

THE FIRST DDM HOME IS COMPLETE!

July 2011

From Hulda Cook, DDM president...

This Newsletter is being sent to you because we know you care about the Heart of Georgia Developmental Disabilities Ministries. We are so thankful to report that our first home is complete and open. Thanks to hundreds of volunteers who helped us make this possible. Our residents are happy and our two house parents are doing a wonderful job! Please join us in prayer as we add to already available services, from our caring community, for those who need our help.

Please join us for a celebration of Hulda Cook's 80th birthday!

It is a party with a purpose...

Saturday, August 20, 2011

2-4 pm "drop in" party

Shirley Hills Baptist Church Christian Life Center-615 Corder Road Warner Robins

Though the gift of your presence or thoughts is gift enough, a contribution to DDM in her honor would be a very special gift to her and to many others. As we all know, DDM has a special place in her heart!!

Open House was held on

March 19, 2011...

Over 250 people attended our Open House and were provided tours of our home. It was exciting to actually cut the ribbon to signify that our vision had come to fruition.

DDM passed our State Inspection...

After many hours making sure we had everything in order including completed paperwork and completed home checklist, the Department of Community Health inspected our home on June 2, 2011. The inspector was very pleased with our beautiful home and we passed "with flying colors!!" A special thanks to Al Harbuck and James Yawn for all of their many hours of hard work!!

The Heart of Georgia DDM is a 501c3 corporation. Contributions are tax-deductible and can be made in care of Heart of Georgia DDM and mailed to 238 Hatcher Road, Warner Robins, Ga. 31088. Visit our website at www.heartofgeorgiaddm.org. We are also on **Facebook!**

Our vision....

The Heart of Georgia DDM Home will provide a holistic, family-oriented Christian setting that will serve adults with developmental disabilities. This ministry will provide the opportunity for these individuals to reach their highest possible level of independence.

Welcome to our house parents and residents...

DDM is excited to have two house parents to oversee the residents with the daily activities of our home. Tamala Horne and Myrna Cofield are doing a great job. Four residents- one man and three ladies moved in the first part of June and are very happy with their new home. To quote the young gentleman, "this is my new home!"

Upcoming Fundraisers...

With the hard work of so many people, we have had many fundraisers. Fundraisers planned for the near future are:

Gospel Concert with the Cleghorns:

Friday, August 26, 2011, 7:00 pm at First Baptist Church Sanctuary in Perry. The concert is free, but a donation will be collected to support DDM.

DDM continues to receive used cell phones and ink cartridges for recycling to help support DDM.

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Youth volunteers have been a blessing...

Eagle Scouts project:

Justin Loney along with 20 scouts and leaders developed the four rain gardens in the front yard. Alex Oakley is designing and building a cover for the well and a deck for the water holding tank. Youth from Friendship Baptist and Shirley Hills Baptist have also volunteered with DDM.



What can you do?

Most importantly we need your prayers as we continue to carry out our vision. We want you to have the joy of being a part of our ministry by giving a financial gift to DDM. A great gift would be to honor someone or make a gift in memory of a loved one for any occasion. We will send a card acknowledging that gift.

If your group is willing to sponsor a fundraising event, have a pantry shower, help with yard work, provide recreational opportunities for DDM and its residents, please let us hear from you. Any comments or suggestions would be appreciated!

We have new DDM brochures! If you would like for someone to speak to your group and share our ministry, please call Judy Youmans at 396-1773 or Hulda Cook at 953-2992.

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Please join us....

We are currently meeting every 2nd Mondays of the month at 6:30 pm at the DDM home located at 238 Hatcher Road off Leverett Rd. We would love for anyone to join us.

And join us on....

We are now on Facebook, so you can also join us there! Just log into Facebook, then search on "Heart of Georgia DDM" and press the "Like" button at the top.

If you share us on your wall that will help expand our visibility to others. You can do that by clicking on the "Share" link, which is one of the last links going down the left side of the page.