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Duvall Homes 2018 Spring Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM DUVALL HOMES' CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Friends of Duvall Homes,

We are excited to share the spring edition of our 2018 Newsletter with you. In this issue, we present a snapshot of our most recent projects. Simply stated, *evolution* is the buzzword as we continue to build opportunities that impact our community.

For the first time since the close of McGaffin Hall and our transition to group homes (2013-2014), changes to our infrastructure are now underway. Program growth drives the need for additional space to accommodate vocational training and contract fulfillment. In the pages that follow, you will read the exciting news about our new Vocational Training Center. We are also taking initial steps to implement the eventual move of our administrative offices. The deterioration of our Welcome Center (circa 1885), where our administrative offices are housed, makes relocation urgent. After 133 years, it's time!



Along with on-campus changes, we continue to see evolution off-campus at our group homes. Total renovation is taking place at one of our homes and we are finalizing grant requirements before breaking ground on another. This will be our seventeenth group home and our first new build since the 1990s.

Duvall's Bargain Store in Deltona has also experienced significant change. Management has redesigned the entire interior and new exterior signage was installed to help spotlight a grand re-opening.

Community outings continue to offer our residents fun and adventure. One such special outing featured inside is The Tim Tebow Foundation's "Night to Shine" celebration.

Much of our success is made possible through donations and from the continuing support from our families and closest friends. Thank you for the help you give us as we work to improve the lives of the developmentally disabled people here at Duvall - and within our community. ♦

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven C. DeVane".

Steven C. DeVane
Chief Executive Officer

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On the cover: Adult Day Training participant, Tony, inside Duvall Homes' new Vocational Training Center (Story pages 4 and 5)

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Welcome New Board Members

Duvall Homes' welcomes two new members to its Board of Regents: Eveline Kraljic, COO and Director of Human Resources at the Council on Aging of Volusia County; and Chester Wilson, VP of Quality Assurance at Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare.

Spring Fling Fun at ADT

Participants in Duvall Homes' Opportunities Enrichment Center had fun in the beautiful spring weather flying kites, blowing bubbles, playing Frisbee, Catch Ball and more.



Dedicated DSP Retires After 37 Years

After giving 37 years of her life caring for residents living at Duvall Homes, Phyllis Griffith, a devoted Direct Support Professional (DSP), decided to retire this past February. Griffith has cared for many residents during her time at Duvall, as well as trained a great number of other DSPs. "I will miss the residents greatly, but I'll look forward to getting the Duvall newsletter and hearing the latest news, so please don't forget me." We will not forget you Phyllis. People



like you are the heartbeat of Duvall! Thank you for your commitment, loyalty and compassion, and for contributing to our 73-year old legacy! Residents, staff and parents wished her well at a farewell party.

A Community of Kindness

Thank you to Charlie and Barbara Breuer who generously donated boxes of custom frames and professional framing kits for use in our *Art For Everyone* Program. After realizing it would take special tools and talent to assemble the frames, we reached out to Bull Dog Carpentry at DeLand High School, led by Instructor Rick Hervey. *Left to right*, Alex Young '18 and Cole Mannebach '20 hold frames ready for use for exhibiting works of art created by Duvall



artists. With funds donated by local organizations, we are also able to make, hang and display the works at Duvall and in the community. Public display of one's art contributes to the self-pride experienced by those in our care. Thank you to the many involved in this important cultural arts project. Learn more at DuvallHomes.org/Art-For-Everyone.

Duvall Inside Business Magazine

After being invited to join the editorial team at the Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce for their publication *Evolve*, a business and professional magazine circulated to chamber members and the wider Volusia County community, Lisa Habermehl, Duvall Homes' Director of Marketing, made a contribution to the May 2018 *Diversity in Business* issue. Habermehl's article shares the many values of employing and contracting people with develop-



mental disabilities. Visit DaytonaChamber.com or EvolveDaytona.com to read the publication.

Top Facebook Posts This Quarter

The ongoing support from students in Volusia County is something we cherish at Duvall Homes. We sincerely thank you all. Visit us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram at [#ImInspiredDeLand](https://www.instagram.com/ImInspiredDeLand).



Above A, students from Father Lopez Catholic High School in Daytona Beach prep and paint garden benches and picnic tables on the grounds of Duvall's Glenwood Campus. Above B, students from Stetson University's School of Music (Instruments of Healing) teach ADT participants the joy of performing and playing an instrument. ♦

BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES THAT IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY

**COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT = COMMUNITY
SUCCESS**

Nearly three years ago, Duvall Homes entered into a new partnership with MBI, a national print advertising and direct mail company, headquartered in DeLand, initiating the first-ever work contracts for our day training participants. The relationship has enabled the people we serve to earn a paycheck - some for the very first time.

As the work contracts increased, and the skills of our day training participants developed, the program grew in both the number of contracts awarded and the number of participants earning a paycheck. Like all successful programming that has a strong foundation and community support, Duvall's ADT workshop has now outgrown its space in the Opportunities Enrichment Center. And so the planning began.

DUVALL HOMES' NEW VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER

With the collaboration of the Board of Regents and staff, the decision was made to renovate the former recreation / pool building on the Glenwood campus to an inspirational new Vocational Training Center. The plan is to use this space specifically for vocational training and supported work contracts.

While renovations to the exterior continue, the inside is nearing completion. Fresh paint, newly installed flooring and ceiling tiles, upgraded shelving, new white boards and an impressive photo essay - complete with a text panel, large canvas-wrapped images and word clouds - energizes everyone who enters the room. A donor recognition wall is soon to come. Those who are interested in supporting the new Vocational Training Center, and/or are curious about naming opportunities, are encouraged to contact Elizabeth Bhimjee, Duvall's Chief Marketing and Development Officer, at ebhimjee@duvallhomes.org or 386.734.2874 ext. 102. *(A donation envelope is also enclosed.)*

DISCOVER THE MANY BENEFITS of working with Duvall Homes' Vocational Training Center participants. To discuss what jobs your business can outsource to us, contact Marsha Shankleton, Duvall's Chief Operating Officer, at 386.734.2874 ext. 105 or mshankleton@duvallhomes.org. Inspiring opportunities await you! ✦

"The evolution of our crowded ADT classroom-workshop to a standalone Vocational Training Center is an inspiring story to tell," said Bhimjee. "Empowering those we serve will always be our primary mission." Employment inclusion is just one of many objectives the leaders at Duvall are focused on as part of the broader *Building Opportunities* initiative. ✦



Inside Duvall Homes' New Vocational Training Center Top, clockwise: Photo essay with text panel, canvas-wrapped images and inspirational word wall; Shirley Zonneville, Duvall's Director of Adult Day Training, with Vocational Training participants Sheldon and Patrick; Training participants engaged in contract work assembly; Elizabeth Bhimjee, Duvall's Chief Marketing & Development Officer, gives the first tour to the Northlake Presbyterian Mission Committee. Their generous donation, along with many others, helped provide the interior graphics and program materials necessary to create this beautiful new space. A special thank you to ImageWorksFla.com for their installation and support. ✦

WAYS TO GIVE

All gifts have an immeasurable impact on the lives of Duvall Homes' residents and enable us to deliver excellence in care and comfort to our disabled population. As we seek to provide the highest quality of life and greatest level of independence for our residents, we hope you will remember that your help always makes a difference.

Please use the enclosed envelope to donate to our new Vocational Training Center. We have completed work on the interior, but are still in need of funds to put the finishing touches on the exterior. We would like to have the building painted and sod installed within the coming months. Your gift will help us do this!

For your convenience, Duvall Homes' website, DuvallHomes.org, outlines the different **Ways To Give**. Our staff can also assist you in establishing your own fund, donating to an existing fund, or leaving a legacy through planned giving. Let us handle the administrative details and help direct your gift toward the area of greatest need that matches your interest. For more information, visit DuvallHomes.org/Get-Involved. Tell us what inspires you about Duvall Homes Vocational Training Center at ImInspired.org. ✦

Your gift of support makes all the difference!

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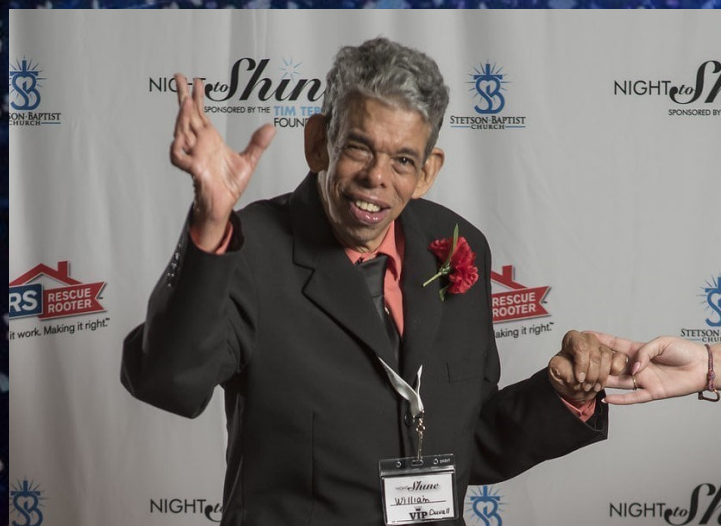
Thank you for your continued support!

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Since 1945
Empowering People with Developmental Disabilities



Created by Tim Tebow (right) and The Tim Tebow Foundation and hosted by Stetson Baptist Church in DeLand, residents of Duvall Homes participated in this incredible international event that took place February 9 in DeLand, across 16 countries at 537 host churches, where 90,000 VIPs with developmental disabilities were crowned Kings and Queens by 175,000 volunteers! Staff from Duvall Homes participated as well. Others unable to attend this event attended a similar *Shining Stars* event a few weeks later in Ormond Beach.

View additional images on Instagram at #ImInspiredDeLand #NightToShine and #NTSDeLand. Visit DuvallHomes.org/News-Events for other Night To Shine stories, including a story on the excitement of picking out a prom dress and all of the other primping preparations. ✦





NIGHT *to Shine*

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THE DUVALL DIFFERENCE

PROUD PRACTITIONERS OF RESIDENTIAL SUPPORTIVE CARE

Licensed by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD), Duvall Homes currently operates a network of 16 individual group homes throughout Volusia County, serving the needs of people with developmental disabilities from Florida and across the United States.

The families and guardians of our residents know that Duvall Homes has a long history of providing exceptional residential 24-hour care and day training for clients age 22 and over with Autism, Down syndrome, Cerebral Palsy and other intellectual and developmental disabilities. They know that as part of Duvall's Residential and Habilitation Services, supervision and training are provided to assist clients in becoming more independent in life-skill areas of daily living, self-care activities and other social and community-integrated experiences.

THE SUPPORT TEAM

Residential Habilitation Training developed and implemented by each individual's Support Team includes you - the family member or guardian - Residential Program Managers (Group Home Managers), Direct Support Professionals (DSPs), Qualified Developmental Disabilities Professionals (QDDP), Life Skills Development Coordinators, medical staff, friends and other support professionals.

The Support Team maintains quarterly reports to monitor activities of daily living as well as educational, fitness and nutritional goals. These personally developed goals are set to achieve the highest level of independence possible and are updated each year. As goals are met, new ones are set to create a progressive pathway for each individual.



PLANNING AHEAD PRODUCES THE BEST OUTCOMES

The staff at Duvall Homes remains steadfast to its founding mission and core values to provide the very best services and care. And it's because you have taken the time to seek out services and programs that serve your loved one best that he or she is receiving the optimal level of care and protection here at Duvall. You know this didn't happen overnight or by accident. You took the time to get informed and get involved with the future care of your loved one.

"About a year ago, I realized that Patrick would probably outlive me and would need care the rest of his life," said Greg Monge, father of a new Duvall resident from Texas. "His mother had died years ago and his brother has a family with small children. Since I was in need of a shoulder replacement and would be out of commission for a number of months, the time was right."

Monge came close to experiencing a "crisis move" until he discovered Duvall's services through an internet search. "I was in search of a facility that I believed would meet, and develop, Patrick's physical and social needs," said Monge. "After a great deal of investigation and research, including discussions with state agencies and site visits, I determined Duvall Homes was better than anywhere in the country for the overall needs and wellbeing of Patrick."

For many, the steps Monge took are familiar. For others, they are unsure when to take the next step and are at risk of their own health interfering with their caregiving responsibilities. Be proud that you are a parent or guardian who has empowered your loved one to develop their own life skills of daily living, to dine with friends, enjoy music together and achieve success in all areas of wellness.

We understand that each individual we serve is special and faces unique challenges. This is why we are driven by a positive vision set for each person, mapped out with specific goals, with a step-by-step plan. *Learn more about The Duvall Difference at DuvallHomes.org.* ✦

“The biggest struggle is realizing that your own feelings must come second to your child's (or loved one's) welfare and their future.”

Greg Monge, parent of a Duvall Homes' resident

FUNDING OUR GREATEST NEEDS

In the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, the staff of Duvall Homes took great pause to assess what could be done in preparation for the inevitable hurricane seasons to come. Lack of power presented a critical challenge on many levels, and in the week prior to last year's Gala it was quickly determined that automatic, hardwired, generators for each group home would provide the only relief. The enormous cost to furnish all 16 homes seemed overwhelming, but a plan was set in motion to reach out for help.

To initiate the fundraising campaign, proposals were written, emails went out, website updates and social media posts were created, and a mass mailing was sent to all family members of Duvall residents. Describing our dire need came easy, and the response we received was nothing short of remarkable. "Thanks to our parents, families and many others, we now have peace of mind that we can maintain power for refrigeration, laundry, lighting, and maintain our group homes at a comfortable temperature and avoid serious problems," said Marsha Shankleton, Duvall's Chief Operating Officer.

As we prepared for our annual Inspiration Gala without power, it became clear that the focus of our "Mission Moment" would address our critical need for generators. An enormous outpouring of support came from Gala attendees, and when combined with donations raised outside the Gala, we were able to meet our goal of funding the purchase and installation of 16 hardwired generators. As proudly reported in the 2017 Fall Newsletter, the confidence placed in us by our generous donors enabled us to achieve what seemed like an impossible goal. We thank you all again, and invite you to celebrate with us.

The Board of Regents of Duvall Homes proudly presents the 4th Annual Inspiration Gala on September 28, 2018. We hope that you will attend this year and help us achieve new goals – new building opportunities that will impact our community and sustain Duvall Homes for the future. Please join us for our biggest celebration and fundraising event of the year.

Last year's event sold out, so be sure to mark your calendars to get inspired. Through the generous support of those who attend, we are able to strengthen the programs and services we provide to people with developmental disabilities. ✦

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LAST YEAR: For those of you who attended Duvall's 2017 Inspiration Gala, you'll recall the palpable energy that infused the room, and the many markers of inspiration, from the seven-foot banners of images of residents and sponsors, to the dynamic laughter, impromptu dancing and napkin waiving. Our incredible, first ever, silent auction showcased limited edition works of art created by participants in our Adult Day Training program, vacation getaways, attraction and adventure packages, sporting event tickets, ladies fashions, pet baskets and so much more. If you're interested in being part of this exciting event while supporting a vital cause, there are several ways to get involved. **THIS YEAR:** We hope you will consider a table sponsorship, individual tickets or donating a raffle item. Sponsors inter-

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ested in having their name/logo included on the seven foot banners that will hang along Woodland Boulevard during the month of August, then move to the Gala venue on the night of the event, must be secured by July 9, 2018. For all other sponsors interested in being included in the printed Gala Program, name/logo must be secured by August 27. **LAST YEAR'S EVENT SOLD OUT:** Be sure to mark September 28, 2018, on your calendars to get inspired. For more information, contact Elizabeth Bhimjee at ebhimjee@duvallhomes.org or 386.734.2874 ext. 102. For questions regarding logos and ad specifications, please contact Lisa Habermehl at lhhabermehl@duvallhomes.org or 386.734.2874 ext. 116. For Gala location and other details, visit DuvallHomes.org/Inspiration-Gala. ✦





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THE BARGAIN STORE OF DUVALL HOMES

ADDRESS: 1200 Deltona Blvd. Deltona

HOURS: Mon to Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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