

Ben's Place Services, Inc.

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Ben's Place News



www.bensplacecof.org

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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A place to call home

We are very thankful we can share some great news about our new location. In partnership with The City of Jacksonville we have secured use of the Normandy Community Center on Lindsey Road for the next three years. The terms of the agreement with the City are very favorable and we also have a couple additional three-year options to renew. This should be our home for a very long time as we continue to provide critical services to those in need within our community. We hope to move in during the next month or two as there are repairs taking place now as we spruce up the place a bit. The building is about 3,000 square feet, is fully fenced on an acre lot

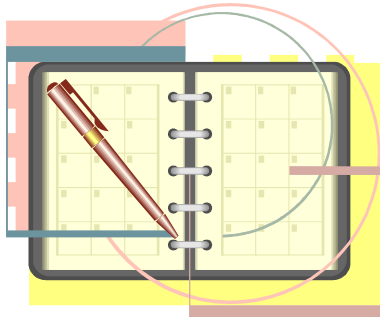
and even has a basketball court and a covered outside area with picnic tables. We all think it's going to be perfect as we look forward to showing it to you as we host events going forward. Many thanks to The Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services for their assistance as well as our local City Council who were all so supportive. I'd like to personally thank a few kind gentlemen by name: Daryl Joseph, Randy White, and Terrance Freeman all of whom serve our City. Without their leadership, vision, support and kind hearts this would not have been possible. With our new location secured, I now turn our Board leadership

over to the very capable hands of Emily Pate. It has been my pleasure to serve during a very turbulent COVID period, but we've come out the other side in good shape excited about our future.

– Jay Abraham



Our NEW Home
1751 Lindsey Rd.



Executive Director, Annie

Wow what a summer,

We have finally started to feel like our old selves again. It has been a hot summer and wet summer and fall has hit us with a bang (A big visit from Ian). But we were lucky this year to have been able to be inside at Murray Hill Church. Now to have a new location, our cup runneth over.

As we begin to rebuild our programs. We will make changes and tweaks. We will continue the same high standards and quality but, with changes to protocols and procedure to make us safer and stronger.

The space of the new center is tremendous, inside and out. We will be able to have proper gardens, partner with Special Olympic and other organizations and have a great space for holding extra events, activities, and fundraisers.

We have been blessed with a great program director, Stephanie Schuler. I know

From the President

It is an honor to be serving on the Board as your President. I am humbled and excited to be working with a wonderful team...a team who truly believes in our members and helping each of them develop their capabilities.

Thank you, Jay Abraham, for your board leadership. Your calm presence, guidance, and perseverance has allowed us to continue as an organization through the COVID chaos and our journey to finding our NEW home. Thank you just doesn't seem adequate to express my and the board's appreciation. I

know the new location will provide our members with the stability they so deserve and need.

My hope, as we transition to our new home, is that we remember with gratitude the kindness of Murray Hill Baptist Church and spread the word of the wonderful services and activities that our Program Director, Stephanie Schuler, is providing for our members and our community. Please join me in sharing about Ben's Place. Let me know how we can make our organization great! I am listening.

~ Emily Pate, President



Things will fall into place

cont. from Executive Director Annie

she will help choose great new staff.

As always please consider volunteering with us. Give me a call at (904)418-2299 or email me at annec@bensplacecof.org to lend a helping hand.

- (1) Crafting
- (2) Gardening
- (3) Music
- (4) Advertising

- (5) Public Relations (PR)
- (6) Social Media
- (7) Office Skills
- (8) Fundraising
- (9) Exercise
- (10) Sports

These are just some of the areas we would love your help.

Can't wait to hear from you!



~ Annie

Upcoming Events for 2022

www.bensplacecof.org/upcoming-events

2022 Friday



Grab n' Go



November 4th

(Last real break before the end of year holiday festivities)

We have ONE more Friday Grab n' Go for 2022. Please help make it a GREAT success with your order! Please share with your friends & family! Plan your pickup from the NEW Community Center!



Monthly Monday Splash of Paint

www.bensplacecof.org/splash-of-paint-more



3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm
Riverside Liquors 1251 King St.

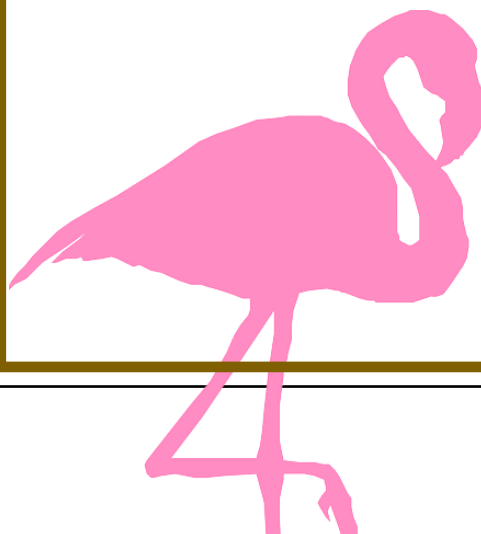


Annual Golf Tournament Friday October 7th @ Eagle Landing Golf Club

Flock-a-Friend

What a great way to say hi or thank someone with a flocking of flamingos. Now, you can send a flock of birthday candles with a lawn size birthday cake with candles or a baby announcement. Make someone smile while supporting our programs.

www.bensplacecof.org/flockingafriend



Wills, Trusts and ABLE

Special Needs & Estate Planning

Preparing for the day when you won't be around to care for your family is a challenge that all parents face. But as a parent of a loved one with special needs, your estate planning needs are especially complex. Your will, and other estate planning documents you prepare, must address your unique concerns. These concerns may include:

- Providing for adequate lifetime care or assistance
- Appointing someone to manage your adult child's finances
- Maintaining your child's eligibility for government benefits

An attorney and other financial professionals experienced in planning for children with special needs can help you draft a comprehensive estate plan to ensure that your child is well provided for after your death. If you already have an estate plan in place, you should have all existing legal documents reviewed (and revised, if necessary) to make sure they address your family's needs.

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Ben's Place NEW Board of Directors We appreciate YOUR Board Service!

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2. Jason Gibson – Vice President
3. Jay Abraham – Treasurer
4. Debra Waye - Secretary
5. Ebony Davis – Director
6. Lawrence Thompson – Director

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Anne Yarbrough – Executive Director
Stephanie Schuler - Program Director

Flocking's available.

Birthday cakes!
NOW available.

<http://bensplacecof.org/flockinga-friend/>



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