



From the Corner Office...

LIKE SANDS THROUGH THE HOURGLASS...

...so are the Day of Our Lives. Those famous words coming through the television sets always seem so haunting as the intro for a long running daytime Soap Opera. However, the changing of the seasons, the toll from the ongoing pandemic and indeed changes within our agency certainly make those words ring especially true.

When Dr. Anne Penney was appointed to our Board of Directors in 2009 the sands of time surely smiled upon our agency and on those whom we have been called to serve. Her impeccable stewardship, unique, purposeful insights and steadfast presence over these past twelve years have allowed us to both further our mission and weather some difficult circumstances. Serving as our Board President for the past eight years, Dr. Penney has repeatedly leveraged her well-earned stellar local and statewide reputation in ways that can never be repaid. For sure, having her finger on the pulse of our community during the all-important February 2019 Property Tax Renewal initiative was absolutely clutch for our company. We pause to express our heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Penney for leaving our Board and our agency stronger and better than she found it – thank you, bless you and press on.



The summer months at LCYDC found us abuzz with activities of all scales as the photos inside this edition of our newsletter will attest. The completion of our Outdoor Pavilion allowed us to host our 2021 Chanticleer Learning Center High School graduation. There's nothing quite like a high school graduation to get one thinking out the shifting sands of life. And, of course in spite of the precautionary campus and community restrictions brought on by Covid, we have managed to continue robust on-campus residential and off campus community based programs including the re-opening of our Alternative Day School, services to our foster families, Project Uplift mentor and mentee reboot and our intentional in-home coaching and counseling for families at risk.

And the sands of time continue their movements as we begin the fall and winter seasons of service. We are a proud United Way partner and are supporting the 2022 United We Fight – United We Win Campaign while encouraging all of our staff and partners to Live United by donating to this important cornerstone community entity. Speaking of partnerships – whether here locally, in various counties and regions throughout the state or at official State offices - our key partnerships are vital to our remaining relevant in the ever changing sands and landscapes of the human services field. Our partners bring untold value to the work we do and we are thankful for and to all of them.

And so we continue with the days of our lives here at LCYDC knowing full well that life is no soap opera. The lives of our staff, volunteers, partners and clients served are filled with real-life tragedies and triumphs. We continue to be grateful to be on this journey through the sands of life alongside all of you.

Laura Cooper, Executive Director



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9/5 Cora McGriff
- 9/9 Sandra Yelder
- 9/15 Calandra Harris
- 9/15 Kyle Cooper
- 9/20 Latasha Wiley
- 9/22 Anashia Ross
- 9/26 Phyllis Jeter
- 9/28 Mykeshia Miles
- 9/30 Tranesia Brown

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10/2 Argentina Harris
- 10/2 Dakota Nguyen

- 10/4 Cayla Huffman
- 10/9 Steven Gaddis
- 10/13 Latoya Lockhart
- 10/14 Debra Witherspoon

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 11/1 Belinda Roby
- 11/4 Terry Woodall
- 11/8 Alexander Jones
- 11/14 Lorraina Buchannon
- 11/21 Monique Summers
- 11/23 Cynthia Kilgore Berry

NEW HIRES

- 5/23/21, Aldravious Reese, Residential Specialist - Passages Males
- 7/26/21, Justice Lias, Therapist
- 7/27/21, Lisa Paige, Child Nutrition Aide
- 7/30/21, Quishanna Calhoun, Teacher's Aide
- 8/1/21, Kelli Morgan, Team Leader - Passages

- 8/2/21, Latasha Wiley Operations Manager - Passages Females
- 8/13/21, Belinda Roby, Teacher's Aide
- 8/17/21, Haley Threatt, Residential Specialist - Passages Females
- 8/29/21, Creola Richardson, Lead Teacher - Passages
- 9/26/21, Tiffany Murphy-Patrick, Administrative Assistant - Project Uplift
- 9/26/21, Jasmine Blue, Residential Specialist - Voyages
- 9/26/21, Mykeshia Miles, Residential Specialist - Detention
- 9/26/21, Carl Williams, Weekend Life Coach - TLP

