

# EARC News Express

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## *From the Director—Heroes, Helpers & Hard Workers*

For those of you who have followed our EARC newsletter as it has developed over the last few months, you may have observed that our cover stories have focused on past and present managers working in this field. These are the real world helpers and often heroes for people with disabilities. Hard-workers themselves, they want to see others get the opportunity to gain new skills and achieve independence, whether at home and on the job.

Our spotlight this month is on Leland Robinson, EARC's Vocational Manager. Leland is fairly new to EARC; he came on board in an Assistant Manager capacity to our vocational services in April of 2007 and moved into the Manager's position later that July. However, Leland is not new to this field. His history with at least part of this management team begins back in 1990 at a larger not-for-profit agency in the State. Years of work dealing with individuals with developmental disabilities, who

also have behavioral challenges, have given Leland the skills to calm and resolve client tensions. Like the managers noted in July's cover story; filling two jobs duties has become routine to Leland at EARC. When you work for a small organization that is trying to grow to meet the service needs of more, going to bed tired and waking up early becomes the routine. Leland, we are glad to have you here at EARC. Submitted by: Bonnie Wells, Executive Director

## *Nova Centre Spotlight—Dr. Frank Davis*

Dr. Frank Davis, Nova Centre's Medical Director is a physician with Westbrook Family Physicians Clinic in Edmond, Oklahoma. He has been with the clinic since 1984. Prior to 1984, he spent three years in Blackwell, Oklahoma. Dr. Davis has been the Medical Director at the Nova Centre since January 2005. He is also Medical Director at Grace Living Center in Edmond.

Dr. Davis sees all of our Nova Centre residents on a regular basis and is very sensitive to their needs. He makes monthly visits to the Nova Centre for our annual and 90 day evaluations. He has rapid response to any of our resident's needs, even the minor complaints. He always makes time to see our resident's in his office when necessary. His office staff has always been very kind and positive, giving great attention to our resident's needs.

His office nurse, Ramona Stafford, who has been with him for 20 years, always ac-

*Dr. Frank Davis continued...*

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companies him when he makes his monthly visits. She schedules and coordinates all appointments and procedures with the DON and helps Dr. Davis stay organized.

In addition to overseeing the health of our resident's, Dr. Davis chairs our Quality Assurance Committee that meets every two months. He is currently assisting the team in developing an

In his down time, Dr. Davis enjoys spending time with his wife, two sons and riding his bicycle. He is a member of Henderson Hills Baptist Church where he volunteers with the Ministry of Jesus and participates in numerous mission trips. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE HIS HARDWORK AND DEDICATION. He makes our job a lot easier! Thank you, Dr. Davis and staff.

*Human Resources News—Employee Benefits*

As some of you may already know, our dental benefits are through Delta Dental. We are excited to announce that they have enhanced coverage and have expanded your benefits. For those employees that are enrolled in the Delta Dental coverage

program, your coverage now includes composite restorations (fillings) on posterior teeth and dental implant procedures are covered also!! In addition, you still receive your routine examinations and cleanings at no charge. We sent out the

new dental coverage information to each employee that was enrolled with Delta Dental. If you would like information about how you can enroll, please call Jenni Hoban at the Administrative Office (405) 341-7132.

*July 4th, We Love a Parade*

Happy Birthday USA! EARC celebrated this great day with a float in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Edmond, Oklahoma. Float riders included James Oliver, Shannon Morton, Joe Stone, Lou Ellen Schlegel, Daniel Schlegel, Savannah Schlegel, Ashley Pittman,

Avery Daniel and Kim Pittman. The float was pulled by Mr. Leland Laws (Lou Ellen's father). A good time was had by all. EARC has a huge following and is dearly loved in the Edmond Community. **Thank you Edmond for**

**supporting EARC for the past 40 years!**

Submitted by: Kim Pittman, Thrift Store Manager

### *Employees Of The Month*

James Oliver was one of the July EOMs. James has been at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Thrift Store for over two years. James loves his job and loves working with such good people. James does a great job of taking in donations and giving out tax receipts. James' favorite TV show and movie is *The Dukes of Hazard*. He can tell you all about the characters and the famous car they drive. James dressed as Bo Duke for Halloween and he loves to sing the theme song. It is great to have James at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Store and see his smiling face. Great job James!!!

Submitted by: Kim Pittman, EARC's Edmond Stores Manager

Karen Gaffney was the residential program Employee of The Month for July. Karen is the weekend and relief cook for The Nova Centre. She is dependable and a hard worker. Karen treats everyone with respect. She gets along well with her co-workers, and best of all she is a **good cook**. Congratulations Karen!!!

Submitted by: Martha Sanders, Director of Nursing, The Nova Centre

Joe Stone was another Employee of The Month for July 2008. Joe loves his job at The Trails, but he especially likes working at the Thrift Store on 15<sup>th</sup> Street on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Bet you cannot guess Joe's age? We are **not telling**; you'll have to ask Joe. By the way, this is not the first year Joe has received an Employee of The Month Award. Was that you, Joe, waving to us from EARC's Thrift Store float in the **4<sup>th</sup> of July parade?**

Submitted by: Bonnie Wells, Executive Director

### *Camp Rock Creek*

August 1<sup>st</sup> all of the people we serve at EARC were invited to attend a one day camp in Norman sponsored by The Lions Club. This is our fourth year to enjoy this wonderful camping opportunity. There were bingo games with great prizes, fun in the pool, great food and plenty of it. Thank you to The Lions Club for this special day. Thank you also to our **great volunteer Board of Directors for EARC**. This is the second year in a row that The Board has personally donated all of the cash to charter a 50 passenger bus complete with movies to ride in style to the Rock Creek Camp. The "Big Bus" is an important part of the thrill for this great summer fun.



*Not A Paid Ad*

Calling all parents, it is **Back to School** time again! What do your kids need? Furniture, a bed, clothing, backpacks, maybe books, if they need it, we've got it! Come check out EARC Thrift Stores' **Back To School Sales** and find out about our **Student Discounts**. Visit our Thrift Stores at 92 East 15<sup>th</sup> Street and 100 East 3<sup>rd</sup> in Edmond or our store in Guthrie at 1408 East Oklahoma Street. **Best Selection and Best Prices in Town!!!**

*What A Great Gift*

On July 21<sup>st</sup> EARC received a very large donation of nineteen store fixtures. They ranged from chrome and glass shelves to double sided clothes racks with wooden display tops and wooden display shelves. Both Thrift Stores in Edmond received these fixtures, and the remodeling was on! The Third Street Store has taken on a whole new look, and it is being received in a big way from the customers. These store fixtures came from the Ann Taylor Store out of Dallas, Texas. Ann Taylor Stores replace their fixtures frequently, and EARC was the lucky non-profit organization to benefit from this great donation. All of the Thrift Store Employees agree, it was like Christmas in July for EARC Thrift Stores! Thank you Ann Taylor for this wonderful donation!



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