

“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!!”

-Jennifer R.

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20th Annual Golf Tournament to be Held WEDNESDAY, Oct. 3, 2012!

The Kickoff for the Foundation’s 20th Annual Golf Tournament has officially begun! Last year’s tournament was a HUGE success and we were able to raise over \$30,000 to help developmentally disabled individuals in our community! With your help, we can make this year’s tournament an even BIGGER success!

In honor of our 20th Anniversary, the Foundation is planning lots of new surprises for this year’s tournament! Our goal this year is to raise more money than ever to help make the lives of those with developmental disabilities happier and healthier!

Last year’s Tournament filled up quickly and we had to turn people away, so make sure you register ASAP!!

New this year, golfers and sponsors can register online using the Foundation’s new-and-improved website! To register online, go to www.oberrycenterfoundation.org, and click on the Golf Tournament Icon! It’s that easy! You can pay online with a credit card OR choose to mail in a check!!

As always, we promise a wonderful round of golf at Lane Tree Golf Club, good food and a great time for all while supporting a worthy cause!

If you would like more information or know someone who may want to play or sponsor, Please Call Monnie Lunsford at (919) 815-4046 or 919-581-4187!

We hope to see you there for a beautiful day of golf!

New in 2012!

Online Registration for Golfers & Sponsors!

Visit www.oberrycenterfoundation.org, click on the Golf Tournament Icon. **Pay by check or credit card!**

Call (919) 815-4046 if you have any questions!



Join us Wed. Oct. 3, 2012 at Lane Tree Golf Club for some golf, food and good times!!!

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.

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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.

These funds will be used to offer a series of Educational Seminars over the next 3

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.

Foundation Announces Intern for 2012-2013



Julia Howie, Foundation Intern for 2012-2013

The Board of Directors recently announced its decision to hire Julia Howie as its newest intern. Since 2008, the Foundation has hired part-time interns from NC State University's Master of Public Administration program. The Foundation receives much needed administrative, programming and marketing support and students gain valuable

working experience in the field of nonprofit management.

Julia Howie received her BA from NC State University in Interpersonal & Public Communication with a minor in Nonprofit Studies. Julia has been involved with several nonprofits, including internships with Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, Make-A-Wish Foun-

dation of Eastern NC, Marbles Kids Museum and volunteering for Stop Hunger Now and Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Julia has extensive experience in assisting in fundraising and marketing campaigns. The Foundation's Board and staff members are excited to see the great work she will do in the next year!



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). 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 participate in 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!



Meet Dr. Shannon Maxwell, New Board President

The Foundation's Board of Directors recently voted Dr. Shannon Maxwell as Board President for the remainder of 2012. Dr. Maxwell had served as the Vice President and was a clear choice thanks to her dedication to the Foundation's mission and her excellent leadership abilities.

Dr. Shannon Maxwell earned her BA for Purdue University and her Masters

and PsyD from Argosy University. She joined the faculty of Mt. Olive College in 2004 as Associate Professor of Psychology and has served as Chair of the Psychology Department. She joined the Foundation's Board in 2009 and serves on the Scholarship & Education, Strategic Planning and Executive Committees.

Dr. Maxwell was instrumental in assisting with the proposal for the \$25,000

GlaxoSmithKline Foundation "Ribbon of Hope" Grant received in 2011 and is actively participating in the development of Educational Seminars that will be held at O'Berry and Caswell Centers throughout the next several years.

The Foundation is thrilled to have such an excellent leader to help take us to the next level in the coming years!



Dr. Shannon Maxwell, Foundation Board President, 2012-2013



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

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