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Southwest Special Care Homes

News from The Branches

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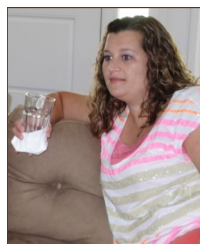
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Grateful for our hard-working, dedicated staff



Chief Administrative
Officer, Korrie Kirk

God has provided this ministry with competent, compassionate, hard-working staff. Daily, they positively impact the lives of our residents as they assist them in all aspects of daily life — from teaching life skills to managing medical appointments — from cooking and cleaning to providing emotional support and community integration. The list goes on.



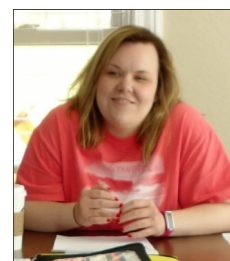
Direct Support Staff,
John & Shannon House



Direct Support Staff,
Debra Grayham

A highly-respected professional, who works with adults with developmental disabilities, recently complimented our CAO and Direct Support Staff. He said, "I've been in this field for over ten years and you and your staff are the most dedicated and caring group of caregivers I've come across. Keep up the great work."

We appreciate our staff for the respectful, quality care they provide — helping each resident live as independently as possible in a healthy, encouraging environment.



Direct Support Staff,
Cara Morris

To be good stewards of our resources, we are producing fewer newsletters per year for print and mail.

For the latest happenings and lots of great photos, please "like" our Facebook page: The Branches at Brookline - Southwest Special Care Homes And check out our website: www.thebranchesatbrookline.org

To view our newsletters online, please send us an email and we'll send you a link to our newsletter.
Thanks for allowing us to stay in touch!



We appreciate our volunteers!



Sandy Datema is just one of our valued volunteers. She has faithfully and regularly volunteered at The Branches since we opened our doors — greeting at our open house and providing numerous, fun activities for our residents. She is a kind neighbor and friend who has welcomed us from the very beginning. Thank you, Sandy!

So many volunteers have blessed The Branches over the years — building the house and barn, helping with fundraising, cleaning, teaching skills and Bible lessons, and more! See pages 3 & 6 to see volunteers in action. We are grateful!!

The Branches welcomes MSU Occupational Therapy Students



During the 2016 spring semester, it was our pleasure to collaborate with MSU in providing fieldwork experience for Master of Occupational Therapy students. Win-win. Best wishes as they continue their studies!



Pride and satisfaction through work at SWI Industrial Solutions



Our community is fortunate to have SWI Industrial Solutions in our midst. SWI is a nonprofit that provides employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities and practical solutions for businesses needing efficient workers. Thank you, SWI, for bringing adults with disabilities and businesses together!

All five of our residents are currently employed, either full or part time, at SWI — most have worked there many years. (We're sorry one was absent on the day we took photos!)

SWI is more than just a place to work and earn a paycheck. Employees take pride in the quality of their work — experiencing a sense of accomplishment and fulfillment in meaningful jobs.

It's also about community and belonging. SWI hosts many social activities throughout the year for their employees and their parents/guardians.

Check it out: swiindustrial.com



Thank you to Bass Print Solutions for their generosity in printing this newsletter.

Birthday fun provided by Open Door Fellowship (ODF)

While we were still in the building phase, ODF opened their hearts to this ministry by stocking our kitchen with many necessary items. One of the many ways they continue to serve is by providing birthday parties! They bring food, gifts, and the pleasure of their company. Some bring their children. Birthdays...babies...gifts...food...fun...and friendship. Does it get any better than that? Thank you, ODF!



Thankful for volunteers who invest in the spiritual lives of adults with developmental disabilities

Thank you to Frank & Nancy Pike for leading Bible study at The Branches this summer. Frank is one of our board members and teaches in the special needs Sunday school class at Ridgecrest Baptist Church, where our residents attend on Sunday mornings.





You are cordially invited to attend the
 Southwest Special Care Homes
Seventh Annual Fundraising Dinner
 to benefit The Branches at Brookline

Friday, September 16, 2016
 The Tower Club—21st Floor
 901 East Saint Louis Street, Springfield

Registration opens at 5:45
 Enjoy the view of Downtown Springfield and
 glance at live auction items
 Dinner and Program begin at 6:30

Please join us for our seventh annual **Frame by Frame**. We've changed things up a bit and we're heading downtown to The Tower Club.

No silent auction this year, but the live auction will include scrumptious desserts, fun Experience Packages, and more!

Here's a preview of just two of the great Experience Packages that will be auctioned. These involve specific dates, so we thought you might want a "heads up" to be prepared to bid at the event!

- **Go Chiefs!** Check your calendars. Kansas City Chiefs vs. Jacksonville Jaguars at Arrowhead Stadium, KC. **Two lower level tickets and a parking pass** for the **Sunday, November 06, 2016**, game. (Provided by Senior Care Pharmacy). **Section 117, Row 25, Seats 20-21**. Plan ahead and have fun bidding at Frame by Frame!
- **Gulf Shores Condo:** Check your calendars. **Seven-night stay** in a beautiful **3 bedroom, beach front** Phoenix West condominium on the Gulf Coast in Orange Beach, AL (Owned by McCall Properties, Mr. Kevin & Dr. Kristy McCall). **Subject to availability and valid September 16, 2016 through June 02, 2017**. This unit sleeps 10 comfortably with a sleeper sofa in the living room to accommodate 2 more. There are 4 full baths and a laundry room inside the unit. Get your friends and family together and get ready to bid!

This is our largest fundraising event of the year! We sincerely hope you'll join us for a lovely evening as we bless adults with developmental disabilities.

Lisa Rose, Emcee — Larry Ball, Auctioneer — Men's Quartet, Entertainment — Delicious Dinner —
 and a Beautiful View of Downtown Springfield from the 21st floor

The courtesy of your reply is requested by Friday, September 2. Thank you so much!

Presenting Sponsors





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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

GUEST RESERVATIONS

_____ Number of guests at \$50.00 each

Please list the names of guests included in your payment. (Each table seats up to 10 guests.)

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Includes four dinners

☐ \$500 Gold Event Sponsorship
Includes two dinners

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☐ I cannot attend, but please accept my contribution of \$_____

THE COURTESY OF YOUR REPLY IS REQUESTED BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Please send top portion of this form with check to:

Southwest Special Care Homes
 PO Box 14341, Springfield, MO 65814

*Thank you
 for your support!*

You may also RSVP online (www.thebranchesatbrookline.org) and mail check to above address.



Please retain bottom portion as your receipt for tax purposes.



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\$50 per person

Proceeds from this event will be directed toward sustaining The Branches at Brookline, a Christian family-style home for adults with developmental disabilities.

The value of the meal/entertainment for this event is \$28. Please check with your tax advisor regarding your potential tax deduction.

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



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Yard Work Day! Thanks to Second Baptist, Springfield, and SWSCH Board Members

It was a beautiful, cool, windy morning in May when Pat Day's small group from Second Baptist Church and Southwest Special Care Homes board members brought their families to weed flower beds, plant perennials, and spread mulch to beautify the grounds at The Branches. We couldn't be more grateful for volunteers!! Many thanks!

