On October 15, 2011, Comcare celebrated the opening of our three new ICF homes with a Ribbon Cutting at the Marshall Lane home. Present at the celebration were Terry Jordan-Henley and John Craven from the East Tennessee Regional Office, Retha Patton, Executive Director of Eastern Eight Community Development Corporation, Comcare Board Members, Wendy Peay, Bill Brown, Chuck Bolin and Michele Keffer and Clara Sue’s family. Priscilla Harris, Cindy Kielar and Constance Ashcroft represented Comcare’s transition team. They worked countless hours to prepare the homes and to ensure that programs were in place when the individuals moved.

“It is a joy to see individuals benefit from the years of work and the contributions of many people. They are enjoying being in their own homes and being a part of the community. The Ribbon Cutting allows us to celebrate the completion of the project and to recognize those people who are so helpful in bringing the project to reality,” said Nancy Thiessen, Comcare Executive Director.
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Visit from Commissioners Henry and Emkes

On October 26, 2011, Commissioner Jim Henry and Commissioner Mark Emkes and eight other state dignitaries visited Comcare’s newly opened ICF program located on Marshall Lane in Greeneville. Priscilla Harris conducted a tour of the facility and shared how the program is meeting the needs of the individuals served in the home. The Marshall Lane program was opened on April 11, 2011. Four ladies who previously lived at Greene Valley Developmental Center reside in this home.

Comcare clients and staff have expressed their appreciation for the wonderful picnic provided for them to celebrate Comcare’s 30th anniversary. They enjoyed fellowship with family and friends, watched an exciting talent show, had face painting and other activities. Everyone thought the food was great and all of the homes and programs have said thank you to management and staff for providing such a fantastic picnic.

Comcare Time Capsule

Everyone had an especially interesting time when they were presented with the opportunity to place an object in the Comcare time capsule to be preserved and opened sometime in the future. After lots of thought and discussion among everyone in the home, each house presented Nancy Thiessen with their item to be placed in the capsule. Each item represented the individual thoughts and interests of everyone in that particular household.

Brown Avenue

Beulah spent time with friends at the Cocke County Fair. Beulah is always welcome help around the home where she does a great job helping out. Winnie makes a point of keeping a tidy bedroom and is always ready to help clean. Debbie K had a wonderful time at the Cocke County Fair. She likes to help out in the kitchen. Brown ladies preformed with the bell choir, went to the movies, attended church, picnicked at local parks, went shopping for groceries and supplies and visited friends on many occasions. They are looking forward to upcoming holidays and decorating their home.

Burkey

Paul likes going to the animal shelter to visit the cats and dogs who enjoy his visits as much as he enjoys visiting. Playing pass is one of his favorite games. He likes playing with a sock that way he makes sure he doesn’t hurt anyone when there is a wild pitch.

Thomas E likes to watch baseball games at local parks. He regularly visits the dam and thinks it is exciting to watch the water fall over the edge of the dam. Thomas enjoys going to church and taking van rides.

Mike S has become Burkey’s shopping helper and does a great job. He has shown a great deal of talent making seasonal cards for family members and enjoys trips to the post office to drop them in the mail. He also enjoys playing ball on game night.

David J enjoys an occasional ice cream while out and about. He likes to watch the ducks at the park. David really appreciates having access to the YMCA pool where he likes to take regular dips each weekend.

The Burkey gents spend their free time visiting with friends, going to church, shopping and going out to eat special meals. They had a really good time attending the holiday party at the day program. They always look forward to going to the gym and socializing with friends while they get some exercise.

CCI

As warm weather becomes more and more scarce, everyone is taking advantage of each welcome ray of sunshine. Late summer picnics, walks at the park and warm weather (Continued on page 3)

Pictured are Debbie Payne with resident Nancy Foland and Commissioners Emkes and Henry with Priscilla Harris, Associate Director for Comcare.

Staff News

Sandy Anderson is ecstatic to welcome granddaughter 7 lbs. 7 oz., Jaeden Lynn into the family. Sandy’s daughter Julia gave birth to Jaeden, who was 20 inches long on October 27 at 2 p.m.

Congratulations to Mindy Trowbridge on graduating from LPN school. We are proud of you.

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outings were top priority. Our folks had the pleasure of being invited to attend the Cocke County Fair as guests of the fair promoters. Several attended the fair and had a wonderful time enjoying the rides, great food, exciting and colorful midway, and spending time with their peers. Special thanks to the promoters of the Cocke County Fair for opening the fair and providing lunch for our folks at no cost.

Mark B. learned the fine art of soccer and he and Chris Livesay have been kicking the ball around impressing everyone with their fancy moves. Otis on the other hand has found that basketball is his sport of choice. He, Chris Livesay and Joe Metcalf keep busy on the court. Swinging seems to be a very relaxing part of the day for many of the CCI folks and the swings are always kept busy. The new hearing center has been added to the daily rotation and everyone seems to enjoy the addition. Some of the popular areas are crafts and current events where clients read and learn local information provided by the Greeneville Sun.

Family Model
Arlene
Marcella
CVTC

After enjoying their summer vacation from school Steven and Mikie have settled back into their usual routine of classroom work and they seem to be enjoying attending class and visiting with teachers and friends. Rusty and Rhonda continue to maintain their high quality of work at the motel. Lots of our folks have been picnicking and walking in the local parks as weather permits.

Joseph W. is still having a great time working on his new Meals on Wheels route. Danette and Butch enjoy heading out to Winged Deer Park to watch the boats passing by. Everyone enjoyed preparing for the holidays by decorating paper mache pumpkins. A holiday party with all the games, food and fun was provided by staff. Everyone went home with ribbons and awards.

Creekside
Betty M did some shopping and found several items that she had been wanting to purchase. She was happy to pick up a few Betty Boop items to add to her collection. Betty is always watching for a good deal when she does her shopping.

Brenda S shopped for household supplies and also visited with friends on several occasions. She also got a new stuffed animal to decorate her room and made a purchase of a new necklace to wear on special occasions.

Debbie L visited some of her many friends and had a great time. She has been helping out around the house and everyone really appreciates it. The Creekside ladies are having a great time riding around looking at the beautifully colored leaves. They are anticipating upcoming holidays and look forward to them.

Delwood
Mark M is sporting a new haircut. Mark had a great time at the fair. Richard always has a great time when he attends church with friends. Michael L has lots of friends that he visits quite often. He likes to head to the YMCA every chance he gets so that he can swim or go to the gym. The Delwood guys spend their free time visiting with friends, attending church and outings in the community.

Greenway
Burney had lunch at Ryan’s, which is his favorite restaurant. He went shopping at Wal-Mart and picked up some needed items.

Sam had a very pleasant time when he visited with family members and had a picnic at the park. Sam celebrated his birthday with a great party. The leaves are changing and the Greenway guys have taking advantage of the fall colors for scenic rides around their community. Going to church, the gym, pool, and out for favorite meals are just a few of the outings the guys have had.

Hart House
Billy BI keeps track of how his mother is doing by talking to her on the phone and visiting her at her home. They have an especially good time together. He had a great time when he went out to eat with friends from Viking.

During the winter months, Dustin misses going to Horse Creek for cookouts and wading in the water. He has enjoyed several visits to see his family.

Travis R continues to look forward to his visits with his cousin Cathy. They have their favorite spots around town for special eats and treats. Travis really looks forward to his yoga classes. The guys ended the summer with as many cookout and outings as they could possibly fit into their schedule before the cold weather hits.

Johnson Place
Travis P. has enjoyed playing a new video game and has kept up with the current happenings on wrestling. Waiting for new movies to come out and be available to purchase can be hard but Travis is patiently waiting for some that he thinks he wants to add to his collection.

Robert has his eye on a bright red 4X4 pickup that he spotted at a local car lot. He likes to keep up with the new styles and colors.

After the success of this year’s vegetable garden, Gene is already planning a vegetable garden for next year. Gene and his family visit by phone and have wonderful conversations. Gene is looking forward to trips to the library during the winter months. Everyone likes to visit the local airport to watch planes arriving and leaving. Visiting with friends, eating out, going to church, shopping and to the park have been just a few of events that have kept the guys busy. Everyone enjoys performing with the Commerce bell choir.

Kesterson
Nancy D always looks forward to visits with her family and friends. She and her friends have watched some great movies and her favorites would have to be any Elvis movie.

Wanda likes to listen to her CD collection and visiting with friends at the workshop. She really likes to listen to music.

Bettie and her sister enjoy having many conversations on the phone. Bettie likes to visit the day program to see her many friends. The Kesterson ladies have a regular routine of listening to songs and shop while they eat their dinner. They enjoy hearing all the different items that are for sale. They like to spend time relaxing to music and on Sunday they like to listen to their favorite gospel stations and visiting with staff. If you arrive at the right time you can join along with the ladies while they boogie to the Beach Boys.

Kingsprings
Danette has frequented Sycamore Shoals park for healthy walks. She makes smart choices when she eats out at one of her favorite places, Cracker Barrel. Danette is a member of the Human Rights Committee and attended a recent meeting.

Butch and his mom had a great time when they went out to eat. He and his friends Joseph and Michael M. tagged teamed their way to a wrestling match. Butch enjoyed a recent trip to the animal shelter and also to the movies.

Joseph attended a soccer game and went to a wrestling match with friends Butch and Michael M. Joseph has been a busy guy he participated in the Special Olympics, went bowling, attended a Beatles Tribute concert and a concert by Rain.

Amy and her father had a wonderful (Continued on page 5)
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(Continued from page 3) Marvelous outing together. She also had fun when she went to the Hands on Museum, for walks at the VA Hospital area and local parks. She loves to watch the ducks at local parks.

Going to the fair, concerts at Winged Deer Park, UMOJA Festival and music on the Square were just a few of the activities that the King Springs gang participated in together. They also enjoyed the circus, out for pizza and the apple festival.

Marshall Clara Sue had a fantastic time going to the Music on the Square in Jonesborough. She had a wonderful time helping decorate the home for the holidays. She also helped her housemates pick out their costumes for a party.

Karen thinks that eating off the buffet bar at Ryan's was pretty awesome. She liked the food but really enjoyed watching all the interesting people. Karen helped decorate around home for the upcoming holidays. Chocolate ice cream seems to be the favorite choice for Nancy F. when she heads out for a special treat. Sitting on the back porch enjoying the fleeting warm weather has been a priority for Nancy.

The ladies have attended a variety of different outings and enjoy the different places that they go. They were very excited to host an open house and ribbon cutting at their new home. They had many visitors and loved showing off their rooms. They had a great time dressing up for a costume party. They had a wonderful time at Judy Holley's home for a 30 Years And Going Strong party which included spooky decorations.

Oakhaven Marcus and his mother had a wonderful visit together. When they can’t visit they phone each other to keep up with what is going on. MT loves to take snacks to the park and watch the geese on the pond. He’s glad they don’t seem to mind the cold weather.

Ben loves to go out to get snacks and shop for some of his favorite items. When the weather permits, the Oakhaven guys like to go through Little Caesar’s for pizza and head to a local park to eat and get some fresh air and sunshine. They think it’s a pretty cool way to have some time away from the hustle and bustle of the day.

O'Brien DJ looks forward to scheduled swimming at the YMCA pool. He is very glad they have a heated pool that is available during cold weather. He had a wonderful time going for a visit with his Aunt Till. DJ celebrated his birthday with housemates. They had a wonderful time at the party.

Posing for his school pictures made Steven S quite happy as he would like to have some for his family. He helps with supply shopping and is doing very well at school.

Out and about seems to be Mikie’s motto as he has been to many local eateries and shopping spots over the last few months. He enjoyed several visits with his family and he likes to spend as much time outside as weather will permit.

Crumley House Farm provides Erik with wonderful horse therapy and he really looks forward to his time with the horses. Erik had a fantastic time celebrating his birthday with many of his friends and visiting with his family members.

Swimming at the YMCA, walks in the park when weather permits, outings for shopping snacks and meals, attending local events and visiting with friends have kept everyone busy. Everyone enjoyed attending the Apple Festival and also had an outing to Judy Holley’s home for a party which included spooky decorations.

Rockhaven Matt was all smiles at the Annual Picnic where he and his family took in all the sights and sounds of a fun day. His dad took some awesome pictures for Matt to remember the day by.

Jimmy has attended church and visited visiting with his pastor and church friends. He is looking forward to some of his favorite holidays that will be coming soon. He likes to help decorate his home for each holiday that comes throughout the year.

Jeffrey enjoys having visitors at his home. He likes to attend church services. The Rockhaven guys like to spend some of their down time relaxing at home watching good movies and listening to great music when time permits.

Rose Acre When it comes to helping out at home Melissa G. is tops! She does a great job and when everything is cleaned up for the day she loves to sit on the porch and relax.

Dollie had a fabulous time when she got together with her family for meal at a local restaurant. She and her family get to often and keep up with family news.

Relaxing outside on pretty days after a long day is a favorite pastime for Tammy. She receives numerous phone calls from her mother and sister and occasional heads out for fun and shopping with her mother.

Rose Acre ladies are regulars at attending church. They also like to go for rides in and around their community, out for snacks and meals and recently attended a local car show. They like to eat their dinner outside on their patio when the weather permits.

Shadybrook Attending the Thompson Square concert was thrilling for V. Joey. He also went out to eat with his mother to Shoney’s and had a fabulous time.

Daniel has been on the go with various outings in his community. He keeps busy and likes it that way but when he does stop to relax he

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(Continued from page 4) enjoys a good movie. **Michael M.** likes to head to the library to see what’s new on the shelves. He also took in some movies, a wrestling match with his bud, Butch, and attended a local fair. It made **Tennyson** happy when he attended church with his mother. He likes helping out with Meals on Wheels. Helping his housemates and friends is something that Tennyson enjoys doing. Sycamore Shoals Park, J.C. Mall, Civitan Park, Powell Square Park, Buffalo Mt. Park and just a few of the many places the Shadysbrook guys go for walks and recreation. The gentlemen had a variety of outings for snack and eat outs.

**Sparmill**

The Sparmill gents are busy doing crafts, puzzles, building birdhouses and bird feeders, and preparing for upcoming holidays. Everyone attended the Appalachian Fair where they rode some pretty wild rides and enjoyed the sounds and sights of the midway. Everyone had a great time attending the Erwin Apple Festival which is known for having some really delicious apple treats.

**Clark** is a great asset when it comes to household shopping. He likes walking and fishing which he does as much as he can. He likes to recycle as much as possible and it really makes him feel great to be able to help keep his neighborhood clean and neat. Clark’s mom treated everyone to some delicious homemade pumpkin pies and treats which everyone appreciated very much. She also brought pumpkins to place on their porch for the fall.

**Jason** methodically practices his guitar and is currently saving to purchase a new guitar. Trout and bluegill are a couple of types of fish that Jason likes to catch when he goes fishing. Jason enjoys visits with his family. He is enjoying his new game system. **David G.** is delighted to spend time with his family. He is very organized and keeps all of this things neat and in place. David helps out when it is time to go shopping. Making crafts and items for sale is just one of the ways that David spends some of his spare time.

**Stephen B** frequents the library where he picks out CDs to listen to. He also likes to participate when they have a group reading of popular books. Stephen likes to take in as many concerts as possible and enjoys listening to many different types of music.

**Springfield**

**Kathy** ate out and enjoyed going to many of her preferred restaurants. She also shopped on several occasions for some of her favorite items to purchase. **Linda** is a fantastic helper when it comes to shopping and helping around the house. She also shops for personal items and is a thrifty shopper. She has been a great help around the house and likes to help cook. **Lori Ann**’s hair looks very stylish after having a new permanent. She is looking great for her job at Tusculum College and for performing with the Bell Choir. Lori Ann keeps busy helping around the house. The ladies of Springfield have kept busy even as the weather has changed from extremely hot to cold. Everyone has had opportunities to eat at their desired restaurants, go for outings, they have taken scenic drives and attended church services. Linda and Lori Ann went to the Cocke County Fair and had a very pleasant time. They really enjoyed the many rides that were very exciting. Everyone is looking forward to the upcoming holidays. They work together as a team to decorate the lovely home for the seasonal holidays.

**Sun Valley**

**John Pe** had a pleasant trip to Knoxville to visit with his family. He went out to eat at a restaurant of his choice and then to catch a new movie at the theater. John helps around his home and does a great job making sure that all the doors and windows are secure. **Barry** visited with his family in Maryville and had a fantastic time. All of the thrilling rides were just one of the highlights for **Barry’s** outing to Dollywood. Barry re-decorated his room to his preference and likes the results of his hard work. **Chris M.** entertained his special friend **Melissa W** with dinner at his home. Chris traveled to Morristown to visit with family members and had a very pleasant time. Chris is a great help around the house.

**Tusculum**

**Jennifer** had a special lunch with her mother who also brought Jennifer some really nice personal items. Out for snacks, drinks or meals and then to the park to feed the ducks are just a few of the many outings Jennifer participated in during the past few weeks. **Melinda T** went to the Greene County Fair and attended a musical event while there. She likes to spend time outside getting fresh air and taking walks as much as weather will permit. **Brandy** spent several weekends with her family including one for her birthday celebration. When she returned home she had a birthday party with a big Hershey’s Kiss cake. She loves to go visit with her parents and usually comes home with plenty of gifts. **Deborah** went shopping and purchased several lovely items to decorate her room. She is always happy to help with the shopping and she also helps to prepare weekly healthy desserts for her housemates and friends. Shopping, going to church, out for treats and meals, visiting friends and taking scenic rides are some of the ladies’ favorite things to do when they are not relaxing at home.

**Viking**

**Rocky** takes responsibility for his fish and his dog KoKo. He makes sure all are fed and well cared for. Discussing current events and local news with his friends is something that Rocky enjoys doing and he is quite well read on current affairs. **Hayes** works at the I-81 Rest Area and does a fantastic job. He likes to unwind by drawing pictures and sharing them with his friends. Hayes enjoys visits with his family and goes to visit as much as possible. **Joe** is a fan of Joe Cartwright of the TV show Bonanza. He tries to never miss a show. Going to the park has been very entertaining for him and he goes every chance he gets. He really likes to watch the ballgames that are going on during his visits to the park. All the Viking guys headed out to the County Fair and had a wonderful time riding and eating their way through the midway. They are all looking forward to the holidays that are just around the corner. They enjoy decorating for all seasonal holiday events.

**Wexler**

**Alvin** enjoyed getting some new clothing for his birthday. He celebrated with a special birthday cake made by a friend. Alvin likes to go for walks when weather permits. **James W.** has become a regular with the cashiers at Walgreens (Continued on page 6)
where he goes to buy a new magazine to keep up with what is going on. James celebrated his birthday and took himself out to purchase a new pair of sunglasses.

Tom A celebrated his birthday and got some wonderful new clothes. He has also made the purchase of a new recliner and really enjoys relaxing in it after a long day.

Scottie had a wonderful birthday celebration with is friends at Wexler. He has enjoyed his new home and has settled in and is having a great time. Going to Forest Park and other community outing are some of the many things they guys do during their off time. Everyone had a great time dressing up and attending holiday parties. They also enjoy getting together with their neighbors from Whirlwind. They were dressed up as some pretty great things for the holiday costume party.

Whirlwind
John Pa. and his mom had a really cool visits together when John goes home for visits. John enjoys visits with his family members and always looks forward to each visit.

Chris C. enjoys getting out and cruising around town for snacks. Attending the Apple Festival was exciting and Chris had an awesome time.

David C. likes to go to Food City to pick out some of his favorite drinks. David enjoyed going to a specialty store in Johnson City to pick out the perfect mask for a costume party.

Michael B. took a little outing to pick out one of his favorite drinks. He had some really great outings for snacks, meals and sightseeing. The Whirlwind gang are on the go for outings of all kinds. They like to relax while taking some scenic rides around their community. They enjoyed participating in the costume party and appreciated all the great snacks and healthy treats.

Willow
Andrea’s Aunt Norma drops by to take Andrea shopping, out to eat and to the beauty shop. She also takes Andrea home for Sunday dinner and visits with other family members.

Nancy R. has been very helpful shopping for groceries and supplies for her home. She enjoys visiting with her family anytime they can get together. Getting a weekly manicure is Nancy’s idea of relaxing and unwinding.

Carolyn had a grand time attending the Cocke County Fair. She visited with some of her friends from Creekside. Our Willow ladies attend church at Our Father’s Place and have wonderful fellowship with their friends. Shopping together, as ladies enjoy doing, is one of the favorite pastimes of Carolyn, Nancy and Andrea. They have a great time helping each other pick out personal items.

Wooded Heights
Cutting coupons is just one of the many ways that Sharon helps out around her home. She has many wonderful conversations with family members during their phone calls. Sharon likes to relax on her porch after a long day.

Darla has been expressing her artistic talent by making lovely necklaces and crafts while relaxing at home. She has had some really wonderful visits from her family.

Louise has been quite popular receiving several calls from family members. She was excited to have her family attend the annual picnic and enjoyed introducing them to her friends. Louise helps out around the house and it is greatly appreciated. Everyone has a good time when they visit the animal shelter and get to play with the puppies and kittens. Whenever weather permits the ladies like to eat out on their lovely deck.

Woodlawn
Charles had a thrilling time when he attended the fair in Cocke County. He had a fantastic time when he was visited by his brother and sister. He had the pleasure of showing them around his new home and taking them to one of his favorite parks.

Clyde enjoys the colors of fall but he is really looking forward to the first snowfall of winter. J. Joey enjoys relaxing at home with a good movie or listening to some great music. The Woodlawn gents are glad to live in an area that has some warm days even in the late fall. They love to spend those warm days eating out at their favorite local park and enjoying the sights.

Wykle
Margie attends church and really enjoys the fellowship with her friends. Helping around the house is something Margie enjoys.

Melinda visited with some of her Wooded Heights friends. Relaxing with a good movie or nice music is how Melinda likes to spend time.

Shirley enjoys shopping and does a great job helping with the household shopping. The women of Wykle enjoy their friendship and have a wonderful time when they are out and about shopping, visiting with friends, going to church, working out at the gym and going out for meals and snacks.

Those Celebrating Birthdays

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Program Inspections

Programs with perfect scores of 100%:

**August 2011**
Brown Avenue
Johnson Place
Willow
Day Program
All programs scored above 88% or above

**September 2011**
Johnson Place
Newport
Oakhaven
Springfield
Sunrise
Day Program
All programs scored above 91% or above

**October 2011**
Brown Avenue
Springfield
Wooded Heights
All programs scored above 89% or above
Holiday Greetings
To our
Comcare Family
wishing you a
Merry Christmas

and
looking forward to
working with you in
2012