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# Empowering *Times*

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF WILLIAM

JANUARY 1, 1965-JUNE 12, 2019



It is with heavy hearts that we report the passing of our good friend and coworker, William Pone. William began working for Therapeutic Alternatives, Inc. since June 10, 2013 and was the Director of Woodland Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program (PSR) in Pinebluff.

William served his country in the United States Army as a 2LT and received an Honorable Discharge. William graduated from Pembroke State University with a Bachelor of Science and from Stanly Community

College with a degree of Human Services Technology.

William was loved by his coworkers and members of the PSR. Robin Blackwell, Director of Randleman Day Program said, "William was a great coworker. He would do anything to help anyone. He was kind hearted, funny, always had a smile and lived to make a difference in the lives of the people he supported."

Marie Parsons, director of several group homes, stated the following: "William Pone was one of a kind. He was a wonderful friend and coworker. He worked hard at what he did and loved every minute of it. He loved the people that he supported and was always looking for new outings and things for them to do. I remember when he was trying to set up the exercise/game room for the Woodland House. He called me on numerous occasions to tell me what he had found and how cheap he got it, because it was going to the program and people were giving him such great deals. That was one room of the Woodland House that he was very proud of, and he enjoyed the people that he supported using it. William also covered many hours for me in the group homes. If I had a staff shortage, he was always there to cover and even came out in the middle of the night during a snow storm to relieve one of the other staff. Once again, William Pone was one of a kind and is missed dearly by me, the group homes and the people at the Woodland House."

Left to grieve his loss and to cherish fond memories are William's wife, Michelle and their three sons. Our condolences go out to Michelle and the family! William will always hold a special place in our hearts!

*"The darker the night, the brighter the stars,  
The deeper the grief, the closer is God!"*  
~ Fyodor Dostoevsky, *Crime and Punishment*

## FIRE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES TRAINING



Several members of Community Living Services (CLS) of Lexington recently enjoyed receiving safety training in steps to take in case of a fire.

Lonnettra Green stated the following: "Once a year, I reach out to Captain Phillip Eggers of the Lexington Fire Department at Station #2 for our annual fire and safety training. This has surely been a day of remembrance for public safety as a whole. It's a time to reflect, but also a time to connect with our community while learning safety and educational skills with our members. Both the staff and members look forward to the time shared and memories made while enjoying the engagement with the firemen."

~ Lonnettra Green, QP/CLS  
Day Program Director

*This year, we celebrate Smokey the Bear's 75th Birthday!  
Learn about fire prevention at <https://www.smokeybear.com>.*

## EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

**MAY:** Joe Billings, PP/Pineview Group Home

**JUNE:** Katrina Hurley, PP, Candor/Yadkin Group Homes

**JULY:** Erin Johnson, QP/MCM/Alliance

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# SUMMER IN THE COUNTRY



## VISIT TO FAIRVIEW FARM

The members and staff of Randleman Day Program recently enjoyed a free visit to Fairview Farm, a petting zoo in Asheboro. They also went on a hay ride. Thank you to Fairview Farm for your generosity!



## RANDLEMAN LAKE

Members of Randleman Day Program enjoyed a beautiful day cooking out and fishing at Randleman Lake.



## CANDOR PEACH FESTIVAL

On July 20, two of the Candor Place Group Home residents braved the hot weather to enjoy the 23rd Annual N.C. Peach Festival in Candor, NC. There was much to do, and they enjoyed a lot of it. They got to listen to the music of the Loaded Dice Band and The Sand Band, eating homemade peach ice cream and waving at all the pretty things in the parade. There were also activities to do on the grounds, but they decided they would rather watch the small kids than to participate. All in all, it was a good day; and then, when they got home, they got to enjoy homemade peach cobbler made by Marie Parsons and some nice A/C. The Peach Festival is always held on the third Saturday of July in Candor, rain or shine, and a little rain would have been welcomed this year.

~ Marie Parsons, Group Home Director





*"I cannot do all the good that the world needs,  
but the world needs all the good that I can do."  
~ Jana Stanfield*

## HAVING FUN BEING MYSELF

### PSR MEMBERS HONORED

Journey House Members and staff (below) were honored at a breakfast provided by the Council of Aging of Montgomery County for their dedication of volunteering Meals on Wheels to the elderly community. Members volunteer once or twice a week to go into the community and deliver these meals. Members have the opportunity to be linked to the community, socialize and build rapport along with increasing their independent living skills. Members build self confidence and learn to work with other peers on skill building. Members look forward to volunteering every week, and they take turns going to different houses with support from staff. This service will transition to Montgomery County D.S.S. on July 1, 2019 and the Council of Aging will no longer oversee this service, so they wanted to honor their volunteers on today.

~ DeKeshia Person-Hill, QMHP



### WAY TO GO, DONNIE!

Donnie Allen recently had a great time at Jim's Kids Car Show at Cox's Harley Davidson of Asheboro. Donnie's wish was to ride in the General Lee, and he won a trophy afterwards! Thank you to Jim's Kids! You made Donnie's wish come true.

*"When you wish upon a star,  
Makes no difference who you are.  
Anything your heart desires  
Will come to you.  
If your heart is in your dream,  
No request is too extreme,  
When you wish upon a star  
As dreamers do."*





## 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS

Fourth of July would not be complete without a cookout. Candor and Pineview group homes came together on the 4th of July for games, music, dancing and, of course, plenty of good food. Everyone enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks, cake and ice cream with an appetizer of fresh cantaloupe. Everybody enjoyed themselves and was so full before the thunderstorm came with lots of rain. Thanks to the staff of Lakendra Thomas, Kristen Edwards and Betsy Edwards for all the help with serving the food and helping with the games.

~ Marie Parsons, Group Home Director



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