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# Serenity Profile

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## If you do things right, things fall into place!

### From the Desk of Ron Osborne



When times get tough, God works in mysterious ways. We were coming to the end of the calendar year with several unknowns. Our sources of income were not what we were expecting. We lost tax revenues from the closing of bars and the decrease of tax on beverages. We were able to get some assistance from the City of Burlington to help with the loss of revenues to help treat alcoholism. End of year donations were promising with people making honorariums and memorial gifts.

Our goal for the year was to be able to replace 17 twin mattresses and foundations in the Men's Residential Program at Hall Avenue, but we made that commitment prior to the end of the year. At the end of the calendar year, assistance came in a telephone call from a donor who wanted to make a significant donation to the agency - to be used on what we needed most. Voila! We were able to purchase those mattresses and foundations for the men's Residential Program. We also had enough to purchase mattress covers and new sheets for those new mattresses. What a blessing that we received a gift from the Womack Family Charitable Foundation to make this happen.

Our wish list also included a sump pump for the basement at Trollinger Treasures to help alleviate flooding in the basement during heavy rain. The First Presbyterian Church of Burlington awarded us a grant to assist with the cost this work. Several members of that Church also gave donations and Leon Saul significantly reduced the bill for his installation services.

All of our residents in our four facilities received Christmas gifts through the generosity of donors. On Christmas morning, residents had

presents under the tree in each of our facilities. All had been purchased with thought about their needs and their wishes. All had a nice Christmas. One woman in the community volunteered to wrap nearly all the presents at our largest facility which was a huge help to the staff. Another anonymous donor donated monies to purchase fillets for the Hall Avenue residents to have at their Christmas dinner.

On January 4, 2021, we received notification from United Way that we would not be receiving ANY funds from them this year. The committee had decided that they were going to concentrate on bringing equity of all communities and our program did not fit in the mix, so we were not going to be funded. A shock to us, as we have had United Way support 43 of the last 45 years. We were told that they appreciate our fine work and our outcomes, but the Board decided to concentrate on neighborhood equity programs. We provide treatment to all in our programs, many of which come from those neighborhoods.

I often tell the men and women in treatment that if you do things right, things fall into place by the Grace of God. This Christmas season was proof that we are doing things right at RTSA, because all these things fell into place.

The United Way message was disappointing, but as our needs arise, and prayers are made, we hope to be able to encourage more gifts to meet needs and accomplish goals by the gifts we receive. Keep us in your prayers that we will be able to continue case management services for our residents, with the loss of the United Way funding.

May your new year be filled with good health and may this year be a year filled with new experiences and lots of laughter.



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### Family Fun Day

Sunday, June 13, 2021  
2 - 6 pm

RTSA is planning to have a family fun day on **Sunday, June 13, 2021** at **136 Hall Avenue from 2-6 pm**. We plan to have activities for families along with popcorn, drinks, ice cream and hot dogs.

**Armacell, LLC of Mebane** has donated **25 sets of Legos** for the occasion. Our residents with children will have a table set up for each family and the parents and children will build unique items with Legos.

Mark your calendars now for a family fun day to help reunite parents and children when parents have been in treatment for their addiction and or mental illness.



24 Hour Mental Health &  
Substance Abuse Treatment

Monday - Friday 10-6, Saturday 9-4  
Providing recovery programs  
through the sale of donated goods

📞 336-227-8500

📍 403 Trollinger St • Burlington, NC

The following have made memorials and/or honorariums since our last newsletter.

### Memorials

**Dr. & Mrs. Paul Abernethy**  
by Mary Jo Abernethy

**Louis Anderson**  
by Joyce Anderson

**Dennis & Jamie Baker**  
by Labels, Tags & Inserts, Inc.

**Dale Creech**  
by Victoria Frye

**Phyllis DeRita**  
by Eleanor Moon  
by Sarah Moore

**Alfred D. Fogleman**  
by Martha S. Fogleman

**Susan Hutton Goss**  
by Glenn Goss  
by Henry & Jeanne Hutton  
by John & Katy Hutton  
by Stephen & Pam Hutton

**Doris & L.P. Holt**  
by Connie Holt

**Iredell & Caroline Hutton**  
by Glenn Goss  
by Henry & Jeanne Hutton  
by John & Katy Hutton  
by Stephen & Pam Hutton  
by Gail Cox Nelson

**Larry & Teresa Isley**  
by Geraldine & Thomas Nix

**Dr. & Mrs. J. W. Johnston**  
by Mary Jo Abernethy

**Leigha Martinelli**  
by Steve & Denise Martinelli

**Jessie & Sylvester McKinney**  
by Sherrie Waddell

**Mike & Linda Newton**  
by Jennifer & Michael S. Newton

**Shawn Post**  
by Peter Klopman  
by Sarah Moore

**W. R. "Bill" Sizemore**  
by John Coleman  
by Sara M. Sizemore

**Grady Webb**  
by Polly Webb

**Rev. Norman M. Whitney, Sr.**  
by Kim Braxton  
by Harry & Alice Brown  
by Tommie Jones Cheek  
by Randall W. Cousins  
by Cynthia & David Dixon  
by Jane F. Ferrell  
by Dr. & Mrs. Rawley Fuller  
by Wade & Ellen Harrison  
by Jan Henry

by Hardy & Mary Etta King  
by Ann & Wayne Lucas  
by Steve & Denise Martinelli  
by Keith & Mary Lou Massie  
by Celia & Donald Moore  
by Jean E. Payne  
by Bobbie & Joyce Peele  
by Guy & Barbara Sinclair  
by Bill & Carolyn Starling  
by Priscilla Starling  
by Melanie Thomas  
by Steve & Mary Ann VanPelt  
by Craig & Carolyn Walker  
by Robert & Catherine Wall  
by Bob & Cameron Weston  
by Carol A. Wooten  
by Gary Wooten

**Jim Wicker**  
by Carole Wicker

**Zach Wilson**  
by Butch & Brenda Wilson

**Robert Windham**  
by Melanie Thomas

**Jane J. Young**  
by Charles Young  
by Garland Young  
by Kristina Young

**Mary L. Young**  
by Steve & Mary Ann VanPelt

### Honorariums

**Mike & Patty Allen**  
by Lorraine Allen

**Ed & Carolyn Barnes**  
by Jim & Susan Barnes  
by Steve & Mary Ann VanPelt

**Jim & Susan Barnes**  
by Steve & Mary Ann VanPelt

**Jerry Combs**  
by Sally S. Combs

**Janie Crouch**  
by Bo Crouch

**Jerry & Diana Cummings**  
by Jim & Susan Barnes  
by Steve & Mary Ann VanPelt

**Louis T. Dixon**  
by Helen & Bill Brown

**Jane & Tony Ferrita**  
by Pauline King & Steve Graves

**George & Sally Fox**  
by Mark & Lisa Cheek

**Mary Margaret Harris**  
by Marianna Harris

**Mary Ann Harvey**  
by Brenda H. Haynes  
by Rodney & Jeanne Long

**Rob & Cathy Johnson**  
by Jim & Susan Barnes  
by Steve & Mary Ann VanPelt

**Brad Koury**  
by Grace T. Parker

**Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Koury**  
by Grace T. Parker

**Marie & Teena Koury**  
by Grace T. Parker

**Harry & Helen LeGette**  
by Pauline King & Steve Graves

**Margie McCabe**  
by James & Brenda Shropshire  
**Jessie & Sylvester McKinney**  
by Sherrie Waddell

**Tim Miles**  
by Meredith Robinette

**Linda Moore**  
by Steve & Mary Ann VanPelt

**Chappy Moser**  
by Peter Klopman

**Ron Osborne**  
by Jan & Chuck Harris

**Ron & Janine Osborne**  
by Jim & Susan Barnes  
by Rob & Cathy Johnson  
by Steve & Mary Ann VanPelt

**Jane Reid**  
by Phil & Mary Sue Mann

**Joseph Brent Rice**  
by Barney D. Rice

**Joanne Scarborough**  
by Phil & Mary Sue Mann

**Jeff & Fran Smith**  
by Dick & Fay Gibson

**Staff of RTSA**  
by Tim & Natalie Miles

**Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Steele**  
by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Steele, Jr.

**Steve & Jane Teague**  
by Dick & Fay Gibson

**Steve & Mary Ann VanPelt**  
by Jim & Susan Barnes

**Robert M. Ward**  
by Judy W. Blake

**Jo Williams**  
by Phil & Mary Sue Mann

## Thank You!

... to the **Womack Family Charitable Foundation** for a significant donation which allowed us to purchase new mattresses, foundations, mattress covers and sheets for the Men's Residential Program.

... to the **City of Burlington** for a \$23,000 grant to help us out with Liquor by the Drink revenue lost when the shut down of the bars occurred.

... to **First Presbyterian Church of Burlington** for a grant of \$600 to assist with installing a new sump pump in basement of Trollingier Treasures.

... to **Keith & Mary Lou Massie, Wade & Ellen Harrison, Harry & Alice Brown & Leon Saul** for donations to help with installing the new sump pump in the basement of Trollingier Treasures.

... to **Salem Presbytery** for a grant of \$1,000 to assist with feeding our residents.

... to **First Baptist Church of Apple Street., Burlington** for their donation of food supplies to benefit the Mebane St. Recovery Home for Women.

... to the **Women's Empowerment & Resource Center** for the donation of Thanksgiving food & supplies benefitting the Mebane St. Recovery Home for Women.

... **First Presbyterian Church of Burlington** for conducting a paper products drive for the agency. We received 201 rolls of toilet tissue and 50 rolls of paper towels which will be used in our 25 bathrooms at six locations.

... to **Linda & Billy Vaughn** for the donation of medical supplies and over the counter medications often used at the Hall Avenue facility.

... to **the Gordon Painter Sunday School Class of First UMC of Graham for a \$500 gift card** to assist RTSA staff in purchasing Christmas gifts for our residents.

... to **all who** participated in the Times-News Love Enough to Share program and/or **designating contributions** to RTSA allowing us to use these funds **to purchase Christmas gifts** for our residents  
... to **Pat Flythe** for wrapping many Christmas presents and making bows for all the gifts for residents at our Hall Avenue facility.

... to **Santa's Tree Garden** for their annual donation of a live wreath that is raffled off at Trollingier Treasures, the raffle netted \$130.

... to the **RTSA Alumni Association** for having a fundraising raffle to be able to throw pies in the faces of their officers. They raised \$316 to go toward purchasing Christmas gifts for residents of RTSA.

... to **Duffie McKee** for the donation of a disc golf basket, one of the items on our wish list for the men at Hall Avenue. An anonymous donor gave four sets of golf disc to be used by the residents.

...to an **anonymous donor** who made a \$1200 gift for Crestview Group Homes.

### 2023 Class Selected

At the November 2020 Board Meeting, the Board of Directors elected the Class of 2023 Board Members. Those terms expiring December 31, 2020 were Wayne Abernathy, Tim Miles, Bridgette Thompson, Tom Whitaker and Carol Wooten. The Board elected the following to serve a term of January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2023; Jane Ferrita, Judge Andy Hanford, Bridgette Thompson, Tom Whitaker and Carol Wooten. Past President Tim Miles was elected to serve the remaining term of Norman M. Whitney, Sr. who died in October. Tim's term will expire December 31, 2021.

## Board of Directors

The following were elected to the Executive Committee for 2021...

**Tom Whitaker - President**  
**Duffie McKee - Vice President**  
**Linda T. Moore - Treasurer**  
**Mary Margaret Harris - Secretary**

Board Members for RTSA are as follows for 2021.

**Jane Ferrita**  
**Gaylene Fogleman**  
**Andy Hanford**  
**Mary Margaret Harris**  
**David Hunt**  
**Marshall Kidd**  
**Steve Martinelli**  
**Duffie McKee**  
**Sharon Milam**  
**Tim Miles**  
**Linda Moore**  
**James Strickland**  
**Bridgette Thompson**  
**Tom Whitaker**  
**Carol Wooten**