

## Enabling Technology Tours



Those that came out to our Enabling Technology Company (ETC) Open House got an up close look at all the available aids for assisting in daily living.

The driving simulator continues to be of great interest to those we support. You may view a "test drive" [here](#).

You may still schedule a personal tour of the ETC building or learn more about the simulator by contacting Maurice Lawrence at 731.513.2760 or visit their [web page](#).



## Congratulations MAPs Enrollees

Jonathan Saavedra was recently featured in the Transition TN Newsletter! You may view the entire article at our website by clicking [here](#). Interested in MAPs services, check out their [page](#).



Christina Jones, is the first to complete her Drivers Training on the Simulator and is now able to identify signs on car dashboards, drive in risky situations, and read and understand signs on the road. She plans to pursue her drivers license.

## May Is Mental Health Awareness Month

The Mental Health Team held a workshop for those interested in ways to maintain their mental health. Each station offered an activity participants could do at home to help them manage their anxiety or relax. [The PLACE](#) offers group and individual sessions to help develop important coping and life skills.



## Need To Know

May 26 – Memorial Day Holiday  
July 4 – July 4th Holiday  
Sept 1 - Labor Day Holiday  
Oct 3 - Golf Tournament

[Click here](#) for full calendar.

## CEO Corner



William D. Brewer, Jr.  
Chief Executive  
Officer

### STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES!!

How many times have you heard that in your life? How many times have you done it? It's great when you literally take a moment to smell the roses when there aren't any bees around, but I'm talking about appreciating and recognizing the goodness in our lives. The moments that bring us joy and really seeing what causes that emotion.

If you'll indulge me for a few minutes, I would like to share a few moments of mine that have happened recently.

The Spring Banquet! What an unbelievable event that has gone on for almost 50 years! To see the joy on the faces of those we serve and individuals from the other Agencies. This year over 850 people!

Then I marvel about what a great group of Employees MHDS has who care and take care of those we serve and those that put the Banquet on!

Nurses Week! What a great group of nurses at MHDS and what they do! The highlight is the luncheon where each one is recognized and who they are! May is Mental Health Month! The Mental Health Fair and the people working in the MHDS "The Place" are recognized! An amazing group of individuals! MHDS Steak Night at Redbone's! Seeing the smiling faces as our folks get the opportunity to get out in the Community on a night that benefits MHDS.

I could go on and on but I'll end by saying that the common thread in all of this, is our Individuals we serve and you; the MHDS Employee! All of you make me realize the goodness in my life!

Thank you for all you do for OUR Agency!

## Staff Winners Of The Driving Simulator Contest!

We offered employees a chance to show what they could do behind the wheel of the driving simulator and rewarded their efforts!



Valerie Gladney  
Manager of  
Residential Services

1st Place \$100



Eddie Boleyn  
Residential  
Home Coordinator

2nd Place \$50 (tie)



Eric Wise Jr  
Maintenance Tech

2nd Place \$50 (tie)



Tomika Barbour  
Director of Quality  
Assurance &  
Mental Health

3rd Place \$25



## Spring Banquet Sailing Into The Future!



It is the highlight of every year! Over 850 persons joined us at the Jackson Fairgrounds for fun, food & fellowship! Over 20 agencies were represented from all over West TN. Persons Supported renewed and enjoyed friendships at this annual celebration!

## Financial Empowerment Presentation by United Way



Jordan Howerton and his team from the Financial Empowerment Center, a United Way program, provided sessions on moving toward financial security to our staff in Selmer, Jackson & Bolivar. They shared tools & strategies to use to strengthen your personal financial independence. You may [contact them](#) at their website to schedule a private, individual consultation to develop your own plan for financial freedom.



## New Jobs For Persons Supported!



Jennifer Storey, Marshall's

Melissa Mason, McDonald's

Congratulations on new jobs & extra money for these ladies! Persons Supported interested in pursuing employment, please contact Kelly Sorrell or Kenya Finch to attend our next Employment Interest presentation scheduled for June 3rd at 53 Conrad Training Room.



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## Spring Is In The Air!



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