



Ben's Place Bugle

Ben's Place Services, Inc. / 4498-304 Roosevelt Blvd Unit 325 / Jacksonville, FL 32210

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Our Mission

Our Mission is to provide social experiences and support the independence of individuals with disabilities. We provide unique opportunities for individuals with developmental, physical, or acquired disabilities to interact and learn life and vocational skills with their peers in a social environment. Our vision is based on the premise that individuals with disabilities will be respected and appreciated for their own individual capabilities as they strive toward their own personal dreams.

***Created different. Treated equal.
A community of friends.***



Ben's Story

Ben's Place wouldn't exist if Ben had not wanted to have friends to hang out with after he completed high school. He told his mom he was sad since he didn't see his friends anymore. So, Ben's Place was born. It has been a great opportunity for Ben, as well as all the members, to meet and grow. Ben went from feeling sad and no job, to working, getting his driver's license, having a girlfriend and living independently. With the help and support of family, friends, and Ben's Place Ben is an amazing independent young man today.

Thank you, Ben, for the bold idea and helping others enjoy the center over the years.

Golfing Success

Ben's Place inaugural golf tournament on Friday, October 4th was an awesome experience raising over \$6,100 for the center! It was held at Bent Creek Golf Club in Jacksonville with over 30 golfers! Each golfer was greeted by our members, thanks to Stephanie. Golf ball markers and stroke counters were handmade by the members. These wonderful items were part of the tee gifts. In addition to the tee gift, our golfers received a Ben's Place golf shirt, lunch and dinner too! Donations were gathered by volunteers for our silent auction and the browsing started during lunch! The weather was warm and the enthusiasm among the members, golfers, board members, and volunteers even warmer. The day ended with raffle & auction winnings and Bent Creek golf director Brad Smith announcing the tournament winners. The months of planning and hard work truly paid off. Thank you for your time, talent and treasure to make this event a success! We look forward to an even bigger event next year. Let us know how you want to be involved and help out!

Annie & Emily



Giving Tuesday with Friends of Bens
December 3, 2019
6-9 pm
Riverside Liquors and Restaurant
1251 King St
\$25 Donation

WISH LIST: we currently need for the center, paper towels, toilet paper, gloves, hand soap, hand sanitizer, bingo prizes, and gift cards.

Notice: We are setting up a notification system. This will allow our team to remind us of important things and notify everyone in case of an emergency. Please join in.

www.remind.com/join/benspl

Prom 2019

Pearls and Red Bow Ties

This year's prom, Pearls and Red Bow Ties, was a blast! Everyone enjoyed a night of great friends, food and fun. Music was provided by DJ. We danced the night away with the Cha Cha Slide, Wobble and so much more.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the women of Eta Phi Beta for providing punch, desserts, and all their wonderful help hosting and serving.

Shout outs to Teresa, Jay, Emily, Chris, Marylyn, and London for their volunteering efforts! Most appreciated.



And Now, From Annie

Hi, well, here we are again and so much has happened this year. We are in a temporary location at Lakeshore Baptist Church Blanding Blvd and searching for our ***forever building***.

I am spending more time working on Executive director duties and the board has promoted Stephanie to Program Director. She is responsible for the daily operations of our terrific program.


We have two new board members, Emily Pate and Liane Davis. Both are a ball of fire.

We are currently forming committees and are looking for talented volunteers. Committees include: Fundraising, Volunteer Scheduling, Newsletter, Public Relations, Forever Building, Auction, and Hospitality. If you can serve on one of these committees, please give me a call or drop me an email, annec@bensplacecof.org.

Remember you are always welcome to drop by for a visit. Friday Mornings we have coffee time and you can chat with our members and staff and get to know us all. - **Annie**

Future Events

Coffee House
Every Friday 9:45 am
Lake Shore Baptist Church (Activities Bldg.)
2365 Blanding Blvd

Ben's Place Thanksgiving 
Tuesday November 26, 2019 6-8 pm
Wednesday November 27, 2019 12-2pm
Lake Shore Baptist, Activities Bldg.
2365 Blanding Blvd

Giving Tuesday with Friends of Ben's
Tuesday December 3, 2019 6-9 pm
Riverside Liquors
1251 King St

Chops for Charity BBQ and Family Fun Day
Saturday March 28

Eat Drink and be Giving Cocktail Party and
Silent Auction
Thursday May 7, 2020
Lakeshore Women's Club
2352 Lakeshore Blvd.

Ben's Place Annual Golf Tournament
Bent Creek Golf Course
Friday October 2, 2020



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