A NOTE FROM OUR CEO

COME AS YOU ARE
MAY THIS SEASON IGNITE
THE CHISPA IN EACH OF US

We are very excited that the Citizens of Brookwood have been chosen by Chispa House for their next feature film entitled “Come As You Are.” This is a great honor, and we look forward to having you at the premiere in 2022. More information about the film is on page 8 in this newsletter.

Chispa means ‘spark’ in Spanish. It is the resounding ‘why’ inside of each person. Your chispa is given to you by God and by seeking Him. It is the unstoppable flame, filled with unconditional love, exemplified so beautifully by our Citizens.

Our Citizens invite you to come as you are and live your authentic, purpose-filled life that God has ordained for you, not wrapped up in gifts or people, but wrapped in Him loving you so much that He gave His only Son for us so we may live eternally with Him forever.

No one had a greater purpose than the Son of God...His purpose of saving humanity from our sins and to show us the way to eternal life.

Come to our upcoming Christmas Open House and experience what these filmmakers have tangibly felt as they captured life with our Citizens. May your Chispa be evident this Holy Season.

Blessed,

Vivian Streit Shudde

THE BROOKWOOD COMMUNITY CORE VALUES

GRACE          RESPECT
OPPORTUNITY    INTERDEPENDENCE
DIGNITY        CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT

HONESTY
BROOKWOOD CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3 & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS
You’ll love performances both days at 10 am and 2 pm by the Brookwood Handbell Ensemble in the Worship Center, Citizen videos, and driving tours around campus.

DINE
Enjoy a delicious buffet lunch in the Brookwood Café from 10:45 am - 2:15 pm. First come, first served, reservations strongly encouraged. To-go items available for purchase. Pre-order boxed to-go lunches at brookwoodstore.org.

SHOP
Shop at our Gift & Garden Center from 9 am - 5 pm for beautiful hand-crafted Citizen products, poinsettias, unique holiday décor, and gifts.

PICTURES IN THE POINSETTIAS
Capture the perfect family holiday photo with a background of beautiful Brookwood poinsettias. 10 am - 2:30 pm. Online reservations available at brookwoodcommunity.org/events.

BROOKWOOD GIFT & GARDEN CENTER AND CAFÉ
1502 FM 1489 I Brookshire, TX 77423
RETAIL STORE 281.375.2149 I CAFÉ 281.375.2400
#BrookwoodOpenHouse
EVERY. ONE. WORKS.

Even through a worldwide pandemic, the desire for genuine purpose and the feeling of self-worth that only work can provide has been stronger than ever this past year and a half. Citizens have been working all over campus to ensure the beautiful Brookwood products and plants are ready for the holiday season. No matter the challenge, our program staff continue to find a way to use our Citizen’s God-given abilities to contribute to society and see the value in these adults with disabilities who live and work at The Brookwood Community.

Laura using the Brookwood stamp template; Grant painting ceramics pieces.

Danielle planting poinsettias in Horticulture; Ricky and Mark enjoy using their new woodworking skills; Kelcie at The Woodlands proudly finishing a painting project; Tracy stamping Royers Pie boxes.

Stephen cutting clay in the Grand Parkway Studio; Rick landscaping the residential homes; Cameron, Rick and Wilson washing Horticulture pots; Bonnie attaching ribbon to ornaments.
Fishin’ with a Mission

Citizen Jon Boone and Activities Director Greg Glauser participated in the Independent Insurance Agents of Houston (IIAH) 2nd annual Fishin’ with a Mission charity tournament benefiting Brookwood last month in Rockport. Jon was one of the top fishermen of the tournament and won the largest Red Fish in the live bait division with 25 inches, caught with a mullet.

“When I am with Jon Boone, I feel the presence of a mighty man who talks of God, his own family and his Brookwood family, and fish. He is an expert in all these subjects, and you can learn so much from him and become a better person after the visit,” said Greg.

Jon wrote about his fishing adventure in a “fish” story. It’s incredible how Jon describes his adventures from the perspective of a person who is blind, as you “see” it all so differently from his eyes. “If you are in competition and can’t win without boasting, or lose without crying, you probably should not play sports, whether it be baseball, football, or fishing. I am king in freshwater fishing, but in saltwater I am a rookie. Fishing is a fun sport and can be a real challenge at times. That’s when you must go for the big one. End of story.” –Jon Boone

Fitness Fun

Fitness in the gym and the pool is always more fun with friends!
Café team members Alissa and Dani served delicious Brookwood appetizers at the Cinco Ranch Rotary Club’s Katy Wine Fest in October.

The Café’s annual Holiday Decorating Lunch and Learn is always a big hit with customers who want to get a head start on Christmas decorating.

Day Citizen Austin Hanson proudly displayed his hand painted artwork at the annual Brookwood Fall Fest.

Mesh With It owner Alicia Guido has been coming out to Brookwood for three years for her wreath making workshops.

Red Day in Horticulture kicked off the poinsettia season in August with Citizens beginning the planting process for this year’s crop of 50,000 poinsettias.

This fall’s Make Your Own Succulent Gourd event brought out a big group of creative crafters to Brookwood Horticulture.

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Shop The Woodlands for the Holidays

For the second consecutive year, Brookwood has a new holiday store in The Woodlands, thanks to the generous donation of space from The Howard Hughes Corporation. The seasonal retail store located in the Hughes Landing development features a variety of handcrafted Citizen products, delicious food items, famous poinsettias, and other seasonal gifts.

Brookwood’s new studio at The Woodlands United Methodist Church now has 11 Day Citizens and continues to grow. Community partnerships with churches and retailers have allowed Brookwood to expand programming and increase awareness of our mission to an entirely different side of town.

OPEN NOW THROUGH JANUARY

THE WOODLANDS HOLIDAY STORE
TUESDAY – SATURDAY | 10 AM – 5 PM
1950 Hughes Landing Blvd., Ste. 200 | The Woodlands, TX 77380

Brookwood Barks...

The PAW-fect treat

One of the Citizens' favorite work projects is making the popular Brookwood Barks dog biscuit treats for our four-legged friends. The past year required quite a bit of flexibility as Citizens worked all around campus and at home. Whether it’s cooking, cutting, or packaging the biscuits, there is a lot of love and pride that goes in to making these popular dog treats.

Gifts of LOVE

Brookwood continues to expand the line of spiritual products available in our three retail stores, as well as the online store. From crosses and plaques made in Ceramics and Stone Casting, to prayer bowls with inspirational sayings engraved with the Epilog printer, these items are the perfect gifts of love for the holidays.
Chispa House, a humanity-focused film production company from Athens, Georgia, has chosen Brookwood for their next full-length feature film. The Brookwood film is entitled “Come As You Are” and focuses on people helping people, showing the significance of living a life of purpose and meaning as seen through the lives of our Citizens. Each person, no matter their abilities, deserves to discover their passion and purpose, and nurture it into a meaningful life.

“We are thrilled that through this movie, Chispa House will show what our Citizens of Brookwood represent and what our nation and world are seeking...PURPOSE!” said CEO Vivian Shudde.

Filming at Brookwood began in June and will continue through spring 2022. The film is expected to premiere in Houston next fall and be entered into national and international film festivals. For more information about this one-of-a-kind film project, contact Director of Outreach Jana Mullins at janam@brookwoodcommunity.org or 281.375.2260.

Leading the Way at Brookwood

**BECAH BUTLER**

Becah was recently promoted to Chief Programs Officer. Her love of people with special needs began when she volunteered as a teenager at Briarwood. She has a long career in Special Education at both Tuttle School and in Klein ISD. She joined Brookwood in 2017 and has been at the helm of the Center for Learning. Becah is a blessing to The Brookwood Community!

**BILL RONDON**

Bill joined our team in July as Chief Operating Officer. Bill served 21 years in the United States Air Force. After retiring from the Air Force, his civilian career includes 19 years of leadership in the oil and gas industry. We are happy to have him using his God-given gifts to serve this most amazing population.

Careers with a Purpose

Working at Brookwood isn’t just a job...it’s a calling. A call to serve God by “speaking for those who have no voice.” Brookwood Citizens have found their purpose in life here at Brookwood. Join the Brookwood team and ignite purpose and meaning in your own life, too. For a list of current Brookwood job opportunities, visit brookwoodcommunity.org or email careers@brookwoodcommunity.org.
Worship Center Renovations

Thanks to the generosity of the Hamill Foundation, Pinky Pampell and Second Baptist Church, the Worship Center was renovated this summer and has a new, fresh look. The lobby and restrooms are now brighter with more modern flooring and colors. A new video-audio system was installed to improve the sound and visual quality for Citizens and guests.

New Sweet Treats at the Café

A variety of new Café desserts are here, just in time for the holidays! Enjoy delicious Chocolate Blackout Cake, Strawberry Cake, Carrot Cake, Lemon Poppy Cake, and Red Velvet Cheesecake. Brookwood Bakes sweet treats are also available at the Café. For lunch reservations, book online at www.brookwoodcommunity.org or call 281.375.2400. Open Monday – Saturday from 11 am – 2 pm.

Shop Online This Holiday Season

The Brookwood online store offers a large variety of Citizen-made products including ceramics, stone casting, gourmet food items, spiritual gifts, greeting cards, and more. Shop at www.brookwoodstore.org anytime, anywhere, and support the adults with special needs who live and work at Brookwood. Enjoy free shipping on orders of $50 or more.

Customized Orders

Looking for unique personalized client gifts, meaningful event takeaways, or wedding favors? Let the Brookwood Design Team and our talented Citizen artists create custom corporate gifts and promotional items tailored to your special event and corporate function needs. Your purchases will do double duty to provide meaningful work and genuine purpose in the lives of adults with disabilities. For more information on custom orders, please contact corporateorders@brookwoodcommunity.org.
More than 40 Brookwood Citizens, family members and volunteers participated in the 2021 Bike to the Beach event on October 30 in Surfside, and it was a glorious day! Brookwood Interdependence Team members rode either a 6-mile or 12-mile route along Bluewater Highway, finishing at Stahlman Park where they enjoyed a post-race party and awards ceremony. Led by Greg Glauser, the riders trained for four months with a 5-mile route around campus. Close to $50,000 was raised for Brookwood and Bike to the Beach, helping to increase awareness for autism and other disABILITIES. Thank you to everyone who supported the team. Our Citizens had a wonderful time and can’t wait to do it again next year!
We are so grateful for the generous response we’ve received to the **I Believe in Brookwood** fall fundraiser. Your gifts provide Brookwood Citizens opportunities to learn and work, to experience social and spiritual fellowship, and to lead fulfilling and productive lives as contributing members of The Brookwood Community!

Do you believe in Brookwood? There’s still time to help us reach our $1 million goal! Fundraising continues through December 31. Can’t decide which team to support? The Brookwood Dream Team represents all our amazing Citizens! An anonymous friend of Brookwood will be matching donations up to $125,000 through December 31!

Best of all, 97 cents of every dollar raised goes directly back into the programs and services that help our Citizens live wonderful lives filled with meaning and purpose.

Go to [www.justgiving.com/campaign/brookwood2021](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/brookwood2021) to donate, or contact Donna Gower for more information at 281-375-2192 or donnag@brookwoodcommunity.org.

**Thank you for your support!**

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**Citizen Celebrities & Teams**

Anderson Home  
Gayle Baker & Angie Dickerson – Scotty Thompson  
Davis Bankston  
Robert Baugh  
Josh Bixenman & Stacey Perna  
Emory Black – Knights of Columbus  
Jon Boone & Ben Hatvany  
Jenny Boudreaux  
Bubba Brandt – Bubba’s Buddies  
Brookwood Day Citizens  
Brookwood Dream Team  
Brookwood Young Professionals Group  
Stacy Brown  
Cinco Ranch Ladies Club  
James & Jeffrey Coker  
Richard Cross – Bob Smith  
Kendall Cutrer  
Brianna Dawkins  
Derek Home  
Jenny Evans  
Alice Fairbanks  
Follett Home  

Carrie Gabel  
Grand Parkway Studio  
Meade Greer  
Grundfos  
Brian Hale  
Austin Hanson  
Nate Harrell  
Nicole Herber–Whiting  
Hayley Herzstein  
Steven Hirshman  
Stacy Ingram  

Inn Crowd – Citizens of the Isla Carroll Inn  
Jamail Home  
Michele Jardine  
Kilroy Home  
Ricky Kitchell  
Joe Kleinworth  
Kyle Klumpayan  
Kyndall Krippner  
Aaron Laughed  
Jeff Lawler  
Eri Mangel  

Patrick McBurney  
Chris McClung  

Jamie McCulloch  
Meadows Home  
Bonnie O’Neill  
Bill Overstreet  
Diane Phillips  
Carrie Prados – IIAH  
Paul Pressler  
Laura Robinson – Dr. Bill Quayle  
Grant Rushnell  
Bob Ryan  
Courtney Seale  

Wilson Shudde & Vicki Streit  
Michael Sloan  
CharlieStubbs  
Eli and Jacob Sukin  
Christine Thompson  
Robin Torrance  
Frank Tucker  
Tuttle Home  
Weekley Home  
Thomas Whitten  

The Woodlands Studio  
Nicole Yeh  
Team Zuilhof
Co-Chairs Patty & Richard Hoban and Lana & Ryan Rush and Honorary Chair Meade Greer invite you to the Brookwood Community’s biennial Benefit Lunch on **Wednesday, April 20, 2022**, at the Hilton Americas Houston. The theme of the event is **Inspiring Purpose**, and the guest speaker will be **Joni Eareckson Tada**. The very first **Vicki Streit Inspiration Award** will be presented to **Jim McIngvale**.

Proceeds allow Brookwood to provide over $1 million in scholarships annually to deserving Citizens. For more information, contact Donna Gower at donnag@brookwoodcommunity.org or 281.375.2192.

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**Brookwood Visionary Society**

Brookwood was honored to receive a gift from the estate of long-time Citizen **Dennis Davis** after his passing last year. Dennis joined the Brookwood Community in 1995. He enjoyed following sports, especially the Houston Astros, and working in stone casting.

“When Dennis was 18, he was hit in the head with a baseball, and he had recurring seizures and many surgeries after that,” said his cousin and guardian, Ray Brochstein. “He lived with his mother and aunt until he was 54 and didn’t have any siblings or friends. Brookwood changed his life. Having a job and a home at Brookwood was wonderful for him.”

Dennis’s gift to Brookwood’s Endowment Fund will be a continuing legacy that will provide financial assistance for future Citizens. Dennis will be remembered as a Brookwood Angel. For more information about Brookwood’s Visionary Society, contact Carol Thornburg at 281-375-2110.

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**Donate to Brookwood This Holiday Season**

- Donate online at [www.brookwoodcommunity.org](http://www.brookwoodcommunity.org)
- Make a donation in memory or in honor of a loved one [See the enclosed envelope for more details](#)
- Ask your company about corporate matching gifts or volunteer grants

Thank you for blessing our Citizens! Your generosity provides scholarships for qualifying Citizens, salaries for staff and supplies for enterprises, while also enabling Brookwood to operate its programs and services independent of government subsidies.
Community Partner Spotlight
Independent Insurance Agents of Houston (IIAH)

As the largest association of independent insurance agents in the United States, the Independent Insurance Agents of Houston (IIAH) is a volunteer-based organization that serves its members through education, advocacy, networking and community service. Brookwood is one of their selected charities and received $10,000 from their events held during the past year. Executive Director David Wuthrich has had a long affiliation with Brookwood. "I was a caddy for several Brookwood Golf Marathons when the golfers played 100 holes in a day, so I'm glad to give back in my role at IIAH." Brookwood is grateful for this partnership with IIAH!

Second Baptist Church
Thank you to members from the Second Baptist Missions team for creating personalized wooden signs for Residential Citizens to hang on their doors.

Brookwood’s Production team created the awards for IIAH’s Charity Chili Cook-off and Sporting Clays Invitational.

Energy Transfer’s Houston area employees and their families enjoyed a barbecue cookoff to benefit Brookwood, raising over $25,000 thanks to the dollar for dollar match by Energy Transfer.

Brookwood Citizens and participants from our Young Professionals organization received the “Most Spirited” Award at IIAH’s Wild West Charity Bowl XXVII held in July.

Led by Chase Fondren, Sam Tucker, Ben Tucker and Jacob Robinson, the Brookwood Young Professionals group raised over $20,000 at their first annual golf tournament in November.
Brookwood Tours are back!

Come out and experience the beauty and spirit of God's presence on a Brookwood campus tour, and see how Brookwood is changing the way the world thinks about adults with disabilities...one tour group at a time! For more information, please contact Joanne Clark at 281-375-2100 or receptionist@brookwoodcommunity.org.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS serving all over campus

Texon volunteers decorate for Christmas; Garden Club members working in the greenhouse; Volunteers keep our campus beautiful.

Methodist Hospital employees helping with poinsettias.

Volunteers painting with a purpose.

Wharton County Junior College nursing students landscaping around campus.

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Art Committee lending a hand.

FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Please contact Karen Pollard at 281-375-2220 or email karenp@brookwoodcommunity.org.
ITEMS NEEDED AROUND CAMPUS

Choose from the list below and either use the enclosed envelope to mail in your monetary selection or donate online at brookwoodcommunity.org and indicate the item in the comments box.

**J.S. DUNN HEALTH CENTER**
Abbott Piccolo Xpress Analyzer to get accurate lab-results within twelve minutes | $12,500
AEDs | $1,600 (13 needed)
High Top Kitchen Table and Chairs | $500
AED Replacements pads and batteries | $100
Microwave | $100
Automatic blood pressure cuffs (arm and wrist styles) | $75 each (10-15 needed)
Pulse Oximeters | $25 each (10-15 needed)
No-touch infrared thermometers | $15 each (10-15 needed)

**TRANSPORTATION**
Smart Floor Van | $60,000
15-Passenger Van | $45,000

**ENTERPRISES, RETAIL AND CAFÉ**
Industrial ice maker for Café | $4,000
Braille Printer | $3,500
Industrial freezer for Café retail products | $3,000
Heat press for t-shirts, paper and more | $1,750
Ice and water dispenser for Café | $1,500
Industrial convection microwave for Café kitchen | $1,000
Heat press attachments for curved surfaces | $800
Kiln carts to transport ceramic items to the kiln area | $700 (3 needed)
Paint and craft supplies for Citizen projects | $250

**RESIDENTIAL HOMES**
Golf carts to transport Citizens and staff around campus | $6,000
Larger household items such as dishwashers, Smart TVs with wall mount, cordless vacuum cleaners and microwave ovens | $500

**HORTICULTURE**
Rolling shipping carts to transport plants to greenhouse and deliveries | $725 (10 needed)

**THE WOODLANDS STUDIO**
Bead rollers | $30 (3 needed)

Give While You Shop

**AMAZON SMILE**
When you shop on Amazon, make sure you are logged onto Amazon Smile first at smile.amazon.com, then select The Brookwood Community as your charity of choice. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases to Brookwood.

**ALBERTSONS/RANDALLS/SAFETY/WOMEN'S THUMB**
Choose Brookwood as your charity of choice with the listed retail vendors. Stop by their customer service desk and link your rewards card to their Good Neighbor Program under The Brookwood Community: Charity Number 1374. Then shop as you normally do, entering in your rewards number at check out.

**KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM**
Visit www.kroger.com, log into your Kroger account, search for Brookwood Community either by name or NPO (Non-Profit Organization) number QC519, and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address, and a rewards card.

WALMART WISH LIST
Brookwood is now part of Walmart’s Registry for Good. Check out Brookwood’s wish list online at www.walmart.com/registry/registryforgood and then type in Brookwood under “Find a local cause” for a list of much-needed campus supplies that will ship directly to Brookwood.

2021

**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**
Friday, December 3 & Saturday, December 4 | 9 am – 5 pm
Gift & Garden Center and Café
Enjoy holiday shopping, Citizen Handbell Ensemble performances, campus driving tours, and lunch in the Café!

**PICTURES IN THE POINSETTIAS**
Friday, December 3 & Saturday, December 4 | 10:30 am – 2:30 pm
Brookwood Horticulture
Capture the perfect family holiday photo!

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS**
Saturday, December 11 & Sunday, December 18 | 9 am, 9:20 am, & 9:40 am
Brookwood Café
Enjoy pictures with Santa and a delicious breakfast!

2022

**RODEO FASHION SHOW**
Friday, January 28 | 11 am – 1 pm
Brookwood Café
Enjoy lunch and a rodeo fashion show!

**HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO BOOTH**
Monday, February 28 – Sunday, March 20
NRG Park
Shop your favorite Brookwood products at our rodeo booth!

**CHAPELWOOD SPRING THING MARKET**
Tuesday, March 8 & Wednesday, March 9
Chapelwood United Methodist Church
Stop by our booth at this popular spring shopping event!

**KATY HOME & GARDEN SHOW**
Saturday, March 26 & Sunday, March 27
Katy ISD Ag Center
Purchase beautiful Brookwood plants and support our adults with disabilities!

**BROOKWOOD BENEFIT LUNCH – INSPIRING PURPOSE**
Wednesday, April 20 | 11:30 am – 1 pm
Hilton Americas Hotel
Guest speaker: Joni Eareckson Tada

Visit brookwoodcommunity.org for more information on events.
SHOP & DINE WITH A PURPOSE

BROOKWOOD GIFT & GARDEN CENTER  ➡️ 281.375.2149 ➡️
1502 FM 1489  |  Brookshire, Texas 77423
OPEN Monday - Saturday  |  9 AM - 4:30 PM

BROOKWOOD GIFT STORE  ➡️ 832.759.5077 ➡️
AT GALLERY FURNITURE
7227 W. Grand Parkway  |  Richmond, Texas 77407
OPEN Monday - Saturday  |  10 AM - 5 PM

BROOKWOOD CAFÉ  ➡️ 281.375.2400 ➡️
1502 FM 1489  |  Brookshire, Texas 77423
OPEN for lunch Monday - Saturday  |  11 AM - 2 PM
Reservations recommended: Call or reserve online. To-go options available.

Thank You!
All purchases at the retail stores and Café help to provide purpose in the lives of Citizens who live and work at Brookwood.

Connect with Us
@brookwoodcommunity

Shop online
brookwoodstore.org

The Café is available for group celebrations, showers, evening private events, weddings, and off-site catering. Email catering@brookwoodcommunity.org to book your holiday event. Casseroles, family meals, and to-go orders are also available for pick up.