

June 2011

### Track your Volunteer Hours

Please make sure that you are signing in and out each time you volunteer. Your service hours count.

At a rate designated by the Independent Sector, the total for the year for Volunteer Services at MSCC would be equivalent to \$281,620.26 in salaries and benefits.



As of June 1 ...

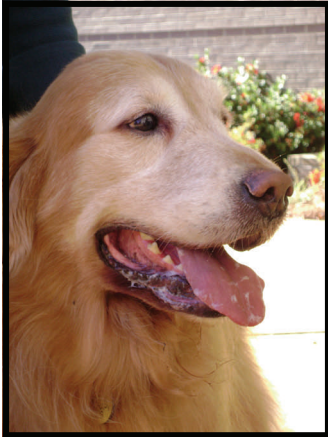
Total number of volunteers recruited	78
Total number of volunteers being orientated	4
Total number of volunteer hours for the month	108
Total number of volunteer hours for the week	22
Total number of volunteer hours YTD	8,675
Total in dollars for the week (22x\$20.85)	\$458.70
Total in dollars for the month	\$2,251.80
Total in dollars YTD	\$281,620.26

#### ***Thank you to all of our partners...***

Jackson State University  
Millsaps College  
Tougaloo College  
Pearl High School  
Northwest Rankin High School  
Jackson Preparatory  
Junior Auxiliary of Rankin County  
Hinds Community College  
Mississippi Center for Nonprofits  
Mississippi College

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### Pet Therapy Visits...

Calling those who have an interest in Pet Therapy.

We are looking to expand our Pet Therapy Program here at Methodist Specialty Care Center. We currently have 2 Pet Therapists volunteering with us. They have been dedicated to the program, and the residents love them. Thank you Ms. Anita and Holly.

If you or someone you know has a pet that would be a good fit for our Pet Therapy Program, please contact Robby at [rscucchi@mmrc rehab.org](mailto:rscucchi@mmrc rehab.org) or 601.420.7769 for details.



### Volunteer Spirit Award nominations due

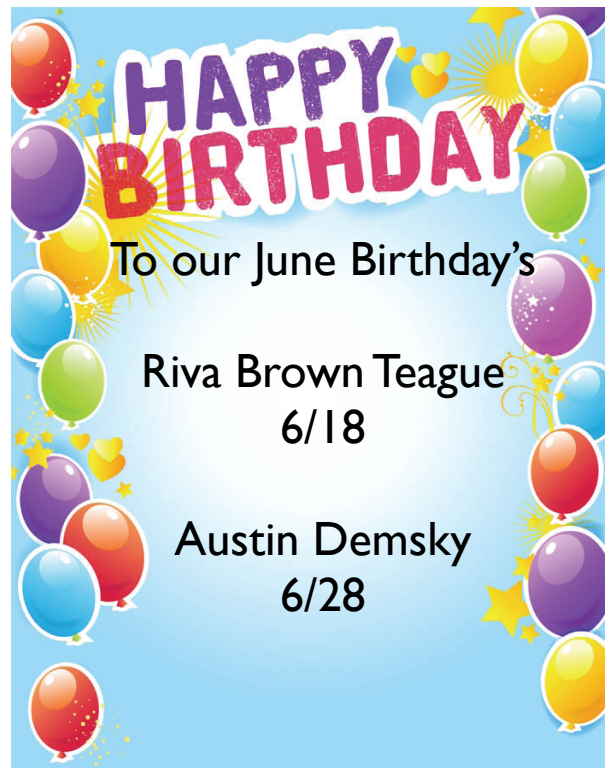
Do you know a volunteer who would be the perfect volunteer to nominate for the Volunteer Spirit Award. Please take a moment and email Robby at [rscucchi@mmrc rehab.org](mailto:rscucchi@mmrc rehab.org) the name of the volunteer and what you think makes him/her the perfect volunteer for the Volunteer Spirit Award.

The Volunteer Spirit Award is given out 3 times a year.



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### Now You Can.....Recognize What Matters Most in Your Life

*Volunteerism* may be defined as contributing one's time or talents for charitable, educational, social, political, or other worthwhile purposes, usually in one's community, freely and without regard for compensation. Since the 17th century, Americans have shaped their nation by their voluntary efforts: providing services, organizing political action, caring for the poor, reaching out to the disadvantaged, providing education, ensuring equality and civil rights for all citizens, and working for change.

I often tell the volunteers at Specialty Care Center that being a volunteer leader is like being a cat herder trying to cross a river- volunteers are cuddly like cats, but sometimes resist going in the right direction. As you know, volunteer leaders face a variety of challenges or "river crossings" each day. Sometimes the river current moves in different directions as we face divergent expectations from the volunteers, administration and staff- it seems each group has their own idea of what the volunteer department should do. Sometimes the river is very large and the current is swift as we try to cross the "3 R's Rivers- Recruiting, Retention and Regulations".

Whatever the river you are crossing today, I want you to know that if you have ever given any thought as to volunteerism- recognize what matters most in your life. Volunteerism is a fantastic way to "make a difference" a great way to gain some wonderful knowledge of the organization, time management skills, build lasting relationships, and have a resource for your resume.

For many, it seems as though volunteers have been treated, for the most part, with a nice pat on the back with the motion that the majority of people just didn't "have the time" nor "the desire to get involved" but as our society moved through economic cycles and recovers from the various acts that may cause volunteers to be put into place, the concept of volunteering to offer comfort, aid and, most importantly, one's time to "make a difference" has become validated as an accepted and natural part of daily life.

All volunteerism is an expression of giving. All giving is giving of joy. We give because of love. Love desires to give joy and happiness.

Whenever you give anything, you give something spiritual along with it. The feeling that you give with is the spirit of your giving. The feeling is the energy of your giving. When you give with joy, the energy that you send forth is that of joy. But when you give with the lack of joy, the energy that goes with your gift is a negative one.

When we give, we are not just giving a thing, but we are also giving the energy that goes along with our giving. The energy that you give with is really more important than the gift itself. The essence is always joy, although the form can be anything.

As you sow, so you shall reap. What goes around comes around. The energy you give out is the energy that returns to you. That is the reason why God wants you to be a cheerful giver.

If you have not yet discovered the rewards of volunteering, my highest hope is that, as you go about your daily life after reading this article, you will discover you do have "time to give" to an organization, even if it's 2 hours a week. There is no time frame on volunteering.

Methodist Specialty Care Center is a residential facility providing long-term specialized care for severely disabled younger residents whose social and medical needs are too complex and unique for traditional nursing homes.

At Methodist Specialty Care Center, our dedicated volunteers are an essential part of our team. Each day, they visit residents in their rooms and work closely with staff to provide much-needed services. There are more than 60 volunteers per week at Methodist Specialty Care Center, providing services to the residents, staff and families. Adult volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum on 4 hours of service each week. Student volunteers are asked to commit a minimum of 6 months of service.

Volunteer applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Demonstrate a sincere desire to be of service
- Have adequate time to devote to the volunteer program
- Be of good moral character

If you would like to make a difference in someone's life by volunteering at Methodist Specialty Care Center, contact Robby Scucchi, certified director of volunteer services, at (601) 420-7769 or by email at [rscucchi@mmsrcare.org](mailto:rscucchi@mmsrcare.org).





## Excellent Opportunity to Volunteer and Learn

Methodist Rehabilitation Center is looking for a few good individuals to volunteer in the Gift Shop.

Duties include: cash register operation, checking in new merchandise, ticketing, displaying merchandise.

Individuals with an interest in Customer Service, Retail, Marketing, even Social Work and Counseling would benefit from this opportunity.

To find out about this volunteer opportunity and other opportunities to serve, log onto [www.methodistspecialtycare.org](http://www.methodistspecialtycare.org) and click on Volunteering and then "Request Volunteer Packet."

Fill out the requested information, and we will make contact with you or call 601.420.7769.



## Volunteer Policy & Procedure Manual

After much discussion and a lot of work, the Department of Volunteer Services now has a Policy & Procedure Manual. This manual has everything that the volunteers need to know about while conducting their service hours at Methodist Specialty Care Center.

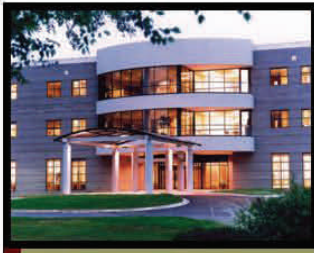
Please stop by the office and look through the manual so that you will be "in the know" about policies & procedures of

the department. Some of the items included in the manual are Absences, Accidents, Benefits, Code of Conduct, Dismissal, Goals & Purpose, Hands-on Care, Letters of Recommendation, Mission & Values, Safety, Hours and a lot more.

It would be worth your time to come by and read over some of this information.

You will need to schedule a time and day with me to do so.

Contact me via email at [rscucchi@mrrcrehab.org](mailto:rscucchi@mrrcrehab.org) to set up your day and time to view the policy & procedure manual.



# Volunteer Profile

## Methodist Specialty Care Center

[www.methodistspecialtycare.org](http://www.methodistspecialtycare.org)

### Tracy Short, Audit Manager Junior Auxiliary Member

#### Why do you volunteer at Methodist Specialty Care Center?

I am a member of Junior Auxiliary of Rankin County and one of the projects I serve on is called *Caring Friends* in which we spend so many hours volunteering at Methodist Specialty Care Center. It was my initial reason for volunteering there but once I did, it became like family and I enjoy being involved with such a great facility and would continue to do it.

#### What do you do when you are not volunteering?

I have a husband, 5 year old boy and a little girl due very soon. I work as a full time Audit Manager for Lyle, Walker & Co., P.A., a CPA firm located in Ridgeland, MS.

#### For me, there is nothing more fun than:

Spending quality time with family and friends is what makes me happiest. I love watching my son in sports and going to water parks and the beach.

#### Your philosophy of life:

I believe that even though we get caught up in the stress and schedules of our personal lives, we cannot forget about those around us that also need us. If we stop and help others now, we will be rewarded now but also later in Heaven. One of my favorite Bible verses is: Matthew 6:19-21 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal." But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where the thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.



Above- Tracy and Ms. Reysack pose for a picture before Thanksgiving Lunch

Below- Tracy, son Cole and husband Darryn enjoy one of the many activities at Specialty Care Center as a family.



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