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# News From

## Martin Enterprises

Second Quarter, 2013  
April—June

### Upcycled Creations at The Market

Uptown Greenville has an “Umbrella Market” on Wednesday evenings during the summer months in the parking lot on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Evans Streets. Vendors sell a variety of crafts, food items and produce fresh from the garden. Here at Martin Enterprises we decided this year to take our “Upcycled Creations” along with our flowers and herbs there to show people what we have going on.

Shoppers were offered earrings, necklaces, bracelets, wind catchers and clocks made from computer boards. Plus there were clocks made from “reel to reels” (remember those?) and herbs and flowers.

The response was very positive. People were somewhat amazed at the fact that the jewelry was actually from the inside of a computer. The earrings made from laptop keys always made people smile. One customer bought “up” and “down” keys to make a pair.

The market ends in August but watch for Upcycled Creations’ Etsy store (coming soon) where you will be able to purchase all of the same items. Just keep in mind that each piece is individually made so each item is a “one of a kind.”





# Good-bye Spring, Hello Summer

# Production Log—2nd Quarter 2013

- Becky Renn**  
*Executive Director*
  
- Board of Directors**
  
- George Griffin, III**  
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To maintain the on-site garden a schedule was created so that the clients and staff in Community Alternative Program (CAP), Adult Developmental Vocational Program (ADVP), and Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR) departments could all take turns tending to the



garden. Like the saying goes, “April showers bring May flowers”. The garden has brought forth beautiful flowers and herbs and continues to do so today.

The Wellness Committee is always looking for ways to encourage healthy eating habits and exercise. Once production is met for the day we try to exercise or participate in some type of physical activity to get the heart rate up and the blood flowing. The clients ask a lot of interesting questions in the Wellness Committee meetings. This time the Wellness Committee decided to couple exercise and healthy eating together by picking strawberries at a local strawberry patch in Robersonville. The clients were excited about being able to pick their own strawberries for only \$1.50 per pound. Everyone got their fair share of deliciously sweet strawberries and enjoyed feasting on them.



	Perdue	Cryovac Sealed Air	Tons of	Tons of	Dorsal Brand Gear
	Poultry Trays	Various Meat Trays	Cardboard	Scrap Tubes	Bags Repaired
<b>APR-13</b>	<b>533,700.00</b>	<b>1,841,700.00</b>	<b>10.64</b>	<b>8.22</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>MAY-13</b>	<b>669,600.00</b>	<b>1,289,600.00</b>	<b>13.61</b>	<b>4.69</b>	<b>110.00</b>
<b>JUN-13</b>	<b>464,700.00</b>	<b>1,883,300.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>2ND QTR TOTALS</b>	<b>1,688,000.00</b>	<b>5,014,600.00</b>	<b>24.25</b>	<b>12.91</b>	<b>110.00</b>

**We Are Here To Assist Your Needs**

If you are in need of assistance with production that requires simple assembling, packaging or sorting, please feel free to contact **Eric Manning, Production/Safety Manager**, at (252) 792-8251 ext. 229 or [ericmanning@meproduction.org](mailto:ericmanning@meproduction.org).

If your business is in need of storage we have rental space available at our new warehouse located at 23366 NC Hwy 125, Williamston. If you would like more information please contact **Roger Coltrain, Procurement Specialist**, at (252) 799-6827 or [rogercolatrain@gmail.com](mailto:rogercolatrain@gmail.com)



...to stop by and support the eatery managed and operated by Martin Enterprises in Martin General Hospital's lobby. We have new menu items featured below. Our new summer hours are Monday thru Thursday 9-4 and Friday 8-3. Follow us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/hospitalitycorner](http://www.facebook.com/hospitalitycorner)



*New light and refreshing dessert, Cherries in the Snow!!!*



## New menu items available now at Hospitality Corner

Located in the hospital lobby

### Chicken Salad Plate

One scoop of our Home-made White Meat Chicken Salad served with lettuce and tomato and fresh fruit.  
\$3.75



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### Grilled Chicken Wrap

Sliced Grilled Chicken Breast with tomatoes and lettuce served in a grilled flour tortilla with your choice of dressing.  
\$3.80



# CARF Information



CARF is a private, not-for-profit national accreditation organization that promotes quality rehabilitation services. Martin Enterprises is CARF accredited for the following services:

Supported Employment (SE), Work Adjustment (WA), Vocational Evaluation (VE), Adult Developmental Vocational Program (ADVP), Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR) Production Work and Community Support.

If you have any questions concerning SE, WA, or VE, please contact Charlene Ward, Program Services/Records Manager. For information concerning production work, please contact Eric Manning, Production/Safety Manager. To learn more about CARF, you can visit their website at <http://www.carf.org>.

# Ending with Success

*Vocational Rehabilitation Department  
Work Adjustment and Supported Employment's Success*

## SECOND QUARTER SUCCESS CLUB MEETING

The second quarter Success Club Meeting was held June 25<sup>th</sup>. Two consumers along with the Community Employment Specialists (CES) enjoyed a delicious lunch at The Moratoc Restaurant in Williamston after a refreshing stroll at the Roanoke River Boardwalk. A few key topics were discussed such as: how to handle the transition of new management and compromising with your employer when asking for time off during non-emergency situations.

Vocational Rehabilitation Work Adjustment (WA) has been successful in reaching our goal for the 12-13 fiscal year. The original goal of 41 for job placements for Work Adjustment was increased to 55. Overall the job coaches were successful in meeting the goal and ending the fiscal year with the exact number of 55 Major Benefits. We also placed 9 Supported Employment (SE) clients for a total of 64 placements. The clients placed were determined and dedicated to the services provided through Martin Enterprises and the job coaches. Clients gained employment through various businesses including: Wilco Hess, Service Works Express, Home Life Care, QSI, Agape Community Health Center of Washington, Wal-Mart, Subway, Mega Force, Holden, Packaging Crafts of Bethel, and Hardee's just to name a few.

Each month a Work Adjustment in-house consumer is recognized as the Outstanding Worker of the Month. Each received a certificate, 50 tokens and a free lunch coupon for their accomplishments.

CES Carter, CES Jefferson, and CES Williams strive daily to help each consumer seek employment, enhance the skills needed to obtain and maintain a job, prepare them for interviews, and arrange transportation.

The overall goal for the consumers is to achieve each individualized goal including maintaining and gaining work experience for 90 days or more.

**Roanoke River Boardwalk**



## UCP & ARC Group Homes on the Move

**Apr 27**-Everyone went to Greenville to spend a day out in the community. We visited several stores to compare prices and enjoyed a delicious dinner at CiCi's Pizza. Earlier in the month clients and staff went to a small fair held in Williamston across from Wal-Mart. The smell of cotton candy and funnel cakes filled the air as the clients enjoyed the scenery, rides and games.

**May 5**-Once again the clients were invited to Koinonia Christian Center for the Differently Abled Fun Fair. There were food, rides, games and much entertainment. After spending most of the day there everyone then left to attend the dance that evening at Jamboree.

**May 18**-One of our staff member's daughters got married and everyone attended the wedding. The clients really had a good time especially at the reception.

**May 19**-Everyone attended the Elk's Turnout Parade in Robersonville. There were horses, motorcycle riders, a band, steppers, car show and much more. Vendors lined the streets with food, and various items for sale. It was a day that people from all around came together to enjoy good entertainment, food and fun.

**June 8**-A client's aunt had a cookout and invited all the clients and staff. The client was able to spend time with his family and enjoy great fellowship. After attending the cookout everyone got dressed for the Jamboree Prom.

**June 16**-The clients used oatmeal cookie dough coupled with their creative skills to create their first and last name initials. We were proud of everyone's creativity and baked the cookies to enjoy a tasty treat.

**June 22**-The quarterly cultural diversity event was focused on Russia and the clients invited family and friends over to celebrate Russia. The décor and cake were red, white and blue to represent the colors of Russia's flag.

**June 28-30** The clients at ARC made wreaths out of clothes pins and hangers to celebrate July 4th. Each client used the wreath to decorate their bedroom doors.



## Butterscotch Now Has a Companion

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Martin Enterprises' Director, Becky Renn, has much dedication to the non-profit she has directed for 40 years and to animals in need. Therefore at Martin Enterprises there are usually dogs in the onsite pen waiting for the opportunity to be adopted and there are many cats living on the grounds. (The latter have all been fixed and are fed daily in case you were wondering.) One cat, Butterscotch, who showed up several years ago decided that he wanted to live inside. (He was our mascot for the Christmas light recycling program last year.) He has enjoyed being the only "inside" cat for about 4 years until June when a little kitty showed up at our front door in need of being rescued.

The little female named Cleo came in the door and has now become part of our day to day operations. Butterscotch, although a male, has taken her in as his "baby" and play mate. The two of them stay together each night in an office and then play together during the day until Butter gets tired (He is older.) and goes to find a quiet place to nap.



# Employee Anniversaries



APRIL	Years Of Service	MAY	Years Of Service	JUNE	Years Of Service
Reggie Peele	1	Debbie Bunn	5	Jacquelyn Bell-Shiver	1
Susan Daughtry	1	Julia Banks	10	James Williams	1
Terrie Brown	5			Wayne Johnson	1
Milton Bryant	14			Konja Williams	2
Eric Manning	15			Joyce Howard	13



The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

~Mahatma Gandhi



## NEWS FROM THE PSYCHOSOCIAL REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

The Psychosocial Rehabilitation Department instructors are always looking for ways to make learning fun and interesting. The Consumers love to engage in group activities, group discussions and etc. In April, we celebrated Easter by learning about the origin of Easter and how the Easter Bunny is associated with the holiday. Each consumer expressed what Easter meant to them personally and the different ways to celebrate the holiday. The company's garden was planted on-site with fresh seeds for herbs, and various seasonal flowers. In May, we made Mother's Day cards for the "Special Women" in their lives. Sometimes to end the week we would watch a movie in-house but this time we decided to go to Regal Greenville Grande Stadium 14 movie theater in Greenville to see *The Croods*. Everyone enjoyed the 3D animated movie then we had lunch at CiCi's Pizza. The day was well spent and they couldn't stop talking about the movie and how much fun they had on the way back. To end the month the consumers joined the Wellness Committee at the Carolina Country Fresh Market in Robersonville to pick fresh strawberries. Afterwards we celebrated a client's birthday with cake and ice cream. It was such a delicious treat! Finally it's June, and now summertime is officially here according to the calendar although, the sweltering heat has said that summer was here long before now! For Father's Day the consumers made cards just as they did for Mother's Day. We did some comparison shopping at various stores in the community and made a stop for a cone of ice cream to help beat the heat! Everyone has already made suggestions for the upcoming quarter activities. You will have to stay tuned to see what happens next!

