



The SOAR Connection

Monthly Newsletter

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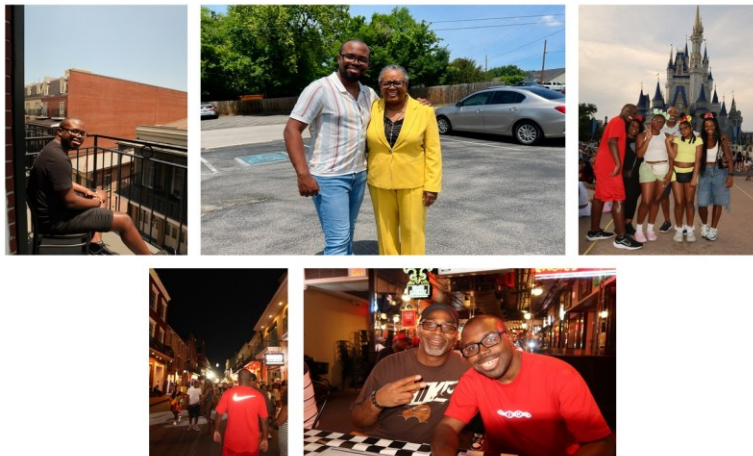
This Month at SOAR TN

September is a month to celebrate the people who make SOAR strong - the individuals we support, our Family Model homes, our DSPs, and the teams who keep our homes, vehicles, and programs moving. Thank you for helping SOAR continue to grow!

Family Model Spotlight: Rashad

Rashad has been enjoying life and making wonderful memories through SOAR Tennessee's Family Model Program. From exciting trips to New Orleans for the Essence Festival and Disney World with his Nana, Rashad has had the opportunity to experience new places, create lasting memories, and enjoy meaningful time with family. Some of Rashad's favorite moments are also found in the simple things. Whether he is going to the movies, spending quality time with Nana, or relaxing and being happy at home, Rashad continues to thrive in an environment where he feels comfortable, supported, and loved.

Rashad's story is a beautiful example of what Family Model is all about - creating a true sense of home, belonging, and opportunities to enjoy life to the fullest.



Resident Spotlight: Louisville Ladies

Our Louisville ladies enjoy getting outside early, before the day gets too hot! TL likes to warm up in the sunshine, KM loves going anywhere and especially enjoys the swings, and SW likes taking her baby along for a ride on the swings.



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Maintenance Team Spotlight

We are thrilled to have Brad McGill and Akeem Gilmore caring for our SOAR Tennessee homes and vehicles. They do a tremendous job keeping our homes looking good, mowing the lawns, caring for our vehicles, and working hard to keep everything up to date across SOAR.

Welcome Will Henderson to the Maintenance Team!

Brad, Akeem, and Will - we appreciate all that you do!

DSP

DSP Recognition Week | September 13-19

We are celebrating our amazing Direct Support Professionals! Thank you for the care, patience, reliability, and heart you bring to SOAR every day. DSPs highlighted throughout September will be featured in our October newsletter.

GIFT CARDS!

Special Olympics Spotlight

A big shout-out to Tyrone Holland for serving as our coach for Special Olympics Basketball! We appreciate his time, encouragement, and energy.

Leadership Updates

Promotion: Cheyenne O'Hara - DSP to House Manager, Lee House

Welcome New House Managers:

Cheryl Overholt - House Manager, Louisville

Jordan Johnson - House Manager, Jett

Will Coonrod - House Manager, Masters

Staff Shout-Outs & DSP Appreciation

Brenda Watson DSP - Alcoa

Reliable and great with the girls. She makes sure things are completed on her shift, and her consistency and care are truly appreciated.

Wanda Storey DSP - Cherokee

An amazing part of the team whose help and support make a difference. She is always willing to assist wherever she works.

Jazzmyne Sankey DSP - Gladstone

Always on time, diligent, and a dependable resource when help is needed. Gladstone is grateful to have her on the team.

Sarah Aldridge DSP - Westside

A huge asset to Westside who goes above and beyond for the girls. Her dedication and support are greatly appreciated.

Celebrating September Work Anniversaries

Thank you for your continued dedication and service to SOAR Tennessee!

TEAM MEMBER	DATE	YEARS
Tannah A. Dixon	Sep 02	2 years
Cassandra Cranfield	Sep 02	1 year
Alisha A. Sanders	Sep 04	3 years
Brenda J. Watson	Sep 08	3 years
Nicholas C. Scott	Sep 08	3 years
Dakota Dotson	Sep 08	1 year
Eric L. Tate	Sep 18	2 years
Detrick Grove	Sep 22	1 year
William A. Ruppe	Sep 24	1 year



A Night TO SOAR
AN EVENING OF INSPIRATION, ENTERTAINMENT & GIVING
— BLACK TIE OPTIONAL —

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF SOAR TENNESSEE

SATURDAY MAY 15, 2027 | **7:00 PM** (REGISTRATION AND PM) | **HILTON KNOXVILLE AIRPORT ALCOA, TENNESSEE**

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