

Bill and Nathan Receive Awards

Our Ambassador, Earl Etheridge

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Billy Lester (left) and Nathan Hoyt (right) had a night to remember when they were among seven individuals honored at the "Night of Champions" on June 10. Held at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum and hosted by WJCL's Casey Jones and Low Country Down Syndrome Society's Brooke May, the event was designed to honor people in the workforce with disabilities.

"We're very proud of Nathan and Bill," CCDS Community Employment Job Developer Beth Wasdin remarked after the presentation.

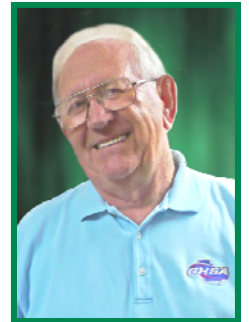
Sylvia Ford, Nathan's co-worker at Brasseler, commented, "He's a really good worker and inspires us all."

Several CCDS and Quantum staff members attended the event, as did a number of Nathan's Brasseler coworkers, Bill's Publix coworkers and their families.

Lester shared about his job, "I like working in the community. I like the people and I like the money." About the award, he smiled, "I'm just doing what everyone else does — working!"

The 300+ attendees left inspired by stories of hard workers and a growing community that places high value on hiring people with disabilities. The Night of Champions is poised to become that "must attend" annual event.

We are honored to announce our first Annual Fund Campaign Ambassador, Earl Etheridge! Already a friend and supporter of CCDS, we are so excited that he decided to be the face and voice of our second Annual Fund Campaign kicking off this month!



Earl has made his home in Savannah since 1963 and has lived a life of dedication to enriching the lives of the community. For more than thirty years, he served as a teacher, football coach, basketball coach, and athletic director before becoming the Athletics Administrator for the City of Savannah. Earl's career has been decorated with several distinguished awards including the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame, Sam Burke Award, Oasis Award and James A. Colley Award.

Kenneth, one of our Community Employment Services (CES) placements, has had the pleasure of working for Earl and the City of Savannah for more than ten years. Of their working relationship and CES, Earl recently said, "God put Kenneth in the right setting. Kenneth is a diamond that God put into our hands. Community Employment is a win-win situation for all involved. Thankfully we all had the presence of mind to make it work!"

Mr. Etheridge gets to see firsthand the importance and success of our Community Employment program every working day, and is dedicated to seeing the continued success of it along with our other fantastic programs of CCDS and Quantum. Please join in his commitment of supporting us by making a gift to the Annual Fund Campaign.

BUSINESS PARTNER SPOTLIGHT:

Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation

Quantum is very proud to work with such outstanding companies in the community and it is a privilege we do not take lightly. We are so excited to start spotlighting some of our fantastic partnerships, and where better to begin than with Gulfstream? For more than 20 years, we have partnered with Gulfstream through our specialized assembly department and have been responsible for helping provide the wire and electrical wiring assembly.

The company that evolved into Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. started in the late 1950s when Grumman Aircraft Engineering Co., a company known for military aircraft production, developed a marketable business aircraft at its manufacturing facilities in Bethpage, N.Y. Dubbed the Gulfstream I (GI), the turbo-prop aircraft was named after the Gulf Stream, the current that flows along the coast of Florida, which was a favored vacationing spot for Grumman executives. In 1967 Grumman moved the Gulfstream corporate jet operation to Savannah. The company experienced a series of mergers and buyouts during the 1970s, leading eventually to Gulfstream becoming its own entity in 1978. General Dynamics bought the company in 1999. The Gulfstream line of aircraft has evolved and expanded dramatically over more than 50 years and now includes the Gulfstream G150, G200, G250, G350, G450, G500,

G550 and G650. We have been excited to see all the vast advancements Gulfstream has made during our partnership.

Our partnership with Gulfstream has been so vital to our organization and to the people we serve. Wanda Bohnstedt, our Vice President of Operations, explains, "The partnership we (Quantum) have developed with Gulfstream for the past 20+ years has enabled the individuals we serve to develop highly marketable technical skills. The individuals working in Quantum Specialized Assembly have a strong sense of pride in their work because of the respect our community has for Gulfstream. Our organization looks forward to a bright future full of opportunities as Gulfstream continues to set the bench mark for the *"world's most technologically advanced business jets."*

We frequently encourage Gulfstream representatives to visit our site. Most recently, Ira Berman, Senior Vice President of Administration and General Counsel, toured our facilities. "I was deeply impressed by my visit to CCDS. I was aware of their work for Gulfstream but was surprised by the scope of other activities at the site. Gulfstream is proud of its relations with CCDS," he said afterwards.

We continue to be proud to work with Gulfstream and look forward to another 20+ years of partnering!

QUANTUM PRINTING

The Buzz About The Bee

The Savannah Bee Company is one of Savannah's pride and joys. The award-winning local supplier of raw honey and honey products has been featured nationally and just opened a new flagship store downtown this year.

Needless to say, Quantum Printing was excited when it was given the opportunity to print some of their "bee above your usual" shirts for their downtown store.

ocean blue, moss green, bark brown and white t-shirts of various sizes covered Quantum Specialty Printing's space once the printing was completed. Over 700 shirts were printed in less than a week, keeping the crew very busy.

Make sure you drop by The Savannah Bee Company soon and pick up a few t-shirts (take our word, you will want more than just one color!) and check them out online at:

www.savannahbee.com



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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF CCDS COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

From Bagging to ER Setup: A Journey of Job Variety



When the Community Employment Services started back in 1982, the concept of the program was new to most employers. Early jobs focused around cleaning, dishwashing and bagging groceries. These basic job roles helped to build the foundation of trust for the program.

Jobs with more detail and increased responsibility followed as the program gained its momentum in the 1990's. Food preparation, stocking, hotel housekeeping, and landscaping jobs grew in number, continuing to test the skills of the employees and willingness of employers.

Creativity soared in the 2000's. Jobs were found in not only small and local businesses, but also in big industry. From box making and dental kit work at Brasseler USA to labeling at Gulfstream, the tasks began to look different. Day care, t-shirt printing, theater, and greeter jobs broke new ground and soon employers called asking for workers.

Most recently, through innovative partnerships like Project SEARCH, the doors of opportunity are opening wider. Recent placements in hospitals, the GA Skin institute, and at Hunter Army Airfield reflect a committed community. New jobs include data entry, Emergency Room prep, medical equipment sterilization, surgical kit preparation, and data destruction.

Our community is committed to diversify its workforce, so we can only imagine where the next 25 years will take us!



Brush Strokes of Genius

Donna White (above with instructor Åsa Chibas) is one of five Day Hab participants who took part in a series of painting workshops sponsored by LIFE, Inc., an advocacy organization promoting independence in every facet of life.

The 6-week long, grant-sponsored program wrapped up in early June and the next cycle will allow others with disabilities to participate. A collective art exhibition of each group's creations is in the works for the fall.

The classes allowed for free expression and tested the art skills of the participants. Chibas' rapport with the participants was inspiring and it was easy to see the connection she made with each individual.

It's amazing what a person can do when opportunity and encouragement meet.

Leader of "The Legends"

CCDS was excited to hear in early June that it was the non-profit with the most package sales in the recent The Legends of Golf "Tickets FORE Charity" effort that benefits local charities. Barely edging past Senior Citizens, CCDS emerged victorious, claiming the #1 spot in the sales rankings. Not bad for a first try!

Next year, plan on CCDS keeping its #1 place with even more packages sold.

Family Meetings

Mark your calendars, family members and caregivers, CCDS has set the dates for the coming year for "Family Meetings." These events will be great opportunities to learn about news at the state level, changes in Medicaid, what's going on at CCDS & Quantum, and hear some good news!

We're looking at the second Tuesday of every month at 5:30PM in the Quantum Cafeteria. Join us on these dates:


AUG 10, 2010	NOV 9, 2010
FEB 6, 2011	MAY 10, 2011

Social Media

Want to stay connected with CCDS and Quantum? It's easier now that we have created a CCDS Facebook page and a CCDS Twitter account.

Know what happens when it happens!

 **Follow us on Twitter:**
<http://twitter.com/CCDSSav>

 **Follow us on Facebook:**
Once you log into Facebook, search for *Coastal Center for Developmental Services*. Then click the "Like" button when you get to our page!

Board Member Spotlight



JOSEPH M. LANE, JR., PH.D. has been involved with CCDS for so long that he actually can't remember when and how he became a friend of ours! He has served in many capacities over the years and most recently, as the President of the CCDS Board. This past year as President has been incredibly rewarding and vastly challenging for Dr. Lane and we are indebted to him for his continued support and dedication.

*Dr. Joseph
Lane*

Many of us are familiar with his background as a licensed psychologist in Georgia since 1984 as well as his 31 years as Professor of Psychology at Armstrong Atlantic State University. His career is

long distinguished and he is still practicing several days a week.

One of Dr. Lane's passions is cycling. This month, he is participating in the Bike Ride Across Georgia, which is a 350 mile looped bike ride



across the state. He rides regularly with the Coastal Touring Bike Club and has participated in numerous bike tours, including Bike Florida.

Dr. Lane is married with two sons, and recently was excited to attend his grandson's kindergarten graduation in Beaufort, SC.

May's Employee of the Month



*Damon
Thomas*

Ask anyone at Quantum about **DAMON THOMAS** and you will get two answers. The first answer is that he is an incredible worker with his paperwork always terrific and in order. He even lends support to his co-workers with their paperwork when they have encountered problems. He has an excellent rapport with consumers and staff. He is responsible for running a production line, as well as preparing the pallets prior to items being shipped out of the warehouse. Damon was a representative for Quantum last year in Atlanta on Disabilities Day at the Capitol.

The second answer you will hear is that he is quite the jokester. His coworkers always turn to

him when needing a good laugh and can always count on his great sense of humor throughout the work week.

When not hard at work, Damon is a devoted family man who loves spending time with his wife and three kids, working out and watching football. You can frequently see Damon sporting his New Orleans Saints' cap, so it's no surprise who he cheers on in the NFL, but you might be shocked to find out who his favorite college football team is! Originally born in California before moving to the East Coast during high school, Damon sticks to his western roots by cheering on the USC Trojans.

June's Employee of the Month



*Henry
Richards*

HENRY RICHARDS, affectionately known as "Mr. Henry," is a driver for CCDS and Quantum. When he started, he was driving with our Community Employment Services program, taking CES workers to a job where bus lines didn't go. When an opportunity arose, he moved to driving for our other programs.

The consumers and his co-workers have a deep level of trust in their relationships with him and he is very much an asset to our team.

Mr. Henry is a gentleman of true character and is very highly respected amongst the staff and con-

sumers. His kindness, compassion and genuineness are evident in his daily life and reflected in all he says and does. 'Kind, gracious, and humble' aren't just words to him; it's his mission.

Mr. Henry is involved with his church and currently serves as a deacon. While Mr. Henry enjoys fishing and travel, right now he is dedicated to cherishing each day with his wife, who has been his best friend and travelling partner for over 50 years.

CCDS & QUANTUM

Welcome, New Staff



BRYNN FORD is the first Director of Development and Marketing at CCDS. Hailing from Washington, DC, her previous expertise in the field will help her as she builds a fundraising plan for the agency. In her spare time, Brynn enjoys traveling, cooking, reading, and watching football.



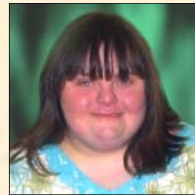
MELISSA HALL recently joined the Quantum Packaging Assembly staff as a job coach and has quickly made an impact. The Savannah native worked at United Cerebral Palsy before coming to Quantum. A sports fan, she and her husband play on a church softball league on the weekends.

EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION

Workers of the Month



CHRIS STEINER (May) is busy with his daily work activities and is an active member of the Risk Management Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee. Chris has also served on the Employee Council and the Quantum Board of Directors.



KATHLEEN VON WALDNER (June) works in Quantum Packaging Assembly on the Oneida contract and does a great job. Not long ago, she has represented CCDS in Atlanta on Disability Day and met our senators at the State Capitol.

Interns Abound

Thanks to a new partnership with Savannah Technical College, CCDS is a new site for select internship programs.

This quarter, we have been fortunate to have two students pursuing an associate's degree in accounting assist in our financial office. **CHRISTINA BOGER** and **TANYA HOPPER** have performed a variety of financial tasks that has improved their skills and aided the business office.

The internship partnership with Savannah Tech hopes to open the door in other areas of CCDS operations as well. Working with George Cobham, the Internship Program Leader for Savannah Tech, we hope to see interns in upcoming months studying from the following programs: accounting, certified nursing assistant, and certified manufacturing specialist.



Birthday News

To make a gift in honor of one of the following individuals (program participant, board member, or staff member) celebrating a birthday in June or July, please contact Brynn Ford at 644-7475 or bford@ccds-sav.org.

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| 1. Lois A. | 33. Brian R. |
| 2. Patricia B. | 34. Linda S. |
| 3. Carlotta B. | 35. Charlie S. |
| 4. Ronald B. | 36. Alvin S. |
| 5. Jeremy B. | 37. Marty S. |
| 6. Kiwana B. | 38. Justin S. |
| 7. Jake B. | 39. Aspen S. |
| 8. Tameka C. | 40. Johnnie T. |
| 9. Raymond C. | 41. Jason T. |
| 10. Steven D. | 42. Brooke T. |
| 11. Eric D. | 43. Brian W. |
| 12. Marcellus D. | 44. Antwan W. |
| 13. Johnny D. | 45. Marie W. |
| 14. Stevie F. | 46. Stephen W. |
| 15. Darren F. | 47. Cimerion W. |
| 16. Kenneth G. | 48. Mary W. |
| 17. Michael G. | 49. Pete W. |
| 18. Benita G. | 50. Otto W. |
| 19. Vincent H. | 51. JoAnn Byrd |
| 20. Sherrie H. | 52. Shirly Danzey |
| 21. Kenneth J. | 53. Terrain Edwards |
| 22. Ward K. | 54. Willie Hall |
| 23. Barbara L. | 55. Willie Hazlip |
| 24. Isaac L. | 56. Joe Lane, Ph.D. |
| 25. Tameka L. | 57. Katina Lee |
| 26. Mary Ann M. | 58. Paul Manley |
| 27. Amber M. | 59. Chris Miller |
| 28. Kitty M. | 60. Lillie Moore |
| 29. Michelle P. | 61. Carolyn Pryor |
| 30. Bernell P. | 62. Linda Roark |
| 31. Kayuwe P. | 63. Sharon Shuman |
| 32. Sam P. | 64. Sarah Sires |

It's Our BiS-ness



Once again, the weekly business paper, *BiS (Business in Savannah)* included CCDS in a feature article.

The cover story of the June 2, 2010 issue focuses on Bill Lester, who has been working in the Savannah community since the early 1990's. The spotlight on his accomplishments transitions nicely to Brooke May and her son who has Down Syndrome. May, a member of the Low Country Down Syndrome Society is at the helm of the "Night of Champions" sponsored by the LCDSS. May expressed a strong desire for her son to work when he is of age, and saw Lester's drive, ambition and employment as something to emulate.

Cindy Burns, CCDS Community Employment supervisor, presents employment facts and encourages businesses to "reflect the communities we live in." With the supports CCDS offers and a willing employer, a lifetime career can be possible for people with disabilities!



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