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Able to Serve

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Able to Serve™ is a faith-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded in 2003. Our mission is to get involved in the lives of individuals who have intellectual and physical disabilities and help them get involved in our community.



such an outstanding organization! Special thanks to our amazing director, Carlton McDaniel, Jr, and our amazing volunteers for all the work you put in for us every week! We appreciate you!

Celebrating 10 Years for Able to Serve

by Becky

May 17-19, Able to Serve celebrated 10 years of "Giving Abilities a Chance!" We began on Thursday with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Saturday was a day for ATS participants and their families, and Sunday was a day for the community to come out and tour our office.

I am so thankful and blessed that God has given me the opportunity to be a part of



Looking Beautiful!

Our outdoor living space is finally finished! We began last spring by adding the gazebo, storage building, and mural. We finished this spring with mulch, a planter box, a picket fence, a water feature, a paved path, and lots of flowers! Special thanks to Bonnie Holloman, Wayne Dillon, Jim DeCresie, NC Baptist Men, Highland Baptist Men, BB&T, and Kate Watts for making everything possible.



Bowl-a-Thon

Our annual bowl-a-thon was April 13. Our goal was to raise \$5,000. We raised \$7,700! Able to Brag rights go to the following:

- Ashley's Team for having the highest team score
- Stacey for having the highest individual score
- Stacey for raising the 3rd highest amount of money
- Becky for raising the 2nd highest amount of money
- Ashley for being the top fundraiser

Great job everyone!

Jill's Favorite Verse

***I can do all things though Christ
who strengthens me.***

Philippians 4:13

Ride for Abilities

Able to Serve's second annual Ride for Abilities was April 27. Forty-four bikers turned out to give abilities a chance! You can see pictures and a video on our Facebook page.

Good People, Good Times

by Mario

At Able to Serve, there's good people to meet.
A delight indeed, that it's right up the street.
To ride on a bus, with a man called Gary.
Telling funny jokes, on the daily.
Then we get there, it's a delight.
To see familiar faces, that shine so bright.
We have a good time, hanging out with friends.
We wish the day, does not end.
Going back home, smiling like I'm 10.
I can't wait to do it, all over again.
Able to Serve is the place to be.
Loving the Lord, with good friends to see.

Mothers

by Ashley

Mothers are very special to their children and love to make them happy. Mothers do things for you. Mothers are very special, and I love my mom because she takes good care of her children. My mom is a wonderful person, and I love her. She is a wonderful mother.



Gala

Able to Serve's second annual dinner Gala was April 19. The dinner is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we raised \$29,000! Along

with the good food prepared by Pastor Abel, we enjoyed Michael's speech and signed "Holy Spirt, You Are Welcome" and "Make Us an Offering." Special thanks to Ms. Pat for teaching us.

A Joke from Jessica

When do we first read about baseball in the Bible?
Genesis 1:1 says, "In the Big Inning!"



Parent Meetings

Carlton needs to talk with every parent this summer to discuss how Able to Serve can become a stronger organization. Two meetings are scheduled for June 20 and July 18. We will be sending a letter to parents about the meetings, but it is important for parents to plan to attend. If your parents cannot attend one or both meetings, they need to schedule an appointment to talk with Carlton.



Memorial Day Letters

by Stephanie

Thank you to the troops that died and sacrificed for our freedom. On this day and every day we remember what you did for us and we raise our flags to remember these events. We thank you very much. You are appreciated for all you do.

by Jamal

Thank you for being there for us and helping keep our freedom strong. For this we love you. We pray for you every day.

by Donelle

Thank you for serving to protect our freedom by giving your life. You were very brave.

by Becky

Thank you for your sacrifice to our country and for our freedom. We will always remember your families in our thoughts and prayers. We appreciate all you have given for our people and our country!



The Towne Players of Garner will present *Disney Mulan Jr.* August 8-10. We are planning for Able to Serve participants to go together on Thursday, August 8. Please hold the date on your calendar and be thinking about how many tickets you want us to reserve for you.



Congratulations Graduates!
Congrats to Samantha and Autumn
on finishing high school!
We are proud of you!

Coming Up at Able to Serve

Thursday, June 20—Parent Meeting
July 1–5—Closed for Independence Day
Thursday, July 18—Parent Meeting