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Dancing with the Stars



On February 22, 2013 Babcock held its formal winter dance at Glenforest School. The theme was dancing with the stars and was complete with a red carpet. All our folks looked like stars on the red carpet! There was a DJ, food and of course, a lot of dancing. Everyone had a great time and are already looking forward to next year!

Many thanks go out to Glenforest School for donating the space and their Interact Club for helping with decorations, taking pictures and greeting folks with smiling faces as they came in the door.

Midtown Fellowship was again on hand to dance the night away and help clean up after the dance was over. As always, they were an awesome group that made the evening special for everyone.

Special thanks also go out to Dave Kammerer and all the volunteers for all their hard work to plan the event, decorate and make sure everyone had a good time.





President's Column

By Judy E. Johnson, Ed.D.
President and CEO



Bringing a face to the names of people on the waiting lists.

On March 6, 2013, Babcock Center along with individuals with disabilities, their family members and other service providers converged on the State House for the 24th Annual Disability Advocacy Day. This annual event is to remind legislators how important it is for the state to continue to provide dollars for quality services and supports for people with life-long disabilities. The 2013 priorities were to tell legislators to maintain current essential services, to emphasize the need for services NOW and the need to eliminate long waiting lists and to continue critical services provided to individuals with disabilities and their families by DDSN and its contract providers.

I was especially proud of the efforts of the Babcock Center's BETA (Becoming Empowered Through Advocacy) Group. The BETA Group made sure that their voices were heard. They participated in the walk around the State House, were in attendance at the press conference and the BETA Group Vice-President, Frank Simrill spoke at the rally.

While the BETA Group showed their advocacy skills very clearly at Disability Advocacy Day, they are very active throughout the year. Each month, they meet to discuss advocacy issues and to learn how to better exercise their rights. They discuss issues that affect them and their peers as it relates to both services and community issues. They also have opportunities to learn lifesaving skills such as CPR and practicing fire safety in their homes. Of course it is not always serious business, they also have social events and take time to just have fun. The BETA Group meets the third Thursday of each month at the Mary L. Duffie Administration Building from 7 pm - 9 pm. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Please contact the BETA Group's Advisor, Dave Kammerer at 799-1970, ext. 144 for more information.



Members of BETA Group proudly displayed their signs.



Shoes on the State House steps were a visual reminder of the thousands of people awaiting services.

Belk Charity Sale



The Belk Charity Sale will be held April 27th from 6 am -10 am at all Belk stores. In order to enter the store on the morning of the sale, you must have a ticket. You can purchase a ticket for \$5 from the Foundation and the Foundation keeps all

the proceeds! Since you get \$5 off your first purchase, there is no cost to you.

This sale only happens twice a year and is the only time that rarely discounted brands such as Ralph Lauren, Michael Kors, Calvin Klein and many others are on sale. The entire store is on sale with few exceptions such as fragrances, cosmetics and red dot clearance.

Not a morning person? You can still get the sale prices by pre-selling your items starting April 20th. Your purchase will be held and rung up the morning of the sale and you can pick your items up at your convenience.

Please help us make this a successful fundraiser and purchase a ticket. Tickets are available in the Foundation office. Contact Carrie Deaton at 799-1970, ext. 167 to purchase tickets or for more information.

What's Happening

Remember: The BETA Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Mary L. Duffie Administration Building. Call Dave Kammerer at 799-1970, ext. 144 for more information.



The Special Olympics Area 7 spring games will be held on April 11, 2013 at White Knoll High School. If you are interested in participating or volunteering, please contact Dave Kammerer at 799-1970, ext. 144.



There are many volunteer opportunities at the Babcock Center. Contact Kristy Schopf at 799-1970, ext. 124 to learn more.

Babcock Board Member Serving on SCDOT Commission



Harrison Reardon

Babcock Center Board Member, Harrison Reardon was recently named Vice-Chairperson of the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission. The SC Department of Transportation is governed by the Commission, which is comprised of nine members, seven of whom are elected by the legislative delegations of each of the state's transportation districts. Mr. Reardon represents the 6th Congressional District.

Mr. Reardon has served on the Babcock Center Board of Directors since July 2009. He is a native of Edgefield, SC where he attended public schools. After completing undergraduate studies at South Carolina State University, he completed his graduate work at Fisk and Indiana Universities.

Throughout his adult life, Mr. Reardon has been actively involved in public service which began with his vigorous activities in the civil rights movement and continues to the present. He has served on a plethora of boards, committees and commissions.

Babcock Center is privileged to have him on our Board of Directors and his insights and contributions are an invaluable resource to the organization. We are confident that the SCDOT Commission will find the same to be true.

ICARE Employer of the Quarter Award Recipient Named



Keith Abrams, Owner
Proforma Impact Print & Promo

The Babcock Center's Vocational Advisory Committee recently implemented the ICARE Employer of the Quarter Award. This award will be presented every third month to local employers who recognize the skills and contributions that people with disabilities bring to the workforce and who have adopted policies and hiring practices that allow people with disabilities to fairly compete for employment.

The first ICARE Employer of the Quarter Award was awarded to Proforma Impact Print & Promo at the January 2013 Board of Directors meeting. Keith Abrams, Owner Operator. Proforma Impact Print and Promo is a branding company that provides branding solutions for businesses large and small. They are committed to helping their customers sustain growth in their business and get their message out to the right audience in the most effect manner. Under the leadership of Mr. Abrams, the company has also stepped up to provide real work opportunities for people with disabilities. Babcock Center and Proforma Impact Print & Promo entered into their first vocational contract in January 2011 and have been strong and consistent partners in providing employment opportunities for people with dis-

abilities ever since. Congratulations to Mr. Abrams and his staff for making a difference in the lives of people with lifelong disabilities!

The Vocational Advisory Committee is seeking nominations for this award. Nominations can be submitted by people supported by the Babcock Center, employees, family members or others to acknowledge local businesses that recognize the value that able workers with disabilities bring to the workplace. Nomination forms are available on the Babcock Center website at www.babcockcenter.org, at all Work Activity Centers and through the Human Resources Department located at the Mary L. Duffie Administration building. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Leslie Adkins, Director of Vocational Supports at 799-1970, ext. 188.

WOW Participants are Going Places



WOW! Fun at Riverbanks Zoo!

Participants in the WOW (Welcome on Weekends) program are having a great time going on outings in and around Columbia. In the past few months, they have been to the State Museum, Main Street Market, Riverfront Park and Riverbanks Zoo just to name a few.

Activities are being planned for the months ahead as well and include trips to the Royal Hannaford Circus, the Columbia Museum of Art and the Historic Robert Mills House.

The WOW program is growing, but we still have room a for more participants. If you or anyone you know needs assistance with care and supervision on the weekend, please contact the Richland/Lexington Disabilities and Special Needs Board at 252-5179 and inquire about the WOW program. The service is free to those who qualify and provides a fun, enriching environment for the participants while giving their caregivers a much needed break. We look forward to you joining in the fun!

Galeana



Galeana Chrysler Jeep Kia is celebrating its 25th Anniversary of doing business in Columbia with a “Drive for Charity” event. The event will benefit many South Carolina charities including the Babcock Center.

The event will be held at the Galeana Chrysler Jeep Kia Dealerships located at 180 Greystone Blvd. in Columbia on June 1, 2013. There will be a full day of activities such as health screenings by Lexington Medical Center Foundation, a MOPAR car show, child safety seat checks by Kids Prints and much, much more. There will also be a cookout with refreshments and at 6 pm you can enjoy the music of “Second Nature”.

There will be drawings for 25 prizes from 3 pm to 6 pm, including 5 Grand Prize drawings. The Grand Prize drawings will be for \$1000 to the winner and \$5000 to their qualified charity. Two Grand Prize winners will be selected from all online entries and three Grand Prize winners must be present to win. The winners will be provided a list of qualified charities to choose from at the event.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy the festivities and enter to win prizes. You could win \$1000 and benefit the Babcock Center at the same time! Win or lose, it will be a great time for all! Visit Galeana’s website at www.galeanachryslerjeepcolumbia.com for all the details.

Giving Back



Catherine Miles

Catherine Miles, who resides at Babcock Center has a gift. She is an expert in the lost art of crochet.

Catherine has been crocheting since she was ten years old. She enjoys making baby blankets and throws. She is very creative in her art and creates

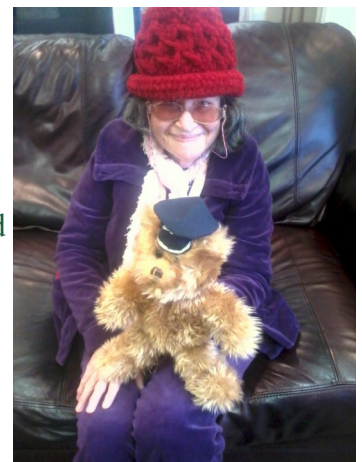
beautiful flowery patterns using pastel colors like pink, green and yellow.

Catherine decided that she wanted to use her talent to give back and with a little help from the Foundation to purchase supplies, Catherine is making two baby blankets per month that will be donated to babies born with special needs at the Children’s Hospital. We are very proud of Catherine and her efforts.

Off Broadway Puppet Theater

Jetty Moorer, a resident at Comanche Trail has a hobby...a puppet named Russ. Jetty wanted to share Russ with the staff and residents at Comanche Trail, so she performed a puppet show on Valentine’s Day.

Jetty came up with the idea for a love story puppet show which was funny and original. The show was very well done and was complete with subtitles and theme songs. Jetty gave a wonderful performance and we are looking forward to her next show at the Comanche Trail Easter Luncheon. We are so proud of Jetty and encourage her to continue to develop new and exciting shows to share with her friends and family at Babcock Center.



Jetty Moorer with her puppet, Russ.

Ida Lane Residents Receive the Gift of Communication



Staff member, Christopher Bundrick works with a resident at Ida Lane using the Ipad.

After seeing a piece on a national news program, Mary Eaddy became interested in the use of technology such as tablets and Ipad to open the doors of communication for people with disabilities. She pursued having her brother, Greg, evaluated by a speech pathologist and was astonished when he asked for an apple using an Ipad. This was the first time in his lifetime that her brother had been able to communicate with others in such a profound and meaningful way. From that moment on, Ms. Eaddy made it her mission to ensure that every individual at Ida Lane I and II with communication challenges received an Ipad equipped with augmentative communication applications.

With the generous help of Phil Schoonover of Myrtle Beach Harley Davidson and Scott Baugh of Baugh Development, Ms. Eaddy was able to purchase the Ipads and software for the men at Ida Lane I and II. Not only did she bring the Ipads on the day of delivery, but also provided a fabulous BBQ meal with all the fixings for all of the residents and staff.

We are so blessed to have wonderful family members like Ms. Eaddy at the Babcock Center. Her generosity and kindness will not soon be forgotten. Thank you, Ms. Eaddy from your Babcock Center family!

“LUV” for Babcock Tennis Tournament



Smiling faces and camaraderie were the name of the game at the “LUV” for Babcock Tournament.

Babcock Center held its inaugural “LUV” for Babcock Tennis Tournament on February 8-10 at the Cayce Tennis Center. The tournament was a USTA sanctioned event and was a big success raising \$5000 for the Babcock Center Foundation. Many thanks to Donna Saleeby, Darnell Koon, Paola Maoli and Maryanna Scott for their tireless work on the tennis committee to make this first year tournament a success.

Special thanks also to all of the players who supported the event. They were very complimentary of the tournament and are looking forward to it growing over the next few years. Many players said they enjoy playing in tournaments, especially when they know they are playing for a good cause.

Finally, we could not have made this tournament happen without the generosity of our sponsors. Many thanks to Consultants in Gastroenterology, BB&T, First Citizen’s Bank, Uni-Health of Blythewood, Southeastern Paper, Specialties Etc., C-Cycle Studio and Signs Now for supporting this event and helping make it successful in its inaugural year.

Plans are already underway for next year’s tournament, so keep you rackets handy and get ready to serve up some “LUV” for Babcock in 2014!

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others, we naturally light our
own way.*

~ Mary Anne Radmacher



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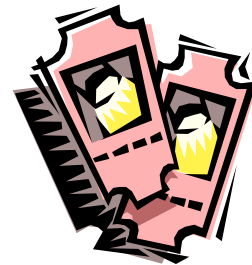


With the return of warmer weather, many of us will take to the outdoors to enjoy barbeques with friends and family. Here are some tips to ensure that the fun doesn't stop because of an accident.

- Wear a heavy apron and oven mitt to protect skin and clothing.
- Make sure gas cylinders are stored outside away from your home. Regularly check for leaks using a soap and water solution to create bubbles if a leak is present.
- Keep grills on a level surface away from your home, landscaping and most of all children when in use.
- Remember grills stay hot long after use. Always soak goals with water before discarding.

Happy Grilling!

Why Pay More?



Discounted tickets for movies and Riverbanks Zoo are available in the Foundation office. Contact Anne Carrig at (803) 799-1970, ext. 112 to purchase tickets.

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AMC Cinemas	\$9.25	\$7.25
Regal Cinemas	\$9.25	\$7.25
Riverbanks Zoo (Adult)	\$11.75	\$10.00
Riverbanks Zoo (Child)	\$9.25	\$8.50