



News from The Branches

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More than just managing life

At The Branches, we help individuals with disabilities manage daily life. Houseparents take them to work, help them access medical care, teach life skills, and support them in reaching a greater level of independence. But there is more to life than managing a daily routine. We provide emotional support, opportunities to explore talents and abilities, and assistance in finding ways to make a positive difference in the lives of others -- all within a Christian environment. Take a look and see...



Pet Therapy during Sunday school at Ridgecrest Baptist Church



Janet, registered nurse, checks Larry's blood pressure. Janet and husband, Jason, serve as our volunteer RN team. They come monthly to check vital signs and talk about good health. Always a fun time!



Working with pumpkins from our own pumpkin patch. Great for cooking and fall decorating!



Enjoying produce from their own raised-bed garden! Volunteer, Sandy, comes weekly and provides a variety of activities. Here, she teaches how to make pickled okra and cucumbers.



Volunteer, Cara, provides music activities.



Volunteers from Ridgecrest help with Operation Christmas Child.

Volunteers make our world go 'round!
Thank you!



Using newly-learned skill of loom knitting to participate in Hats for the Homeless at The Library Center

Birthday parties and dinners with friends from Open Door Fellowship



Thank you to the wonderful people of Open Door Fellowship Church for providing birthday parties, cakes, presents, and monthly dinners for individuals who live at The Branches. You not only provide gifts and food, but you give each person your time and attention -- the best gifts of all! Thanks for opening your hearts and lives to us.



The Branches welcomes new staff

We are pleased to introduce our new Chief Administrative Officer, Korrie Kirk. Korrie holds undergraduate degrees in Human Service Agency Management and Recreation Administration. While working part time overseeing the operations of The Branches, she is completing a Master of Social Work. Korrie replaces Betty Bagwell, who served as both CAO and houseparent since The Branches opened. We are very grateful for Betty's contributions to The Branches and wish her the best in her new endeavors!

The Branches also welcomes new houseparents, Glen and Dorothy High. Glen is a retired machinist and Dorothy is a retired Licensed Practical Nurse. Both Glen and Dorothy volunteer extensively at Evergreen Baptist and Sac River Cowboy churches. They join houseparents, Mike and Bette Bonjour. Each houseparent couple works every other week, providing a great support team for individuals who live at The Branches.

In Memory of Opal Hendrix and Denzil Hendrix

Southwest Special Care Homes remembers and honors Opal Hendrix and her son, Denzil. Opal was a longtime friend and supporter of The Branches. Early this year, Opal passed to her heavenly home, only a few months after Denzil's passing. We remember them fondly and they are missed. One day, we will see them again.

You are cordially invited to attend the
Southwest Special Care Homes

*Fifth Annual
 Fundraising Dinner and Auction*

Saturday, May 3, 2014

White River Conference Center

600 West Sunshine Street, Springfield

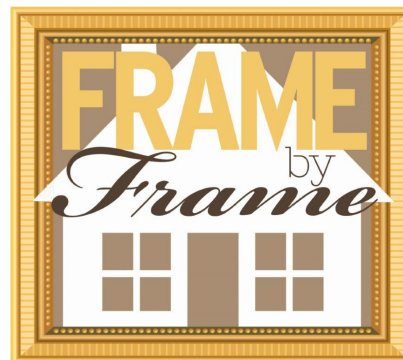
Registration and Silent Auction begin at 4:30

Seating for dinner begins at 5:30

Dressy Casual Attire

*The value of the meal/entertainment of this event is \$30. Please check with
 your tax advisor regarding your potential tax deduction.*

Southwest Special Care Homes is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.



*Proceeds from this event will be used
 to sustain The Branches at
 Brookline, a Christian family-style
 home for adults with development
 disabilities.*

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 Address _____
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THE COURTESY OF YOUR REPLY IS REQUESTED BY FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Please send registration form with check to:
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 PO Box 14341
 Springfield, Missouri 65814

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We are thankful for all kinds of gifts...

We live in a kind, generous community. If you have doubts about that, just ask the individuals who live at The Branches. Since our doors opened, volunteers have spent many hours at The Branches. Paper goods and pantry supplies have been generously given by church groups. Individuals have donated Christmas trees and decorations, ladies groups brought dinner for our clients to enjoy, and Christmas gifts flowed from volunteers who work with our clients. We can't possibly list all the kindnesses you have shown to us this past year! Please know that we are grateful. Your generous gifts of goods, encouragement, compassion and time are beyond measure. Thank you for including The Branches your lives.

SOUTHWEST SPECIAL CARE HOMES

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Springfield, MO 65814

For more information, please contact us:
417-887-7653
E-mail: thebranchesatbrookline@gmail.com



Accepting Applications for Residents

Do you know an adult with a developmental disability who needs assistance in daily living? Would he or she enjoy well-rounded life experiences in a Christian, family-style home with peers and houseparents? The Branches is a newly-constructed home for adults with developmental disabilities located on 35 acres near Springfield, Missouri. We are currently accepting applications for fulltime residents.



www.thebranchesatbrookline.org



Southwest Special Care Homes

Fifth Annual Fundraising Dinner and Auction

Saturday, May 3

White River Conference Center

HERE'S A GLIMPSE OF WHAT THE EVENING WILL HOLD:

Emcee: **Lisa Rose** Auctioneer: **Pastor Larry Ball**

Entertainment: **A Cub Bella** (female a cappella group from MSU)

Vincent the Magician (Eighteen-year-old Vincent Small, who has Down Syndrome, will perform magic!)

A few of the great auction items:

- 2014 Scott Metrix 40 bike from Cycles Unlimited
- One-week stay in Gulf Shores oceanfront condo
- Hand-turned walnut bowl
- Gift cards to great restaurants
- Quilt made by Marietta, who lives at The Branches

For your convenience, most major credit cards will be accepted for auction item purchases.

Look inside for invitation and
RSVP form or register online at
www.thebranchesatbrookline.org

*We hope you'll join us
for a great evening to
support The Branches!*