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Ben's Place News



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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.*



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Getting to know Tyrick...

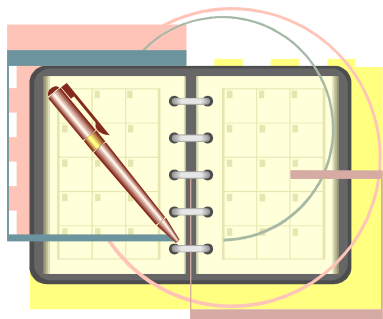
Tyrick joined Ben's Place in the middle of 2019, and it was and has been the best decision for him and myself. Tyrick lost his older brother in 2016 and we struggled with trying to get him to interact with other people and open up. Since becoming part of Ben's Place he has met and made some wonderful friends. Mrs. Annie has taught Tyrick how to do so many things and he loves calling her boss and really loves the BBQ fundraiser. Ben's Place and the staff have

helped my son gain confidence in himself, and he has friends that don't judge him. They encourage each other. Even through the pandemic they zoom and facetime each other. He brags about his friends and boss every chance he gets. We are very thankful for this opportunity to say thank you for having an outlet for our family members to enjoy and be themselves.

- Teresa

"Tyrick"





Executive Director, Annie

Happy Holidays from Annie!

So much has happened this past year with so many challenges. Families have grown closer, we've learned new skills, and lost some good people. The new year should be brighter for all of us.

We are still on a search for our new (and hopefully forever) home. We are still zooming three (3) times a week and meeting in person twice a week. If you haven't joined us, please try to stop by. We are having a good time!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the auction and golf tournament. They were a great success. We now have Splash of Paint & More going on at Riverside Liquors every 3rd Monday night with some great projects.



From the President

On behalf of Ben's Place, we would like to wish you a blessed holiday season. Thank you for sharing and caring about the individuals we serve at Ben's Place. This year has been full of fundraisers and their success would not have been possible without your support. Our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament grew significantly with 17 foursomes golfing and raising over \$9,000. What a huge achievement - thank you! With Giving Tuesday fast approaching on November 30th, we hope you will consider sending an end of year donation to Ben's Place. One of the

challenges we face is the consistency of donations coming in to support our programs. I personally have set up a recurring donation each month online that gets sent from my bank to Ben's Place. Please consider monthly donations, even small amounts, as it assists with smoothing out our budgeting and planning for 2022. Lastly, we will be having our Eat, Drink, and Be Giving Event in Q1 of 2022, so we'll be in touch once final details are available. Thank you again for your support!

- Jay Abraham, President
Ben's Place Board of Directors

May this Holiday season fill your home with joy, your hearts with love, and your life with laughter

cont. from Executive Director Annie

As we all rebuild, I would love to have you consider joining one of our committees to help with our building, fundraising events, or as a volunteer. Please help us to get a great start in the new year.

**As always, if you need to talk, I am always available. Have a great Christmas!
~ Ms. Annie**

Giving Tuesday Donations

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/4448811055236167>



Upcoming Events 2022

- April - Chops for Charity BBQ
- June – Eat, Drink & Be Giving Auction
- October - Golf Tournament
- December - Gala

Tina Chaney, Ben's Place Member

Christina (Tina) Chaney is a member of Ben's Place and loves her friends there. She is a Florida transplant and was raised in Mississippi. Tina enjoys listening to music and sitting outside in the Florida Sun. Ms. Tina loves animals and always has a big smile for anyone! Growing up, Tina was the oldest of five (5) siblings. Recently, she visited her brother Mykel and his family in Everett

Washington where she enjoyed the beautiful greenery. Tina also loves playing games on her tablet and listening to music, especially gospel music.



Christina (Tina) Chaney

Wills, Trusts and ABLE

Wills, trusts and ABLE accounts should be part of every family's conversation when planning on how to provide for their loved ones now and into the future. Each piece has its own function, structure and provides different benefits to the family and they work best together. Below is a quick walkthrough on each.

Wills

- Ensures that your money and property are distributed according to your wishes.
- Allows you to set a guardian for your loved one for after you have passed.
- Leaving assets to a loved one receiving government benefits can cause them to lose benefits.
- Avoid this by creating a trust.

Trusts

- Allows you to leave assets to your heirs and avoid probate.
- Special Needs Trust (SNT) can prevent loss of government benefits.
- Three types of Special Needs Trusts, each with a different purpose.

ABLE

- Allows a person receiving benefits to save and invest up to \$15k annually without affecting their benefits.
- Can be used for day-to-day expenses.
- Money grows tax deferred on the growth and comes out tax free if used for the beneficiary.
- Can contribute up to \$100K before it affects Medicare/SSI.

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Fun at the Golf Tournament



Fun at Tillie Fowler Park!



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