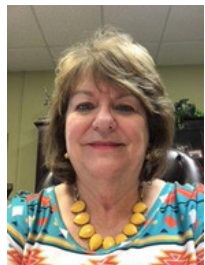


INSPIRATIONS

ANNUAL TERREBONNE ARC NEWSLETTER 2019

DIRECTOR'S CORNER



TARC programs were once again excited to receive their 6th, Three Year Accreditation from The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), in June 2018. It is a monumental task to continue BEST PRACTICE in all programs. Dedication, Integrity, and Striving for Excellence are the main reasons that TARC is looked upon as the standard in our industry. KUDOS TO STAFF, ADMINISTRATION AND TARC PARTICIPANTS FOR MAKING THIS HAPPEN!

CAJUN CONFECTIONS BAKERY, CANDY AND COFFEE SHOP, opened its doors to the public in November 2018. Since then, it is THE HAPPENING PLACE in Houma! Participants and staff tell me that this is their HAPPY PLACE! The support of the community is often times overwhelming. THANK YOU TERREBONNE!

The State of Louisiana, Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) and the Center for Medicaid Services (CMS) continues to move forward with the mandate to have ALL eligible participants work in the community making minimum wage by March 2020! TARC is currently participating in a System Change Pilot program, in Region 3, to lead the way in this mandate. TARC held a three-year Strategic Planning meeting the month of January 2019.

Plans are underway to convert all vocational programs to pay minimum wage starting January 2020, construction will begin on the "Bayou Country Café" on Moffet Road in August 2019, Buy-U-Beads will move to a retail location by 2020, and the TARC Restaurant and Gift Shop will be renovated into a manufacturing and retail location for Houma Grown, by 2021. Participants in the process consisted of board members, families, program participants, directors, supervisors, managers, project coordinators, direct support workers, and other interested partners. TARC is a very progressive agency and prides itself on the outstanding programs and services licensed by the State of Louisiana. TARC was incorporated in 1962.

MARY LYNN BISLAND
Terrebonne ARC Executive Director



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CDL Drivers

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CAJUN CONFECTIONS CREATING CONFECTION PERFECTION



TARC opened the doors to our newest community business, Cajun Confections in November 2018 at 158 Enterprise Drive in Houma. With this new endeavor, TARC is excited to showcase the abilities of our individuals, create more jobs, and create quality gourmet chocolates, assorted bakery items, pralines, and hot beignets. Our products are always a great idea for your next event or company meeting. Since beginning as Sweet Sensations in 2003, Cajun Confections has grown into one of TARC's outstanding vocational programs employing dozens of people over the years.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR TARC BUSINESSES



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TARC WINS GOVERNOR'S AWARD



State Provider of
the Year

TARC WINS ARC OF LOUISIANA AWARDS



Chapter Innovation
Award



Recreation Award
Let's Get Together
Social Club

CEDAR CHEST EXPANSION

TARC OPENS DONATION CENTER SITE, ADDS 3RD DONATION CREW & CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

The Cedar Chest enterprises continue to be the largest part of TARC's vocational program, consisting of four Cedar Chest Boutique thrift stores, three Donation Crews which service 17 community donation bins in addition to the stores, and a Donation Center which provides a sedentary setting to process donations. By year-end, the Cedar Chest family employed 20 DSW staff and 43 individuals.



TARC moved the Thrift Processing unit on campus to its community location at 6259 W. Main St. during the month of June. The new location, renamed the Donation Center, opened its' doors on 6/25/18 and provided community integration for 8 individuals. This enterprise is served by the Donation Crews and all items processed for retail are sent to the four Cedar Chest stores on a rotating basis.

- ✓ Salvaged 332,540 Pounds of Items
- ✓ Collected 17,878 bags from Donation Bins
- ✓ Collected 4,095 bags/boxes from pickups
- ✓ The Donation Center sent 1,560 containers of processed items to Cedar Chest stores.

Cedar Chest West (on Enterprise Drive) celebrated its' 10-year anniversary on April 22, 2018. The store held multiple sales throughout the week of April 23-27 to show appreciation for all of the customer support in the past ten years. Thank you for the continued support!

SNOBALLS AT TARC- THANK YOU BROOKE'S SNOBALLS!



HOUMA GROWN FEATURED ON WGNO'S NEWS WITH A TWIST



1ST PLACE SOCIAL STUDIES PROJECT ON TARC

Congratulations Houma Christian student Micah Kanju and his 1st Place Social Studies Fair Project titled "TARC in the Community". Micah presented his award-winning project to the TARC Board of Directors along with his mother, Grace. After presenting his project on TARC's services and businesses, the family thoughtfully decided to keep the project on display at TARC. TARC appreciates Micah's efforts of awareness of services and businesses for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors! (Pictured l to r: Grace, Micah, and Mary Lynn Bisland, Micah and TARC Board of Directors' President Mr. Larry Pete).



TARC & TGMC WINS ARC OF LOUISIANA AWARD



Employer of the Year

TARC AWARDS



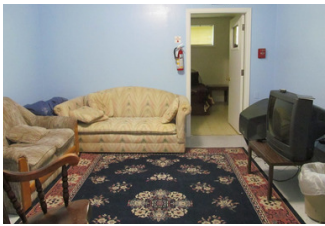
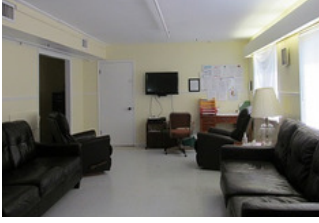
DSW OF THE YEAR LAURIE BOQUET



PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR CYNDI VOLTER

WEEKEND RESPITE GETS A MAKEOVER

BEFORE



AFTER



Thank You to the Volunteers and Staff for the outstanding efforts!

LET'S GET TOGETHER CLUB

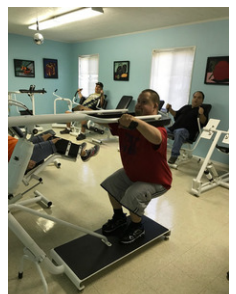
THANK YOU HOUMA ELKS FOR SPONSORING TWO DANCES

SUMMER LUAU

SPRING CRUISE



TARC's Option Plus Community Day Program continues to foster more inclusionary experiences for our individuals. Every day, Options Plus provides community outings and volunteer opportunities that enhance exposure to local events, shopping, and activities. We regularly welcome guests from our community such as Chef Nino and the Terrebonne Parish Main Library. This year, Options Plus hosted two big all day events--Options Olympics and Carnival Day. TARC appreciates the Options Plus staff that plan and provide these outstanding activities and quality programs.



Thank You Chef Neil Thibodaux, Katie Callais, Raising Canes, Keith & Breezie Falgout--Photo Booth Owners