



# PRIDE NEWS

Newberry County DSN Board

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**VOLUNTEERING**  
LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE



The famous American professional boxer, activist, and philanthropist Muhammad Ali once said, "the service you do for others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth."

If you have time to give, NCDSNB can help find the volunteering opportunity to match your skills and availability.

Let's take Jon for example. Every week Jon volunteers at the PRIDE Business Center, visiting with folks and lending a helping hand around the agency. Cheryl spends her time going to see people at home and sometimes sharing from favorite books that she's read. Jim enjoys going on outings with folks and Mary Catherine volunteers as a Special Olympics Coach.

These amazing people are making a difference by spreading joy and compassion. In return they have created friendships and memories. Volunteering is one of the best ways to impact your community. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, complete an online application or come by the NCDSNB office.

# ADVOCACY

At the State House



The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Disability Advocacy Day was held on March 6, 2019 at the State House in Columbia, SC. A total of three hundred and fifty-seven (357) advocates, professionals and family members registered at the event. A new South Carolina Partnership of Disability Organizations logo was unveiled during the



rally and Chaqueta Stuckey of Florence County was named the 2019 Self Advocate of the Year.

**Members of  
Voices for PRIDE  
visited with  
legislators and  
participated in  
the rally.**



# *Congratulations*

## Years of Service Awards

### **Five years**

Delois Johnson  
Ashley Robinson  
Flora Graham  
Michael Hines

### **Ten years**

La-Kisha Houston  
Elenita Young

### **Fifteen years**

Stephen Kneece

### **Twenty years**

Donna Turner

### Have a concern??

The concern phone line at the agency may be used to report a concern or complaint. Ask for extension #261 or press extension 261 during after-hours and holidays.

### IMPORTANT DATES

April 30 - May 2 Therap Conference

Monday, May 27, Memorial Day Holiday

Thursday, July 4, Independence Day Holiday



Web Address: [www.ncdsnb.org](http://www.ncdsnb.org)

## Artabilities SHINES

Artabilities is an art show hosted by PRIDE, People Realizing Individual Dreams and Expectations. It is the mission of the art show to encourage self-expression and to increase access to art for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The show held on March 27, 2019 in conjunction with the Newberry Industries Open House was open to the public. Over one hundred (100) pieces of art work and crafts were on display and sold at silent auction.



Categories in the show included Self- Expression, Whimsical, Nature and a new group called Hands Down which used the artists' hand print as the focal point of the piece.



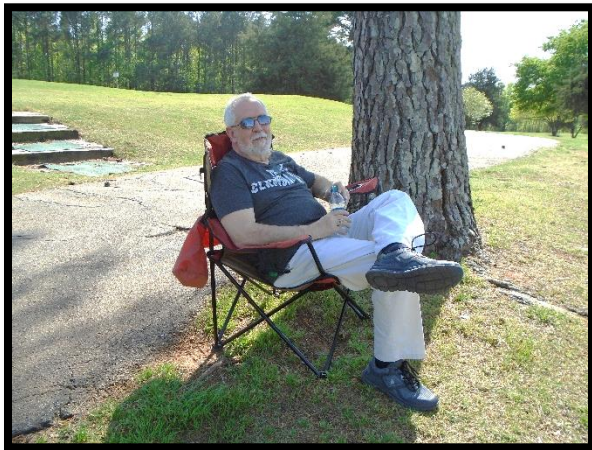
Best in Show honors went to Jonathan Lindler for "Eat More Chicken".

## Highlights from the Ruth S. Pugh Foundation Golf Tournament

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Pugh Foundation Golf Tournament was held on April 11, 2019 at the Mid Carolina Country Club. The tournament is the primary fundraiser for the foundation and is held in honor of Bill Braswell. Mr. Braswell is active in the planning of the tournament along with foundation members. The tournament is also supported by agency volunteers and students from Newberry Academy.



Jimmy and Lynda Counts, foundation members, assist the tournament by observing the hole-in-one opportunity for golfers. Lynda Counts is a charter member of the foundation board and the daughter of Ruth S. Pugh.



Jon Franklin, NCDSNB Volunteer and Bill Braswell, NCDSNB Board Member assist the golf committee to ensure a successful event.



Newberry Academy Student, Katheryn and Annette Bledsoe, Foundation Member, serve as caddies for Tony and James. Tony and James were awarded trophies for Most Valuable Players.



Denise Cates, foundation member, drives the drink cart to provide golfers with sodas and snacks during the tournament.

## Sacred Heart Beats Drum Therapy

Drum therapy promotes healing and self-expression. It has also been used to create and maintain



physical, mental and spiritual health. The Sacred Heart Beats Drum Therapy completed an eight

(8) week session at the PRIDE Center during the fall and winter.

***Photos: Bobby and Connie enjoy participating in drum therapy.***

## According to CMS...



THE final rule is meant to ensure that Medicaid's home and community-based services programs in residential and non-residential settings provide full access to the benefits of community living and offer services in the most integrated settings. The rule mainly contains criteria that relate to residential settings, however there will be additional guidance on how the rule impacts non-residential providers, such as adult day centers. There is even a greater focus for programs to be integrated in and have access to the greater community. People should have more opportunities to seek employment and work in competitive integrated settings.

NCDSNB continues to make improvements to our service delivery system focusing on choice and community access. Additional crews working in the community have been added and continue to grow.