their rights, good work ethics and the value of family. We have but one life to live so live it well with honesty, truth and love.

When you were young what did you want to grow up to be and why? I wanted to be an actor - I was always in Drama in Jr. And High School acting in several play or doing plays at the Little Theater in Albuquerque. I tried out for a movie when I was 15 years old, it was an Indian girl in a movie about Tanto from Lone Ranger. I got a call back for the movie but I didn't get the part. I did several community plays in Albuquerque, Rawlins and Laramie.

What is the funniest thing that ever happen

to you? I'm not sure I always try to make funny things happen or make fun of things. I guess the most embarrassing thing was at my nieces wedding I had a dress with a lot of flair in it. I went to the restroom and part of the dress got tucked in my pantyhose. I was out on the floor dancing like crazy when someone came up and told me my dress was tucked in to my pantyhose and my underwear was showing. Now I know this happen to many of us women, we just don't like to admit to it.

In the nominations these are some of the things they had to say about Linda. Linda has struggled through a very heavy Job Development work load and a severe asthma attack, but she still gave her all and maintained a positive attitude. Her humor is delightful and her extra effort with the concept and work on the Bosses Day Flowers was terrific and the ingenious idea for Pauli's Boss's Day was awesome, the Tierra, etc flowers, award for Karla - all above and beyond. Linda's enthusiasm with Halloween, dressing up and providing the co-workers with 50's outfits. Her enthusiasm for the Feliz Navidad Tree decorations. She is motivated and full of energy with projects, humor, she vitalizes the whole department.

Linda would like to thank the Community Employment Department for this great honor and sends a big shout to them all "Rock On Team."



One Enchanted Night



HAUNTED HOUSE

BY BIBI ATWELL

The Haunted House was a huge success. Some of our participants volunteered to dress up and be part of the Haunted House. Matt Mitchell was the chopped off head on the box. Donald Graham was a Werewolf. Jill Hooker was a Devil. Ricky Romero was a Vampire with blood running through his mask. Maria Garduno, Janice Issac, Suzanne Martin and Joyce Felders were our Witches. Mark Rynes was a Skeleton in a grave. Kathy Lilly was also a Skeleton in the cemetery. Bobby Sookla was a Stuffed Dummy, Beth Nevin was Cleopatra. Kelly Schwartzkopf was a sophisticated Business Woman. Preston was a Masked man. They did an excellent job of scaring everyone.

Bill and KaSandra from the HUB, Linda and her family from Community Employment, and Sam from the training office did a great as part of the spooks also. Transporting participants were Jennifer, Justin, Pat, Joni and Bonnie from Supported Living as well as Community Employment dropping people off from work. Everyone did a great job and we especially appreciated the turnout from the group homes and HUB that came to visit the Haunted House. We had many that contributed by providing props for this event to include Dan, Jennifer, Pat, and Bonnie from Supported Living, Jeana and Aaron from Case Management, Carol from Community Employment, Heather O'Brien, and Emily from Community Living. This was a great year of Magic City wide teamwork for this event.



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