

Ben's Place Services, Inc.

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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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Meet Wyatt, a member of Ben's Place

Wyatt is quite the fascinating man. He is an usher, among other jobs, at his church. Wyatt also helps put together boxes for Operation Shoebox. He enjoys taking long walks, watching classic television, listening to music and so much more. One of his "go to" songs for karaoke is **White Lightning** by George Jones (his favorite singer). In addition to karaoke, Wyatt enjoys arts and crafts, bingo, and gardening. He is known for greeting everyone with a warm smile and wishing them a good day.

Originally from Buffalo NY, Wyatt has lived in South Carolina before coming to live in Jacksonville with his cousin.

Ben's Place has been a wonderful experience for all of them. The environment at the Center, allows Wyatt to have time to be himself. Sitting with his friends, talking and laughing, is the best for him.

Before coming to Ben's Place, Wyatt was a follower and never spoke around others. Now, he is a leader. Wyatt is helpful, talkative, and expresses his opinions. He knows how to be himself and is comfortable with it. The Center is a great outlet to grow and learn independence.

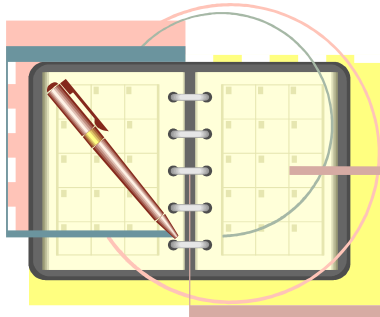
The staff is amazing. They make everyone feel at home. Their nurturing and caring spirit helps

everyone achieve their potential. It is a great program!

- Written in collaboration with Wyatt's cousin and caregiver)



Wyatt



Executive Director, Annie

Well, we have been in our new home for just over a year. It is amazing, you need to come and see our progress! The interior is decorated with our members' artwork and the exterior is continuously being gardened with flowers and vegetables.

As we continue to build our membership and programs, I want to let you in on some of our new activities. Every Thursday, we are open until 7 pm with dinner and evening activities. One Saturday night a month is a big party. The newest program is two Fridays a month for a fast-paced social that highlights mocktails, appetizers, or some other form of socializing.

The holiday season is fast approaching, so please make Ben's Place Services, Inc your charity of choice on smile.amazon.com. Everything you purchase on Amazon is available on Smile. A percentage of the sales will be donated from Amazon to Ben's Place.

We will be hosting our annual

From the President

Our Center is up and running on Lindsey Road with great programs thanks to our Program Director, Stephanie Schuler, and our Executive Director, Annie Yarbrough. The excitement continues to build with monthly evening events, like our Halloween party, Christmas, Valentine's and St. Patrick's dances. All things our members and their friends look forward to!

We couldn't provide these great programs to our members without our community partners. Thanks to the Jacksonville Jaguar Foundation for this year's golf shirt sponsorship. Companies like College Automotive

Specialists, TriStar, Ebtide Counseling Services, Jackson Callender Group, Orange Park (Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram), Fence Nation, Twigg Tree Care, to name just some of our supporters, is how we are able to host our annual golf tournament, provide awareness, and continue our excellent programs!

Programs like Magic with Joseph, and Music to Our Ears with Ainsley have been phenomenal. Crafting things for our garden or others like making wind chimes, jewelry, and bird feeders. Let me know how you can help make our organization great!

~ Emily Pate, President



Be gracious, be kind, be thankful

cont. from Executive Director Annie

Ben's Place Community Thanksgiving on Wednesday November 22 from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. I hope you can join us for this delicious feast!

Give a call and let us know. Check out our website and Facebook for our Giving Tuesday event, including all our events and programs.

One last way to keep up with

what's going is by joining remind.com to receive our calendar, flyers, and coupons monthly. Just create an account and signup for Ben's Place Services, Inc.

Stop in and visit you'll be amazed. We are always looking for volunteers, sponsors, and ideas, so give me a call and let's talk!

Annie (904)303-5996

Upcoming Events for 2023

www.bensplacecof.org/upcoming-events

Come Tour/Schedule an appointment



Come see our NEW Home at 1751 Lindsey Rd., Jacksonville



Wednesday November 22nd



Thanksgiving Feast
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
@ the Center



Annual Golf Tourney October 21st Register Today!

Flock-a-Friend

What a great way to say hi or congrats to someone with a flocking of flamingos. Now available (along with our "FLOCKINGS") you can send a yard sized birthday cake with the appropriate number of candles, a field of spinning flowers, or a baby announcement. Please go to;

www.bensplacecof.org/flockingafriend

Make someone smile while supporting our programs.



WE NEED YOU

A Call for Volunteers

We need you. We need your time and talent.

Please consider volunteering with Ben's Place. We can have you help only once, occasionally, or on a schedule.

Are you good at crafting? Teaching? Selling? Growing? Scavenging? Social Media? Fundraising? **WE NEED YOU!** You can work directly with our members, on a team project, or solo. It's so easy to do. Choose as little or as much as you want to do, and we will make it work.

Volunteer training is available. Give me a call, email, or text and we will get started.

Info@bensplacecof.org, or call or text 904-418-2200. Hurry so we can speak soon.

~ Annie

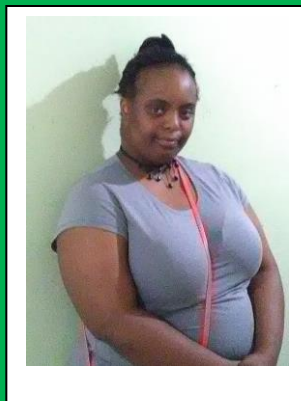
Giving back...

"No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted." – Aesop



2022 Golf Tournament

Gaisha



Thanks to our *Friends of Ben's* with your continued donations. We appreciate your kindness and support.

Gaisha's Famous Chicken Salad

- 1 Rotisserie Chicken
- ½ cup Mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup relish
- 3 tablespoons Ranch Dressing
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon Honey Mustard
- Remove the wings and legs and save them for a meal later.
- Remove the skin and bones
- Put Chicken in a food chopper and chop it up small
- Put Chicken in a mixing bowl and add all the other ingredients.
- Mix well

Serve with Ritz/Captain's Crackers or enjoy it as a delicious sandwich. You can add or remove any ingredient you wish.

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

Contact us at 904-418-2299

or

info@bensplacecof.org



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

Anne Yarbrough – Executive Director
Stephanie Schuler - Program Director

Flocking's available.

Birthday cakes!
NOW available.

<http://bensplacecof.org/flockingafriend/>



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