

APPLICATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

How are you affiliated with SMRC:

- Parent/Guardian
- Family Member of SMRC Client
- Friend of Client/Client Family
- SMRC Employee/Retiree
- SMRC Volunteer

Please check items that apply:

- The Association can send email notices.
- The Association can send text messages.
- I am interested in helping with the Christmas Program and May Family and Friends Picnic.
- I am interested in helping with the campus beautification projects.
- I have a source that will donate raffle gift cards, raffle printing cost, raffle postage.
- I am interested in contacting legislators and other officials regarding issues pertaining to SMRC.

Please complete and mail with \$5.00 membership dues to:

SMRC FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
1170 WEST RAILROAD ST
LONG BEACH MS 39560-4199

MEMBERSHIP

The SMRC Family and Friends Association is open to any adult already networking with SMRC in programs at Long Beach or in any of its seven community sites or who is interested in the services and activities of South Mississippi Regional Center.

Family members—immediate and extended, guardians, professionals and community persons are invited to join the association.

Annual dues are \$5.00. An association newsletter as well as the South Mississippi Regional Center newsletter are sent to members. An invitation is also extended to members to join activities and events hosted by South Mississippi Regional Center.

For additional information, call:
Office of the Director — 228-867-1302.

GOALS

The SMRC Family and Friends Association is a non-profit organization of families and other adults interested in the services and activities of South Mississippi Regional Center. Its purposes are to promote understanding of intellectual and other developmental disabilities and the services of SMRC, to advise and aid families of people with developmental disabilities, to share information and to encourage volunteer activities on behalf of the Center.

The Association is noted for its telephone network, designed to give immediate response to state and federal legislation directly or indirectly affecting persons with developmental disabilities.

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Highlights from Celebrating the Holidays Program

Note from President Pamela Emrick

Happy New Year! It was great seeing everyone who attended the December 13 Celebrating the Holidays Program. This year, staff and individuals from SMRC campus and community sites performed a beautiful play for our annual Christmas program. The play was based on the book, "The Legend of Christmas Coyote," written by one of SMRC's very own, James "Jimmy" Tucker. If you were not there, you missed a treat!

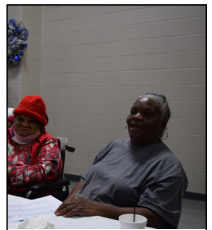
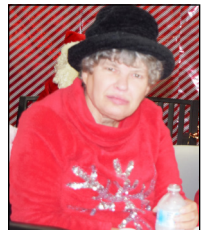
Congratulations to our Walmart gift card winners. Ms. Sue Lambert won the \$200 gift card and Ms. Kathleen Hickey won the \$100 gift card. Thanks to all who support SMRC through our Family and Friends Association raffle.

SMRC and the Department of Mental Health have Facebook pages. SMRC's Facebook page has the upcoming events and staff celebrations. DMH Facebook page is administered through Central Office in Jackson and provides updates to our state citizens of happenings in the realm of mental health. If you use social media, we encourage you to follow these Facebook pages and share the good news that is posted at the sites. The official names of the pages are "Mississippi Department of Mental Health" and "South Mississippi Regional Center @SMRCNews."

Please join us in the new year, we need your suggestions and input to help meet the needs of the individuals at SMRC. Family members, guardians, professionals and community persons are invited to join the association. Annual dues are \$5.00.

The next Family and Friends meeting will be held on Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 2:00 pm in the Burgess Conference Room, Long Beach campus. Mark your calendar for the next meeting on Sunday, March 17. Polly Tribble, Executive Director of Disability Rights Mississippi will attend the March meeting. No newsletter or notice will be sent. Wishing each of you a blessed New Year.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT PAMELA EMRICK AT 601.268.3490



2019 Family and Friends Schedule
All meetings are held on Sunday, 2:00 pm
Burgess Conference Room, Long Beach Campus

- January 20
- March 17
- May (tba)
- September 15
- November 17
- December

April - Spring Raffle Tickets
May - Spring Picnic
November - Holiday Raffle Tickets
December - Celebrating the Holidays Program

2019 State Holidays
SMRC Offices Closed

- January 21
- February 18
- April 29
- May 27
- July 4
- September 2
- November 11
- November 21
- December 25