



October

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Down Syndrome Awareness Month

National Spina Bifida Awareness Month

National Crime Prevention Month

National Physical Therapy Month

10/3 Child Health Day

10/16 National Boss's Day

10/30 DHS Halloween

Children's Event

10/31 Halloween

Down Syndrome— from the parents' heart

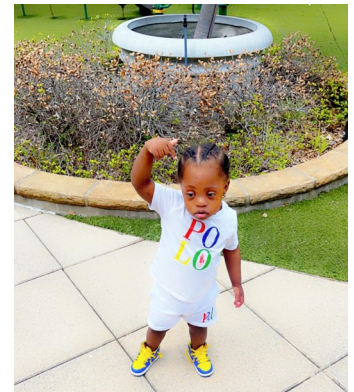
October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month. Parents, Chaonna Warren and Arthur Jordan, give insight into their family's life and share encouragement to other parents.

"There is never a dull moment!" Ms. Warren shares about life with her son, Arenus Jordan. "A typical day with this three year old is full of energy. He is very busy. You have to watch him at all times! He is also very pleasant. Arenus is just like one of the other children and we do not treat him any differently."

When asked about the relationship between Arenus and his siblings, Ms. Warren shared the following. "From one of his older sibling's perspective, you learn to be patient and more protective. It also makes you aware of other's feelings and how you treat others that are so-called different."

For the parent who has been given the news that they are expecting a child with down syndrome, both mom and dad gives the following advice:

- ◆ Do not be discouraged.
- ◆ Research as much as you can.
- ◆ Join some of the Down Syndrome Awareness pages on social media and things of that sort. All of this is very helpful and enlightening.
- ◆ Trust the process because all children are different.
- ◆ Fathers be involved, supportive, and loving. Get inspiration from other fathers.

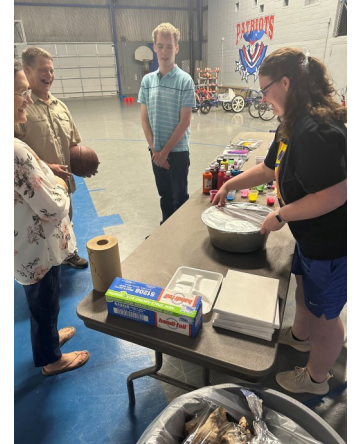


Conway HDC Celebrates Grandparents Day



On Sunday, September 10th, residents at CHDC and their grandparents enjoyed a wonderful Grandparents Day Event that included Chapel Service together, a delicious breakfast, and many fun games and activities.

Submitted by: Sara Murphy, CHDC Superintendent



Title V Northeast Field Staff Community Service

Stacey Schratz, RN Supervisor, highlights staff's community service.

Shelley Barnes is in the Northeast Arkansas Nurse's Honor Guard. The Nurse Honor Guard attends nurses funerals to honor them. Shelley has not been able to participate in a funeral yet but she is active in the group.

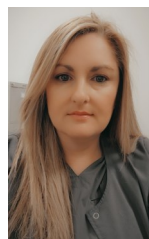
Sandra Crome took a week off this summer and sold fireworks with her husband who is a police officer along with 5 other police officers and their families in her hometown. The proceeds go to Shop with a Cop. Proceeds also help with Prom: dresses, tuxedos, and tickets for families without the ability to pay.

One staff, who wishes to remain anonymous, volunteers for an organization called CHEF (Community Health Educations Foundation). The money raised goes to Automatic Electronic Defibrillators (AED). Previously, CHEF was able to give an AED to Jonesboro HDC and that has helped to save lives there.

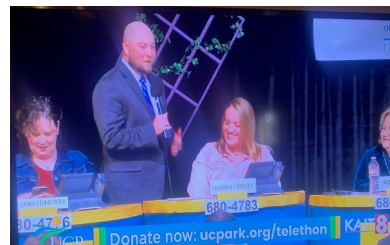
Hannah Raines and **Leann Eddington** also were United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) VIPs at the annual telethon. The telethon raised money for UCP kids and other kids in the northeast area. They answered calls and were on television representing DHS.



Shelley Barnes

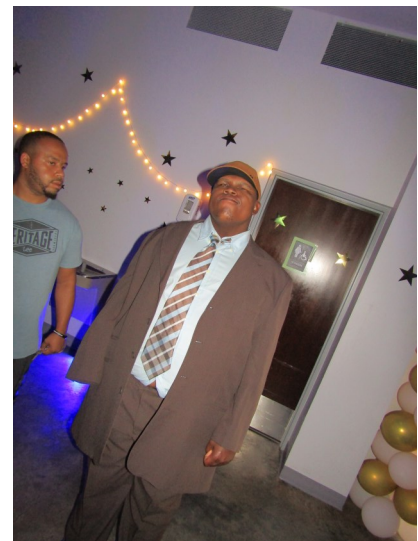


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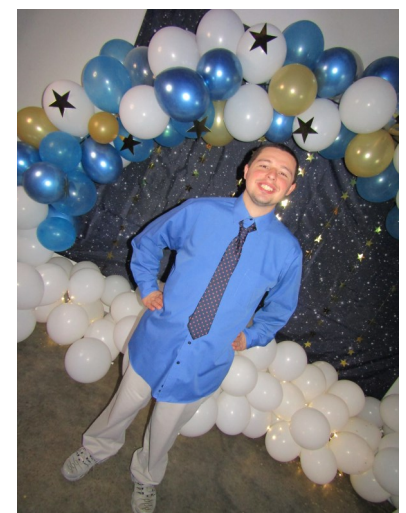
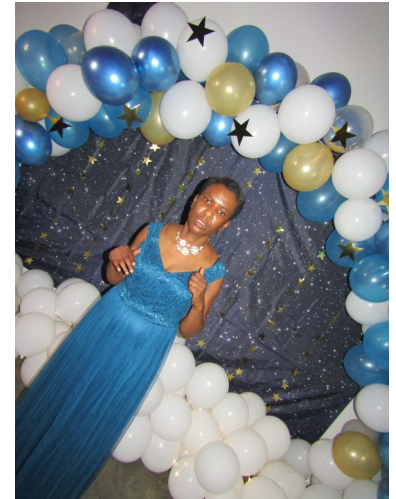
Leann Eddington & Hannah Raines

Arkadelphia HDC Summer Formal Dance "A Starry Night"



Arkadelphia HDC Summer Formal Dance

AHDC's Summer formal night "A Starry Night" took place on campus on July 21st 2023 from 6:00 pm—8:00 pm. The clients were able to dress in their formal attire and participate in the dance. Several staff members dressed up as well as they all had a blast. Prom King and Queen were selected along with their court.





AUSUM 2023

On Saturday, September 30, 2023, Joe Winford and Sabrena Harris, were speakers at the AUSUM 2023 Conference at the Benton Events Center in Benton, Arkansas. Joe and Sabrena provided a wealth of information regarding the Intake and Referral process, CES Waiver, DD services, and PASSE opportunities. The audience were engaged and asked several questions to give them a better understanding on the eligibility process for services.

The conference was facilitated by the Tyler Dannaway Foundation, created in 2018 in memory of Tyler Dannaway. Tyler was autistic, preverbal and had apraxia when he died at the age of eight from flu complications. His lack of communication skills, however, did not prevent him from making friends that loved him dearly. Tyler's attitude of never giving up and always caring for others stood as a shining example to everyone he met. Tyler's parents created the Foundation to fulfill Tyler's dream of becoming a doctor to help other kids with autism. The Foundation helps preserve Tyler's profound impact on people and enhances the quality of life for families affected by autism.

For more information regarding the foundation visit their website www.tylerdannawayfoundation.org. You may also find them on Facebook under Tyler Dannaway Foundation.

Save the Date

7th Annual Fall Food & Craft Fair

10/6

11am-2 pm

Main Street & 7th Street

***Virtual Let's Talk DDS with
Director Melissa Weatherton***

10/17

10 am

***DHS Children's Halloween Event
DDS Theme ~ Barbie***

10/30

2:30-4:30

Main Street & Visitor Parking



Comments, Suggestions, Q&A

Let us know what you'd like to see featured. If you'd like to be a guest writer, let us know. Send all to yvette.swift@dhs.arkansas.gov. by the 15th of the Month.

The Blue Umbrella NEWSLETTER



October 2023



Finally Fall!

Fall has arrived and The Blue Umbrella is stocked with lots of new items! From pumpkin spice candles to edible pumpkin butter, you can find all your fall essentials in-store or online!



Shop Online → www.blueumbrellaar.org

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NEW ARTIST ALERT

The Blue Umbrella is excited to introduce you to Mamie, our newest artist in the store! Mamie attends First Step in Malvern and is excited to showcase her handmade pillows and coasters. Mamie is most excited to sell her art because, "I've never sold anything before, I've just given it away." Come shop Mamie's products in store today!



Visit us in store Monday - Friday 10 AM - 2 PM or shop anytime online at www.blueumbrellaar.org/shop