

VALENTINE SOCIAL



CLFS, PSR, and INNOVATIONS

During the month of February PSR, CLFS, and Innovations enjoyed a Valentine Social. Clients strutted into the building with bright smiles and their heads held high dressed to impress in red, black, and white. Clients participated in a fashion show, danced to their favorite music, exchanged gifts, and posed in a photo shoot. The staff prepared and served savory baked chicken dinners with gravy, cream potatoes, green beans, dinner rolls, lemonade, tea, and strawberry cake for dessert. What an enjoyable day!

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| JAN. | YEARS OF SERVICE | FEB. | YEARS OF SERVICE | MAR. | YEARS OF SERVICE |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Dwan Austin | 6 | Linda Rodgers | 13 | Becky Bullock | 45 |
| Valorie Davenport | 3 | Loraine Norfleet | 12 | Lakiva Hudgins | 18 |
| Sierra Cooper | 1 | Olinka Little | 2 | Marilyn Morehead | 1 |
| | | Carl Manning | 2 | | |

| 2018 | Perdue | Hampton Art | Cardboard | Ann's House of Nuts | Fastenal Kitting |
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| Jan. | 880,555 | 28,128 | 0.00 | 225 | 0 |
| Feb. | 703,200 | 13,344 | 21.59 | 0 | 0 |
| Mar. | 682,650 | 19,488 | 20.46 | 60 | 104 |
| 1st Qtr. | 2,266,405 | 60,960 | 42.05 | 285 | 104 |
| | Poultry trays | Tubes of beads | Tons of Cardboard | Assembled and packed displays | Kits assembled |



CARNIVAL

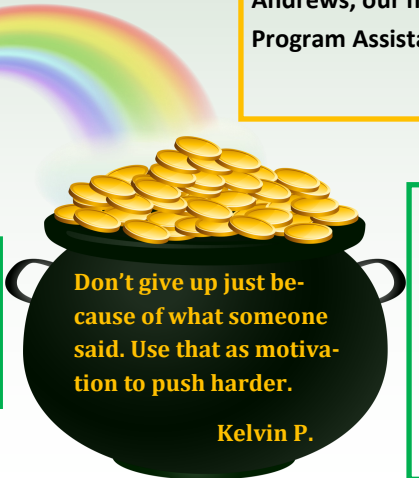


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This quarter clients attended a carnival in Williamston at which they played games, enjoyed rides, and ate cotton candy, candy apples, and popcorn. The clients also enjoyed a social outing where they went to the movies and ate lunch at Golden Super Buffet in Washington, NC. The clients are still talking about these events and are excited about possible events for the coming quarter.



Welcome Shontae Andrews, our new Program Assistant!



Don't give up just because of what someone said. Use that as motivation to push harder.

Kelvin P.

Welcome Back Patricia!



VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION



The VR Department is proud to announce its participation in the organization and success of the **Martin County Get the Life You Love Job Fair and Career Expo!!!** What a turnout! Nearly 50 employers and colleges along with 11 Community Resources registered for the Martin County Job Fair this year. Job Seekers totaled 150- 200. One of many goals of the Expo is for this number to continue to rise. This annual event was organized by the Martin County Career Partners, which includes Martin Enterprises' VR Department, Martin Community College, and the local NC Works office. Last year, the group received the Sam Carson award for their efforts. Our ME Clients along with numerous others were able to meet HR representatives face to face, submit resumes, and complete online applications onsite at this event. Employers received a free lunch sponsored by Bojangles of Williamston, a supportive employer hiring many ME clients over the years. Thank you to everyone that participated. We look forward to continued partnerships and employment obtained by all (See a clip of this spectacular event on the WITN news website)!

The VR Department also took part in a Sensitivity Training in Greenville offered by the NC Division of Services for the Blind. Training included visually impaired simulations and a fact or fiction pop quiz on blindness and deaf-blindness. The VR Staff left empowered with increased knowledge on how to best work with visually or auditorily-impaired clients. Now that training is complete, our department is eligible to serve individuals from NCDSB in our catchment area.

We have accumulated nine Work Adjustment placements and one Supported Employment placement this quarter. Mega Force, Sonic of Williamston, Syfan of Washington, and Beaufort County Schools have contributed to our success for the current quarter. We are thankful for the opportunity these employers have provided for our clients.

Our monthly VR client meetings continue to play an important role in preparing individuals for work. Each month at the client meetings a worker is selected for Worker of the Month based upon excellence in Attendance, Productivity, Cooperation, Attitude, and Behavior. The WRAP program out of Greenville continues to provide innovative ideas for seeking employment and words of encouragement to our clients.

The first quarter Success Club Outing took place 3/6/18. Participants followed up the official meeting with a viewing of the movie, Black Panther at the Regal Grande theater in Greenville, NC! Participants ate lunch at East Coast Wings. The Success Club Meeting was conducted by Sonona R. Jefferson, VR Services Manager. Topics discussed included working during the holidays, increase of duties vs. increase in pay, staff turnover, maintaining check stubs, and overall levels of content with being employed. The concept of "one tribe" in the workplace and the effects on employees during changes in leadership were also discussed.

If you or your company is interested in receiving services through the Vocational Rehabilitation Program at Martin Enterprises, please contact Sonona R. Jefferson, VR Services Manager at (252) 792-8251. We look forward to serving you or your company's needs in the future.

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January—March



Dink (Dennis) Mills

Dink Mills appears to be a self-possessed type of man with a very calm spirit and a lot of inner strength and drive. His goal this Friday morning at Martin Enterprises is to take the clients on a short walk inside and then play a game which appears to be a mix between Shuffleboard and Corn Hole.

He divides the group into two teams and gets everyone to form a line. Since today is Ground Hog Day, he tells everyone to make a “ground hog noise” before they toss the bean bag. This adds to the fun! A person from each line comes up to the black mark on the floor and tosses the bean bag onto the triangle which has been taped out. The triangle is divided up into 3 sections with each earning the players one, two or three points.

The first round the guys end up winning, but then Dink changes the game. This time everyone is told to throw the bean bag with the opposite hand they usually use. This is not so easy so at a certain point Dink says for everyone to just go back to throwing with the hand they are more comfortable with. Things go much smoother, but the guys still win!

The hour is up and everyone leaves with a smile on their faces telling Dink goodbye and that they will see him next week.

Fitness is in Mills’ DNA. He has an undergrad and master’s degree from ECU in health and PE with a certification in administration. He has spent the majority of his life as a teacher and a coach. He was in Jacksonville, NC for 14 years, then he spent 18 years doing the same in Bear Grass. Mills has also been a trainer at ECU for football and track. Before he retired, he was the Athletic Director at Williamston High School.

Of course some people retire and others take breaks. After “taking a break”, Dink went to work at Employment Security Commission and did substitute teaching. When asked what made him come to Martin Enterprises to “volunteer”, he replied that he knew about what ME did and thought he had something to offer the people we served. Obviously, that is quite true. However when watching Mills, you realize he is also “getting” something out of this interaction. He is totally enjoying himself and seemingly very in tune with each person in the group.

ARC and UCP Group

This quarter, the residents of the ARC and UCP group homes enjoyed a Black History Celebration at the Smithwick Chapel Church of Christ, followed by a surprise birthday party at the E.J. Hayes Alumni building in Williamston. The clients had a good time socializing, dancing, and eating a variety of delicious foods. The clients also enjoyed shopping for birthday and valentine gifts at various stores in the community.

This year’s first Jamboree was held at the First United Methodist Church in Washington, NC. The clients mingled and danced with old friends, made new friends, and played bingo.

The clients also had the opportunity to attend The Herring Festival in Jamesville, where they were able to try foods from different vendors, enjoy rides and other activities, and listen to music. The clients are looking forward to more fun-filled socializing next quarter.

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CLFS, PSR, and Innovations were cheerful givers during volunteering this quarter. The clients are learning that it is better to give than to receive. The clients have been volunteering their time with Meals on Wheels, Bibleway Food Pantry, Imperium Wellness Center, The Bargain Shoppe, MBC Daycare, The Animal Shelter, and the Williamston House nursing home. The clients enjoy giving back to the community and are looking forward to volunteering their time to more businesses in the future.

