

Fairfield Voice

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Despite high temperatures as we entered the summer months, we kept our cool when it came to providing our individuals with a chill and fun-filled roster of activities. From birthday luncheons and high tea to agency fundraisers and community engagement promoting physical health, we turned up the heat and rode the blaze. This quarter represented one of the busiest and most successful periods in our agency's calendar year, and it would not have been possible with the dedication and support of our staff, and our community. Join us in this newsletter as we recap the last quarter at our agency with memories that have been scorched into our history.

May Birthday Luncheon & Laura's Tea Room

May Birthday Luncheon

Our Diversified Services held an outing for those whose birthday was celebrated in the month of May. Carefully planned and organized by staff, our individuals were treated to a lunch surrounded by friends and peers, spending the day commemorating everyone's special day with good food, good conversation, and a good time. Thank you to our dedicated staff for recognizing our individuals' birthdays in one of the most thoughtful and memorable ways.



Laura's Tea Room

Breakfast at Tiffany's? Breakfast Club? How about *Bruch at Laura's Tea Room*? A handful of our individuals were taken to Laura's Tea Room for their famous brunch, offering a wide array of teas and different dishes to accompany the myriads of flavors that reminisce a time of elegance and formal occasion. The ladies that attended the brunch made sure to match the occasion in their favorite garbs fit for noon tea. Our Diversified Services staff ensured they were treated like aristocrats during their time at Laura's.



Strawberry Farm & 5k Walk

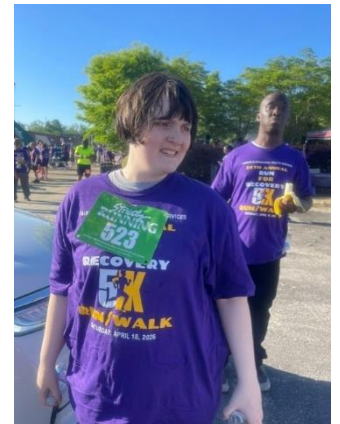
Strawberry Farm

When it's berry picking season, it is nearly impossible not to imbibe. Our individuals took their yearly trip to the strawberry farm, where they were able to trail the fields of freshly ripened berries and pick as much as their buckets could hold. Afterwards, they visited the on-site shop to peruse through the many wares and delights the farm had to offer. A day filled with sunshine, fruits, and fun, this tradition has proved to be another success to the start of a fantastic summer.



5k Walk

Another annual tradition upheld for the betterment of our community is the Run for Recovery, a 5k run/walk hosted by the Fairfield Behavioral Health Services to raise alcohol awareness in a 'run for recovery'. A group of our individuals and staff attended the run/walk, with some finishing with a medal. This run/walk has been an annual event our agency looks forward to for its community involvement for the betterment of not only those we serve, but for the services that additionally support us in our mission for healthy sustainability and well-being. Congratulations to those who participated, and we look forward to next year's run/walk.



FCCOA Bingo & 14th Annual Golf Tournament

Fairfield County Council on Aging Bingo

The Fairfield County Council on Aging holds various events throughout the year that is available to our community that provides social engagement for those who wish to participate at no cost. A handful of our individuals attended a Bingo Night hosted by the FCCOA, where they took part in snacks, beverages, and the chance to win a BINGO for a prize to make the night even more of a thrill.



14th Annual Golf Tournament

Another year, another success. Our agency's largest fundraising event of the year surpassed the previous with each tournament recruiting efforts increasing for player participation, donations, sponsorships, and contributions to ensure its continued growth creates a steppingstone for an even better event the next year. A beautiful day filled with friends, delicious BBQ, and support from our community, we managed to surpass just over \$16,000 in total proceeds. We thank our dedicated staff for all their efforts in helping this event come to fruition, and to our Capital Campaign Committee whose members volunteer to raise funding used for the continued care and support of those we serve.



2026 Camp Joy

To wrap up our agency's second quarter, a select few of our individuals were invited to attend one of the most anticipated adventures of the year: Camp Joy. Established in 1980 by Mrs. Ann Brice and Frances Sanders, Camp Joy is a Christian Co-Ed camp serving those with intellectual and developmental disabilities coordinated by the Brice-Sanders Foundation. At the very first session of Camp Joy over forty years ago, there were thirteen counselors and nine campers. Camp Joy now has four sessions held each summer in Flat Rock, North Carolina, two in Aiken, South Carolina, one in Lake Wales, Florida, one in Wirtz, Virginia, and more on the horizon. These sessions serve hundreds of special needs campers, counselors and staff members each year. Each camper had the opportunity to participate in all activities and with each other, regardless of their ability. Each camper's unique talent was utilized in a manner that enabled all campers and counselors to appreciate how their different gifts complement one another. Individuals of the Fairfield County DSN Board have been in attendance to this camp for many years, and it has become a staple of summer expectation.



FCDSNB Employees of the Month

Staff

Shawna Jackson – April 2026

"I would like to nominate Shawna Jackson for employee of the month. Shawna is dependable and always makes sure the gentlemen at her house come first. She's kind to her co-workers, helps where needed, and goes out of her way to help those individuals under her care."



Louise Robertson – May 2026

"I would like to nominate Ms. Louise Robertson for employee of the month. She has been with Pine Street for about seven months, but she is not new to the agency. Ms. Louise comes to work on time every day and brings the same positive energy and nurturing spirit to our guys. She makes sure they have good, home-cooked meals made with care."



Tammy McCullar – June 2026

"I would like to formally nominate Tammy McCullar for Employee of the Month. Tammy consistently demonstrates professionalism, compassion, and initiative in her daily work, making a meaningful impact on both the consumers we serve and the overall operation of the program."



Consumers

Scott Carter - April 2026

"I would like to nominate Scott Carter for consumer of the month. Scott always has a smile on his face, lighting up the room whenever someone walks into it. He gets along great with his peers and tries his best to be an integral part to our Day Services program."



Robert Laymon – May 2026

"I would like to nominate Robert Laymon as consumer of the month. Robert returned to the Board in March 2026 and has been an outstanding consumer since the day he came back. Anything Robert is asked to do at home or at work, he does it without hesitation."



Pete Lutz – June 2026

"Pete is always smiling and happy to be around others, creating an atmosphere of positivity in whatever room he's in. He has taken on artistic mediums, participating in the weekly art classes at the day Program and flourishing in his creativity. Per Mrs. Buchanan, "he's nailed it.""

















