Nine ALDOT 5310 Vans Awarded

The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) completed its review and evaluation of The Learning Tree’s 2017 Section 5310 Program grant application in April. The grant provides capital assistance under the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities transportation program. The Learning Tree was approved to receive nine, 7-8 passenger mini vans; three for Elmore County, three for Calhoun County and three for Mobile County. The grant required a 20% matching funds, with a net value of $262,842 in vehicle support. The vans have been ordered and will arrive this September.

“Program vans are heavily used, the new vehicles will provide tremendous support for our residential and preschool programs across the state,” commented Ben Rogers, Operations Director.

Stirling Properties donates $26,500

The Learning Tree staff and students were invited to Stirling Properties’ 5th Annual “Stirling Olympics” to accept a donation of $26,500. Stirling Properties is a commercial real estate company with offices in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. The Stirling Properties employees raised a total of $53,000 to support charitable causes throughout the Gulf South region. Nathan Handmacher, a Stirling Properties employee and team member, school parent, and Learning Tree board member, nominated The Learning Tree for the gift.

The event featured Stirling Properties team members battling one another in quirky competitions and relay races, such as musical chairs, a hula hoop chain, caterpillar races and the funky chicken. The day ended with the “Mane Event,” an obstacle course race on hobby horses by the Stirling Properties partnership team. The kids had a great time watching the fun and meeting everyone. We are most grateful to everyone for their hard work and generosity.

Fuse Grant Awards $25,000

The Order of Fuse in Mobile awarded a $25,000 grant to Woody’s Song School. A special thank you to Abe and Carl Harper with Harper Technologies for nominating the school and Chase Webster with Emulous Creative for producing the winning video.

The Order of Fuse is an organization that consists of a diverse group of young professionals looking to give back to the community in a different way. The Order’s Fuse Project invests in initiatives promoting the health, fitness, education and social responsibility of our children. Two causes are selected by the members of Fuse each year for the grant. Woody’s Song School is proud to be one of their causes.
Message from the Executive Director, Dr. Marc Williams:

Helping children and adolescents with special needs and their families is what we do...our mission. Our educational and residential programs continue to demonstrate a high rate of success in managing the most severe behavior challenges. As I travel between our three regions I am always inspired by our employees who work so diligently to help our students achieve amazing results with their educational and behavioral needs. As a result of our success, the need for the services of The Learning Tree is growing exponentially. In addition to increasing enrollments in our preschools in each region, our residential programs are quickly preparing to meet the need. And in Mobile, we are in the early stages of expanding the facilities for the Residential School, Woody's Song School, and add administrative offices, all part of the Able Court project.

In other exciting news we were recently approved for nine new mini-vans by the Alabama Department of Transportation and South Alabama Regional Planning Commission. They should arrive this September to be used by our residential programs and preschools in all three regions. These additional vehicles will be a tremendous support for our programs.

Change and growth can be challenging, then again it can be exhilarating, I choose the latter. With the support of a great board of directors and staff it is just that.

Have a great summer!
Marc

Employee News

Congratulations to Heather and Drew Jones, on the birth of their new baby boy, Silas Andrew, born May 18th, 6 lbs 15 oz.

Amiston/Jacksonville Campus

Kevin Pike was promoted to Lead Maintenance Technician.

Congratulations to Jessica and Robby Reed, in the birth of their baby girl, Elizabeth Caroline born on May 8th, 7 lbs. 5 oz.

Terry Pike retired after 25 years of service.

Welcome to Randy James, Residential Supports Supervisor; Rajae Gillespie and Chandra Turner, Quality Monitors; Teresa Collins, Teacher; Shaderricka Peters, Assistant to Adult Coordinator; and Sarah Sanchez, Training Coordinator.

Aubur/ lãiassée Campus

Congratulations to Alison Hodge and Stewart Rice who were married on April 8th.

Chris Black and Kenneth Martin were promoted to Residential Support Supervisors.

Amber Kinnebrew and Janelle Johnson were promoted to Lead Teacher Assistants.

Mobile Campus

Welcome Melissa Harville, Business & Communications Manager with the Resource Development team.

Chrisy McSpadden finished her second master’s degree in Education and is now beginning school to become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, (BCBA).

RSS, Dominique Bernard is expecting her first child.

Kerrianne Castleberry, Regional Director was elected to serve as the Junior League’s “Done in a Day” Chair.

Statewide Support Continues to Grow

The Learning Tree is grateful for the support of local and state foundations and business and government support from across the state. Thank you to the following for their support in 2017 to date:

- The Junior League of Lee County gave $1,372 to purchase 4 Radio Flyer balance bikes, 4 Radio Flyer wagons, 2 Silver Riderz trikes, 4 seatbelts and harnesses, 4 bike locks and 2 sets of playground balls with a pump.
- Alabama Department of Transportation granted 6 new vans at Tallassee and Jacksonville Residential Schools.
- The South Alabama Regional Planning Commission and the Alabama Department of Transportation granted 3 vans to the Mobile Residential School.
- Infirmary Health Systems donated $750 to Woody’s Song School to recognize the volunteer efforts of employee Brenda Wesley, who was selected the Help Volunteer of the Year. Wesley selected Woody’s Song in honor of her grandfather, Grace, who has autism and is a student at Burrough’s Elementary School.
- The Alabama Power Foundation gave $500 to support the Mobile Region’s Night at the Races.
- Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church gave $1,000 to Woody’s Song School from the proceeds of their Barbecue Cookoff.
- The William G. Helis 310 Chapter 310 Order of AHEPA awarded $1,500 to Woody’s Song School to be used to purchase curriculum.
- Paint The Town Blue, a project of the 2016 Connect Mobile class, donated $1,300 to The Little Tree Preschool in Mobile from proceeds of their Early Intervention Awareness Fair in April.
- Empty Stocking awarded $500 for Holiday Helping Hearts for Jacksonville campus.
- Altey/Styslinger Foundation granted $2,500 for Jacksonville and Anniston locations.
- Mr. Chase Webster of Emulous Creative donated his time and talent to produce the video for the “A Night at the Races” event and the FUSE project grant for the residential program, the preschool, and Woody’s Song School.

Please note: Employee News may be submitted to your regional Resource Development Coordinator monthly.

HB284 Advocacy “Autism Bill”

Thanks to the lobbying of parents and the support of several key lawmakers, Alabama autism families are breathing a sigh of relief since Gov. Kay Ivey signed House Bill 284, better known as the “autism bill,” into law on May 19, 2017. Parents and advocates attended in large numbers at the State House in Montgomery for hearings and committee meetings, driving home the point that ABA, or Applied Behavior Analysis, is the one therapy that has proven time and time again to be the most effective therapy for children on the autism spectrum. Our lawmakers listened, and beginning in October, many insurance plans will be required to provide coverage for services for children up to age 18. This applies to companies with at least 51 employees, with public insurance plans (including state and education employees, Medicare, and All Kids) being covered at a later date.

FACT! The Learning Tree provides assistance to more than 75 school districts to deliver special education services and teacher training.

http://www.learning-tree.org

Established in 1983, The Learning Tree, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to children and adolescents with significant educational, medical, and behavioral challenges, helping them develop and maintain a quality of life expected by non-disabled members of their family and community.

The Learning Tree, Inc. and its programs admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

The Learning Tree is governed by a volunteer board of directors, representative of the primary service areas in the State of Alabama.

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On April 29th, guests went ‘all in’ for The Learning Tree children at the 6th annual Aces for Autism Gala. The presenting sponsor was Pediatrics Plus, a local pediatrician office with professionals who are committed to quality pediatric care. The gala is the largest fundraiser in the northern region in support of The Learning Tree school programs in Anniston and Jacksonville. A record $40,000 was raised through ticket sales, sponsorships, pre-event donations, on-site pledges and donations. A large silent auction featured over 100 items that added to the fun and excitement. “We are very grateful for the growing community support for this event,” said Dr. Marc Williams, Executive Director.

The gala was held at the Buckner Event Plaza on Fort McClellan; a historical venue, with elegant, rustic architecture. Chef David Garfrerick of Garfrerick’s Café in Oxford managed the catering. Guests enjoyed a unique experience with grilled Cajun shrimp served straight from the staged grill. Carved roast beef was featured surrounded by a variety of fresh salads and fruit. Dessert included a delightful key lime pie and a wonderfully gooey white chocolate bread pudding. Bama Budweiser and International Wines provided the wine and beer libations, and Milos donated wonderful ice tea. Susan and Steve Giles of 2 Wolves DJ Service of Fort Payne provided the music for the evening. Goodfella’s Gaming delivered another fun filled casino night with quality dealers and games. Seth Johnson donated the videography. Z & H Photography, Zack Brown and Hannah Gay donated their time to capture the memories of the evening. Lilypad Florist in Centre provided beautiful flower arrangements.

“An event like this would not be possible without the help of our sponsors and friends,” added Erica Brown, Resource Development Coordinator. Thank you to the Resource Development Committee; Tammy Wigington, Dana Snyder, Jillian and Seth Johnson, Nicole Comer, Jennifer Edmondson, Aimee Spruill, Jennifer Wythe, Patricia Murphy, Tiffany Canady, Jamie Logan, Nicole Dieckow, and Jenny Dooley. Lonna Miller, owner of Buckner Event Plaza, was a great help during the planning and event phases. Volunteers for the evening included Kohl’s employees of Oxford and Alpha Xi Delta sisters from Jacksonville State University. Donna and Ashley Evans came all the way from Rome, Georgia to help out.

Tommy Hammonds donated a Loreley Resort, 8 day-7night stay in Helen, Georgia. High Adventure Company donated the all-inclusive Port Eads Deep Sea Fishing vacation, valued at $2500. Other silent auction examples included High Adventure Company, Disney World, YETI, Coach, Williams Sonoma, Georgia Aquarium, World of Coke, Baron’s Baseball, Rome Braves, Ripley’s Believe It or Not, Kentucky Horse Park, University of Alabama, Auburn University, Alabama Splash, Agpro, and Windcreek Casino. Local artists, Keith Wahl, JC Morgan, and Jamie Runnells, donated their original works. Other items included Mary Kay, Scentsy, Perfectly Posh, Jamberry, etc.
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A record crowd attended the 5th Annual “A Night at the Races,” sponsored by HPC Specialty Pharmacy. Nearly 200 guests attended, raising more than $26,000. The guests arrived at The Pillars of Mobile in their finest Derby attire and were treated to delicious hors d’oeuvres by Clark’s Kitchen and entertainment by James Patterson. Chip Herrington performed the “call to post” for each race. Onsite Entertainment provided a video gaming experience in the courtyard and aired the videoed horse racing. Magic Memories photo booth offered a fun keepsake to commemorate the evening.

This event would not have been a success without the help of our amazing volunteers! Thank you to everyone who worked tirelessly behind the scenes securing sponsorships, auction items and helping to set up our venue. Harper Technology’s Abe and Carl Harper donated all of the media equipment and their expertise to make sure that our races ran smoothly. We’d also like to thank Chase Webster with Emulous Creative for producing a wonderful tribute to the mission of The Learning Tree.

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HPC’s Ron Cieutat and Janet Bryan
The Pillars courtyard after dark
The third annual “Boots and Bow Ties” was a huge success for the Tallasse/Tallon region. The event was held at Lazenby Farms in Auburn on February 17th. The evening was filled with lots of good food, music and friends. There were more than 200 guests in attendance to enjoy the silent auction and gaming tables. Troubadour BBQ provided the catering and Mr. Don Darby provided the piano music for the night.

Board President, Dr. Marcia Rossi joined the fun along with other distinguished guests, Mayor of Tallasse, Johnny Hammock and Tallasse City Council member, Sarah Hill. A big thank you to one of Tallasse’s residential parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bates, for their heartwarming testimonial about their family. The event raised over $17,000.

Sponsors for the event included:

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A special thanks to Anita Sears for her design work, Dawn Lazenby of Lazenby Farms, April Rapp, Jessica Zevac, Carmen Rodgers for the photography, Britney Hornsby, Alpha Xi Delta, Junior League of Lee County, Priscilla and Steve Hammonds, Teresa Atkins, Erica Brown, Dallas Weldon, Vicky Hudson, Louann Moore, and Emily and Jesse Rollins.

Dana Price and Brittany Hornsby
L - R: Phyllis Reile & Marc Williams with Heather Jones
L - R: Erin Welford Pat Murphy and Valerie Whatley
L - R: Sarah Hill, Laura & Kay Pears, Jake & Jennifer Crain, Busy & Erin Smith
Jim Sears & Gail Sims
Phyllis Reile gives auction item to teacher Kristen Davis
Nurses' Week Celebrated
Nurses' week was celebrated May 6th – May 12th. The nurses at the Tallassee campus monitor the general health of the children while at school and in their homes. They routinely monitor all medications, conduct assessments, and monitor vital signs. If a child has a scrape, cough or congestion, the nurses assess them to see if a trip to the doctor or ER is needed. Many times they are called on for jobs beyond their normal scope, and must frequently take night and weekend calls. They are always ready to help . . . 24 hours a day seven days a week! Our nurses make the appointments for the children to see a physician and also go along for the appointments. But the most important thing about our nurses is how much they love their job and love the children!

Junior League of Lee County supports the
Little HAPIE Tree Preschool
The Junior League of Lee County (JLLC) awarded a grant for $1,327.00 to the Little H.A.P.I.E. Tree Preschool in Auburn to fund the project “Pedal Your Way to Fitness”. The JLLC is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The JLLC strives to promote health and wellness among elementary and middle school children of Lee County by providing and assisting with access to food, nutritional education and physical education.

The JLLC has graciously supported the preschool for several years. This year’s donation will purchase 4 Radio Flyer balance bikes, 4 Radio Flyer wagons, 2 Silver Riderz taxi trikes, 4 seatbelts and harnesses, 4 bike locks and 2 sets of playground balls and pump to promote physical fitness within the preschool. Jessica Zevac, Assistant Program Director of the preschool and teacher Alison Rice attended the awards ceremony to accept the grant May 16th at the Moore’s Mill Club Pavilion.

First United Methodist Church Builds Ramp
The Men’s Club from the First United Methodist Church recently built a ramp at one of the Learning Tree group homes in Tallassee. The Men’s Club is a group of men that voluntarily builds ramps around the Tallassee area for people in need. The men’s group members are Mr. John Wayne Bradford, Dr. Jim Jeffers, Mr. Sam Johnson, Mr. Herbie Mason, Mr. Spencer Marson, Mr. Bob Reed, and Mr. Bob Taunton. They worked very fast and did a great job. They built the ramp in one day while the children were in school.

Training Events Held in Tallassee
The Tallassee Campus hosted two training events during the last quarter. The first event was held on February 23rd and 24th for the Professional Crisis Management Association’s (PCMA) annual instructor recertification program. This training has consistently been an opportunity for members from each campus to get together and know each other a little better. We are especially thankful for the instruction of Miquel Avila from PCMA. His instruction on managing crisis behavior and various techniques was beneficial to all involved. This was his first training visit to The Learning Tree and we look forward to his return in future years.

The second Professional Crisis Management Association training event ran the last four days of March. Eleven employees from across all three campuses participated in the course, to achieve instructor status in PCMA’s Everyday Behavior Tools Course. Lisa Schmidt with PCMA did a great job presenting the material. The course is designed to teach ways for developing stronger relationships between the employees and the students at The Learning Tree. “Everyday Behavior Tools is now being taught to all employees as part of their initial training,” said Ken Atkins, Director of Employee Development.

Tallassee Employee Anniversaries Recognized
Congratulations to the Tallassee residential school and preschool employees who have celebrated a work anniversary since the beginning of the year!

FACT!
The Learning Tree provides a 24 hour care home for more than 100 children and adolescents with severe behavior challenges.
Pint Night Raises Funds

Martin’s Family Clothing partnered with Cheaha Brewery Company in Anniston to host a Pint Night to benefit The Learning Tree in March. Martin’s Family Clothing donated concert tickets, t-shirts, hats, gift certificates, and more. Door prizes included concert tickets for Gladys Knight, Chris Rock, Journey, and Lonestar. Souvenir pint glasses were etched with The Learning Tree logo, Martin’s logo, and Cheaha Brewing logo and given to each guest with their first pint purchase. They also received a door prize ticket for a chance to win. Local Marc Womack donated his time and acoustic set music for entertainment. Pints were $5 each, and 100% proceeds went to The Learning Tree, raising more than $700. Mary thanks to Bill Wakefield for arranging this night and supporting The Learning Tree!

Holiday Helping Hearts

Holiday Helping Hearts is a program designed to provide children in The Learning Tree residential programs with holiday gifts. Sponsorships are accepted every year to fulfill children’s specific wish list items that includes clothing, toys, video games, and recreational supplies.

In the Jacksonville area, the wish lists for 36 children were fulfilled for the 2016 Christmas holiday! Families and businesses from across the Northeast Alabama region, including as far as Birmingham, sponsored all of the children.

Before Christmas day the children enjoyed their annual party and performed a play, ‘Cirque De Learning Tree’. Each child had a role in the play, portraying their character’s acrobatic skills, strength, baking skills, art skills, singing talents, and more. The decorations included a 3-D Ferris wheel, old world circus posters, a brightly colored circus tent, balloons, and more. The school cafeteria provided a festive holiday dinner followed by a visit from Santa Claus! The children received the wrapped gifts at the party and then on Christmas morning. What better way to make a child smile than through these special gifts on such a special day!

If you would be interested in sponsoring a child for the 2017 Holiday Helping Hearts program, please contact Erica Brown at ebrown@learning-tree.org.

Love is in the Air at Little Tree Preschool

When 4-year-old Waylon Turner came home talking about his friend, Harper, his mother had no idea that a special relationship was developing. Employee, Kim Turner explained, “Waylon came home day after day telling me what his friend Harper had said. It was several weeks before she realized that Harper was nonverbal and on the spectrum. Waylon always discussed their interactions with no hint of any “differences.” Since that time, Waylon and Harper consider themselves boyfriend and girlfriend. Waylon explains that “Harper tells me she loves me in her own way.” Harper’s mom, Constance Rice, even had shirts made for them that say “Harper’s Hunk” and Waylon’s Girl.”

The Little Tree Preschools are inclusive programs where children with developmental challenges are served alongside their typically developing peers. The typical children act as peer models for their classmates. Waylon takes his role as peer model to heart. “When his mom asked him if he was bothered by Harper’s not talking, he said that’s just Harper.” He stays by her side and helps her calm down when she’s having a bad day.

Harper, also four, has a twin sister, Stella. Constance describes Harper as her shy twin and says Harper rarely allows others to touch or interact with her on any level. She explains, “To see her giving Waylon hugs and smiling and laughing with him was and is the best gift I could receive. This genuine love and acceptance by the sweetest little blonde boy gives me so much hope for my girls and their future.” Harper’s dad, John Rice, echoes these sentiments. “Waylon enjoys and admires Harper’s abilities and strengths just as she presents them. That shows a maturity well beyond his years and can also teach us adults a valuable lesson in showing grace and humility. Waylon and Harper have a bond that embodies the acceptance I long for people of all abilities and differences to experience in their life,” he said.
Senior Bowl Players Visit

The Residential School and Woody’s Song School in Mobile enjoyed some very special visitors in January. Four Senior Bowl team players visited the schools and played football with a few of the students. Ryan Switzer (North Carolina), Taywan Taylor (Western Kentucky), Sefo Luifau (Colorado) and Nate Gerry (Nebraska) spent several hours with the kids, signing autographs, and playing. Ryan, Taywan, Sefo and Nate took time out of their busy schedules to come by the schools leaving a lasting impression with a few new fans . . . who will be watching out of their busy schedules to come by the schools leaving a lasting impression with a few new fans.

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Bowl team players visited the schools and played football with the children and staff. She is also remembered for her sense of humor and strength. Yolanda Bush remembers Pam as “always telling it like it is.” Marthea Gibney remembers her as someone who could brighten anyone’s day with her wit when times were rough and move you with kind words on other occasions. Frank Snyder misses Pam’s positive attitude and energy. Annie Boykin values her friendship with Pam and the times they shared comparing their weekends. “Pam was always there for the staff and kids when needed, she reminisced. Devon Waver, Pam’s supervisor, valued the advice that he received from her and appreciates how much she cared about the children. “Pam would use her own time to decorate the student’s bedrooms and homes. She refused to be paid. She was a strong and proud woman with a great spirit and a big heart. She is still loved and missed, He said.” Pam worked for The Learning Tree’s Mobile Campus for eight years.

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Thanks to the charitable work of some really great folks in the Mobile area, the residential kids and students at Woody’s Song School enjoyed a wonderful Christmas party that included lunch, snow cones, inflatables, a gaming truck, train rides, and a visit from Santa. As a service project, they made stockings for the staff and kids when needed, she reminisced. Devon Waver, Pam’s supervisor, valued the advice that he received from her and appreciates how much she cared about the children. “Pam was always there for the staff and kids when needed, she reminisced. Devon Waver, Pam’s supervisor, valued the advice that he received from her and appreciates how much she cared about the children. “Pam would use her own time to decorate the student’s bedrooms and homes. She refused to be paid. She was a strong and proud woman with a great spirit and a big heart. She is still loved and missed, He said.” Pam worked for The Learning Tree’s Mobile Campus for eight years.

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  - Autos for Autism Car Show
  - Jacksonville

- **August 5th**
  - Woodstock 5k
  - Anniston

- **August 10th**
  - Chip in for Children Golf Tournament
  - Auburn

- **September 20th**
  - Chip In for Autism Golf Tournament
  - Mobile

- **November 1st**
  - Holiday Helping Hearts
  - Anniston

- **November 11th**
  - Run for HOPE 5k/10k
  - Anniston

- **November 18th**
  - Angling for Autism
  - Alex City

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