



SHARINGS

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Christian Service Center

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CSC OFFICERS INSTALLED



Christian Service Center Officers for the 2014-16 term were installed recently. Executive Board members pictured (L-R) are President Linda Chappelle, Vice President Janice Moss, Secretary Kathy Vaughn, Treasurer Hope Becklund, Assistant Treasurer Darlene McQuen, and Center Coordinator Jennifer Jackson.

Linda Chappelle, a retired Social Worker, begins her thirteenth year as President of the Center. Linda was formerly coordinator of South Alabama retired Senior Volunteer Program. A member of St. Andrew by the Sea, she enjoys singing in the choir, handbell choir, and children's Sunday School. Other interests are reading, gardening and piano.

Vice President Janice Moss is beginning her fifth year in

this capacity, after first serving as a caseworker since 2006. She was an elementary school teacher before her retirement. Her church is Christian Life in Orange Beach. Among her interests are time with grandchildren, reading, and fun with friends.

A relative newcomer to the Executive Committee, Kathy Vaughn began her CSC involvement as Administrative Assistant. Kathy moved here from

Tennessee where she was a school secretary. She is a member of Andrew by the Sea, and loves to cook, walk on the beach and pick up shells, read, and play handbells.

Continuing her service for nine years as Treasurer, Hope Becklund started in 2003 as a food pantry helper and later served as Food Pantry Chair. Hope enjoys traveling abroad and volunteering for worthwhile causes.

Joining the Executive Committee for the first time is Darlene McQuen, filling the role of Assistant Treasurer. Darlene also serves as a volunteer income tax counselor for the AARP Tax Aide Program, and as a volunteer treasurer for two other community organizations.

Long-time volunteer Jennifer Jackson continues her service as Center Coordinator, a position she has filled for five years after being a Caseworker since 2007. Jennifer attends Worship at the Water. Among her interests are travel, food, and grandchildren.

I AM...

I am a 57-year old male who moved here from out-of-state last year. Since coming to the beach, I have incurred a fall, pneumonia and will be having carotid artery surgery soon.

I am on disability because of my congestive heart failure. I struggle to meet my bills each month, but had to put new brakes on my car and now I need help with my rent.

I can pay \$450 towards my rent, but needed \$242 more. I struggle each month because of my medical bills totaling over \$18,000.

The Christian Service Center paid the difference in my rent and gave me food for a week. In addition, I was given a list of other food resources and signed up for 50 lbs. of food from the Mobile Pantry in August, September, and October.

Editor's Note: This is the story of an actual client. It written by Caseworker, Donna Kincaid who interviewed and assisted him on behalf of the Center.



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Linda Chappelle

With the economy thriving on the Island we have noticed a decrease in the number of clients this summer. Although we say this each summer when the tourists are visiting and the work force has jobs and are getting plenty of hours. The tourist season is ending, workers hours are being cut and school is starting resulting in increased need. In addition to food and emergency aid, clients need assistance with school supplies and uniforms, etc. Folks often come in after they have paid their school fees, bought uniforms and/or school supplies, and then come up short on money to buy food or pay all of their bills.

Thanks to Holy Spirit Episcopal Church who again funded and provided food for forty two children to attend Camp Happy Sands. The weather was good and we even had to turn down several children due to lack of space.

Saint Andrew Women funded the CSC's Children's Summer Backpack Food Program which signed up a total of 106 children from 49 families. They were given weekly bags of easy to prepare breakfast, lunch, and snack foods for five days.

And coming up, CSC will make available 5,000 lbs. of food to be distributed to 100 pre-screened and approved clients. The Center purchases the food through the Bay Area Food Bank. The mobile pantry will be at the Center on August 27, September 24, and October 29.

We continue to be thankful for all of our dedicated volunteers who faithfully work at the Center.



PARTNERS IN ACTION

LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE



Darden Restaurants Foundation, Inc. selected the Christian Service Center to receive a \$1,000 grant as part of the Restaurant Community Grants program. The program, now in its third year, empowers each restaurant in the Darden family of brands to help support local community programs. Local Longhorn Steakhouse Manager, Michael Pippin is pictured here with CSC President, Linda Chappelle.

TRIVENT FINANCIAL



Trivent Financial, a faith based non-profit financial service and Grace Lutheran Church in Gulf Shores joined together to make contributions totaling \$8,207 to the Center. Presenting a check for \$5,000 from Trivent to Linda Chappelle are (l to r) Rev. Jim Korzun, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church and Mark Dave Buchhaults, a financial associate with the Central Gulf Coast Team of Thrivent in Mobile. The \$5,000 was a matching grant for \$3,207 which Grace Lutheran raised to benefit the Center at its 9th Annual Pancake Breakfast, Auction and Bake Sale held earlier in the year.

GIRLSCOUTS LEND A HAND



Brownies and Daisies from Girl Scout Troop 8290 in Gulf Shores recently visited the Christian Service Center to donate supplies of first-aid kits and cookies. They also demonstrated lessons they learned as part of their Journey and First Aid Badges. The theme of the Journey Badges for the younger Daisies was "Taking Care of Myself and Animals". "Taking Care of Myself, My Community and Others" was the theme for the older Brownies.

Along with Scout Leader Jessica Sanders, the girls performed skits demonstrating how they had learned to call 911 and secure a broken limb in case of an emergency. After the skits and presentation, the girls toured the Food Pantry with CSC volunteers to learn more about its services. In the photo, in no particular order, are Troup Members Ava Boniford, Maria Boniford, Lauren Calvert, Natalee Cerne, Tyler Ellis, Maggie Jollit, Carleigh Lukiewicz, Jasani Knight, Maggie Myers, Reagan Myers, Catie Sanders and Emma Steffek.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Orange Beach Knights of Columbus member, Bill Chambers, presents a \$500 check to Jennifer Jackson, CSC Office Coordinator to be used in the work of the Center.



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LAGOON BAPTIST CHURCH



Like many churches on the Island, Lagoon Baptist Church at 17867 Ft. Morgan Road, had its beginnings with monthly meetings in members' homes conducted by visiting preachers. Organized in 1914 with nine charter members, the church was first built on land donated by Tom Callaway.

The Church has been a consistent supporter of the work of the Christian Service Center both financially and with items for the Food Pantry. Among its more unique missions, however, is the contribution from the ladies of the church. When February rolls around each year, they provide enough cookies to accompany the more than 600 plates that are served at the annual Spaghetti Dinner.

Christine Wallace, Church Secretary, summed up the thoughts behind this gift: "We at Lagoon Baptist thank the Christian Service Center for allowing us to help with the Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser. It is so sweet of you to give us the opportunity to provide dessert for the dinner. Scripture tells us we show our love for God by helping those most in need. Please count on us to give this little bit but also to dig in and give more, do more and challenge others to contribute too. We believe God called us to minister to those in need in our community and it is important that we do it in such a way as to stir up the flames of good works and commitment in others."

SOUTH BALDWIN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Not only is the South Baldwin Regional Medical Center the healthcare provider for our community offering complete inpatient, outpatient, emergency, diagnostic and surgical care, it believes in the power of people to create great care. SBRMC has been the recipients of many prestigious awards thanks to the 650 healthcare professionals who work day in and day out to provide top-notch medical care for residents of South Baldwin County.

SBRMC also focuses on community involvement in addition to providing excellent health care. They are supporters of the Christian Service Center with sponsorships in the annual CSC Spaghetti Dinner, which is the biggest fundraiser of the year. They also host free Wellness Health Expos at the South Baldwin Medical Center Urgent Care in Gulf Shores. A variety of screenings are available such as bone density, blood pressure, blood glucose, cholesterol, neuropathy, and diabetes education.



The SBRMC's Healthy Woman program has also partnered with the CSC with donations of food for the CSC food pantry and toys at Christmas for the children of the island.

"South Baldwin Regional Medical Center is dedicated to providing quality care to all people in the community in a compassionate, safe, efficient and cost-effective manner," said Keith Newton, CEO. "We are proud to partner with the Christian Service Center to provide services and helping people in need on Pleasure Island."

The Christian Service Center values the partnership with South Baldwin Regional Medical Center and looks forward to a continuing relationship with the goal of giving a hand up to those who need it.

DIANE URBAN



Diane Urban has volunteered at the CSC Food Pantry for nine years. During that time she has served in various capacities including Food Pantry Manager and her current job of maintaining the Food Pantry Volunteer List. During her term as Food Pantry Manager, she incorporated her skills from her career at K-Mart Corporation where she was Planner for Paper Products and handled the multi-million dollar forecasting, ordering and inventory management for 2,300 stores.

She moved from the Detroit Metro area to Gulf Shores with her husband Stan in 2004 before Hurricane Ivan. She is the Home Life Department Chair for the Gulf Shores Woman's Club and maintains a schedule for the members' monthly visits to Golden Living Center in Foley. She is also a member of the Gulf Shores Garden Club and initiated a flower and vegetable garden on the west side of the Golden Living Center. As Co-Chair of the GSWC Tour of Homes fund raiser Diane was able to present a check to Golden Living to help in the revitalization of the newly landscaped patio on the east side of the building. She states, "In helping the disabled and elderly, I thought I was going to make a difference for them, but instead they have made a difference in me, as they uplift my spirits".

Her other volunteer activities include working at the Butterfly Garden at the Gulf Shores Elementary School and the Gulf Shores Museum.

Diane and Stan have a daughter who lives in Ohio and a son who lives nearby in Pensacola.

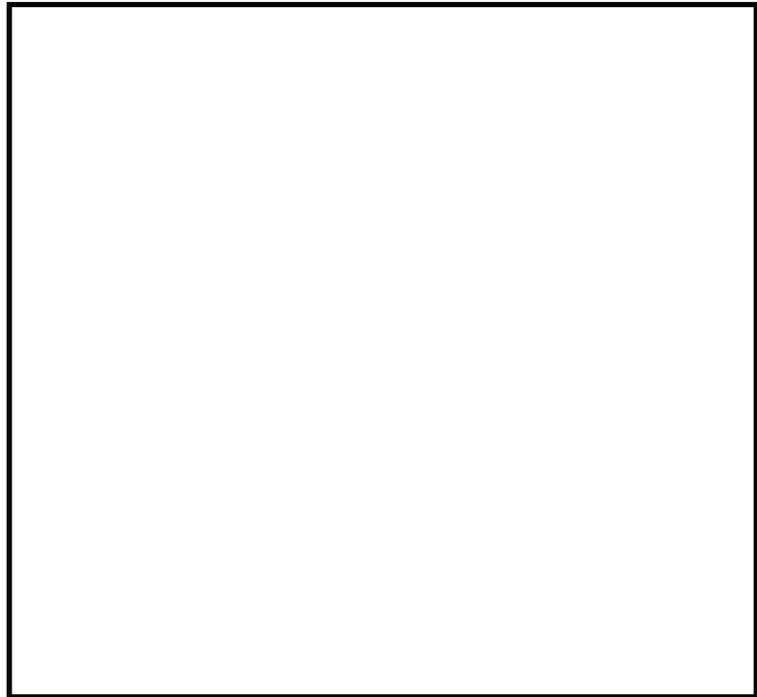
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◆ GIFTS ◆

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◆ GIFTS ◆

HONORARIUMS



LINDA CHAPPELLE'S Birthday
Eula Myers

GULF SHORES
1st PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
VOLUNTEERS &
REV. STEPHEN KURTZ
Richard & Betty Allen

HAROLD MORGAN'S MOTHER
Wayne & Alice Villadsen

JANICE & CHARLES RUNNELS
Neil VanderNoot

WEDDING OF LINDA FAUCETT & DON
KOPF
Elaine & Bill Dumer

BICYCLE REPAIR HELP WANTED

Several bicycles which need repair have been donated to the Center. Once repaired and in good working order, they are given to clients who have no other means of transportation to get to work. Anyone with skill and experience who would like to help is asked to contact Stan Moss at the Center.

◆ WISH LIST ◆

General Needs

Adult Bicycles
White Copy Paper
HP 56 Black Printing Cartridges

Medical Needs

Wheel Chairs (in good condition)

Food Pantry Needs

Canned meat; i.e. tuna, chicken
Ramen noodles
Saltine crackers
Canned Soup
Oatmeal (individual packets)
Grits (individual packets)
Boxed dinners; i.e. Hamburger Helper
Jelly – any flavor
Peanut butter
Mac and cheese
Plastic shopping bags
Bar soap
Shampoo
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Feminine hygiene products
Miscellaneous toiletries
Clothes detergent (small package)
Dish washing detergent (small package)
Disposable diapers
Baby wipes



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