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Tennessee Family Solutions

Family and Friends,

Thank you all for joining us again for another TFS newsletter! We're more than happy to show off all of the wonderful folks we serve as well as the team that makes it possible. Let us know if you have any feedback or would like a story, photo, or other interesting items considered for the next issue. If so, please email: newsletter@nashvilletfs.org. If you would like to see our previous issues, visit our website at www.nashvilletfs.org

ENJOY!

Hailey Hall



A letter from Ralph

November 2017

The Fall months of 2017 have proven to be busier than any I can remember in the past. We had a wonderful Fall costume party at Cedars of Lebanon Park. We then hosted the annual conference of the Teaching-Family Association at the Inn at Opryland the week of the 13th of November. You can enjoy pictures of the event by wandering through our website: www.nashvilletfs.org. Agencies from New Zealand, Australia and Albania attended the conference this year in addition to agencies located in about 15 states here at home. TFS was recertified as a Certified Sponsoring Agency at our triennial peer survey this past September. The next event on our calendar is moving.... work is near complete on our new office in Smyrna, TN. Both the office in Nashville and the office in Murfreesboro will be moved there before year end.

The Teaching-Family Model of care is an Evidence-Based Best Practice Treatment Model of care. It was developed at the University of Kansas in the late 1960's as a non-institutional model of serving youth who were previously placed in reform schools or orphanages. The families that started TFS believed it might work well with folks who had severe intellectual disabilities. After 18 years of implementing it with the DD population we are convinced it was the right decision. The Teaching-Family Model is an organized, fully integrated approach to providing humane, effective individualized treatment and services to individuals. Further information on our Model of Care can be found at the Teaching-Family Association website at: www.teaching-family.org.

Ralph



Halloween Party

Say hello to Darth Vader, Mob leader, and a puppy!



Judy looking stunning in her firefighter outfit!!



4H enjoying the hayride!



Beautiful Marla dressed as Super Woman posing with family!



Linda rocking her Snow White costume!





BOO!



Our friend Buddy enjoying his snack! ☺



Joanna and Chase looking awfully scary!!!



Cruella de Vil caught one of her Dalmatians!



Randy looking sharp in his clown costume!



101 Dalmatians! ☺



40th ANNUAL

Teaching Family Model Conference

Tennessee Family Solutions had the privilege of hosting the 40th annual conference for the Teaching-Family Association. People from all over the world got together for a time of learning, connecting and collaborating with agencies implementing the Model. There were over 20 states and provinces as well as 4 other countries represented including Albania, Australia and New Zealand. Some highlights: Dr. Bruce Davis with the DIDD presented on Improving Health for Persons with ID/DD. Floyd Reese as the Keynote Speaker and the Commissioner of the Department of Children's Services, Bonnie Hommrich, joined administrators in a round table discussion on best practices for children in services.

Smarter Parenting was on site conducting interviews for their website and training videos. If you'd like to learn more, visit: <http://www.smarterparenting.com>

Shelly Hall



A HUGE thank you Chris Rosenbaum for this awesome custom Tenney Cut out!!



Greg dressed up as Tenney!!



Congrats to Basiru Konta for being awarded FT of the year!!!



Shout out to Scott Hooper for helping during a workshop! ☺



Shelly and Hailey with Floyd Reese!



Ralph with Floyd Reese!



Some of our TFS family at the banquet! ☺



Another group at the banquet ☺



Shelly and Kim!



Our Tenney cut out was a hit!!



Quintin presenting an AMAZING workshop!!



Getting ready for a workshop!!



One pot- Loaded Potato Soup

Prep time	Cook time	Total time
20 mins	20 minutes	40 minutes

Ingredients

- 8 slices of thick cut bacon
- 1 small onion
- 2 cloves garlic
- 5-6 large potatoes - peeled and diced
- 2 C Chicken Broth
- 3/4 C butter
- 3/4 C flour
- 1 C heavy cream
- 5 C milk
- 1-2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 2 C shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 bunch green onions
- 1/2 C sour cream

Instructions

1. in a large pot cook the bacon - when it's done pull it out, and cut into strips
2. Add the butter to the pot with the bacon grease and melt it
3. add the onion, garlic and potatoes and cook slightly
4. add the flour, salt and pepper and stir - cooking the flour slightly
5. add the chicken broth, milk and cream and bring to a boil
6. turn the heat down and simmer until the potatoes are cooked through
7. add the cheese and stir
8. add the sour cream, the bacon and the green onions and stir
9. serve with more cheese, bacon and green onions





"The Mission Of Tennessee Family Solutions is to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities lead safe, stable and personally fulfilling lifestyles in Middle Tennessee communities. In doing so, we seek to maximize community integration."

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