



Spring 2019 Newsletter

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After the storm: Recovering after Irma

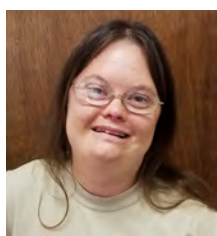
In September of 2017, Hurricane Irma raged through Clay County, in it's aftermath laid a path of destruction that included our Dr. Charles Frank Garden and Greenhouse. Established in 2012, this cornerstone project is an important component of BASCA's day programs. Individuals who work in this "seed to table" garden benefit by learning how to grow healthy food. It also provides exercise and an opportunity to work as part of a team.

Thanks to the dedication of volunteers, staff and the individuals of BASCA, the garden beds have been rebuilt. A robust crop of fruits and vegetables that include corn, squash, tomatoes, blackberries, okra, watermelon and much more are growing and providing food for the group homes. This summer, thanks to a Red Coat Grant from The PLAYERS Championship, construction on a well will begin, making the maintenance of the garden much easier.

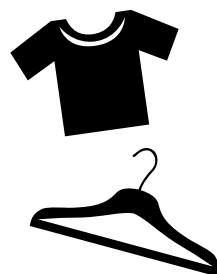
Cassandra, an individual who attends BASCA's Day Program says *"I like working in the garden, you are outside and the vegetables taste really good."*



Help keep our garden growing! [Click here to make a donation.](#)



Story and photos by Rachel E.



The BASCA Bargain Boutique

Recently, I was cleaning out my closet. I found clothes that I outgrew and didn't fit me anymore. I took the clothes to the BASCA Bargain Boutique and donated them. The volunteers took my clothes and put them out for other people to buy. The money raised at the Boutique comes back to BASCA and helps pay for all that BASCA does. I gave my clothes to the Boutique to help other people.



"Take Me Home"

The Orange Park Police Department just launched it's "Take Me Home" program, the first of its kind in this area. The program is a free database offered and managed by the OPPD that will help the OPPD reunite individuals who may wander with their families or caregivers.

Using this database, if a caregiver calls police because their loved one is missing, the OPPD will have the immediate ability to distribute a photograph and pertinent information to the officers who are searching for them. This information will then be used to help them locate the individual and return them home in the quickest and safest manner possible. Similarly, if the individual is enrolled in the program and are found wandering around town confused and unable to tell anyone who they are or where they live, the OPDD may be able to identify them from the database and return them home safely.

To register an individual or for more information please contact: Officer Samantha Frehulfer at 904-264-5555 or email her at sfrehulfer@townop.com.



Officers from OPDD visited BASCA and introduced the "Take Me Home" program to the individuals and their families.



BASCA Receives Special Recognition



During the annual "Celebrate Clay" Community Service Awards Breakfast, BASCA was honored to receive the 2019 Special Judge's Award from The Paul E. & Klare N. Reinhold Foundation. "Celebrate Clay" was created in 2009 to recognize, reward, and encourage community service within Clay County. Annual cash awards are presented to non-profit groups providing outstanding services, as selected by a panel of judges who vote the best for that year. Since 2009, the Reinhold Foundation has awarded \$765,000 to more than 100 nonprofit organizations.

SUBARU BASCA Golf Classic - This year, 136 golfers enjoyed wonderful weather, a prestigious golf course and delicious food during the Subaru BASCA Golf Classic. With the support of all involved, approximately \$37,000 was raised! These monies will help us to purchase a new Transportation Van that will allow us to serve more individuals, as well as continue to improve services in our Day Training Programs.

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped make this event a success!!



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BASCA's mission is to improve the quality of life for individuals with intellectual and developmental differences in Northeast Florida.



Congratulations to Hank and Maryann Welch, the winners of the Jacksonville Beach Getaway Package!



More pictures from the event can be seen on the BASCA website. www.bascainc.org



Mark your calendars!
BASCA "Cape"abilities 5K!
Saturday, September 21, 2019.

Registration now open!





Whiten for Charity!

- BASCA Board Member, Dr. Peggy Lessig of Fleming Island Dentistry, has partnered with **Smiles for Life**, an alliance of dentists around the world who are strongly committed to serving their communities through charitable work. This year, from March through the end of June, hundreds of dental practices throughout the U.S. are professionally whitening teeth to raise money for seriously ill, disabled, and underprivileged children in their local communities.

Last year, Dr. Lessig and her staff participated in Smiles for Life and raised over \$4,000! This year, you can help them exceed that amount by going to Fleming Island Family Dentistry, PA and getting your teeth professionally whitened. **Half of the proceeds will be donated to BASCA!**

Please visit <https://smilesforlife.org/dentist-profile/10363> for more information!



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