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# Rainbow Omega, Inc. Celebrating 20 years of

Serving Adults with Developmental Disabilities





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Mission: To glorify God by ensuring that adults with developmental disabilities have a permanent and safe home where their rights, abilities and potentials are respected and nurtured in a Christian environment.

#### From the Desk of Stentson Carpenter

2015 is our 20th year of operation and 25th year from formation of what would become Rainbow Omega. We had a vision that began taking shape to answer the question so many parents ask.... "What will happen to my child when we can no longer care for them"?

Our first fundraising dinner in Birmingham, 1993, helped to purchase 81 acres of property, in Eastaboga where we started to build. Smith respite cottage was opened in 1994, and our first 2 group homes opened in 1995, serving 16 individuals. Rainbow Omega has grown to a 263 acre community with seven residential homes, two Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs), a health and wellness center, a work center, respite cottage, nine greenhouses, two (staff) apartment complexes, one guest house, a staff house and a twelve slot RV park. Today we serve 82 residents and 5 other individuals in day services.

We want to say thank you to all who have given their time, talents and finances to accomplish the success that is ours to enjoy today. We have partnered with so many, who have volunteered, influenced individuals on our behalf and supported us financially to help us provide a quality of life for the men and women we serve.

The future of Rainbow Omega is bright; we are developing new plans to help us insure the quality of life of those we serve will continue. We have expanded our green houses with a blueberry and blackberry field to help start a "u-pick it" farm. Grants have been submitted to ALFA and USDA/RD to build a retail garden center in order to provide the public the opportunity to visit and purchase plants and fruit grown by our residents. This will also give our residents another learning experience by giving them the opportunity to work and meet the public.

Our vision for Rainbow Omega's future is possible because of the past; we have established a foundation on which generations to come can build.

God has blessed Rainbow Omega with so many friends that have

become part of our mission. On behalf of the board of director, staff and residents THANK YOU.





#### **In-Kind Donations received** November 22, 2014 - June 30, 2014

#### **Anonymous:**

plastic tumblers

Bag of Toiletries

Strathwood all weather hardwood 3 seater bench

Black & Decker Ergo 3 cup chopper

Barnes, Ruth Headley - Twin comforter/bedspread

Bowers, Cynthia - Large quantity Plastic beverage tumblers

Brown, Donald - Pancake Breakfast Tickets

Butterworth, Ken - \$250 gift certificate for residents to Western Sizzling

Dr. Craven, Andy - Honda push mower

Deshozier, Sandy - quilts

**Dorsey's Supermarket** - turkeys

Dowdey, Mabel - Women's clothing

Dye, Sam, - bed pads, bath cloths, gloves, disposable diapers, and Christmas

Estes, Mavis - 2X4 Basics flip top bench table

First Baptist Church White Plains - Fruit baskets

First Baptist Church White Plains (Dorothy Frames Ladies Sunday School

Class) - Disposable undergarments, juice cups, coffee pot, sheet sets, mini food chopper, twin mattress cover, standard pillow

Geer, Alice - clear color beverage cups

George, Pat & The Grand Lodge of AL - Special needs identification packets Ghosh, Mahua & Partha - Ziplock containers, Lysol Disinfecting Wipes, Ziplock gallon storage bags

Gravson, Dr. Garry - Original art work

Haves, Todd - truck mounted winch, large quartz heater, magnetizer unit,

floor cleaner attachment for pressure washer

Health Services Center - Holiday greeting cards to all residents

Hearn, James & Jean - Laundry soap

Helm, Kaye - Positional wedge

Hilton, Tracy - twin sheet set, twin mattress protector, coffee pot

Huffman, Jane - Wash cloths, deodorant, T-shirts, Ultra Pro shop vac

Hulsey, Vaughn & Patricia - LED TV

Jewell, Karen - all purpose cameras

Kell. Sheri - Coated wrought iron bench

Lincoln, Debbie & Toni Green - boxes of tools and equipment

Lincoln High School - boxes of fruit

Logue, Ruth Ann - coffeemaker, electric chopper, 35 mm single use camera Lynch, Grant, Talladega Super Speedway - tickets to Saturday's race, tickets to Sunday's race.

Martin, Marjorie - Clothing

McBurnett, Todd - adult diapers, bed pads, exam gloves and skin protective

Orange Avenue Church of Christ - Toothbrushes, batteries, briefs, bath towels, hand towels, and bath cloths

Oxford Parks & Recreation - Sponsorship of ROI participants in the Annual Mardi Gras 5K Run

Reed, Betty & Walter - turkeys

Richardson, Brandi - disposable cameras, briefs

Risner, Wes & Jana - boxes of Kleenex Tissues

Stephens, Elizabeth - Queen size mattress protector and gueen size sheet set Summers, David - set of two Radio Shack walkie talkies and charging bases

Wetumpka First United Methodist Church - white bath towels



Upon his retirement from Osborn Brothers Food Company, Food Service Rep, Vaughn Hulsey and wife Patricia donated a 40" LED TV to Rainbow Omega. Mr. & Mrs. Hulsey have been long time personal supporters of Rainbow Omega as well as Osborn Brothers. Thanks for your support Vaughn. Best of luck in your retirement.

Rainbow Omega welcomes your Inkind donations! We currently have need of these items:

- $\Rightarrow$  Gas grills
- ⇒ Bed pillows (standard size)
- ⇒ Hand towels
- ⇒ Coffee pots (12 cup size)
- **⇒** Bath towels
- **⇒ Out-door games**

If you have questions about donating items, please contact Dianne Carpenter at 256.831.0919 ext. 227



We have a wish list on Amazon.com! Items bought from their website can be sent directly to us! You choose if you want your name on the donation or make it anonymous. Click on "Gift and Wish Lists" at the top of their home page, on the right side of next

#### **HONORARIUMS** (12/01/14-5/31/15)

Continued Hearn, Jill

Marie M. Hearn Helms, Annie

Jeffery & Laurie Helms J. Wiley & Nancy D. Cutts Ted & Joann Grantland

Helms, Jeff Family Thomas & Laura Cauthen

Holcombe, Emily Stephenson, Kelly Pastor & Mrs. Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Duke Richard & Heather Grisham Stern, Meredith

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UMW Missions/Whitfield

William R. & Ann Lambert

Mr. & Mrs. Armstead Hayes

Newsome, Daniel A., Mr. & Mrs.

**Moulton Church of Christ** 

Sam, Jr. & Cindy Dendy Mudd, Kathleen

Daniel A. & Katherine M.

Payer, Mickey, Dr. & Mrs. Bridgebuilders Class of Mayfair

William & Sue Alexander

Lee J. & Sandra S. Crapet

Cordula V. Dick-Muehlke

Riser, Doctors Tom & Margaret

Brookwood Internists PC

Robinson, Pastor & Mrs. Adam Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Duke

Rainbow Omega 20th Anniversary

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Doris Emmerson

Nancy G. Mobley

Patricia A. Mitchell

McKnight, Jim

Ruth Papazian

Kathryn Goray

Moody, Shelly

Sue Moody

Dennis G. Fain

Carolyn Osborn

Moore, Matthew

Moore, Patsy Mary Hester Hale

Newsome

Church of Christ

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Riser, Julie

Carol Paris

Meri Mille

Teresa S. Digby

Fran Johnson Barbara Glover

Patricia M. King

Mossburg, Jr. Kel

Ralph R. Beauchamp

Meriwether, Kathryn

Stewart, John Key, John E. C. & M. J. Wilson Ralph & Diane Griswold Imogene Cunningham John & Angel Helms

Stewart, Wade Long, Margaret Ricky W. Stewart Benjamin H. Curtis, III

Lovering, Mack & Bettie Tanner, John & Cathryn & Christin Gary & Karen McMahan Tanner Maddox, Rebecca

Dominick, Feld, Hyde, P. C.

Tarnow, Jeffery Frank T. & Wanda Stewart

Tarnow, Jewel Frank T. & Wanda Stewart First United Methodist Church

Rainbow Omega 20th Anniversary -

Continued

Sandy Branson

David Summers

Jemison Investment Co

William & Betty Shikle

Silvers, Morgan D., DPM

E. Hunter & Ellen Kelsch

Smith, Henry & Patricia

Peggy Kirby

Rowe, Eugene

Shikle, Jimmy

Tarnow, Jewel & Jeffery B. Andrew & Pamela Dempsey Taylor, Major & Meredith, David,

Denise, Jon William Jeffery & Lee Taylor

Thornton, Eli and Mary C. R. Tillerv Torrontor, Alan

David Anthony Buddy C. & Janis Couch Travis, Dottie

Dan & Glenda Kirby Wells, Donnie Timothy & Lisa Slaton

Williams, Darren Tommy & Carol Laney Wright, Bill & Pat

Michael & Pat Faulkner

The Carpenter Work Center keeps our residents actively engaged. Above - residents keep fit working out with the equipment and doing aerobics in the exercise

Below - other residents participate in Social/Leisure Skills and Hobbies Class.





Original art work created by Dr. Garry Grayson, of Grayson and Associates, Birmingham, AL, now adorns the wall of the receptionist area of the Carpenter Work Center.

# Rainbow Omega History Makers



L to R - Steve Pelham, former State Director, USDA/RD, Stentson Carpenter, ROI CEO and Chris Kyker, Consultant

Chris Kyker and Steve Pelham have been instrumental in ROI's success.

If ever anyone is a part of Rainbow Omega's history it's Chris Kyker, from Abilene, Texas. From the very beginning, Chris' knowledge, wisdom, and energy helped Rainbow Omega become what it is today. The spirit of Chris' life is best reflected in one of her personal statements: "God has given me another chance to live a full life. I take that responsibility very seriously because I have promises to keep and miles to go before I sleep."

Steve got involved and fell in love with our mission while serving as State Director, USDA/RD and has now taken his commitment to the LT Governor's office where he currently serves as Chief of Staff to LT Governor Kay Ivey. Over the years Steve has strongly supported us in obtaining grants for various projects from the building of the greenhouses to the ICFs. We are grateful for his friendship to Rainbow Omega.

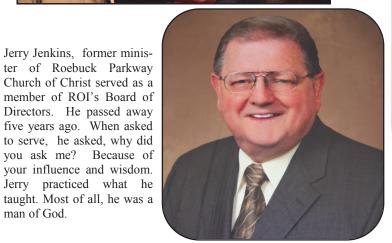






man of God

Charles and Phoebe Strickland with their son, Alan. Charles passed away May 15, 2015, he will be missed. Charles was a founding member of our board established January 1991. Alan lived here until he passed. Charles did a lot of physical work here, he built houses, roads and was a major financial contributor. He was a man of action and very few words. We are what we are because of Charles Strickland and his family.





M. B. Mullally was a founding board member. He was a great help to ROI and had a love for the people we would serve. Sadly, M. B. passed away in 1995, just as we built our first two homes. He did not get to see the dream that he was such as big part of come to fruition. His wife, Jane Mullally, currently fills his seat on the board.

### Our Dreams Become Our Reality...



The first two homes opened in January 1995 with 8 residents in each home. These homes were dedicated to M.B. and Jane Mullally and Chris Kyker for their tireless efforts to help make the dream become a reality.

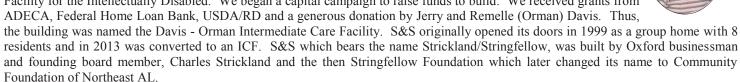






Our two Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs), Davis - Orman and Strickland/Stringfellow House (S&S)

The ICFs became a part of our overall mission when one of our original residents, Jimmy Dykes (pictured right) became frail, requiring a higher level of care than we could offer in our traditional group home setting. There were no other alternatives but to place him in a local nursing home as his mother was elderly and in a nursing home and his only sibling worked out of town most of the time and could not care for him. Jimmy died a few months later. Because our mission is to care for these adults when families no longer can, we sought a way to fulfill that mission. After much research and corresponding with Governor Riley, it was determined that we should build an Intermediate Care Facility for the Intellectually Disabled. We began a capital campaign to raise funds to build. We received grants from





Smith Cottage, 1994

It all started with weekend care. We felt that caregivers could use a break from rigorous daily continuous care of loved ones with developmental disabilities. Respite care was the beginning of our dream to give quality care. October 1993, \$41,000 was raised at the Shoals Area Fundraising Dinner as a memorial to James Smith. Those funds along with volunteer labor and materials were used to construct the first facility at Rainbow Omega, the Smith Cottage. Smith Cottage was dedicated June 1994



Smith Cottage, 2015

MEMORIALS Dykes, Jimmy (12/01/14-5/31/15)

Mary A. Girtman Atkins, Virginia Dr. Morgan D. Silvers Ayres, Herman & Mavis Brenda & Maxie Carr Blackmon, Ronnie Sims, Jean B.

Adams, Betty Stewart

Larry & Mary Jo Hoffman **Boatright, Sherry** Dan & Nita Honea Bobo, Overton

Ralph & Rebecca Wallin Braddock, Sandra Ralph & Effie Wren Branum, Ruby Tallani

Dorothy Newell Brumley, Jamey, Jerry &

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Prattville Church of Christ Cannon, Molinda Kathryn Ann Dillard

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Dianne A. Conrardy Coons, Charles L. LTC (Ret)

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Davis, Jerry Paul & Debra Cavender

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Derrick, Matthew Katherine Jones Joel & Rebecca Shannon Bruce & Ann Stroud

DeWeese, Wanda Ralph & Marie Chambers Dillard, Larry Kathryn Ann Dillard

Dolan, Paul Bruce Dolan Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Duke Dorris, Jeannette

Dortha Travis Drummond, Aileen Rex & Phyllis Watson Dve. Geri

JoEllen Smit

Martin, Robert Sarah E. Johnson Clifford & Milah Dykes Iva J. Lawrence Edwards, Doris Addye D. Hanback Victor & R.N. Edwards Robert & Judy Gray Falkner, John Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Dukes Terry Sue Martin Jerry M. Laurine Faulkner, Minnie A. J. & Margaret Gray Judy Martin Finney, Bob Lyla McMullen Frank & Julie Young Fisher, Betty Phillip & Diane Martin Mrs. Mary Ann Crump Bobby & Patsy Coley

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Glenn, Jimmy

Jean Finney

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Rex & Wanda Provence Harrison, Eugene Kenneth & Janice Randolph

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Johnson, Charles Maurice Billy & Peggy King Jolley, James B.

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Sam. Jr. & Cindy Dendy

Dr. & Mrs. Vance Moore

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Wallis, B. B. & K. D.

Thomas & Ruth Nelson

Marsha Duell + 6 friends

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Vanguard Charitable Endow

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Glencoe

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Robert & Vilas Woolfolk

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Carolyn Winberry

Colleen Crowell

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Reid, Jeanette L

Patton, Dr. Frank

Brent C. Crawford

J. C. Lawrence

Jane Reid Patton

Jeanette L. Reid

Philvaw, Bill

Raley, Kathrine

Rector, Larry

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Redd, Lelie

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Yarbrough, Denzil

Mary J. Philyaw

Frank C. Young

Young, Philip

Broughton, Nan Sharon Wales Broughton, Tom & Elizabeth Sharon Wales

Broughton, Virginia Carpenter, Dianne

Stentson Carpenter Clark, Terry **UBS** Financial Services

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Kathryn Ann Dillard Dobbs, Buford, Mr. & Mrs., Goode, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry, Lovell, Mr. & Mrs. John, Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Paul

Daniel & Anne Ridinger Smith, Dr. Rush & Christa Dr. & Mrs. Morgan Silvers Smith, Henry & Patricia Dr. & Mrs. Morgan Silvers Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

Sam, Jr. & Cindy Dendy Flurry, Shae John & Georgia Shalhoop

French, Joy Samuel Blackwell Ralph & Betty Bolt Lila H. Hamilton Chris R. & Jan Linhardt Walton & Jean Phillips James & Phyllis Taylor

Gifford, Jan Roger D. & Mandy Myers Graham, Nena

Judge and Mrs. J. Foy Guin

# Thank you!

The Rainbow Omega community reaps the benefits of volunteerism. Each year, various groups and organizations come to us graciously volunteering their time and skills performing whatever duties that need to be done.





Jacksonville State University Football Team, Jacksonville, AL



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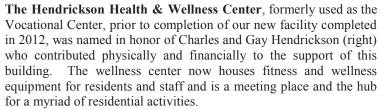
















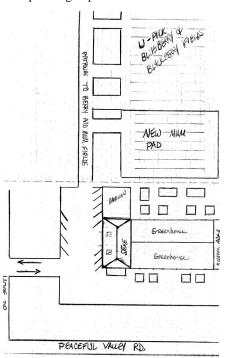




The Carpenter Work Center opened June 2012, was named in honor of Chris Carpenter who made Rainbow Omega a dream. In our Vocational Program, residents learn a skill while producing a product for our largest contract, Honda Manufacturing of Alabama. Residents assemble the owner's manual kits for every vehicle built at the Lincoln, AL Honda plant. On average, 1500 to 1800 units are assembled and shipped to Honda each day. To date, residents have a 100% accuracy rate. Some other current and former contracts include: Neptune Technology, Talladega Super Speedway, Ampro and Southern Bottled Water.

#### Rainbow Omega Greenhouses are a vital part of the Vocational Program

In April, 2000, Rainbow Omega's dream for the greenhouse garden center became a reality, thanks to grants from USDA, Alabama Power, and ADECA. Three greenhouses were constructed fall of 1999 with Scott Welch, Greenhouse Manager. In 2012 with grants from ALFA and USDA, we completed the construction of six additional greenhouses. Our residents plant and care for spring/fall plants, ferns, mums and poinsettias. Plants are sold to the public from our nine greenhouses and at events throughout the area. Also, many garden centers in the region purchase plants from us. Rainbow Omega's residents take pride in their work. Customers can be assured their plants have received a lot of tender loving care. The vision continues with plans for a new Retail Garden Center (see below) giving our customers an outlet to purchase plants and giving our residents another vocational opportunity. The funds generated by the greenhouses help with operating expenses.



# ROI Greenhouses







Volunteers from Timberlane Church of Christ, Tallahassee, FL, utilize their skills to clean the swamp cooler and put in new pads. Their actions will help us continue to keep our greenhouses cool and our plants in a stable environment year round.



New feature coming next year to Rainbow Omega, *U pick 'em blueberries & blackberries!* We look forward to seeing you next berry season. This year we market tested our berries to our ROI employees who had wonderful comments about their size and good taste. The berries shown are actual pictures from our berry patches.



## The 23rd Annual Birmingham Fundraising Dinner on May 28, 2015 was a huge success



Mike Carpenter, Rainbow Omega's Director of Operations, Coach Gene Stallings, and Jeff Speegle



Rainbow Omega residents and employees all dressed up for the grand event!



ROI hosted "One on One" with

Coach Gene Stallings moderated by

Jeff Speegle, ABC33/40 Sports An-

was a grand night as Coach shared

many pearls of wisdom along with

some heartwarming funny stories.

The event was very well attended and

greatly enjoyed by all in attendance.

The fundraiser grossed \$120,000.00.

Thank you to all our supporters, we

couldn't do this without your help.

chor, at the Hyatt Wynfrey Hotel. It

Dr. Vance Moore, Vice Chairman, Rainbow Omega Board of Directors



Harpist, Marie Barnes, provides dinner music for the evening



Board Chairman & CEO Mr. Stentson Carpenter and wife Dianne with Coach Gene Stallings



Left to Right - Mrs. Remelle Davis, Mrs. Mary Ann Crump, and Mrs. Laura Moore