

# News to SMILE. About

## Welcome To:

Amari and James who joined our day program.

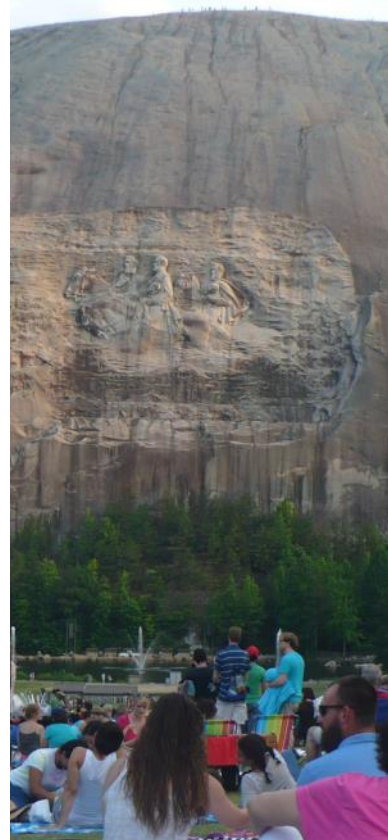
And, to new staff members Amber Priest, Lucy Chasengnou, Latoya Cook in our day program and to Korina Ortone, Jamares Stevens, Christina Hazouri, Valerie Quinlan and Anna Bostick who joined our CLS staff. We are glad to have you with us!

## What's New?

Waiver Supplemental Services offer a variety of services that are NOT covered by Medicaid. Some of these services are: Dental, Medical and Vision. Please see the attachment for further details.

We are so happy to share the good news! With the monies raised from our 5K race this year, we have been able to purchase two newer vans. They are the newest vehicles we have and are both really nice! Thank you so much to the race committee and the community for helping us achieve this much needed goal!

We are still looking for another gently used van. If anyone is interested in selling to it the agency, please call Bob at 770-279-5115.



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## CARF Accreditation Review is scheduled for September 22nd and 23rd!!

SMILE is proud to report that we are up for another visit from CARF, the Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities. The auditors will be here for two days in late September. This accreditation is a process that demonstrates a provider has met standards for the quality of services. We have worked hard and hoping to receive another three year accreditation! Wish us luck!



### Happy Birthday

#### July

Darrell L. 7/6  
Ray B. 7/10

#### August

Scott VB 8/30

#### September

James B. 9/1  
Jessica I. 9/27  
Josh J. 9/28

## Day Program News

The day program continues to stay busy. Some highlights of their activities include: Visiting the Mayfield Dairy, participating in Starve Wars, where they packed meals for the homeless, Fernbank, Music Therapy and Zumba. They continue to volunteer weekly at Streetwise, Lilburn Co Op and Life Care of Gwinnett.

The Sewing Circle is interested in doing light repairs. Anyone needing something hemmed or a button replaced, please call Terry at the office, 770-279-5115.

## CLS News

Individuals in our CLS program are busy, as well. While each of them have their own schedule, we try to make time to enjoy an activity together. For the 4th of July, many of the individuals enjoyed the BBQ and some chose to watch various local firework displays.

The picnic and Laser Show at Stone Mountain Park was a huge success. Everyone enjoyed Ms. Terry's homemade potato salad!



## Mr. & Ms. Special Gwinnett County

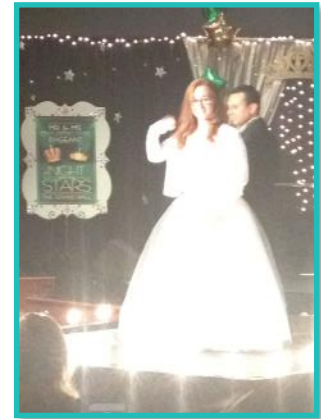
On July 23rd, SMILE participated in Mr. & Ms. Special Gwinnett County, held at Snellville United Methodist Church. It was a magical night fit for royalty. We are so proud of our SMILE clients representing us so well!



**In August, some of our individuals will be traveling to Warner Robins for the Bowling Tournament. We wish everyone the best of luck, but most importantly, HAVE FUN!!!!**



*Last year's winners Josh Jansma and Casey Brennen*



*Mary Beth Hurst*



*Gloria Sowers*



*Darcy Smith*



**Employee of the Month – July  
Amber Priest**

**Congratulations Amber for a job well done!**



**Day Program  
and Office will  
be CLOSED on  
Monday,  
September 5th  
in observance  
of Labor Day.**

## Nurse's Note

Summer is here and we will be spending more and more time outdoors. As the temperature rises we can do a few things to keep ourselves cool and free from mosquito's as possible.

1. Wear loose fitting clothes
2. Wear lightweight and light-colored clothes
3. Protect yourself from the sun, wear a hat, use a umbrella
4. Use sunscreen
5. Drink plenty of water
6. Take frequent breaks when doing activities outdoors, hydrate, sport drinks are helpful.
7. Long pants and long sleeves
8. Bugs are attracted to dark colors, wear white or beige, if possible
9. Bug spray (OFF/Deep Woods)
10. Bugs are most active at dawn and dusk. If possible, stay indoors at that time.
11. Bug lights, citronella candles are good for when we do spend time on the porch
12. Don't use sweet smelling deodorant or cologne



Summertime and the living is easy. Be safe, have fun and enjoy!

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## Sad News

We are sad to report that we have lost a dear friend to SMILE. Linda Ebert a.k.a. Diamond's mother, Momma Lena, passed away recently. She was a friend to all and will be dearly missed. She was a wonderful woman who kept us simply amazed! She could run circles around any of us! She will be missed!



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## St. Mary's Independent Living Extensions

**St. Mary's Independent Living Extensions (SMILE)** is a nonprofit organization of trained caregivers who work around-the-clock to enrich the lives of adults with developmental disabilities by maximizing independence, breaking down barriers and advocating for greater community access.