

Civitan Services



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Mission Statement

Civitan Services provides quality educational and life skills training for people with developmental disabilities. We strive to make a positive impact in the lives of our clients and their families through specialized services and support offered in a safe, compassionate environment. We are committed to providing a facility and staff that will always meet the needs of people with disabilities in our community. Our ultimate objective is to help each person we serve maximize their potential for independence and become productive members of society.

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Director's Notes

“13 years ago this month I started my journey here at Civitan Services. Thirteen years! That just doesn't seem possible. Life was so much different at that time, both in my personal

and professional lives. I had a child in kindergarten and I was pregnant with my youngest. We had 15 children in the preschool department and there was an extra office available for anyone who needed it and plenty of storage space. I knew very little about any of the adults who attended The Center on a daily basis other than some of their names.

Today, my oldest is a freshman in college and my youngest is in Middle School. We have 98 students in preschool and we have teachers, therapists and support staff housed in every nook and cranny available – including all of the former storage space. Not only do I know almost all the adults by name (still working on the new ones), I also know their favorite color, team, food, movie, friend, who rides a bus, who their driver is and what they want for Christmas.

Needless to say, change has been nonstop. Obviously, this is just a glimpse at the change one person in the organization has experienced. But I can assure you, anyone who has been associated with Civitan Services in the last few years can tell you a similar story. In fact, we often catch each other saying “Do you remember when...?”

As you take a look through this issue of our newsletter, I hope that you will see the outcome of all of these changes. The important thing to remember is that even though the changes have been never ending, we have all worked together to adjust and improve on the solid foundation set by our forefathers. It is the dedication and work of all our team members who have allowed the success you will see as you turn the pages.

I also want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of our team members who have helped get us this far. That includes our administrative, instructional and support staff, our contracted therapists, store staff, families, business partners, volunteers, and donors.

Each and every one of you has made a tremendous impact on not just the individuals that receive services from us at Civitan Services, but also on our community at large.

Thank you so much for believing in us.

Leah Henderson
Executive Director



“Our lives are like quilts, - bits and pieces, joy and sorrow, stitched with love.”

-Quilters quote

Presenting the 2011 Civitan Preschool Graduates

Fourteen children celebrated their graduation from the Civitan Preschool on Friday, August 12, in the Saline County Boys and Girls Club gym after overcoming much more than the average preschooler. Several of the graduates have been attending Civitan Preschool since they were toddlers to receive early intervention services in a number of areas.

The graduates received their diplomas before their families and Civitan Services staff with full Pomp and Circumstance. Each graduate, wearing a blue graduation robe, was presented with a diploma, special gift from their teachers and a portfolio of photographs and school work from the past year.

This year's class saw the promotion of long-time Pre-K teacher Marilyn Jordan to administration and had new instructor Aaron Hanig join them in early summer. Marilyn and Denise McLain have taught the class together for several years.

After the ceremony there was a reception for all the families and staff members. This year the reception was presented by community partners Smith-Caldwell Drug Store, First Security Bank, Scott Family Dentistry, McClendon's, Ms. Jane Jackson, Pear Tree Wealth Management, Rep. Kim Hammer, Glover's Plumbing and Dr. Jerry Dixon.

All of the graduates worked very hard and have now all begun public school kindergarten. Civitan Preschool provides speech, occupational and physical therapy for every child that qualifies as well as special attention from the dedicated instructors so that they may learn the basic skills necessary for kindergarten.



Top: The cake made just for the reception.
Above: The class performed a song for their families.
Left: Tyiesha and Adain await the start of all the Pomp and Circumstance.



Jesana's gift from her teachers. Each graduate got a photo, portfolio and book.



Shelby's father rushed to pick her up and hug her after the ceremony. Her family brought her a rose on her special day.

Civitan Services Joins Regional START Program

Civitan Services has joined 14 other central Arkansas developmental disability providers to launch the state's first ever regional START (Systemic, Therapeutic, Assessment, Respite and Treatment) program composed of 10 START Coordinator Interns that includes our very own Carrie Schatz, Adult Program Director.



According to The Center for START Services website START is "a national initiative that strengthens efficiencies and service outcomes for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and mental health needs in the community."

As a START Coordinator Intern Carrie will have extensive training over the next nine months in "comprehensive service evaluations, systemic consultation, cross-systems crisis prevention and intervention planning."

"Once she is certified she will be part of a team of people able to help our waiver clients in a crisis," said Mariessa Bearden, Associate Director. "This will help our Civitan Group Home residents as well as our community waiver clients. It will also help us develop better pre-meltdown techniques for all our clients."

"I am very honored and eager to represent Civitan Services in the START program," said Carrie. "More importantly, I am hopeful that the START program will better meet the needs of

people with developmental disabilities in pre-crisis and crisis situations than previous initiatives have."



Kira (left) with her friend Carrie at the End of Summer dance.

All 15 providers are working together to create a network of individuals who are qualified to help each of our clients in the event of a crisis. We will be able to call on each other for help, support and advice. By pooling our resources we increase our resources and access to the very best professionals any client could need.

Currently only New Hampshire, Virginia and North Carolina have statewide START programs. Arkansas joins Tennessee, Ohio and Massachusetts in creating regional START programs.

Our Special Bits and Pieces Shared With You



A adult Program Lead Instructor Matt Henslee and his wife Rebecca made the difficult choice to move back to Texas to be closer to both sets of parents. Matt was also offered a job helping to develop a program similar to our Transition Program for adults with developmental disabilities just minutes away from his family's home.



Top: Matt shows off the music prints the clients made for him. Bottom: The art class took a stab at Matt's Texas roots during the tailgate party.

The clients were very sad to see Matt go, but had a lot of fun planning his going away tailgate party. They painted banners, made signs, painted a new bean-bag toss game and made a beautiful set of 4 canvas prints featuring a musical theme for him. Of course, they were ready to make sure the Texans didn't forget the Razorback spirit!

We will miss you Matt and Rebecca! Good Luck!

her teaching license to help fellow instructors develop curriculum and offer valuable classroom support. In the few short weeks before Aiden's arrival Amber has been a huge help to Carrie Schatz, Adult Program Director.

The whole staff and all the adult clients have already grown attached to Aiden as we have all gotten to follow Amber's pregnancy. There were a few close calls when Amber rushed to the doctor, but all was well and Aiden was born October 11th at 2:22 am. He was 6 lbs, 15 oz and 21 inches long.

The proud grandparents include Civitan Group Home Manager, Elaine White, and her husband Rodney. Rodney fills several roles at Civitan Services from bus monitoring, to supportive living provider to part-time food services help in the kitchen at the Civitan Center.



A mber White was surprised by her Transition program clients and coworkers with a baby shower. The clients saved money they earned working in The Civitan Shoppe, working on The Civitan Truck or helping at The Civitan Center to go in together and purchase some gifts for baby Aiden.

The shower was complete with a huge cake in Aiden's honor for all the clients and staff. Amber's biggest surprise came when she unwrapped a carseat from her coworkers.

Amber has truly had a busy 2011. She was named the Transition Coordinator and in September was promoted to Lead Instructor after Matt Henslee moved. Amber will get the chance to use



W hen Cayla Winter shared the news of her boyfriend, Air Force Captain Andrew Maston, being deployed to Kuwait with the adult clients in her fitness class they wanted to do something. So, the clients baked several dozen cookies in their home economics class and made cards in their art class all to send to him overseas. We hear the care package was a big hit with his crew too! On September 20th, Cayla was at Little Rock Air Force Base to welcome Andrew home after 5 months of deployment.

This fall Cayla was also named the new Transition Coordinator after Amber's promotion. Cayla jumped right in with her usual high energy and it didn't take her long to learn her group's busy schedules. The clients are comfortable sharing their hopes and dreams with Cayla and her encouragement has them in smiles.

C ongratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lisle! Shelah Been, adult instructor, became the wife of Gene Lisle on August 27th. Friends and family helped the two celebrate and were touched when Shelah's daughter, Emmah called Gene "Dad" right after the ceremony. Best Wishes to the New Family!



Shelah has seen some exciting changes at work too. Now in charge of the Independent Skills class, she transports a group of eight clients to the Transition classroom in Bryant daily. There they work one-on-one at specific job training skills, cooking, cleaning, manners, budgets, etc.

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Intervention Services (for preschoolers 0-3-years-old) were found to be 100% compliant with each indicator DDS annually reviews. While Civitan Preschool has



a fantastic record of compliance, a 100% certification is an almost impossible degree of excellence. "I am very impressed with our E.I coordinators!" said Leah Henderson, Civitan Services Executive Director. "They have worked very hard and paid very close attention to details and timelines. This is also very impressive considering the tremendous growth they have experienced over the same time period."

The DDS Licensure Review Team also arrived this summer for their yearly review. They renewed our Certification for ACS Waiver Services and DDS Center-Based Services (Civitan Preschool (ages 3+) and Adult Services Program).



Dixie Pedigo joined the Civitan Services team almost one year ago as our Transportation Director. Late this summer she also became our Facility Director. In her new role Dixie is in charge of all upkeep and repair of every building on our 5 Civitan Services campuses- The Civitan Center, The Civitan Plaza, The Civitan Donation Center, The Civitan Group Home and The Civitan Apartments. Dixie manages the various vendor contracts and also oversees our supply purchasing.

Jon, adult program client, has become her right-hand man. He helps replace light bulbs, keep the various vehicles clean and is very reliable.

Civitan Services received a grant from the Arkansas Highway Department for a new van as well as operating costs to provide transportation to and from The Civitan Center from Grant County. Previously, families had to personally provide transportation to a provider in another county, since there are none in Grant County. Now, Civitan Services can alleviate that burden on families by running a transportation route in Grant County. Together, Dixie Pedigo, Transportation Director, and Leigha Jones, Community Development Director, wrote the grant back in February. The new van will have a wheelchair lift and will hold 9 passengers with 2 wheelchairs.



Thanks to a statewide negotiated rate, we were also able to purchase a brand new 15 passenger van this year (shown above). The new Ford van came from Landers Ford and will enable us to open up a new route in Benton.



Stacy Ferguson, Finance Director, was one of several brave and beautiful central Arkansas women chosen to model for the 2011 Runway for a Cause fundraiser. Stacy is a two year breast cancer survivor and Susan G. Komen advocate.



Stacy has also set a goal to run the 2011 Little Rock Race for the Cure 5K on October 22nd. The past two years Stacy could not compete as she bravely fought the disease. To help her get ready coworkers and friends cheered her as she ran the Panther 5K- the first 5K she had ever run. Angela ran side-by-side with her the whole way to make sure she didn't walk a single step. We are very proud of you Stacy!!

Completing the Panther 5K were Stacy, Angela, Leigha (all Civitan Services staff) and Lisa (Civitan Services Board Member).



Friends and family waited anxiously for Jon's plane to arrive at Little Rock.



Jon showed off all the medals he won in Greece.

Jon Yates returned home from the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Greece a 4-time medal winner- Silver in the Bench Press, Silver in the Squat Lift, Gold for the Dead Lift and Silver for the Men's Overall Powerlifting.

Not only did Jon meet his goal of winning a medal, he also impressed his coaches with his heart and work ethic. Jon and three of his teammates were chosen for the special honor of attending a dinner at the US Ambassador's home. Jon also got to meet Mr. Shriver, son of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the founder of Special Olympics and sister of President John F. Kennedy.

Jon brought back a camera full of photos from his trip and a bag full of pins he had exchanged with other athletes from all across the globe. It wasn't all great though, "I didn't like the food," said Jon. In fact, he lost several pounds on the trip! But Jon did enjoy his time and is already planning on training for the next World Summer Games held in Los Angeles in 2015

On August 15th Jon Yates was honored as one of Saline County's Extraordinary People by the Saline Courier. At a reception for the honorees, Brent Davis, Saline Courier editor, presented Jon with an engraved glass plaque recognizing his accomplishments on Team USA.



Welcome baby Eliza Cate Allen! Eliza was born at 12:25 pm on October 3rd. She was 7lbs 13 oz and 21 inches long. Eliza's Mom is Chrissy Allen, Civitan Preschool Developmental Therapist. Ben is her proud big brother.

New Faces and New Roles

DeAnna Hemphill gets to use new skills she learns in her graduate classes for Clinical Mental Health Counseling every day in the Adult Program where she is the Life Skills instructor. DeAnna helps clients with basic math and reading skills as well as social interactions and how to follow instructions.

Already a Henderson State University graduate with a degree in Psychology, DeAnna isn't slowing down in her pursuit of education. As the first person in her family to get a college degree, it is just that passion and drive that has made her such a great fit for the adult program. The long commute from Arkadelphia every day is worth it for the chance to make a difference.

"I really like how every day is different and never boring here," said DeAnna. "Although it's a very relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere with coworkers and a boss that really care about the clients, there are challenges. I've learned patience here that has also helped me in other aspects of life."



Felicia (left) and Karon review a billing program.

in enrollment in all our program areas. Felicia was excited to hear about a job opening at home from friends at church. "I had been commuting to Little Rock and it was time for a change," said Felicia. "I really wanted to get a job in Saline County but, there just aren't that many jobs opening up in this economy."

Felicia brings years of experience juggling budgets, orders, travel and expenses at Dillard's corporate headquarters to the table. Now she analyzes attendance and billing spreadsheets for all program areas then files the necessary billing paperwork with Medicaid. According to the 2010 audit, Civitan Services is 87% Medicaid funded.

"I really like hearing the clients' stories and getting to know them," said Felicia. "I am also learning so much from sharing an office with Karon [Garner, long-time Civitan Services administrative employee]. She knows all the history of how these programs got started and how the billing programs developed. She has been very helpful."

"Felicia has asked a lot of good questions and made her notes. She has breezed through the learning process!" said Karon.

Felicia can often be found at the ball field. Her son Blake plays sports almost year-round and her husband DJ gets involved umping and coaching.

Together Felicia and DJ have four children and just added a golden doodle puppy, Izzy, to the family.



Marilyn in her new office with her granddaughter Sophia.

Marilyn Jordan has been teaching the Pre-K class at Civitan Preschool longer than most of us can remember, but



DeAnna helps Scott piece a puzzle together.

"DeAnna is quick to attend to the needs of her clients utilizing her experience and education," said Carrie Schatz, Adult Program Director. "She has a deep repertoire of reinforcers to motivate learning."

"It's exciting to get to use some of what I've learned in class to help the clients. I hope I can continue to help them after I get my degree," said DeAnna.

DeAnna grew up in Pine Bluff and attended Watson Chapel High School. Her family still lives there and will grow plus one later this year when her first nephew is born. An accomplished musician, DeAnna plays clarinet and bassoon and is an active alumni in Tau Beta Sigma music fraternity.

Felicia McBay joins the Civitan Services finance department as a Billing Coordinator to help with the mounting paperwork generated by our increases

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now she has moved into an administrative role as Preschool Director's Assistant. As enrollment has continued to rise, Julie Jester, Preschool Director, can no longer do it all on her own.

Marilyn now handles all the extended hours daycare, serves as the transportation liaison, helps with quarterly reporting, creates the attendance billing and meal spreadsheets and any other projects on which Julie asks for her help.

"It was a very tough decision to leave the classroom after so many years," Marilyn said. "But, this was a great opportunity for change. I was already helping with a lot of this stuff while still teaching and it was getting hectic."

Now in the main Preschool office, Marilyn gets to interact with all her coworkers and more client families than ever before. "I get to know so many new parents and I get to see and appreciate just how great my coworkers are in the classroom."

Marilyn also has a new motivation at work these days with her granddaughter Sophia attending. "I get to see her more and I can sneak in her classroom and steal her away during my breaks. I'm impressed with all the instructors in that classroom- they are great with my baby!"



Angela and Darrell review Waiver plans.



For Angela Gattin (aka "Sassy") it has become very important to be investing in her own community, to spend her money here, to join groups here, so it

only made sense to want to work here. Angela is the new Waiver Billing Coordinator and works directly with Darrell Peters, Community Services Director, and Stacy Ferguson, Finance Director, to help streamline an often crazy system.

She analyzes and processes waiver payroll, helps to train the supportive living providers on their paperwork, helps to process new department employees and tracks their annual training records, field phone calls from on-the-job staff, analyze and audits attendance and tries to assist Darrell with supervision and troubleshooting of all the department staff and the large amounts of paperwork they generate.

Strangely enough the chaos of her new environment has taken longer to adjust to than working alongside the adult clients for the first time. Angela comes to Civitan Services after years of working for Little Rock law firms. "The biggest challenge has been coming from a tightly controlled structure to a much looser group where I've had to find my own place and create my own systems," said Angela. "My comfort level with the clients has grown very quickly- I'm more comfortable with them than all the lawyers!"

"It has been great working in the same office with Darrell because he has so much experience and even on a slow day I can learn so much from him," said Angela. "I get to see new things every day and I learn more and more about the various disabilities as well as the clients' abilities."

A self-described modern day gypsy, Angela has lived in 10 different states since graduating high school. Her husband Charles finally brought Angela to Benton. "I've wanted a place to land and grow, to feel connected to somewhere and something. Benton is home now."

Many of you might have seen Angela on Benton's streets as she is an accomplished long-distance runner and even served as the President of the Saline County Striders running club for the past three years. She is also a freelance writer and poet, an active yoga practitioner and is currently at work on her very first novel.



Kristin teaches shapes to her class.

Kristin Penn has always had a passion for kids and wanted to work with them in her chosen career. Now, Kristin is surrounded by 2-3 year olds everyday in Civitan Preschool. "The kids are really teaching me," said Kristin.

A recent Ouchita Baptist University graduate with degrees in psychology and music, she is now considering a masters degree in occupational therapy. "I wanted to get some field experience working with kids with different special needs so when I heard about the opening here, it seemed perfect."

Kristin grew up in East End and went to Sheridan High School. Her husband, Thomas is from Benton and now works for the Arkansas Highway Department. The two just moved back to Benton after college and are right at home.

"The kids are willing to do so much, they want to learn," said Kristin. "Once I figure out how to communicate with each one, they are so happy to learn and are eager to please their teacher. I love it here and even though it's challenging, it's so rewarding!"

Artist Displays Work at Saline County Library

Article by: Krista Petty, Saline County Library PR Coordinator



The works of artist Alisa McConnell was on display at the Herzfeld Memorial branch of the Saline County Library throughout September. A reception in her honor was held on September 8th to celebrate the opening of the show.

at Bryant Middle School. A 2008 graduate of Bryant High School, her art teacher, Ms. McManus, was one of her greatest inspirations.

She enjoys drawing people and also enjoys painting and photography. Her long-term goal is to be a photographer or artist for Tim Burton or Peter Jackson or another fantasy movie director.

Can't wait for the Holidays? We can't either! Come out and celebrate with us at Benton's first annual Glitz and Garland holiday shopping extravaganza on November 4th and 5th at the Family Life Center at Holland Chapel. You can help support Civitan Services by purchasing some of the great artwork we will be selling at our booth.

Born with a cleft palate and atrial and ventricle septum disorders, Alisa has had several surgeries, including cleft palate repair, ear tubes, heart surgery and spinal fusion due to scoliosis. She is a client at Civitan Services where she also participates in art classes. Her favorite artist is Joe Petruccio. Now friends via e-mail, the two share tips and ideas. Alisa hopes to meet him in person some day.

"I'm so excited that the library is allowing me to share my passion for art," said Alisa. "I've never displayed my works in a public setting, and I hope it will lead to future opportunities. I also want to thank the Civitan Services Board of Directors for their sponsorship of my show. I was able to frame my art with the money they gave me."

Alisa first discovered her love for art

The clients have been hard at work on all kinds of glass mosaics among other special pieces of artwork. All the participating clients will also receive a portion of the proceeds from the sale of any piece they create. Other proceeds will return to the art program fund. Come get your holiday shopping done early and help support local merchants as well as Civitan Services!



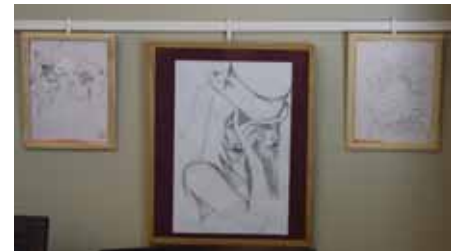
Above: Alisa shares the stories of her pieces with family friend, Beverly Rook and church friends Carla, Noah and Seth Hardwick.



The clients have picked out all kinds of patterns to create glass mosaics in a variety of shapes and sizes. We will be selling mosaics as well as taking a few special orders at Glitz and Garland in November.



Top Right: Alisa with her piece, "The Crucifixion." Right: A sample of her framed artwork including center piece, "The Mask."



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Benton Civitan Club President's Message



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ow! The excitement is building around the Civitan Services' campus and in the club. The weather is getting a little cooler, school has started and in some stores there are Christmas displays already going up! Where has this year gone?

I am very excited about what is to come for the next year of the Benton Civitan Club. I think this will be an exceptional year of growth and volunteerism. I think all clubs go through down phases where there is not much excitement or growth. We have had our down phase and unlike the stock market, I expect our margins to increase with great leaps and bounds. There is a new excitement when we have a meeting or talk about events that are coming up.

The club hosted a dance for the clients of Civitan Services. The

theme was tropical, end of summer. Dianne Jester, our club secretary, works for Bank of the Ozarks and talked them into sponsoring our dance. They provided the decorations and food. Our thanks go out to her and to Bank of the Ozarks. Greg Curry of G.C. Computer Services was our DJ for the night. He brought really cool music and lights that the clients loved.

The most exciting thing of the night was the turnout of Jr. Civitan Club members. They came and set up all the decorations and food. They were eager to help with anything. When

it came time to clean up they all pitched in and took care of almost everything. I told them we could have more events like this one with their help. Thanks Jr. Club!

We are really excited about the Jr. Club also. They are having their biggest turnout ever for joining the club. They have 105 members signed up for this year! Way to go! Good luck Leigha Jones, who has to supervise them.

We are really looking forward to all the events coming up. Turkey Jam, Thanksgiving Dinner and the

Christmas Parties. If you would like to be a part of these events, join the club, or help sponsor one of these events, please feel free to contact me.

I can be reached at Civitan Services, Monday-Friday 8-5 at 501-776-0691 or by email: connie@civitanservices.com.

I really hope to hear from you soon about joining our Benton Civitan Club!

Respectfully Yours,
Connie Curry
Benton Civitan Club President



Above: John brought all the pins he had traded with other Special Olympians while in Greece to show the Benton Civitan Club. He had pins from all around the world and from all different Olympic sports. He told the members stories about the athletes who gave him the pins as well as the special commemorative editions. Top Left: Club secretary, Mariessa (on right), presented President Connie with an award from Civitan International for her Superior Recruitment Skills in getting 5 new members for the club. Congrats Connie! Left: The Benton Civitan Club paid to have John's Olympic medals framed for him. Mariessa presented the finished project to John at a recent club meeting.

Above: John spoke to the Benton Civitan Club when he returned from Greece. He brought his medals to show too. John talked about the travel experience, the athletes he met, the coaches he trained with and even what the teams saw of the riots in Greece (the teams were safe from the violence). John was very sincere in thanking the club for the digital camera they purchased for him to take to Greece.

End of Summer Dance

The official End of Summer dance was Friday, September 23rd. The Benton Civitan Club arranged for a "cool" DJ, Bank of the Ozarks provided some great food and the Benton Middle School Junior Civitan Club help turn The Civitan Center into a luau scene. The adult clients had a blast dancing with members of both clubs. Music really crosses boundaries and makes everyone "shake their groove thang!"



Right: Lyndsey and Jimmy have been friends for years having both grown up in Bryant. They enjoyed the chance to share a dance together at the luau.



Far Right: Staff Member Kaley boogied on the dance floor with Debbie.
Right: Josh led the group in following the dance steps to "The Cupid Shuffle."



Right: Doris was twistin' the night away in her new dress.



Above: Our crazy DJ for the night. Greg had fun combing his collection for tunes to get the crowd up and moving.

Far Right: Kira showed off her groovy moves.
Right Middle: Lloyd loved seeing his friends on the dance floor. The dance is always a fun chance to visit with friends and have fun with the staff.



Hook-a-Heart Bass Tournament

Sunday, October 2nd was a beautiful weather day—but it didn't start out that way! When all the fishermen and volunteers arrived at Murray Park before 6:00 am, it was a very cold and foggy morning. The start of the 2011 tournament was delayed until 8:30 due to fog. However, as the afternoon warmed up the teams caught some big bass!

This year Civitan Services teamed up with UCP of Central Arkansas to put on the Hook-a-Heart Tournament. Together, the agencies have been providing services to men, women and children with developmental disabilities in central Arkansas for over 100 years.

The tournament date was postponed several times due to bad weather and flooding on the Arkansas River and as a result turnout was low. However, both agencies split over \$8,000 in profit thanks to our wonderful sponsors. Be on the lookout for news about an earlier tournament date next time!

Below: Too foggy to fish! The boats waited in the water for the fog to clear for a safe take-off.



Below: Ronnie Everett, one half of the winning team, was interviewed by KTHV Channel 11 News.



Below: Frank Leone, director of Mr Bass of Arkansas, was our tournament director.



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Above: The official nap-mobile for the tournament volunteers was provided by River City Recreation!



Above: Sponsor, Middlebrooks Electric, brought out their grill and fixed a great meal for weigh-in.



Above: Arkansas Game and Fish was on hand to safely return the day's catch to the Arkansas River.



5th Place- \$125
 John & Rachelle Simonof
 2 fish weighing 3.50 lbs



4th Place- \$175
 Paul Browning & Chris Berch
 4 fish weighing 5.70 lbs



3rd Place- \$250
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 5 fish weighing 6.54 lbs.



2nd Place- \$300
 Gary Hubble & Joey Korte
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1st Place- \$1,000
 Ronnie Everett & Jerry Williams
 5 fish weighing 9.32 lbs

* Special thanks to Spencer, a UCP volunteer, for passing out all the trophies to our winners!



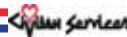
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On September 9th the adult clients visited the Saline County Fair with several other school groups. The clients saw the animals, rode the rides and saw the exhibits. SCAT was kind enough to provide a few lift buses for the trip.

Below: Doris won a blue ribbon for her baby quilt.

Below: Ashley rides the popular marry-go-round.



Below: Lyndsey made friends with a horse at the fair. A cowboy brought out his horse to meet all the clients.



Above: Debbie checked out the rabbits that won prizes at the fair. She loved their soft fur.

Top Right: Doris surprised Amber by giving her blue-ribbon baby quilt for her new son.

Right: Staff member Brandy bravely rode one of the spinning rides with Tabitha, Angelita and Sherry.

Mark your Calendars Now! Lilly's Dim Sum has scheduled a "One Day, One Community" event benefiting Civitan Services on Tuesday, December 13th. Lilly's is allowing us to display artwork from our adult clients as well as donating 15% of the net sales from all menu items that day to Civitan Services! Lilly's serves lunch from 11-2 and dinner from 5-9. Please join us for some great food and support Civitan Services.