

when Eric Boswell was the DJ for the Halloween Party. He is the husband of staff employee Diana Boswell. Mr. Boswell played at of number one hits on the music charts and some old school music for the party. The members and staff danced the night away. During the party, there were door prizes given out by way of ticket numbers before the party started. Each hour the staff would call a number out. Jimmy Wray, Sandra Wyke, Rodney Rose, and Gary Rogers won all of the door prizes.

Finally it was time to eat dinner. We had the famous Bridges Barbecue that provided the pork barbecue shoulders. The kitchen staff and members cooked side dishes and desserts. The side dishes consisted of slaw, hushpuppies, sauce, and French fries. Some of the desserts were cupcakes, pumpkin peanut butter balls, punch and popcorn. There were candy bags given out to all the members either sugar-free or sugar candy bags. At the end of the night, it was time for

the costume judging to begin. Leslie Ramey won Best Overall Costume. James Linder won the Scariest costume and Jonathan Hopper won the funniest costumes. Lastly Brian Scott won most creative costume. This was a great event at Adventure House.

By Kristian Mason



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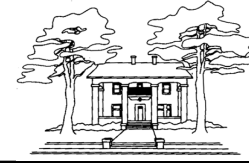
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## MONARCH EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM



The Monarch Employment Program has helped Kiara Camp, one of our members at Adventure House, take one step at a time towards progress and hope.

Unlike most of us, who at least grumble at the thought of going to work, Kiara is thrilled every time she reports to the assisted living facility where she works as a dietary aid.

At 26, this is Camp's first job. She lives with major depressive disorder and had a difficult time finding employment. Her role includes preparing meal trays, washing dishes and cleaning the facility's dining area.

"It feels so good to go to work when you have never been able to before," she said. "I love it!!!"

The Monarch IPS program provides comprehensive support to people seeking satisfying, long-term employment. IPS and Adventure House believe that everyone has the right to work and enjoy what they do. We get to know them and help them find their

dream jobs. This is about careers and fulfillment, and not just income.

In many cases, locating meaningful employment can help repair relationships with family and friends, establishing housing, fostering independence, improving physical and emotional health, and renewing interest in future financial security and goals.

"Having a career can restore what some illnesses tend to rob, such as hope, joy and self-confidence," said Monarch IPS Program Director Sheri Carter. "We believe that a job can help everything else fall into place." That is the same philosophy that Adventure House adheres to.

People trying to find and maintain employment also may face challenges such as transportation, understanding how work may affect their public benefits and building necessary job skills. We are dedicated to provide whatever help is necessary for success..

Kiara Camp is now seeing a light at the end of a tunnel she's been navigating throughout her life. Her mother left when she was three weeks old. By the time she started school, it was clear she had a learning disability. Her grandmother, Ruby Haynes, raised her. "Its been hard to find the right help for her," Haynes said. "People don't take the time to find out what's wrong with kids. Just to look at them, they look ok, but you have to find out what's happening on the inside. Her job is just the right fit, added Camp, who is also volunteering

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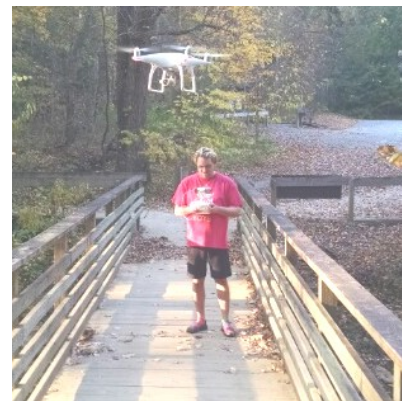
with residents at the assisted living facility in hopes of becoming a personal care aid.

"I love the residents," she said. "I sit outside with them on my break. Elderly people just need somebody to talk to and I like to see them smile."

Camp's dream is to become a hair stylist and has already visited the Paul Mitchell School in Charlotte to learn about their cosmetology program. She's also on the waiting list to get her first apartment for herself and her 3-year old son, Darryl.

"One step at a time," she tells friends. "One step at a time."

By Jan Boone and Stan Logan



### SOUTH MOUNTAIN SOCIAL

On November 1st, we went to South Mountain State Park for our social. About 22 of us went. We got to walk the trails plus Jodie Carroll flew her drone into the air and we all watched it maneuver between the trees, over the creeks and the parking lot. It was quite a sight to see!! Others sat around the picnic tables and talked. It was very pretty from where the leaves had fallen on the ground. It was very colorful. Some of us walked down to the creek and some of us walked the trail up to the waterfall. It was so beautiful!!! We had a good time just being around each other socializing. We made lots of good memories. We had fried chicken and all the fixings for dinner. It was yummy!! We also got to see different forest animals and fish. All in all one

of the best socials due to the fall colors, we've had in a long time.

By Leslie Ramey

### JOHN GOODE

I would like to introduce you to a nice member at Adventure House and his name is John Goode. He has been a member for four years. Mr. Goode heard about the program through another member named Stephanie. We are very glad she told him about us. Mr. Goode is an active member at Adventure House where he sweeps and mops the Snack Bar unit and also the living rooms. Mr. Goode now is working a Transitional Employment placement at Kendrion and he has been there for about four months. He works 20 hours a week. Before he came to the Clubhouse, he was looking for employment and Mr. Bryan Eaker, our Transitional Employment Director was able to get him at Kendrion. His job duties include washing boxes and trays. He takes them and runs them through the washing machine. Then he takes the trays and boxes out to dry and stacks them on pallets. He gets a little wet but it does not bother him. He really likes his job and is very thankful for it.

By Kristian Mason

### CLEVELAND COUNTY FAIR

Adventure House took the members to the Fair on Tuesday, October 4th. We all had a great time!! We played games, rode rides, and walked around enjoying the exhibit halls, photo booths and House of Mirrors. My favorite ride was the Ferris Wheel. When you get up to the top you can see everything. It was beautiful! All the people on the ground looked like tiny ants. We enjoyed cotton candy, lemonade and vinegar French fries as well. We got to hang out with our friends and staff and we all had a blast.

By Leslie Ramey

### NEW CLUBHOUSE MEMBER



Ms. Sandra Wyke is a new member at Adventure House. She works in the Members Bank unit. She loves working in that unit assisting staff employees and other members with the work of the Bank. She helps work at many tasks such as a bank teller, data entry, charting the ledger, and distributing money to members who have an account with Adventure House. Ms. Wyke said her mental health doctor referred her to the Clubhouse and she is really thankful for that. She enjoys the friendly and safe environment that Adventure House offers for a healthy lifestyle. Ms. Wyke's doctor wants her to interact socially with other people in that secure environment. She has made stable friendships at Adventure House and staff employees give her great advice to help her make good personal decisions. Ms. Wyke is on the Adventure House waiting list for an apartment in one of our apartment complexes. She has filled out all the paperwork with staff employee, Mrs. Elizabeth Ross, and she looks forward to that day when she can move in. Ms. Wyke can not work a Transitional Employment job because of her physical health problems. Her physical health is a challenge so if she was to work a T.E. job, she would need a light labor position. Ms. Wyke has three important goals to accomplish in the future. The first, is to get her own housing. The second is to receive her benefits from the government. The third is to purchase a car. Ms. Wyke plans to visit her three children, four grandchildren with another grandchild on the way. The due date is in January. She is excited about that. Sandra Wyke used to stay

home with her mother all the time but thank God she has decided to be active member again at Adventure House. We sure are glad that she is here with us.

By Kristian Mason

### KITCHEN BUDGET

The Clubhouse has recently been dealing with struggles from our budget due to funding cuts. The Clubhouse met and decided each unit could meet as a group to decide what the units could do to help cut costs. The Kitchen Unit automatically knew that a decision to raise the cost of the main meal would have to take place. The unit has been tossing the idea around for a couple of years to raise the main meal price due to food costs continuing to rise. The unit met and decided that was the thing to do. The main meal is still a great deal for two dollars. What you got were the meal, dessert, and tea. You can't beat that price anywhere in town. The unit is very confident that the changes will help cut cost back to assist with the loss of funds.

By Genia Robinson

### HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Halloween Party at Adventure House, on October 25th, was the Tuesday social activity for that week. It was an opportunity to have fun and socialize with both members and staff at the Clubhouse. The members were allowed to dress up in costumes for the Halloween Party.

The night started out with the Adventure House Players performing a skit. They told a scary story entitled, "Jack O' Lantern". It was about a man who got lost in the woods and suddenly a "Jack O' Lantern" form started to hunt him down. He was told not to go near those woods, that this creature hunted the marshlands for prey, but he was too cocky and didn't believe in ghost stories. To his regret, he eventually lost his life to the "Jack O' Lantern" and his body was never seen again.