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SUPPORTERS OF THE LEARNING TREE



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40

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2023 II

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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A Message From the Executive Director, Dr. Marc Williams



As we announced in our last newsletter, we are celebrating 40 years of service on behalf of children and families from across Alabama and the Southeast. Be sure to join in on any of our special events throughout the year to help us celebrate. Also, take note of our newly branded logo, signage, and other materials as they are completed and give us your feedback!

In new developments I am pleased to announce the opening of the new program building in Mobile on Able Ct. following many months of construction. The 15,190 sq ft building boasts new office spaces for residential and educational program staff, a nursing clinic, training areas, and a beautiful cafeteria. This is a huge improvement for us in that area. This space was designed according to what we need to best serve the children, rather than just adapting our work to the space. We appreciate the Cummings Architecture group and Ben Rogers, our Operations Director, for their work on the project.

In other news, welcome nurse Kellie Pruitt to the Pelham Team and Crystal Smart in Tallalsee.

Make Your Impact!

Once again, I hope we will all continue to think about our personal impact in our work, our work relationships, and the families we serve. A simple "thank you" or another kind word can go a long way during our work routines. Let us truly be representatives of our strong history and new brand. . .as we grow together.

Many thanks to our volunteer board of directors and our staff for your time, dedication, and contributions to our program.

Have a great Summer!

Marc

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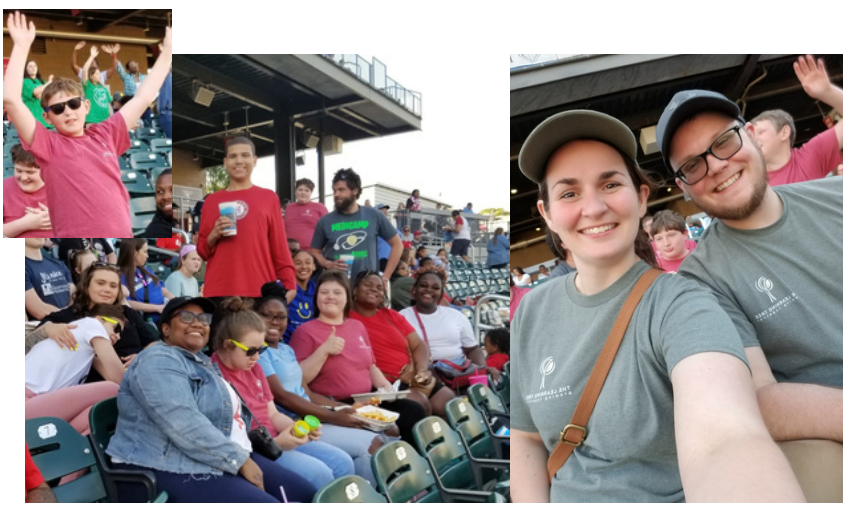
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Joint Campus Night with the Barons

Birmingham and Jacksonville kids and staff enjoyed a night of baseball with the Barons, on April 30. The Birmingham Barons held "Autism Awareness Night". This sensory-friendly game offered a calmer and quieter atmosphere and featured resources for families of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The Birmingham Barons partners with nonprofit organizations throughout central Alabama each year making this worthwhile event completely inclusive.

The IMPACT of Caring



1. The Day of Caring team from the Mobile Airport Authority spent a morning landscaping at The Learning Tree's (TLT) Growing Independence Behavioral Services (GIBS) clinic in Mobile. 2. TLT's Mobile Campus Celebrated the opening of their remodeled multipurpose building. 3&4. Erica Brown, Samantha Hollis, Andrea VanAkin, and Stephanie Remington represented TLT at the ABAI Conference in Denver, CO. 5. A surprise visit from our friends and supporter, the Anniston Police Department. 6. Regional Director, Amiee Spruill pictured with Mayor Johnny Smith as City of Jacksonville declared April Autism Awareness Month in honor of TLT. 7. GIBS Program Director, Heather Fulford represented TLT at the University of Alabama's Autism Conference. 8. Payton Thomas accepted grant funds awarded by Central Alabama Community Foundation. 9. Markis' Edwards accepted \$2,500 awarded by the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism. 10. Heather Fulford and Payton Thomas represented TLT at the River Region Disabilities Resource Fair in Montgomery.

Alabama State Fair

Kids and staff from Birmingham and Anniston locations attended the Alabama State Fair where they experienced a thrilling evening with new friends!



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Growing Independence Behavioral Services

GIBS Anniston is splashing into SUMMER! 🌊

#springfever #focusonyourself #GIBS #aba
#abalife #challengeyourself #tltrocks 🌟 #gibs
#funfriday #lookgoodfeelgood #proudofyou
#autismacceptance



The Learning Tree, Inc.

Our administration staff goes above and beyond the call of duty daily.

Thank you, Anita, Birmingham Office Manager, for your dedication!



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☀️ Mid-week outing to Pelicans Sno Ball 🍷

#40years #proudofyou #tltrocks 🌟
#bekindtoeveryone #AutismMonth #abatherapy
#riseandshine #directcareservices #jsu
#residentialcare #abalife #directcaresupportstaff
#specialneedseducation #Alabama



The Learning Tree, Inc.

It was an exciting day for TLT at the Mobile Campus today. A ribbon cutting was held for the opening of our new building located on Able Court. Campus staff joined Marc Williams, Executive Director, in the opening ceremony. Jana Blades and Regional Director, Kim Hill performed the ribbon cutting.

Many thanks to Molly Dolan, Resource Development Coordinator for putting together the arrangements for the day, including refreshments. Well done!



Growing Independence Behavioral Services


GIBS Birmingham is transforming into 'Under The Sea'....

"Live in the sunshine, swim the sea, drink the wild air." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

#tltrocks 🌟 #GIBS #BeeMine 🐝 #loveyou
#igotyoubabe #sea #sealife #seascape #aba
#abatherapy



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 **United Way of Southwest Alabama** 🌟
Follow

The Day of Caring team from the [Mobile Airport Authority](#) spent the morning landscaping at [The Learning Tree, Inc.](#) in Mobile. Thank you for your time and hard work.

#DOC23 #TLTMobile #LiveUnited #MOBAirport



Summer Bash

Residential coordinators from across Alabama planned a summer gathering where students enjoyed fun in the sun while sporting their assigned campus color. Blue: Mobile, Red: Jacksonville, Yellow: Birmingham, Green: Tallahassee.

Thank You!

Employee and Supervisor of the Year

Maya Mitchell is The Learning Tree's state-wide Supervisor of the Year. She currently serves as Coordinator of Residential Services for the Anniston/Jacksonville region. Maya began her career with TLT at age 18. She credits her six years with the organization for making her the person she is today, both as a mother and a member of society. As a supervisor, Maya's favorite part in her role is being able to connect with staff and help guide them into a successful career path with TLT.



Maya Mitchell



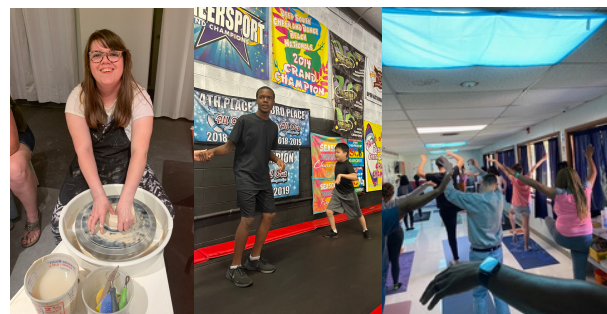
Stephanie Clark

After just over a year with The Learning Tree, Stephanie Clark was chosen as state-wide Employee of the Year. She serves as Teaching Assistant for the Birmingham region and has been thrilled to assist with other TLT locations as needed. Stephanie feels that her biggest impact is made when interacting with students. She feels that her time with TLT has taught her patience and how to work with behaviors. She hopes to take part in helping her region grow and thrive.



Staying Active

Funding from the Treadwell Foundation and Kilborn's Kids allowed TLT's Mobile campus participation in cooking classes, art lessons, gymnastics, dance, and yoga.



Celebrating Mother's Day with the Community

Birmingham students and staff took the time to make flower arrangements for the ladies at The Gardens of Pelham Assisted Living. This project offered the opportunity to work as a group to make an impact in the local community.



Just Give it a Shot with The Learning Tree

The Learning Tree, Inc. was excited to host its third annual basketball tournament on Thursday, May 18th at the University of Mobile for the city of Mobile and surrounding areas. The tournament comprises residential providers from throughout Mobile County and the Birmingham, Jacksonville, and Tallassee Learning Tree campuses. Students and staff from all over look forward to this event each year, bringing smiles to the faces of our students and staff.



Growing Independence Behavioral Services

The Learning Tree's Growing Independence Behavioral Services outpatient clinic program has seen positive growth in all of our locations (Anniston, Birmingham, Montgomery, and Mobile). We are thrilled to welcome new Board Certified Behavior Analysts to Birmingham and Montgomery. Pictured below: Mother's Day and July Fourth celebrations in Anniston and learning and recreation in Birmingham.



The Honor Roll

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40 Year Celebration | August 24, 2023 | Apothecary Draft House, Jacksonville, AL | 6:00PM-8:00PM
Cruise-In Car Show Benefitting TLT | October 28, 2023 | Adairsville, GA | More Information to Come
Anglers for Autism Bass Tournament | Fall 2023 | Details Coming Soon

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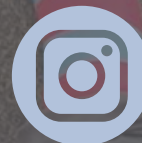
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