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Serving Adults with Developmental Disabilities since 1995

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

From the Desk of Stentson Carpenter

With each passing year, resident's needs change, as with us all. Rainbow Omega tries to stay on the cutting edge of providing quality care and meeting the needs of each individual. Thanks to a grant from the Justin Paul Foundation, we were able to upgrade our computer system and install computers in the homes where staff can accurately document and track changes to address their needs more effectively.

In 2013, the Strickland/Stringfellow house was converted into an Intermediate Care Facility to provide a higher level of care for 10 adults. Through some growing pains, it has become evident that more common space is needed to accommodate these 10 individuals and the 24-hour direct care staff. A big thank you to the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama, the Louise Ritch Trust and the Draughon Foundation for making this project a reality. We will be beginning the expansion this month.

Currently, a group of Sojourners have rolled their R.V.'s in to build a maintenance shop where our house vans and medical transport vans can be serviced regularly with preventative maintenance and cleaned so that our residents and staff can be assured they are traveling in a safe and clean vehicle. The Sojourners have been a tremendous blessing to our organization for the past 18 years, providing countless hours of free labor on a multitude of building projects, painting, working in the greenhouses and making plant deliveries. When the Sojourners are here it is also a time of fellowship with our residents and spending time by the campfires getting to know each other.

In our last newsletter, we shared with you about our plans to build the Rainbow Omega Garden Center for a retail outlet to sell plants grown in our greenhouses, as well as, our blueberry and blackberry crops. Plans are not yet final but we hope to begin construction this summer. Our greenhouses are producing quality plants and the residents love to work in there where they can see growth take place and they enjoy meeting our customers. Customers can come out and visit our greenhouses to purchase their plants or visit our website where photos are posted and there is an order form which will show what plants are available. We appreciate your patronage!

I have spent a lot of time recently in Montgomery familiarizing the Alabama Legislature with Rainbow Omega and the needs of this particular group of Alabamians. My goal is that the legislature will provide Rainbow Omega with funding by including us some way in their budget.

At Rainbow Omega we strive to care *more* than others, think *more* wisely than others, expect *more* than others and dream *more* than others. We improve with each passing year by staying motivated by the passion of caring for the individuals we serve. With this in mind, we are always looking for individuals who have this kind of spirit, to join a team of staff with purpose and vision who receive fulfillment from their jobs. If you are this individual or you know of one, applications can be found on our website:

www.rainbowomega.org.

God has seen fit to answer the prayers of so many families. We know that answer to be Rainbow Omega. As one of those families, and on behalf of the other families and their loved ones, THANK YOU for all of your support which helps to keep those prayers answered!

Stentson Carpenter



In-Kind Donations received July 1, 2015 - February 29, 2016

Anonymous - One year of visits by the Book Mobile

Anonymous - Tena Briefs 4 pks, 25 to a package

Arab Church of Christ— Coffee pots, pillows, can openers, towels, hand towels, bath cloths

Brown, Daniel - 80 Kiwanis pancake breakfast tickets

Carpenter, Ronnie - Gasoline for Maintenance Dept, lawn mower blades

Clark, Brooks - T shirts for each resident

Doerr, Irmgard - Cash for residents Christmas gifts, bath towels

Dowdey, Mabel - clothing

Duke, Sarah Jo - 12 cup stainless steel percolator

EarthLink Business - Art and craft supplies

Ellenburg, Bobby & Bet - Microwave

Evette, Lacy - Craft supplies

First Baptist White Plains - Fruit baskets

Fort Payne Church of Christ - bed pillows, dishes, kitchen towels

Ginn, Robbie, R & R Travel - 4 desk chairs

Goodson, Mr. & Mrs. Eddie - Cakes for each home

Gleaners Sunday School Class - Greeting cards

Hale, Mary - Disposable briefs, puzzles

Hardy, Brenda - Personal cooler, treat bags, art kits

Harris, Rick - 5 personal coolers, griddle and toaster

Harris, Sarah - Christmas lights, grapevine garland, shopping bags

Haynes, Theresa - Household and personal items

Hicks, Steve - wheelchair, 2 walkers, 186 "M" Attends, Topliner

Booster pads, wash cloths, Vicks Vapor Rub, Balmex, Med Safe Touch

Gloves, Super Absorbent Underpads, Tracer Ex2 Bed Pad

Hueytown Chicks with Sticks—117 knitted dish cloths

Kilgore, Jo Nell - Dish cloths

Loveless, Linda - Wrapping paper, gift boxes, bags, bows

Lynch, Grant - Talladega Race tickets

Madison Church of Christ - Bath towels, hand towels, tissues

McBrayer, Brenda - sheets, towels, soap, tooth brushes, lotions

McCartney, Phillip - 5 Kindle E readers

Moore, Dr. and Mrs. Vance - TB testing materials

McGee, Adam - \$200 Visa gift card

Owens Cross Roads Church of Christ—shampoo, laundry detergent, tooth paste tooth brushes, Clorox wipes, light bulbs, can goods, magic erasers, Hamburger Helper, oven Mitts, soap, dental floss, razors, Germ-X cleaners, trash bags, dryer sheets, bath towels, hand towels, wash cloths, bath mats

Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class - bath towels

Reed, Mike & Deborah - Hats for B House residents

Talbot, Nancy - lap quilts

Wal Mart, Oxford - Two 12ft Christmas trees

Wilson, Mattie - Bath towels, hand towels, washcloths and pillow cases

Wilson, Nathan - towels, pillows, sheet set, washcloths, pillow cases



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 page you will see "Find Wish Lists and Registries"-type in Rainbow Omega!

Friends
&
Co workers



Rainbow Omega welcomes your In-kind donations! We currently have need of these items:

- Corelle dishes (white)
- Heavy duty hand-held can-opener
- Bath Towels (white)
- Sheets (queen or twin)
- Light weight carpet sweeper

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

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Sam & Cindy Dendy

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Billy & Roberta Maloney

Vickers, Trudy
Mary D. Brown

Walker, Nickolas
Henry & Linda Herren

Walton, John T.
W. J. & Mary Weaver

Wamack, Jim
Annabelle Chabert

Warnock, Alecia
Max & Margaret Stern

Weatherwax, Joanne
Sam & Cindy Dendy

West, Ronald
Ella K. Moore

White, Chris
G. R. Moore

Williams, Blanche
Ronald & Patricia Hubbard

Windham, Billy Joe
Windham Financial Group, PC

Wood, Harriette
William & Leigh Dupre IV

Wright, Mikayla
Joseph & Jody Vickery

Young, Philip
Roberta Young
Robert & Doris Young
Marzelle Hambrick

HONORARIUMS
(6/1/15 - 2/29/16)

Birdwell, Robbie & Cindy
Robin Rents Equipment

Bradley, Gary, Jr.
Irene McCombs

Branson, Sandy
Mary Hester Hale

Broughton, Adele
Sharon Wales

Broughton, Nan
Sharon Wales

Broughton, Virginia
Sharon Wales

Broughton, Tom & Elizabeth
Sharon Wales

Calvert Jensen
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Canerday, Don & Norma
Norris & Ann Vickery

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Irene McCombs

Courington, John Wallace
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Daugherty, Ed & Joy
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Chapel Hill Church of Christ

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Mrs. B. G. Bartow
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DeRoberts, Phillip
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The Inglenook Lunch Bunch
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Victor & R. N. Edwards
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Derrick, Jane & Harvey - 50th Wedding Anniversary
Harvey M. & Jane S. Derrick
Bobby & Cathy Ann Oliver
Nell Glenn
Steve & Sandy Lumsden
Dale & Wanda Bates
Myles Randy & Julia Smith
Fred & Ann Hughes

Dillard, Tabitha
Kathryn Ann Dillard

Dobbs, Buford & Martha
Daniel & Anne Ridinger

Dolan, Bruce
Mary H. Watkins

Drake, Malcolm & Condua
Doctors Thomas & Margaret
Riser

Dye, Bryan
Richard & Marsha Duell

Eastern Meadows Church of Christ
Sam & Cindy Dendy

Finney, Robert "Big Bob"
Julie Young

French, Joy
Lila H. Hamilton
Walton & Jean Phillips
Samuel & Marianne Blackwell

Garner, Ann
Dr. & Mrs. Morgan Silvers

Goode, Jerry & Mary
Daniel & Anne Ridinger

Grimes, Janet
Hugh & Lee Dye

Hansford, Bill & Gerrie
Sharon Wales

Harris, Matthew
Carolyn Martin & Barbara
Nichols

Hearn, Jill
James & Jean Coleman

Helms, Annie
Jeff & Laurie Helms
Ted & Joann Grantland
Patricia Helms

Helms, Jeff & Laurie
Wiley & Nancy Cutts

Henley, Lavon & Virginia- 64th Wedding Anniversary
Lynn Henley

Hoffman, Larry & Mary Jo- 50th Wedding Anniversary
Joseph & Jody Vickery

Jeffus, Kenneth
Annie C. Smith

Joiner, Barbara
Patricia Mitchell

Key, John O.
E. C. & Mattie Wilson

Long, Margaret - Birthday
Benjamin H. Curtis, III

Lovell, John & Velma
Daniel & Ann Ridinger

Lovering, Mack & Bettie
Gary & Karen McMahan

Maddox, Judge & Mrs. Hugh
Kathryn Goray

Mattox, April - Birthday
William & Susan Mattox
Faye Brown

McElroy, Diane
Shirley Jane McElroy

Meriwether, Kathryn
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hare
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Kathryn Goray

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Riser
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Springer, Robert & Betty
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Beverly Howell

Williams, Darren
Tommy & Carol Laney

Young, Chester
Nelwyn Bozeman

Our 17th Annual Anniston/Oxford Fundraising Dinner, featuring ABC 33/40's Chief Meteorologist , James Spann, was a great success



February 9th, was a cold night with light snow flurries, but that didn't stop Rainbow Omega friends, residents, family and guests from spending an entertaining evening at the Anniston City Meeting Center, with James Spann (L). We're use to seeing Mr. Spann give us accurate up to date weather reports, but that night we were able to witness a more personal, humorous and human side of Mr. Spann. The Master of Ceremonies for the evenings event was Chris Wright (R), Weather Anchor for WEAC TV24, Oxford, AL.



Rainbow Omega's residents are resplendent and all smiles as they enjoy themselves at the fundraiser. Jared (bottom center), was on program to do the invocation, and as always, did a wonderful job.



Welcoming our guests to the night's event, Rainbow Omega's Board Chairman and CEO, Stentson Carpenter.



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

We are truly grateful for all our Rainbow Omega friends and supporters.



Rainbow Omega Nurse, Peggy Kirby Retires



From September 1999 until December 2015, we were fortunate to have Peggy Kirby as a part of our nursing staff. Always with a pleasant smile and a sunny disposition, Peggy was loyal and dedicated to the mission of providing the greatest of care to our residents. Her dedication to ROI extended beyond the doors of Rainbow Omega into the community as she is a major part of Oxfordfest. Thanks to her advocacy on our behalf, ROI has long been a vendor at Oxfordfest for years each October first, as residents make and sell their crafts and the ROI greenhouses displays and sells their beautiful mums.

Although retired, whenever we need her to teach a class, she comes when we call. Thank you Peggy for 16 years of dedicated service. Best of luck to you.

We Salute Wanda Parcus for 20 Years of Exemplary Service



During this past year’s staff Christmas Party, Wanda was recognized for being the first employee to reach 20 years of service at Rainbow Omega. Wanda came to work for Rainbow Omega in 1995, four months after we opened our doors and has been here every since. She is in charge of housekeeping, a very important position and does a marvelous job of keeping our place spic and span.

When Wanda first started to work at Rainbow Omega, she had a small child. Her child is now a young adult, graduated from college with an RN degree and soon to be married. Wanda and her family live next door to ROI, she is a good neighbor. Wanda is a model employee; quiet, trustworthy and is the kind of employee every employer would love to have.

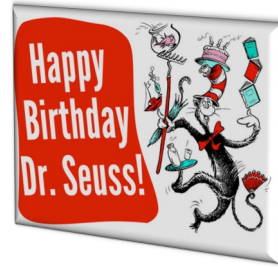
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- Sellers, Faye**
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Hendrickson Health & Wellness Center - “Where Activities are Always Happening”



National Education Association’s Read Across America Day is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2 - the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers participate by bringing together individuals and books. Annie Eaton, Rainbow Omega’s ICF/IID Program Manager, invited residents and staff to choose the book of their choice to read, dress the part of their favorite storybook character, or any other activity that went along with the theme. Below left to right residents, John, Mark, and Tyler read to a very captivated audience of residents and staff.

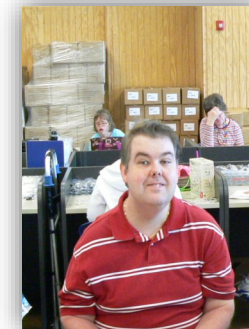
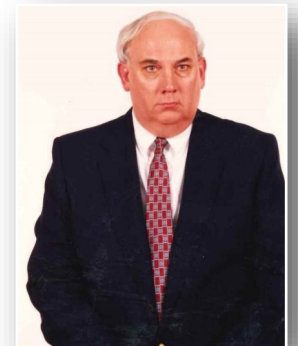


Gifts That Endure...

Last year, two extraordinary ladies exhibited just how much they believed in Rainbow Omega. Our mission is to provide a quality of life to individuals with Intellectual Disabilities for a lifetime while in a Christian environment where each individuals' highest potential can be nurtured and these two ladies saw fit to support that mission.

Dale Fleischmann came to live at Rainbow Omega in 2003. His mother, Martha and his brother, Kris were seeking a place where Dale could be happy and a place where they could rest assured that he would be cared for when they were no longer able to. Dale lived in the group home setting and attended the work center for many years. Mrs. Fleischmann and Kris remained very active in Dale’s life here at Rainbow Omega, visiting him often and attending various activities and meetings. Due to his declining health, Dale moved to the Davis/Orman Intermediate Care Facility in 2011, where he lived until his passing on October 12, 2013. Dale was loved by the staff and residents and is missed by all.

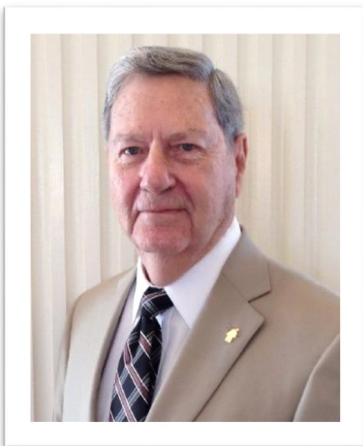
Ms. Fleischmann did not forget how Rainbow Omega had answered her prayers and when she passed away September 25, 2015, in her Last Will & Testament, she made Rainbow Omega a beneficiary of her Estate. Kris, Dale’s brother, carried out their mother's wishes and facilitated a donation of over \$300,000 to Rainbow Omega. Kris and his mother wanted to give because they knew that Rainbow Omega had given Dale the quality of life they had been looking for.



Dolores Grissom was also looking for a place for her son, Michael, where he could be cared for as her health declined and she could no longer care for him. One of Ms. Grissom’s co-workers, Ms. Edna Poe, was eager to tell her about Rainbow Omega where her nephew, Chris lives. Ms. Grissom and her son made arrangements and visited Rainbow Omega. They liked what they saw. Rainbow Omega processed Michael’s application and he came for a couple of respite stays. Michael and his mother liked the experience and wanted him placed on our waiting list. Mrs. Grissom knew that the wait could be lengthy.

Ms. Grissom died in 2011, leaving Mr. Jack Carney guardian over Michael. Mr. Carney, their long time legal attorney, ensured that Michael lived a quality life and he shared with us, that although they had been hopeful of Michael’s eventual placement at Rainbow Omega, he was happy where he had been living. Unfortunately, Michael died in July 2015 in a drowning accident. We were contacted by Mr. Carney who said that Ms. Grissom was so moved by Rainbow Omega that as part of her Last Will & Testament and the Special Needs Trust of James Michael Grissom, named Rainbow Omega a beneficiary of her Estate. This tremendous gift to Rainbow Omega of approximately \$360,000 was an overwhelming surprise.

After reading this article, one may think that Rainbow Omega no longer needs your donation, on the contrary! Rainbow Omega currently serves 82 individuals with 24-hour care, employs more than 110 people and is challenged with an annual budget of \$6.2 million. Because of contacts, relationships and friends, these significant gifts came to Rainbow Omega, to help solidify the future while leaving their legacy for years to come of investing in the lives of some very special people. The Board of Directors sincerely appreciate these two ladies for their affirmation that we are making a difference and answering prayers of so many. If you are interested in leaving your legacy, you may contact Stenson Carpenter, CEO to discuss the many options available.



Rainbow Omega mourns the passing of one of its board members, Lavon Henley. Mr. Henley passed away on October 10, 2015. In 1998 when Mr. Henley accepted the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors, he joined a special group of individuals with a passion to help the Intellectually Disabled. He brought with him an array of gifts, including his 37 years' experience as a hospital administrator. A gentleman with a servant heart, he participated on the boards of other organizations, helping where he could. Lavon and his wife, Virginia supported Rainbow Omega from the beginning and on behalf of Rainbow Omega and the of the Board of Directors, we thank them for their example of faithfulness and philanthropy.



**Rainbow
Garden Center**

On every plant, on every stem...hope grows

*Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8, 2016
Give your mother the gift of flowers
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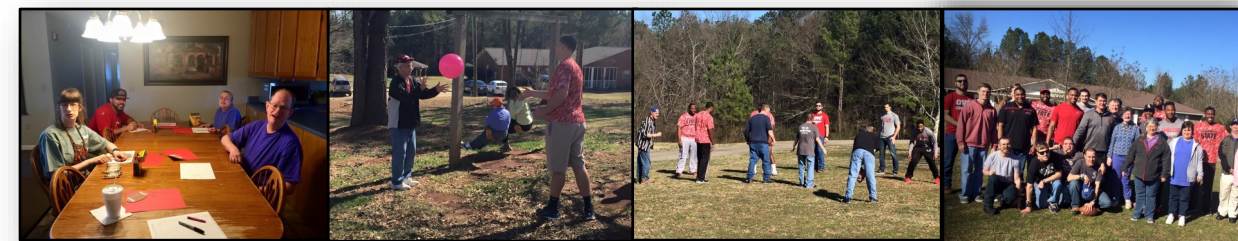


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Activities Around Campus



A huge thank you to our JSU FCS football champs and coaching staff for their incredible awesomeness, patience, winning personalities and time they spend with our ROI residents.



Thanks to our long time ROI supporter and former AL Power Foundation employee, Sue Scott, who introduced members of Green Valley Baptist Church to Rainbow Omega. The Married Couples Class of the church were moved to become involved with ROI, so they sponsored an enjoyable evening of fun and bingo for our residents and staff. Thanks Brooks & Alexa Macbeth - (pictured bottom right), for your support, energy and very enthusiastic bingo calling.