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News From

Martin Enterprises

**First Quarter, 2013
January—March**

We Just Grew By 91,000 Square Feet!



Martin Enterprises was in need of more space. Director, Becky Renn, very aware of this situation, realized that in order to grow new business the “space problem” would have to be addressed. The search for a building officially began in 2012. Renn wanted a building with storage, additional work space and rental space for other companies. She also wanted the building to have loading docks and to be mostly warehouse space since the admin part of Martin Enterprises wasn’t moving.

The Bounty Trading building, located North of Williamston on Highway 125, was perfect. The 91,000 square foot building was divided into three attached but separate spaces with approximately 30,000 square feet each. Two of the spaces would be rental and one would be used by ME for storage and other enterprises. Negotiations to purchase began the first part of 2013 and ended on March 27th when the closing was held, and the key was handed over.

Martin Enterprises will soon begin moving into a portion of the space and is currently looking for other businesses that need storage for the remaining space. Contact us if interested.



Production Log—1ST Quarter 2013

- Becky Renn**
Executive Director
- Board of Directors**
- George Griffin, III**
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- Gail Keel**
Vice President
- Hilda Bussell**
Secretary/Finance Officer
- Tommy W. Bowen**
- Susan Dunlow**
- Becky Edwards**
- Stephanie Irvine**
- William Manson**
- Bernadette Rodgers**



Becky Renn came to Martin Enterprises in March 1973 as an instructor. Three years later she was promoted to the position of Director of the program, which originally was named Martin County Adult Day Program. With an undergraduate degree in Early Childhood Education and a master's degree in Special Education, Renn took the then small agency and began the process of growing both the service and business end.

Today Martin Enterprises has 40 employees and operates out of a 51,000 square foot building on West Main Street. Recently, the company acquired a 91,000 square foot building, located on North Highway 125, to expand its business operations.

Becky loves all that has been accomplished at Martin Enterprises in the last 40 years. In addition, she has enjoyed being able to incorporate her concern and care for animals into Martin Enterprises' day to day activities. Rescued cats roam the grounds and Butterscotch, the only cat that wanted to come inside, can be found daily in the lobby or on someone's desk" cat napping." Rescue puppies can be found occasionally in an outside fenced in area and are brought in once a day to interact with clients. The puppies are kept until good homes are found.

Forty years is a long time. When Becky is asked what has kept her here for so long, the answer she gives is "clients, clients, clients..."



	Perdue	Cryovac Sealed Air	Tons of	Tons of
	Poultry Trays	Various Meat Trays	Cardboard	Scrap Tubes
JAN-13	539,400.00	1,205,100.00	0.00	0.00
FEB-13	506,100.00	910,850.00	18.28	16.87
MAR-13	397,650.00	1,335,400.00	0.00	0.00
1ST QTR TOTALS	1,443,150.00	3,451,350.00	18.28	16.87



Hospitality Corner Slogan Contest Winner

Sharon Walker, A Martin General Hospital employee, was the winner of the slogan contest that was run in January for our eatery, Hospitality Corner. Her entry, "Hospitality...Right Around the Corner," was very fitting. Here is a picture of Sharon with her t-shirt. She also received a \$25 gas card.

Up-Cycled Creations

Most of us have no idea what it looks like inside of our computer, and we really don't want to know. We like to save that view for the IT person. Since we started electronic recycling here at ME, the innards of computers and other electronic devices have become not only visible but very inspirational! There are all kinds of shapes in all kinds of colors inside those black or beige boxes. These pieces just scream, "do something creative with me!" And that is what we are doing. Pictured are a clock, a necklace and a couple pairs of earrings made from these items with more to come. For pricing and details please give Susan Daughtry a call at 252-792-8251 ext. 232. Watch for our creations on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/Hospitality-Corner.



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>.

Vocational Rehabilitation Department

Work Adjustment and Supported Employment's Success

The Success Club first quarter meeting and outing was held at Peking Chinese Restaurant. Afterwards everyone enjoyed playing video games and a game of bowling at Williamston Bowling Center. Six participants were in attendance with Community Employment Specialists Jefferson, Williams, and Carter. The Community Employment Specialists interacted with each of the participants by discussing the fortunes in each cookie received. The fortunes were read out loud and each discussed how their good "fortune" pertained to work. One fortune stated, "Be grateful for the small pleasures." Each was asked what small pleasure at work they were grateful for. Responses included, peace of mind, employee discounts, being able to help others, being given important responsibilities, and a flexible schedule. Another fortune mentioned your past preparing you for your future initiating a conversation on how past trainings/experiences prepared them for their current jobs. Participants suggested River Roving in Washington at the Estuary for the next Success Club Meeting and Outing. A Success Club Outing is a quarterly incentive to praise the workers for their hard work and success.

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Work Adjustment (WA) placements have increased. Thirteen placements were made within the months of January, February and March along with one Supported Employment placement. Many consumers gained employment through the services of Mega Force and Service Express along with Bo Jangles, McDonald's and opportunities at KFC/Taco Bell. Additional help was provided to the consumers through the Wellness and Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) for Employment program held at Martin Enterprises for 6 weeks instructed by Donny Hakes ITE, NC-CPSS. The program provided the participants with additional information and tools to help them on their quest of finding gainful employment. All participants completed the 6 weeks course and celebrated with light refreshments and earned a certificate of completion.



CES Carter, Jefferson, and Williams strive daily to help each consumer seek employment, enhance the skills needed to obtain and maintain a job, as well as prepare them for interviews and arrange transportation. We awarded three VR consumers Worker of the Month recognitions. Each candidate received a certificate, 50 tokens and a free lunch card for their accomplishment.

A special thanks to all businesses for their contributions and employment opportunities given. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Gifted Hands

One of our very own clients has a special talent for embroidery. This hobby has paid off because she has began to offer these items for sale to the community. She recently had her own booth at the Heritage Days event at the Bob Martin Agriculture Center. She had a good turn out selling most of the items she made.



Learning Made Fun



Martin Enterprises' staff and clients bid one of the instructors in the Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR) Department farewell. On January 4th staff gave Betty Dolberry a retirement celebration with cake, ice cream, and presented her with a certificate of appreciation, card and other gifts. Everyone wishes her well in her endeavors.



Clients had a discussion about their new year's resolutions and how they plan to keep them throughout the year. As a group they recited Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s renowned speech, *I Have a Dream*. This group activity inspired them to write their very own "I Have a Dream" speech and present it to everyone.



In February, they learned about the myth of the ground hog seeing his shadow on Ground Hog's Day. For Valentine's Day they made Valentine's Day cards and inserted their personal pictures as a gift to that special someone. To celebrate Black History Month they participated in various activities that paid homage to African Americans that contributed to our nation's historical inventions and humanitarian development.

March brought more fun activities for the clients. Spring is finally here and although temperatures were a little cooler than normal it didn't keep the clients from planting flowers to welcome springtime. This also brought about an interesting conversation about Day Light Saving Time. They were interested in knowing why they have to set their clocks up an hour this time of the year. For St. Patrick's Day they made moveable leprechauns and were sure to wear green to avoid being pinched according to the old St. Patty's adage. This quarter was full of a lot of fun and educational activities. They are ready to see what next quarter has in store for them.



Employee Anniversaries

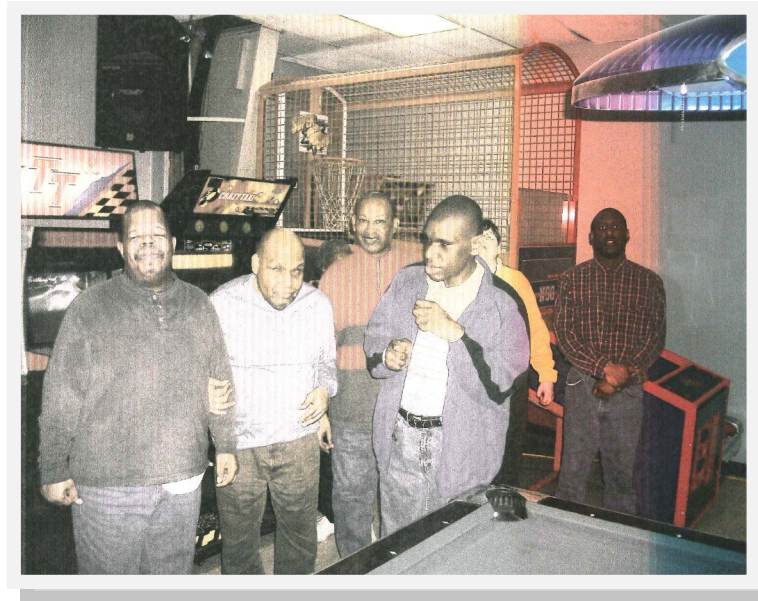
January	Years Of Service	February	Years Of Service	March	Years Of Service
Dwan Austin	1	Loraine Norfleet	7	Lakiva Hudgins	13
		Linda Rodgers	8	<i>Becky Renn</i>	<i>40</i>
				Charlene Ward	7

Living Socially

UCP and ARC are off to a good start. Clients and staff completed arts and crafts projects to decorate the homes for the new year. For the first time they made candy apples and everyone enjoyed it. Some clients participated in the 100 mile Club Walking and Fitness Program. They learned that walking at least 15 minutes is equivalent to 1 mile. For Valentine's Day they shopped at Wal-Mart for a gift to give to that special someone, baked goodies and attended a Valentine's Dance at Jamboree. They attended New Fellowship Church's Black History Program that was very informative. Everyone enjoyed great fellowship and delicious food. Both homes were invited out for a night of fun at the Williamston Bowling Alley. Everyone enjoyed bowling, the Arcade, and a picnic-style dinner. ARC and UCP both look forward to having just as much fun and if not more next quarter. Stay tuned!!!

"A leader is always first in line during times of criticism and last in line during times of recognition."

~Orrin Woodward



On The Road Again.....

Transfer trucks bringing meat trays or picking up padded meat trays come and go on a daily basis here at ME. After watching this for several years, Wayne Forbes, Truck Driver/Warehouse Assistant, had an idea— Why don't we take over the shipping? ME owned one tractor trailer bed and could easily acquire another to get this work done. Director Becky Renn's reaction, "Let's do it!" Forbes is already trucking the trays to companies in North Carolina and will start driving into Virginia as soon as the proper permits are received.



Got Lights???

Our first time collecting Christmas lights for recycling went great mainly due to media support and to community partners allowing us to place collection carts at their businesses. We ended up with around 1200 pounds of lights.

Thanks go out to The Daily Reflector, The Enterprise, Channel 12, The Henry Hinton Show, GPAT TV with Mary Smith, the Martin County Chamber of Commerce and to all the other publications, radio or TV stations that helped promote the program.

We also want to thank the Wal-Mart and Roses stores in Williamston, the Telecenter, Martin Community College and two Martin County schools, South Creek High School and Riverside High School, plus Practicon and Acculink in Greenville.

