

Inspirations

December 2011



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from TARC!



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TARC has been having a great year with so many wonderful things happening to us. TARC was honored by the Louisiana Conference of Executives of the Arc of Louisiana with the Chapter Innovation Award, the Family of the Year Award, and the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award. Mrs. Shirley Watkins won the prestigious volunteer award and the Redmond's won the family award. Carla Rhodes, TARC's Outstanding Direct Support Worker (DSW), was honored with a monetary award and a certificate for her dedication and service to TARC clients and to the organization. It is always a pleasure to realize that TARC is highly regarded in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities and that the recognition given is so forthcoming. I appreciate all that the clients, families, volunteers and the community

do to make TARC look so good!

I would also like to recognize Samantha Boudier as the TARC's EDS recipient for the outstanding work that she does in Bayou Packers, a division of TARC. She and her family, plus TARC staff were given awards at the EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES annual luncheon in Baton Rouge in December.

Longevity Awards were given to employees with 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years of service to TARC at the Thanksgiving luncheon. This is an activity that is always looked forward to by all staff, especially those receiving recognition. TARC also recognizes staff who have retired during the previous year with certificates and decorative etched platters as a gift of appreciation.

The Let's Get Together Club held its annual Christmas Party on December 9th and everyone had a great time eating, exchanging gifts and dancing. They had a visit from Santa and the Gingerbread Girl! The party was filled with anticipation and excitement. LGT Social

Club is looking forward to their first Sweetheart dance on February 4th.

TARC will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary of incorporation with an open house and luncheon on March 21, 2012. This event will be open to former and present clients, families, staff, public officials and community in general. Be on the lookout for more news on this event in the near future. Until then, have a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

Mary Lynn Bisland



The Redmonds Win Governor's GOLD Award



In December, Marvin and Donna Redmond and members of the Redmond family, along with TARC Executive Director, Mary Lynn Bisland, traveled to Baton Rouge to honor the Redmonds for the Governor's Office of Disability Affairs Family of the Year Award. TARC nominated this outstanding and model family who support TARC Buy U Beads worker, Danny Martin. The Redmond's passion to achieve a meaningful life for Danny is exemplary, is recognized, and appreciated by all of TARC staff and our individuals. Congratulations!

TARC is now hiring
the following:

QDDP-Residential

PCA-Weekends

DSW-Division 1 & 2

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ARC of Louisiana Awards-2011

TARC received three ARC of Louisiana awards this year. TARC Executive Director Mary Lynn Bisland and TARC winners attended the ARC of Louisiana Annual Meeting in Lafayette, La. on November 19. TARC won the highly coveted Chapter Innovation Award, TARC Family of the Year, and TARC Volunteer of the Year. We are grateful for the family, staff, and community support to assist in TARC's wonderful success. Congratulations to all of the winners!



Family of the Year

The Redmonds-Donna and Marvin



TARC Outstanding DSP

Carla Rhodes



Volunteer of the Year

Shirley Rome Watkins



Chapter Innovation Award

Client Spotlight—Chad Stein



Chad Stein is TARC's newest artist! Originally from Reserve, Louisiana, Chad has been drawing since he was 10 years old. Currently, he draws and paints in TARC's Maison d'art Department. He likes to draw trees, flowers, and houses. In the future, he wants to paint more boats and frogs.



Besides being an artist, Chad enjoys eating out, going to the mall, going to the movies, and participating in different sports with Special Olympics. He is also a member of TARC's social club, Let's Get Together.

Clearly, Chad and his artwork are inspiring others and opening eyes throughout the community and beyond. Visit the TARC Restaurant and Gift Shop to view more of his paintings.

TARC Artists Sell Out for Art After Dark



Teri Boudreaux & Paula Lapeyrouse



On September 10th, TARC Folk Artist Paula Lapeyrouse and Folk Photographer Teri Boudreaux made TARC history. This year, the artists exhibited in two locations for the first time. They exhibited at the Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum and Salon Rubicon. Salon Rubicon hosted a phenomenal night with food and music and lots of people buying up artwork. The artists collected a combined \$3900 for every piece of their artwork from Art After Dark, mostly from a huge donation from Lawrence and Dana Detiveaux, owners of Salon Rubicon. It was a night to remember! The artists enjoyed mingling with the buyers and sampling the food. TARC is very appreciative of Salon Rubicon and Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum's support and generosity for our artists and for TARC.

Let's Get Together

Halloween Dance



The Let's Get Together club would like to thank the members of the South Terrebonne High School Student Council for their donation of time and volunteer efforts for our Halloween Dance in October and the Christmas Party in December. We also thank all the TARC staff for making our events successful, possible, and above all...a blast!

Holiday Party



Sunshine Express Fall Festival



TARC Awards 2011 Congratulations!



Professional of the Year
Ann Eschete RN



DSW of the Year
Carla Rhodes

Upcoming Events

- ◆ December 23-January 2—TARC Closed.
Happy Holidays!
- ◆ January 16—MLK Holiday— TARC Closed
- ◆ Feb. 20-22— Mardi Gras— TARC Closed

Save the Date!
May 5, 2012

**TARC's Garden and
Market Festival**

TARC Open House



TARC Longevity Awards

TARC is truly appreciative of all the hard work and dedication of TARC's staff. On November 17, achievements in longevity and retirees were celebrated at a luncheon held on the TARC Campus. Congratulations to all honorees!

**25 Years 20 Years 15 Years 10 Years 5 Years Retired
37 Years**



Lourean
McGee



Connie Harris
Not Pictured:
Adeline
LeBouef, Marie
Domangue



Christine
Rushing



Pictured L to R: Tiffany
Brunet, Dan Gotreau,
Monique Banks, Lucretia
Coleman, Randy Dufrene,
Genevieve Lewis. Not
Pictured: Pam Pellegrin,
Angie Naquin, Rhonda
Neil, Wanda Welch



L to R: Kathy Landry, Vir-
ginia Pellegrin, Tina Tro-
sclair, Ann Eschete, Erica
Null, Candy Robinson, Lena
Maxey, Karen Boudreaux,
Angela Simoneaux. Not Pic-
tured: Trudy Bergeron, Sandy
Mathews, Patricia Morgan,
Paulette Celestine, Jeanie
Bartholomew



Bonnie
Robichaux