

A Career of Service Celebrated!



Some folks find their chosen career path early in life but few dedicate 48 years to the same agency. So many things make Bill Brewer's tenure at MHDS remarkable in addition to his longevity of service. He's held every position within the organization. Bill's championed those we support at a local, state and national level. He's been

this organization's persona in the community for longer than any one. Persons supported always know they are safe with Bill. Watching him come into a room with them is always special. They have been his purpose and it shows on their faces when they see him! While the agency's future is secure with Incoming CEO, Nora Buckley, it will be different not seeing Bill's smile regularly. We thank Bill for making us his life's work and wish him all the best as he embraces his well deserved retirement!



Arts In McNairy Collaboration!



We are excited to partner with Arts in McNairy to offer programming to local persons supported through a grant provided by South Arts with an emphasis on Health & Wellness.

This program addresses a strategic goal to cultivate and strengthen deep, cross-sector partnerships that will bring new opportunities, increased effectiveness, and greater depth to our collective work to provide significant support to projects developed by partners that harness the power of the Arts to impact those we support with healthier communities, provide sustained support to improve project stability and partner capacity, cultivate partnerships and relationships, and offer opportunities to enhance knowledge.

Need To Know

- 1/1 New Year's Day
- 4/3 Good Friday (new Holiday)
- 4/24 Spring Banquet
- 5/6-12 Nurse's Week
- 5/25 Memorial Day

Full Calendar on [website](#).

We Own 20 Homes!

As the rental market began to become out-of-reach for so many of our Supported Living participants on fixed incomes, we knew we needed to stabilize that critical component of their budget. Over a period of years, we've been fortunate to purchase some homes we'd been renting and add others that we could customize to individual needs. "Knowing we can insulate folks in our Supported Living program from the often unpredictable and escalating costs of housing is something we are very proud of," states Nora Buckley. "It gives us all a sense of security to know they are not subject to unexpected rises in this critical line item."

CEO Corner



William D. Brewer, Jr.
Chief Executive
Officer

As 2025 draws to an end, I hope everyone has enjoyed the Holidays and are looking forward to a very Happy, Healthy & Prosperous New Year in 2026! 2025 has been a very good year for MHDS and 2026 will bring some exciting new opportunities to make OUR Agency even better!

For me personally, 2026 will be a year of changes and exciting new opportunities as after a little over 48 years, I will be retiring from MHDS. My employment dates are 1977-2026 and as they say, it's not so much about the years but what the dash represents between those years! The dash for me brings back so many great memories and times I've had with those we support and the people I've had the opportunity to work with, in and outside the Agency!

While there have been moments of sadness when losing people supported or employees, those tears are quickly turned into smiles when reflecting on who the people were and the joy they brought to my life. There have been so many changes in all these years and MHDS has always been a leader in providing services, making it the BEST Agency in Tennessee for those we support and those that work with us.

The future is very bright for MHDS and Nora Buckley is the perfect person with the MHDS Board to lead OUR Agency into the future.

So, I say Thanks for all you do for OUR Agency and Thanks for what you've done for me!!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Brewer".

Golf Tournament Flight Winners!



1st Flight, 1st Place
Jerry Martin



2nd Flight, 1st Place
Bell's Lawn Service



3rd Flight, 1st Place
Horne LLP

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2025 CQL Award of Excellence!



We were honored to be selected among our national peers. Accepting our award in Philadelphia were Tomika Barbour, Director of Quality Assurance & Mental Health; Jeannie Teuber, Selmer Site Director; Bill Brewer, Retiring CEO; Deana Shephard, Chief Operations Officer; and Nora Buckley, Incoming CEO. Full details at our [website](#).

Maurice Lawrence is TNCO 2025 Rising Star!

Maurice Lawrence, Manager of the Enabling Technology Company program was distinguished with the Rising Star Award by TNCO/Tennessee Community Organizations from a pool of nominees from throughout the state. "Maurice's innovation, dedication and personal touch have transformed how we support individuals with technology. He is truly a Rising Star at our agency and in his professional field."



NDEAM County Employment Partners Awarded!



McNairy County recognized Steve Sweat Body Shop who has employed Rocky for 18+ years. Pictured are Steve Sweat, Jeanie Teuber and Sherry Sweat.



Hardeman County awarded Dixie Funeral Home who has given those we support work opportunities for over two decades. Kawanna Stewart presented the award to Mike Miller.



Madison County acknowledged Gamble Management who operates multiple area McDonald's which employ numerous persons in various locations for many years. Kelly Sorrell presented the award to Melissa who is a current McDonald's employee.

Always Something to be Thankful For!



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