



THANK YOU FOR HELPING US

A big thank you for all LCYDC employees who participated in our Annual United Way Giving Campaign. We are pleased to report that Central Administration and many other departments charted 100% participation rates. We had several staff members to win gift cards from the end-of-campaign drawing. However, the real winners are the 22 local agencies which will benefit from your generosity. We thank all who are committed to Living United.



NEW HIRES		
Willie Satterfield, 08/12/2023 PCO Child Nutrition Aide	Tarajah Autry, 09/24/2023 Detention Residential Specialist	Sherri Brown, 11/5/2023 PCO Child Nutrition Aide
Tania Preyer, 08/12/2023 PCO Cafeteria Leader	Johnathan Baker, 10/09/2023 Passages Team Leader	Bryan Roberts, 11/05/2023 Weekend Detention Residential Specialist
Andre Peoples, 08/13/2023 Passages Residential Specialist	Ashley Little, 10/11/2023 Support Services Specialist	Tiera Benson, 11/20/2023 Teacher's Aide
Shaniah Arnold, 08/13/2023 Weekend Residential Specialist	Rochelle Strickland, 10/21/2023 Weekend Detention Residential Specialist	Nina Benson, 11/20/2023 Voyages Residential Specialist
Passages	Stephanie Core, 10/22/2023 Child Nutrition Aide	Tynesha Bell, 11/22/2023 Passages Residential Specialist
Vanessa Huddleston, 08/13/2023 Child Nutrition Aide	Ed'Juana Newton, 10/22/2023 PCO Family Specialist	
Gilbert Romelus, 08/27/2023 Weekend Life Coach	Devonda Woods, 10/22/2023 Teacher's Aide	
Jamarian McNeil, 08/27/2023 Life Coach	Siraya Johnson, 10/22/2023 Weekend Detention Residential Specialist	
Timothy O'Leary, 08/27/2023 Lead Teacher	Lycretia Adams, 10/22/2023 Fatherhood Liason	
Demarcus Kyles, 09/10/2023 Passages Residential Specialist		

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From the Corner Office

Apples of Gold

It's the title of a sweet little book authored by Jo Petty and given to me some twenty years ago by my late and cherished friend, Mrs. Cherry Sue Jackson. I reach for this book when my heart needs a bit of a pick-me-up. I find that I'm always encouraged after only a brief read.

With all of the pressures (and, of course, the joy!) that the holiday season brings, it is encouraging to find a few "apples of gold" which help to center us, such as:

*"It is the loving, not in being loved, the heart is blessed;
It is in giving, not seeking gifts, we find our quest;
Whatever be your longing or your need, that give;
So shall your soul be fed, and you indeed shall live."*

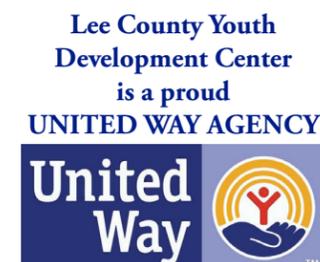
The summer months just seemed to fly by and now the fall – with the leaves falling all around – has been so jammed packed with site visits, end of fiscal year reporting and obligations of all dimensions – that many of us have failed to reflect on all that has been accomplished and all that has been received. Organizations and individuals have made so many wonderful experiences possible over the past several months including:

- College, Career and Leadership Expos
- Young Professionals in Training
- National Night Out
- Cancer Awareness
- Auburn University Football and Basketball Games
- Fall Festival
- Pasta Making and Dinner Etiquette
- Fun (and Fund) raising from Moore's Mill Country Club; The Depot Restaurant; and Auburn Food and Wine Festival
- World Aids Day Program

Truly readers – the above is only a thumb's nail sketch of all that has been given, supported, and provided to our agency and to those we serve over the Summer/Fall. And this robust, continual support continues as I type.

We are now obliged to be good stewards of these many blessings and to be sure to give back to our community and to others as early and as often as possible so that our souls are fed and indeed as we live. May we all continually find our own apples of gold as the Christmas Season begins.

Laura Cooper, Executive Director



CENTER SCENES...

PASTA PLEASE AND THANK YOU

Our Passages Females were recently treated to a lovely evening of learning the secret to making fantastic homemade pasta and enjoying a lovely Pasta and Salad Meal at our Respite Home. Our hearty thanks to Auburn Mayor Pro Tem, Ms. Beth Whitten and her daughter, Katie. The learning experience and the food were equally wonderful. However the sweet fellowship was fuel for so many souls and lingers still, we are grateful.



BE OUR GUEST

On Friday December 15th we will hold our Annual Holiday Brunch in Main Campus Central Cafeteria beginning at 9:30 a.m. We will have the opportunity to recognize over 20 employees who are celebrating milestone anniversaries and to also name our 2023 Cecil Moreman Award winner. You are warmly and cordially invited to be our guest.

LEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The behavioral, mental and physical health needs of the individuals and families that we serve are immense. Regrettably, the needs are nearing a crisis level here in our local area and nationwide. LCYDC operates a Supervised Visitation program in conjunction with Auburn University's Marriage and Family Therapy Program; a Day School program in partnership with Auburn and Opelika City Schools; Family Based Intervention Services along with residential treatment and juvenile detention programs where mental health concerns are prominent. We are so pleased to announce that the Commissioners recently voted to appropriate funding to LCYDC from the Lee County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund. Sincere appreciation to Commissioner Richard LaGrand for his unwavering support. These funds will assist in offsetting the large costs of administering these services – we are so thankful.

WORLD AIDS DAY

December 1st Program
 LCYDC joined with Unity Wellness and the LaGrange (GA) Chapter of the Links, Inc. In commemorating World Aids Day. Timely information was shared by Ms. LaKeisha Dowdell and by Chanticleer Learning Center students.



Center Scenes at
 LCYDC, PGO and
 in the Community!

