

# Heart of Georgia Developmental Disabilities Ministries, Inc.

May 2015

*Dear Friends and Families of DDM,*

*Thank you for your support of the Heart of Georgia DDM. As a member of the Board of Directors, I am proud to say the ministry established through the prayer support and hard work of so many of you through the years continues to thrive. Each of you have made significant contributions as you have ministered to this special population, and without your community ministry contribution, the home would not be what it is today. You, like Hulda Cook, caught the vision of what "might be" if we all worked together to establish a Christian based home for adults with developmental disabilities.*

*It has been a joy to make new friends through this community ministry. So many of you have supported DDM for a long time and we are truly blessed! We hope you will tell your friends and family about Heart of Georgia DDM! In closing, thanks once again to all of our DDM friends and families. The ministry is in existence because of God's blessings and your collaborative support.*

*Blessings,*

*Carol J. Sapp*

*Since our last newsletter, we were saddened by the passing of Mrs. Hulda Cook. She was an awesome lady who loved DDM, its staff and residents! We miss her very much and will always work diligently to continue her vision which she started so many years ago.*



## Exciting things are happening in the DDM Home....

Currently we have 6 adult residents being cared for by 3 full time weekly houseparents, 3 weekend staff and 2 relief staff. Our residents work full time at the Happy Hour Service Center. Our house parents have been keeping the residents very busy. They continue to work on their independent living skills; they take pride in keeping their home "spotless". Our residents bowl every Tuesday afternoon and participate in Special Olympic Games. The residents have participated in various activities in the community and several events are scheduled for the upcoming months. Our residents not only improve their shopping skills by going to the store and eating out, but they also have a fun time! Shirley Hills Baptist Church welcomes our residents every Sunday and Sunday school classes plan birthday parties for each resident and plan an afternoon of Bingo once a month. This past Christmas DDM had a Christmas dinner with families, staff, residents and board of directors. Staff from Houston Medical Center brought many presents for each resident and they were given out by Santa Claus!! Everyone had a great time!

We are currently meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:30 pm at the DDM home located at 238 Hatcher Road. We would love for anyone to join us!

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](http://www.heartofgeorgiaddm.org). We are also on Facebook! We would love to be your FB friend!

## Our Vision...

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

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## 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.

We would love to have volunteers who would donate frequently used items for the DDM such as paper products, cleaning supplies, etc. We are also looking for individuals or groups to volunteer to do an activity with the residents on the weekends. Call Judy Youmans, Administrator at 478 396-1773 for more information.

## Fundraisers...

We depend on our community to help us financially as we do not receive state funding. We have several opportunities in which you can help DDM on an ongoing basis.

We recently put together our first ever DDM cookbook! It has 495 recipes submitted by family and friends of DDM. This cookbook is dedicated to Mrs. Cook and has some delicious recipes! They cost \$20.00 each and make great gifts! Please email Judy at [jev1@cox.net](mailto:jev1@cox.net) or call at 478 396-1773 if you are interested in purchasing one!

We have partnered with **Kroger Community Rewards** to receive funds several times per year.

If you have a Kroger Plus card, you can go into your Kroger account at [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com); then click Community Rewards. You can set up your account by entering the #47043 as your charity and Heart of Georgia DDM will come up with the address 238 Hatcher Road, Warner Robins, Ga. Kroger will give ½ of a percent of every dollar you spend with them to DDM. Fuel points are not affected.

Another way to help DDM is through **Amazon Smiles**. Each time you purchase something from Amazon, you may choose DDM as a charity to receive funds.

Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and register; click on “choose your charity” and put in Heart of Georgia Dd Ministries, Inc. You have to enter in exactly as shown here so you may copy and paste if you prefer. Warner Robins will automatically show up when entered. Then you may place your order! These are two easy ways to help DDM for many years to come! We sincerely appreciate all of your support!

DDM has a list of continuing needs that any individual or group may choose to donate:

- Office supplies:  
Coper paper  
Sticky notes  
Pens  
Envelopes (legal and small)  
Ink cartridges (HP-02) black and colors  
Postage stamps
- Paper products:  
Paper towels  
Napkins  
Toilet paper  
Solo cups  
Paper plates
- Cleaning Products:  
Laundry detergent- pods for sensitive skin and regular pods  
Dishwasher detergent  
Spray cleaners  
Liquid cleaners  
Dish detergent  
Bleach, air fresheners
- Vinyl gloves- one size fits all
- Groceries: frequently used items  
Coffee and dry coffee creamer  
Sugar  
Tea bags  
Canned fruit  
Cereals, oatmeal, rice, Tang drink  
Oatmeal, grits

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