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"ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE..."



LEFT TO RIGHT, DECORATING TREES FOR CHRISTMAS: JEREMY AND LYN; JEREMY, MIKE, AND TREVOR; WILLIAM



LEFT TO RIGHT, DECORATING TREES FOR CHRISTMAS: SCOTT, MIKE, VANESSA, JEREMY, SHEILA

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"...HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY!"

THANK YOU TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS EDITION OF EMPOWERING TIMES!

2019 HALLOWEEN PARTY

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Halloween party a success once again. Special thanks to Terry Foster, Freda Kletsch and our DJ, Eric Taylor! On the scene were the Flintstones (at left), the Village People from Randleman Day Program who performed the YMCA Dance and a various assortment of other well-known personalities. Eric Taylor provided an array of lively music, and everyone danced until they were breathless.

Various types of Papa John's pizza were served, as well as chips and cookies. Everyone was given a bag of candy to take home. Gift cards from Walmart, McDonald's, Subway, Jimmy John's, Burger King, Dairy Queen and Dollar General were given to 28 people who had to dance with Terry Foster in order to receive a card.

Gift cards were also given for clients' Best Costumes. Winners were Charlie Norwood (Freddie Krueger) and Carol Hagins (bumblebee). Best Costume by staff was Vanessa Hinshaw (dinosaur.) Three Blind Mice (HTT staff) chose best client costumes, and random clients from each program voted for best staff costume. What a wonderful time of fellowship we all had!





UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Mr. Darin Edward Ollis, 49, passed away Monday, September 30, 2019 at his home.

His co-workers speak of their respect for Darin, as follows:

"Therapeutic Alternatives experienced a terrible loss yesterday, 9/30/19. Da-

rin Ollis, LPC on the Sandhills 3 Mobile Crisis Team (MCM), passed away at his home. I would ask all of you to please keep Darin's wife, Pam, and his daughter, Elizabeth, in your thoughts and prayers. Darin was a true road warrior for Mobile Crisis Management. He had completed over 1,121 MCM calls in his eight year tenure. He has touched many lives through his work with MCM. He was big in stature, and his heart was even bigger. I cannot speak for anyone else, but I know that I learned a lot from Darin, not only about MCM, but about life as well. Darin will be greatly missed."

~ Suzanne Hart, BA/QP
Sandhills Supervisor, Mobile Crisis

"Words cannot express the respect I had for Darin. Darin trained me to "Be the Man." Darin and I would often sit down together, joke and laugh at some of the MCM services humorous moments. I last spoke with Darin on Friday and, always, he made me laugh when I needed it the most. Darin would also lift up your spirit whenever in his presence. There was never a dull moment around Darin. I can honestly say Darin loved his job and the clients. Darin had a heart of gold and, if push came to shove, he would have given any of us or the clients the shirt off of his back. This is a difficult loss for the team, but I think we all can learn from Darin by being compassionate at what we do in serving others. Let us all continue to pray for Darin's family as well as the MCM staff, because this is a great loss to us all. I thank God for giving me the opportunity to have my mentor, Darin Ollis."

~ Darrell Crump, BA/QP, MCM/Richmond County

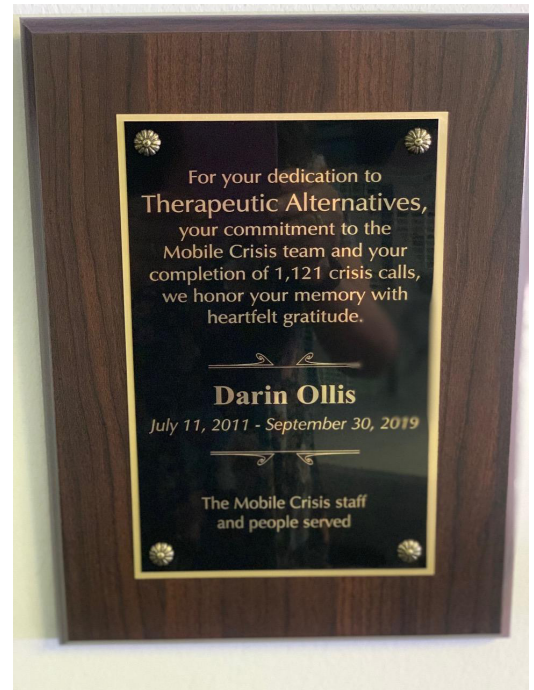
"I'm in absolute shock that words cannot express. My heart goes out to his family. Darin has been a very strong advocate for the population we serve. Our research shows that Darin completed 1,121 calls during his tenure. This does not include data prior to implementation of Attain and the number of outreaches conducted by him. He will be greatly missed."

~ Bruce Womble, BA/QP, Administrative Director/MCM

"I am so saddened to hear this. I had tremendous respect for Darin as a clinician and as a man. He was a warm, funny, and genuinely compassionate person, and he will be so missed. My heart breaks for his daughter and wife. I'm very grateful I was able to work with him over the past seven years."

~ Andrew Holst, Licensed Clinical Social Worker/MCM

OUR FRIEND, DARIN OLLIS



The above plaque honoring Darin was given to his family by his co-workers on the mobile crisis teams.

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

AUGUST: Sheila Stines, PP/Randleman Day Program

SEPTEMBER: Vicki Rhodes, RN/Geriatric Team

OCTOBER: Marie Parsons, Group Home Director

NOVEMBER: LaToya McKinnon, PP/CHC of Hoke



We always enjoy seeing Arielle when she visits her mom, Diana Brower, at the Asheboro Office on special occasions!



JEREMY HELPS IN THE COMMUNITY

Jeremy, above, is shown volunteering at the Soup Kitchen in Asheboro. Jeremy also volunteers at the animal shelter and food pantry. He is now working for Piedmont Management in housekeeping and maintenance. Recently, Jeremy joined the YMCA and attends a water aerobics class. He, as well as other members of Randleman Day Program, is involved in several activities within the community. Way to go, Jeremy! We are very proud of you!

GERIATRIC/ADULT TEAM AT VENDOR FAIR

On Saturday, October 12, 2019, Triad Cardinal Geriatric and Adult Specialty Teams (GAST) participated in the Rural Hall Fire Department/EMS Annual Community Resources Vendor Fair in Rural Hall, North Carolina.

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