



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.



From the Corner Office

So Much Hurt... Tons More Hope...

The trilogy of our recent holidays past which began with Thanksgiving, moved on to Christmas and ended with the ringing in of our New Year tends to expose so much hurt, longing and despair within the lives of those touched by our agency. We find that – regardless of history, circumstance or situation – individuals seek safety, stability and sources of joy. These things can be in very short supply when poverty, poor decisions, abuse, addiction and other maladies of the human condition dominate daily living.

Is there much hurt, is there darkness? Of course there is. And yet the amazing news is that there is much more hope and tons more light. For those served by LCYDC hope came from all directions – from blankets loving sewn and donated by Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn, toiletries and hygiene donations from Mt. Zion Baptist of Loachapoka, the Lee County Association of Realtors (LCAR) donating incredible gifts for children and families, the Yoga Group of Auburn providing gifts for all of our children in foster care, Lowe’s of Opelika for the gift or the wonderful live Christmas trees...I could go on and on. What we want our readers to know is that LCYDC will never stamp out all of the hurt and harm that permeates our world. However – with the help of so many partners – we are doing our part to being light where there is darkness and despair – hope where there is hurt and harm.

During our Annual Holiday Brunch we had the opportunity to recognize our own agency employees who have remained with us on our mission to improve the human condition. Happy 3-Year Anniversary to:

Sundiata Fleming, Jimmy Jenkins and Gaynell Morris. Happy 5-Year Anniversary to: Ebony Harmon, Jimmy Jackson, Sylvia Peagler, Jessika Pollard and Anashia Ross. 10-Year: Kevin Brooks and Debra Witherspoon. 15-Year: Gennie Bynam. And Happy 20-Year: Brad Ford, Sheila Penn and Silvester Love. We applaud you each and thank you for your service through the years.

And finally we annually salute and remember with great fondness one of our late founders – Mrs. Cecil D. Moreman. Mrs. Moreman did more than her fair share to ease despair and bring hope throughout her lifetime. Her bright light and good works continue to impact our company more than four decades following her passing. Our 2022 Moreman Award recipient embodies many of Mrs. Moreman’s ideals – she cares fervently for those who travel the rocky paths of life and continually gives of herself to ease suffering. Congratulations to our Family Life Specialist, **Meaghan Hayward** – so well earned!

Thank you to all who understand hurt and push ever forward toward hope – blessings and good health in this New Year!

Laura Cooper, Executive Director



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Haley Threatt, January 2
- Bradford Ford, January 11
- Tiffany Moore, January 12
- Temeria Martin, January 13
- Kelli Morgan, January 14
- Aldravius Reese, January 17
- Pamela Wilson, January 21
- Stephen Roberts, January 21
- Heather Michel, January 30

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Bobby Tucker, February 6
- Jimmy Jackson, February 6
- Cheryl Holland, February 7
- Tiffany Murphy-Patrick, February 7
- Anthony Gardner, February 9
- Tavarius McNeil, February 12
- Valarie Ligon, February 13
- Silverster Love, February 14
- Jessika Pollard, February 15
- Dakeius Kindell, February 23
- Maleshia Bryant, February 24
- Sundiata Fleming, February 25

NEW HIRES

- Addison Williams, 11/6/2022
Licensed Social Worker
- Bianca Alcena, 11/6/2022
Passages Residential Specialist
- Marciana Williams, 11/6/2022
Safety, Security & Emergency Management Services
- Olivia Royal, 12/4/2022
Clinical Services Therapist

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