

“Committed to improving the quality of life for persons with developmental disabilities.”

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What is the relationship between O’Berry Center Foundation and OBNMTC?

O’Berry Neuro Medical Treatment Center (OBNMTC) is a state-operated (Department of Health & Human Services) residential facility for approximately 290 persons with developmental disabilities from 65 counties in eastern and central NC. Admissions now focus on individuals who are either elderly or medically fragile, as well as having a developmental disability. OBNMTC is one of the largest employers in Wayne County.

O’Berry Center Foundation was founded in 1990 by OBNMTC staff and families of persons living at OBNMTC because they saw a need to help impact the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities in communities across North Carolina. Although part of the Foundation’s mission is to help individuals living at OBNMTC, the Foundation is a completely separate entity as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Letter from a Family who received Family Support Funds from the Foundation

“Please convey our sincerest thanks to all the members of the O’Berry Center Foundation for the funds to purchase the bike trailer we needed for Martha to join us on our precious family outings. The trailer has arrived, been assembled, and already put to good use out on our local greenway around the lake. One of the neatest things is that I can hear

Martha laughing as the wind brushes her face as she sees other people go by while she’s riding in the trailer. She truly enjoys it, as do all of us. Again we thank the Foundation for recognizing how much we wanted to “include” Martha, and for MAKING IT HAPPEN!!”

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2012 Annual Campaign Kick-off

The Foundation’s 4th Annual Campaign has officially begun! Last year’s Campaign was a huge success and with your help, we can raise even more funds to continue the programs we offer in the communities we serve and at O’Berry Neuro Medical Treatment Center!

Every year during our Annual Campaign, the Foundation highlights one of the many individuals helped through our Family Support Program. The Foundation loans durable medical equipment and assistive technology equipment to individuals with a developmental disabilities in the communities we serve. This year, the Annual Campaign letter featured Zachary, a young boy who received a specialized bicycle to help him maintain a healthy weight and gain muscle

strength. Zachary donated his outgrown bicycle to a little girl at Duke Children’s Physical Therapy Clinic. “They are on a waiting list for help and her parents couldn’t afford one...just like us. Zachary loves giving and helping others. What a beautiful ending to his outgrown bicycle. **We are speechless and so grateful for what the Foundation has blessed Zachary with,**” said Tangy, Zachary’s mother.

This year’s Annual Campaign goal is to raise \$10,000 to continue to help individuals like Zachary living in our communities. A gift of any size is greatly appreciated and can be considered a deduction on your 2012 taxes. With your help, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of others just like Zachary.



You can help others like Zachary (pictured above) by donating to the Foundation’s 2012 Annual Campaign!
Mail your check to OBCF, P.O. Box 1157, Goldsboro, NC 27533 or visit www.oberrycenterfoundation.org and click on the Donate Now Button!!!

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Mission

Founded in 1990, the O’Berry Center Foundation improves the quality of life for persons with developmental disabilities at O’Berry Neuro Medical Treatment Center and in the 67 NC counties it serves through family support, community services, education, quality of life initiatives and scholarships.

2012 Scholarship Recipients Announced



Congratulations to
Charlie Bell
and
Heather Wilde !!



Through the Foundation's permanent endowment, we provide scholarships to O'Berry Center employees and through a partnership with Knights of Columbus/LAMB Foundation, we provide scholarships to individuals in the community working towards a degree with the intent of serving the developmentally disabled.

Charlie Bell (pictured left) is working to receive her Board Certification of Behavior Analysis at Florida Institute of Technology, which will allow her to supervise and train therapists, perform functional assessments and provide consultative services to the public school system. Heather Wilde (not pictured) is working to receive her BA in Special/Elementary Education at UNCG and hopes to give all children the education they deserve.

To date, the Foundation has awarded two scholarships for the 2012-2013 school year.

The Foundation is still accepting Scholarship Applications for the 2012-2013 school year. Visit www.oberrycenterfoundation.org or call (919) 581-4187 for more information!

Foundation Receives \$25,000 Grant



Please stay tuned for more Information about upcoming Educational Seminars!!

In collaboration with Caswell Center Foundation, Mt. Olive College & other local agencies, the O'Berry Center Foundation was recently selected to receive a \$25,000 grant through North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation's Ribbon of Hope mini-grants program.

years for parents/guardians of developmentally disabled persons in our community, employees at O'Berry & Caswell Centers as well as private providers in the community. These Seminars will focus on the training needs in the field of developmental disabilities in hopes of improving the quality of care for persons with developmental disabilities.

While still in the initial planning stage, these seminars are expected to include nationally recognized speakers as well as provide Continuing Education Credits for professionals working with the DD population.



20th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED



Everyone mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 3, 2012 for our 20th Annual Golf Tournament! It will be here before you know it!

To CELEBRATE our 20th year of this great golf event, we are working to make it the best tournament we have ever had! Lots of prizes, great food, fun

games, and of course a GREAT DAY OF GOLF! Register early because last year we ran out of space and we want YOU to be able to play! If you would like to sponsor the tournament, please contact us at 919-581-4187!

Please check out our updated website, oberrycenterfoundation.org for all the latest information about our Tournament! WE WILL SEE YOU THERE !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



The Foundation Helping O'Berry Center

As part of our mission, the Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals residing at O'Berry Neuro Medical Treatment Center (OBNMTC). In 2011, the Foundation helped provide the following equipment at OBNMTC: Through our Quality of Life Program, we purchased a 42" flat screen TV & wall mount for a resident in a Group Home who had accidentally damaged

his previous TV beyond repair. He is now able to continue his routine of watching TV in his room and making choices of which shows to watch!

The Foundation also purchased a Pool Access Wheelchair (pictured bottom, right) which will allow individuals at OBNMTC to safely be able to be transferred in and out of the Therapeutic swimming pool. Individuals previously unable to benefit

from aquatic physical therapy can now safely enjoy all the benefits!

Thanks to a grant from the Knights of Columbus, the Foundation was able to purchase 2 wheelchair accessible swings at OBNMTC. Jeff Whitener of Volunteer Services sits with a resident (pictured top, right) as she enjoys her first ride on the installed swings! What a wonderful sight to see such joy & excitement on her face!



Foundation's Website Gets a New Look

The Foundation is pleased to announce that its website (www.oberrycenterfoundation.org) has been undergoing renovations and is now live! As the Foundation continues to grow in the coming years, the new website is one of many improvements that will be made to help us provide much needed services to persons with special needs. Since 2008, the Foundation partnered with NC State's

Master of Public Administration program providing much needed practical nonprofit experience to MPA students. MPA student Andy Nolan was hired in June 2010 by the Foundation as an intern to improve the look and functionality of its website. The new website features an easy-to-use drop menu that allows visitors to smoothly navigate through the site and find needed information

on services provided, fundraisers, news & events and contact information. The new website also features an online Golf Tournament registration form for Golfers and Sponsors. What are your thoughts? We would love to get your feedback on our new website. Email any suggestions or concerns to monunc@nc.rr.com.



How can YOU help the Foundation?!

- Volunteer your time at one of our fundraisers or our Annual Golf Tournament
- Donate to the State Employees Combined Campaign, Code # 1572
- Donate online at www.oberrycenterfoundation.org
- Explore our Planned Giving options
- For more information how you can help the O'Berry Center Foundation, call us at (919) 581-4187

Visit the Foundation's New and Improved Website at www.oberrycenterfoundation.org and tell us what you think!!!!

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