



SCARC 2018-2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



2018 Banquet: "HOLLYWOOD!"

Thursday, Sept. 27th, SCARC, Inc. clients, staff, and guests enjoyed a Hollywood themed banquet celebrating awards, honoring donors, and conducting the annual business meeting. The dinner for more than 100 was donated by Brenda and John Rogers of the Farmer's Market Restaurant in Webster.

Emcee and Board President, Lee Kraus, introduced honored guests including Sumter County Sheriff Bill Farmer, State Senator Dennis Baxley and representatives from the offices of Representative Daniel Webster and Senator Bill Nelson.

SCARC members were honored for achievements earned during the past year, for Work Skills, Educational Benchmarks, Independent Living, and Competitive Employment.

The Lawn Crews completed 1,203 jobs last year, clearing more than \$71,000 for SCARC programming.

The Custodial Crew cleans the program building and washes the program vehicles.

The Production Crews do sub-contract work for Metal Industries. This past year the Production Crews assembled 31,618 latches and folded a total of 320, 204 inserts.

Group Home residents and staff were also honored, as well as Adult Education teachers and the Reception Crew.

"Above and Beyond" awards were presented to Gail Burgess, Maggie Brock, Karen Davis, Kathy Parrish, Marsha Perkins and The Sumter County Times. Brock, Davis, Parrish and Perkins were honored for their 20-plus years of service.

Community Awards were given for organizations and agencies that provided support to SCARC, Inc. in the past year.

The honorees included the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners for an annual grant to supplement programs, Sumter County for providing county properties for lawn crew contracts, the Sumter County School Board for the Adults With Disabilities grant and for the building that houses the SCARC day training program at a rent of \$1 per year, the City of Bushnell for donating the use of the Community Center, the V.F.W. Post 10137 and the Ladies Auxiliary for hosting special events such as Halloween and Valentine parties, and the Hometown Civitan Club for hosting bi-monthly birthday parties, the 2017 Christmas party, and a \$1,000 grant to Save Grant's Home.



Yard Sales Success Stories

The Adams Benefit Yard Sale raised \$3,289 last November '17. This year's sale on Nov. 10-12 raised \$4,236! Pictured are Laura and Linda from Norm Adams HomeBuilders. The Villagers for SCARC Yard Sale, hosted by Jay Burkle and Jane Furnier, netted \$2,125.



Lions Club Does It Again

Terry Hittle, Benita Mackle, Corky Craycraft and Teresa Fisher received the award for the Wildwood Sumter 44 Lions Club at the 2018 SCARC Banquet.

More from "Hollywood"

We'd also like to thank the following donors: James McCoy for the donation of his lot in Bushnell, which sold for \$6,000. Carmen Small, Dr. Kenneth Woodard, Judy and Michael Foote, Amy, Kathleen, and John Grayer, Betty Ann Ordoff, American Legion Auxiliary, Community United Methodist Church, Knights of Columbus 12544 and Ladies Auxiliary 142222, Wildwood Sumter County 44 Lions Club, the Wildwood Rotary Club, Sigma Phi Gamma, and the Leonard J. and Nancy E. Reinholz Charitable Trust.



Pictured are Paul Henriques, Wayne Ferrell, Jessica Fritts and Grant Grogan with awards.



Trishell enjoys her own home and her paying job at Warren Willis Camp in Fruitland Park.

Spotlight on Trishell Doy

By Kathy Parrish

How did you become interested in your job?

"I heard about SCARC and that it would be a great place to work. SCARC found that the best job fit for me would be working on the lawn crew. My first supervisor was Kathleen Bateman. She taught me how to follow instructions. My first pay check was \$12.48 for two weeks. I put the money in a savings account to save for a new car. I also bought new clothes and was able to pay for my hair appointments. I learned how to get along with others, how to manage my money, and how to open my own checking account."

What learning experiences have you had through Supported Living and Supported Employment?

"Supported Employment helped me with job skills. The financial advice is very important because Supported Living helped me turn my financial situation around."

Are there any steps for the future that you are considering, that you are able to share?

"My next step is to maintain employment, working towards one day retiring. I would pay off my home and have money saved for retirement."

How did working on the lawn crew help prepare you for competitive employment?

"It taught me how to come to work every day, and how to follow instructions. It also taught me how to get along with people."

CLASS TIME AT SCARC



Classtime at SCARC, Inc.

SCARC, Inc. students Paula Nelson and Andre Sturup have learned about computers this year. In addition, gcfLearnFree.org is providing in-depth learning on life skills subjects, technology, reading and math.



Computers Rule!

Pictured is Traneisha Wilburn using virtual computer lessons to learn skills such as using the ATM, dropping off prescriptions and filling out job applications.



Pictured are Jay Burckle and Jane Furnier from "Villagers for SCARC", and Patricia Hendricks from Sigma Phi Gamma sorority.

"Villagers for SCARC"

by Jay Burckle

"Villagers for SCARC" consists of a small group of people interested in telling our neighbors the story of SCARC.

Most of our friends are very willing to help when we ask them.

We send them letters from SCARC requesting monetary contributions. We ask them to donate items for the annual yard sale. Terry and Jackie Fritts took four truck loads of donations from their "softball" friends for the yard sale down to Bushnell.

Jane Furnier is responsible for SCARC's monthly birthday recognition party sponsored by the Sigma Phi Gamma service sorority.

"Villagers for SCARC" are committed to helping SCARC any way we can.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- SCARC, Inc. welcomes volunteers for yard sales, in the classroom, for parties throughout year, and in other capacities.
 - Call 352-793-5156 for more information.

Upcoming Events :

- Dec. 20th Christmas Party at Dade Battlefield

Looking forward to a Gingerbread Village, courtesy of the Webster RV Resort at the party.
- SCARC Closed Dec. 24- January 1st.

The Importance of Community Based Services

Many years ago there were few options for people born with disabilities such as intellectual delays, Cerebral Palsy, Autism, and Downs Syndrome. The only choice was a state institution.

Then forty to fifty years ago a movement began to close institutions by developing community based services that enabled the person with a disability to receive needed supports and services in a community setting.

Programs such as SCARC, Inc. were founded and began providing services that enabled people with disabilities to live as productive members of the community. And it worked. I have seen the results with my own eyes.

Then November 1, 2003, the Medicaid Waiver rates that support community based services were slashed 14.8%. Today, fifteen years later, those rates continue to be 10% to 11% LESS THAN in 2003. The results have been catastrophic to community based services struggling to survive.

I have devoted nearly thirty-seven years of my life to SCARC, Inc. For the first time in all those years, I fear the day is coming soon when SCARC, Inc. may not be viable.

The battle over the last half decade cannot be lost. I haven't worked at SCARC, Inc. all these years to give up now. And I challenge you to never give up the fight.



Sincerely,

Marsha Woodard Perkins

Application for Membership

I believe in the mission of SCARC, Inc. and desire to become a member in the category I have designated:

_____ \$2.50 Special Membership (for SCARC Participants)

_____ \$10 Individual

_____ \$25 Sponsoring

_____ \$50 Patron

_____ \$100 Century

Make checks payable to SCARC, Inc.

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