Changing the way the world thinks about adults with disabilities

DON'T MISS BROOKWOOD'S CHRISTMAS

Open House
DECEMBER 2 & 3
Dear Friends,

I had an amazing and humbling Zoom call with a pastor from Ghana who had heard about Brookwood and deeply desires “Brookwood” in Ghana. My first question to those desiring “The Brookwood Way” is always “Why?” His answer, spoken in slightly broken English, lasted 30 minutes and was one of the most intensely passionate descriptions about why his country needed a Brookwood that I had ever heard. My heart was beyond heavy for those four million people who are considered a “result of sin and a symbol of misfortune.” It became the focus of my thoughts before sleep and as I walked through the studios at Brookwood, thinking about how fortunate we are.

After a few minutes of listening to why the Brookwood model was so desperately needed, I began to take notes as he described what he understood Brookwood to be.

Brookwood is:
“Executing the mandate of Christ...to all nations.”
“Giving people the opportunity to be themselves...to belong.”
“Changing the thinking of the world.”
“Everyone is afforded the right to a sense of value.”
“Dignity is there....it is the Essence of Life.”
“The people at Brookwood have value and are a gift....like Stevie Wonder and Helen Keller.”

He continued with powerful comments about our GOD RICH Core Values. He said that we do “belong to each other...Interdependent,” and proclaimed that, “Honesty is delegated to the back of society, yet it is the key to living a life of freedom and peace.”

He concluded that he understands what we believe; that “Citizens represent what God desires from each of us.” His greatest desire is to “Make the name of the Lord seen in His people through the lives of the disabled. They know where they came from and they know, without wavering, where they are going!”

I’ll never forget his parting words, “My happiness is incomplete because it is linked to the happiness of the disabled.”

During this holiday season, and in the new year, will you join our Community Members and Citizens in continued prayer about how we can truly fulfill our vision to ‘change the way the world thinks about adults with disabilities’ from being “a result of sin” to an understanding that “Citizens represent what God wants from all of us?”

Faithfully serving God’s greatest,

VIVIAN SHUDE | CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Citizen Pageant
The Brookwood Handbell Ensemble will perform Christmas favorites, and Citizens will present an original play “Follow the Star” in the Reynolds Cafetorium each day at 10 AM and 2 PM.

Dine
Enjoy a delicious lunch in the Brookwood Cafe from 10:45 AM – 2:15 PM. Reservations strongly encouraged, or first-come, first-served on the day-of. Pre-order and purchase to-go lunches at brookwoodstore.org, or call 281.375.2400 for reservations.

Shop
Shop at our Gift and Garden Center from 9 AM – 5 PM for beautiful hand-crafted Citizen products, poinsettias, and unique holiday décor and gifts.

Pictures in the Poinsettias
Capture the perfect friends and family holiday photos amidst our beautiful Brookwood poinsettias, taken by our professional photographer. $13 per unique digital photo. (3 photos maximum) Reserve your photo spot between 10 AM – 2:30 PM online at: https://brookwoodstore.org/products/copy-of-pictures-in-the-poinsettias

Tours
Enjoy a driving or walking tour around our beautiful campus. Docents will be available from 9 AM – 3 PM to show you the Chapel, Citizen studios and workshops, and pool.

Join us for other Holiday Events

ANNUAL LADIES NIGHT OUT
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
5 - 8 PM
Bring your girlfriends for a festive night out! Enjoy a fun night of holiday shopping with appetizers, door prizes and more. Wine and beer available for purchase. No reservations required.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17
9 AM, 9:20 AM, 9:40 AM
Join us for a breakfast buffet at the Brookwood Café, plus photos with Santa. This event fills quickly so make your reservation at 281.375.2400.

For more information, visit brookwoodcommunity.org/events
AROUND CAMPUS

Nothing says fall like pumpkins. Horticulture Manager Robert Grove led a workshop for 80 crafty people who created beautiful succulent pumpkin centerpieces using Citizen-grown plants.

If decorating the front door, or maybe the mantle — wherever a wreath is needed, Alicia Guido from Mesh with It, a company with creativity to spare, guided Brookwood guests in a holiday decorating and wreath workshop.

SHARING THE BROOKWOOD WAY

The Stephen C. Beasley Center for Learning hosted 40 guests from Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee and Florida at The Brookwood Way conference October 26-28. Attendees experienced an in-depth campus tour and attended workshops providing comprehensive insight into Residential, Work Programs, Admissions, Fundraising and more. CEO Vivian Shudde addressed the group, along with other Brookwood professionals. Citizens entertained them with a handbell performance and answered questions about their lives at Brookwood. These conferences are truly a way to change the way the world thinks about adults with disabilities!

IN LOVING TRIBUTE

Tom Wilson was a tireless advocate for Brookwood and Briarwood until his passing in October. A member of Brookwood’s Board for 25 years, Tom served as Board Chair from 2016-2020, and Briarwood’s Board Chair from 2020-2022. He will be remembered for his faithful service, energy, and passion and will be greatly missed.

Brookwood Citizen Joe Kleinworth was called to heaven on November 5. Joe lived at Brookwood for 27 years and was known as the “Mayor of Brookwood,” Joe loved to greet guests visiting the Brookwood campus. If you had the pleasure of meeting Joe, you left with a big smile on your face and his business card in your hand.

We also remember these Citizens who passed this year: Christine Lee, Robin Torrance, Jeff “JJ” Joplin, and Bonnie O’Neil.

CAREERS WITH A PURPOSE

Working at Brookwood isn’t just a job… it’s a calling. A call to serve God by working alongside Brookwood Citizens as they lead full and dignified lives. Join the Brookwood team and ignite meaning and purpose every day in your own life, too. Visit brookwoodcommunity.org for a list of current Brookwood job opportunities, or email careers@brookwoodcommunity.org.

If you would like to make a gift in memory of these special friends or someone else, visit brookwoodcommunity.org/donate.
MUSIC TO OUR EARS
Thank you to Hugh Callison, his daughter Aimee Peterson, and 10-year-old granddaughter McKenna for sharing their wonderful musical talents at a Saturday Social. The performance began with Hugh playing the bagpipes, and then the three of them took turns on harp, guitar, fiddles, and violin. McKenna is a National Champion Fiddler in the Junior Division! It was a wonderful evening of inspirational music and everyone was enchanted by their performance.

BIBLE PARTY
At Brookwood we do not hold Bible study; we have a Bible Party! Each Wednesday night interested Citizens gather for music, prayers, Scripture, games, and fun! One of our local NCL chapters has been supplying Bible Party game prizes for all of our Citizens, adding to the festivities.

WHO SAYS DINOSAURS ARE EXTINCT?!
Citizens had a great time when dinosaurs roamed the Brookwood campus on October 29. Thanks to the generosity of Bruce Stein, Citizens and over 200 guests enjoyed a picnic lunch and getting up close and personal with the giant Jurassic variety creatures, plus several more cuddly baby dinos.

LOOKS SPOOKY TO ME
Ghosts, goblins and other nefarious characters mysteriously appeared on Halloween Day. Citizens creatively transformed themselves for the day, and enjoyed an evening celebration with Halloween treats. Brookwood staff also got into the spirit and joined in the fun.

BY THE GRACE OF GOD
Sunday worship is back! Every Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m., Pastor Anthony, residential Citizens, Community Members, and visitors gather to worship in our beautiful chapel. Guest worship leaders from Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church’s adult choir, and other churches, join us to worship the Lord as we praise Him together to start the week God-centered!

NO SPLASHING ALLOWED!
Labor Day is a day to relax. Brookwood Citizens did exactly that by enjoying a pool party. The Saturday Pool Fitness and Table Activities are also a big hit. Pool exercise is both healthy and fun! Thanks to a local chapter of the National Charity League for their support.
Volunteers
We Couldn’t Do It Without You!

Centurion Pipeline volunteers are very active with our Citizen cyclists in two ways. Volunteers have been riding alongside our Citizens as they prepared for Bike to the Beach, and they were on campus loading all the bikes onto trucks to make the trip to Surfside. The Citizens thank you!

Katy Wine Fest a HUGE Success!

Kudos to the Cinco Ranch Rotary Club on their 17th Annual Katy Wine Fest in October. Several hundred guests enjoyed the evening as they sampled Italian and Texas wines. Thanks also to the many Brookwood volunteers who helped at the event. Proceeds benefit The Brookwood Community, and we are so grateful for this support.

Several chapters of the National Charity League support Brookwood in many ways, most recently with one of the chapters donating supplies for Pool Fitness. Thanks to everyone from NCL for all you do for Brookwood!

The beautiful plantings in the Garden Center Atrium and Café entrance are the handiwork of volunteers from Amegy Bank. Thanks for making Brookwood so welcoming through your gift of working in the soil!

WE NEED YOU
There are many ways for individuals, families, corporate groups and churches to make a difference. Please consider volunteering or organizing a group to lend a hand. For more information on volunteer opportunities, go to volunteer@brookwoodcommunity.org, or call 281.375.2114.

SEE BEHIND THE SCENES AT BROOKWOOD
Brookwood tours are available Monday through Friday for individuals and groups. Come and experience the beauty and the spirit of God’s presence on the Brookwood campus. Holiday tours will fill up quickly, so make your reservations soon. Contact Joanne Clark at 281.375.2100, or visit brookwoodcommunity.org/tours. The first Wednesday of each month, tours are provided for prospective families seeking to learn more about Brookwood programs. Contact Admissions at 281.375.2169.
A NIGHT AT THE THEATER
BENEFITING THE BROOKWOOD COMMUNITY

CHISPA HOUSE PRESENTS
THE BROOKWOOD STORY
A FILM PREMIERE SHOWCASING THE CITIZENS OF THE BROOKWOOD COMMUNITY
AND A CELEBRATION PERFORMANCE WITH
RYAN BINGHAM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023 | 7 PM
HOBBY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

THE BROOKWOOD COMMUNITY IS CELEBRATING ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY IN A VERY SPECIAL WAY, AND YOU ARE INVITED TO SHARE IN THE CELEBRATION.

On Thursday, January 26, 2023, Chispa House, a humanity-focused production company, will debut its film The Brookwood Story at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. The film, two years in the making, features the extraordinary history and mission of the Brookwood Community and captures the “chispa” – the spark from within that ignites change – that has been the driving force behind Brookwood. Throughout the film, the story is told by the Citizens who live and work here.

Ariel Levy, the director of The Brookwood Story, who has long personal ties to Brookwood, said, “When we first went to Brookwood, our plan was to do a short film that would be meaningful and bring attention to the program, but once we met the Citizens and saw firsthand the incredibly inspiring work they’re doing, we realized only a full-length documentary could do the story justice.”

This fundraising event will include a red-carpet reception, the premiere of the film, and a headliner performance by Ryan Bingham. Bingham is an American singer/songwriter, Oscar, Grammy and Golden Globe winner and a star of the hit series, Yellowstone.

Co-Chairs Irene and Brian Binash, Carol and Bill Lawler, and Bruce Stein; and Honorary Chairs Carol and Michael Linn and Soraya and Scott McClelland invite you to join them.

Individual tickets will go on sale in December, while underwriting and sponsorship opportunities are available now.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
brookwoodcommunity.ejoinme.org/filmevent, or call 281.375.2192.
HOLIDAY SHOPPING MADE EASY!

Shop the Brookwood way where everything you need is under one roof! Our beautifully decorated Gift Shop has Citizen-made items that are a treasure to give and to receive. The store is featuring five new holiday ornaments, a stunning pair of sister angels and specially-designed screen printed holiday cards. Browse jewelry items, clothing and accessories, gifts for children, and even pets, plus packaged foods and Brookwood’s very own salad dressings. If you love gifting plants and flowers, visit the Garden Center, and then take a break and enjoy lunch in the Café.

NEW! Embroidery Enterprise

The Lift High Foundation recently made a donation to purchase an embroidery machine for the Brookwood Woodlands day program. Citizens will be producing embroidered aprons, tea towels, and other decorated gift items. Trustees of the Foundation, Cassandra, Shari and Chuck Meloy, visited the Woodlands studio to see the Citizens in action. These products will soon be available in the Brookwood stores, and can be personalized by special order.

SHOP ONLINE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Brookwood online store offers a large variety of Citizen-made products including stone casting, gourmet food items, greeting cards, spiritual gifts, and more. Our warehouse is stocked and ready to fill your order. Shop at www.brookwoodstore.org in the convenience of your home, with free shipping on orders of $50 or more.

OPEN NOW THROUGH JANUARY

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

Again this year, Brookwood has a holiday store in The Woodlands, thanks to the generous donation of space by the Howard Hughes Corporation. Brookwood’s handcrafted Citizen products and other seasonal gifts provide a wonderful selection to choose from.

BROOKWOOD GIFT & GARDEN HOURS
MONDAY - SATURDAY I 9 AM - 4:30 PM

BROOKWOOD CAFÉ HOURS
MONDAY - SATURDAY I 11 AM - 2 PM
Thank You to everyone who has donated to our annual giving campaign since the kick-off on September 1. We’re well on the way to our goal of $1.2 million! Please help us cross the finish line. The I Believe in Brookwood campaign provides vital funds for so many essential needs such as trained staffing, training programs, healthcare, building maintenance and ongoing work, allowing Brookwood to operate without government funding.

Visit brookwoodcommunity.ejoinme.org/2022Believe, or call 281.375.2174 to make your donation. Donations will be matched 1:1 starting Tuesday, November 29 through December while matching funds remain available.

Bike to the Beach Raises $70,000

What an achievement! Brookwood had an energetic and determined team of 30 Citizen cyclers who rode 24, 12, or 6 miles during the Texas Ride at Surfside Beach. Another 40 volunteers rode alongside, including family members as well as volunteers from Pour Into Houston and Centurion Pipeline. Proceeds benefit the I Believe in Brookwood campaign. The national event has the goal of raising autism awareness.

Many thanks to our Citizens who served as honorary team chairs, joined by family and friends, who assisted with fund raising and made this October day such a great success.

Director of Community Life Greg Glauser explains, “We can go the distance and finish well if we prepare ourselves, and keep the right focus throughout the race”. And yes, they are already looking ahead to next year.

Kudos to Citizen Janice who, at age 70, upped her goal of six miles last year, to completing 12 miles this year in just over two hours. Way to go, Janice!
The Special Teams for Special Needs program sponsored by Mustang CAT blessed Brookwood again this year with a check for $42,000. Partnering with the Houston Texans, Mustang CAT’s donation is based on the number of points scored by the Texans’ special teams unit. The Citizens were fired up, decked out in Texans clothes and Mustang CAT hats, and enjoyed an old-fashioned pep rally with Texans players and cheerleaders!

Blessings Shower Brookwood

Centerpoint Energy, long a supporter of Brookwood, has been even more generous in this year’s donation of $70,000 to develop new Citizen enterprises. Thank you Centerpoint!

LGI Homes’ volunteers work alongside our Citizens in ceramics and stonectasting, and recently presented Brookwood with a $5,000 donation.

WalMart continues to be a faithful partner with Brookwood through their donations and volunteerism.

Visionary Society Member Highlight

Rick and Susan Blanton love Brookwood, and their creation of the Dwight and Jason Blanton Scholarship Endowment helps guarantee the Brookwood way of life into the future. This endowment honors their son Dwight, a Brookwood resident for more than 30 years, and his deceased younger brother, Jason.

Rick and Susan live intentional volunteerism-centered lives, with an ongoing commitment for helping people in need. Rick has had a career in horticulture, which is how he became acquainted with Brookwood, and Susan has been in retail for more than 40 years. They met later in life when they both became involved with a local philanthropic organization!

Rick’s son Dwight exhibits the same enthusiasm for giving back and is active with the Brookwood recycling program and contributes to other charities.

Rick intends to fully fund the endowment with a gift from his estate. He explains their vision this way: “Seeing the accomplishments in each and every face at Brookwood was a compelling impetus to move forward with establishing the endowment.”

For more information about setting up an endowment fund or making a planned gift to Brookwood, contact Carol Thornburg, 281-375-2110.
**ADMINISTRATION**
- Laptop computers | $1,250
- Gift cards for staff appreciation | $25

**CAFÉ**
- Industrial convection microwave | $15,000
- Auto scrubber for Café and store | $8,000
- Ice and water dispenser | $7,500
- Industrial freezer | $4,700
- Industrial ice maker | $3,000

**CERAMICS AND STONECASTING**
- Carts to transport items | $600
- Aprons or painting smocks | $20

**CITIZEN ACTIVITIES**
- Lighting for cafetorium stage | $10,000
- Audio system for cafetorium | $3,000
- Tread mills for new Citizen activities building | $2,000
- ADDI Express king-size knitting machine kit | $210
- Watering timer for Citizen garden | $36
- Garden flat soaker hoses | $25
- Large golf umbrellas | $20
- Puzzles | $5

**FACILITIES**
- 2590 compact track loader & attachment package | $65,000
- Cordless drill/driver kit | $125
- Dymo label writer 450 turbo printer | $150
- Digital utility scale | $160
- SmartFloor vans for Day Citizen transportation | $130,000
- Outdoor gas grill | $1,000
- Stainless steel stockpots | $60-$200
- Computer monitor | $1,000
- Fan | $15
- Food processor | $50
- Industrial convection microwave | $2,000
- Industrial dust mop | $65
- Nonstick 9x13 cake pan with lid | $35
- Nonstick muffin pans | $15

**HORTICULTURE**
- Greenhouse to grow more plants | $600,000
- Delivery truck | $100,000
- Soil dispensing machine to fill pots | $10,000
- Fertilizer injector and pump | $2,100
- Greenhouse worktables | $1,850
- Greenhouse heater | $1,250
- Color printer | $1,000
- Flat transport carts | $500
- Rolling delivery racks | $500
- Propagation tables | $300
- Rain jackets for Citizens | $20

**MEDICAL**
- Standing lift assist | $4,300
- AED | $2,000
- AED replacements pads and batteries | $250
- Automatic blood pressure cuffs | $250

**RESIDENTIAL - DEREK**
- Dyson V11 cordless vacuum with stand | $785
- Hexclad 6-piece pan set | $250
- Juicer attachment for Kitchen-aid stand mixer | $50

**RESIDENTIAL - JAMAIL**
- Outdoor pergola | $5,000
- Smart TV with wall mount | $800
- Food processor | $50

**RESIDENTIAL - MEADOWS**
- Outdoor gas grill | $1,000
- Stainless steel stockpots | $60-$200
- Nonstick 9x13 cake pan with lid | $35
- Nonstick muffin pans | $15

**STORE**
- Display shelving | $1,000
- Mannequins | $200

**TRANSPORTATION**
- Bus for Day Citizen transportation | $130,000
- SmartFloor vans for Day Citizen transportation | $85,000
- Accessible mini-vans for residential | $65,000
- Golf carts | $7,000

**WAREHOUSE**
- Heavy-duty dolly/cart | $160
- Digital utility scale | $150
- Dymo label writer 450 turbo printer | $150
- Cordless drill/driver kit | $125
- Industrial dust mop | $65

**WORK PROGRAM**
- Laminator and supplies | $300
- White board | $190
- Assistive devices such as Big Mac Switch | $150
- Flatware for staff/catering kitchen | $100

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**Wish List**

Please use the enclosed envelope to mail in your selection and payment or contact Angela Minotti at angelam@brookwoodcommunity.org or 281-375-2174.

**Give While You Shop**

**AMAZON SMILE**

When you shop on Amazon, log into Amazon Smile first at smile.amazon.com, then select the Brookwood community as your charity of choice. Shopping here allows for 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile donations to come to Brookwood.

**WALMART WISH LIST**

Brookwood is part of Walmart’s Registry for Good. Go to www.walmart.com/registry/registryforgood and type in Brookwood under “Find a local cause.” Select from supplies listed and they will be shipped directly to Brookwood.

**ARE YOU THINKING OF TRADING IN YOUR VEHICLE?**

Consider donating your used vehicle to Brookwood. We are always in need of well-maintained cars, vans and trucks.

**The Perfect Holiday Gift**

Can’t decide what to get the person who has everything? Purchase a Brookwood gift card and your holiday shopping dollars will help support adults with disabilities. Gift cards can be used in the Café or at both retail stores.

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**Calendar of Events**

**JANUARY**
- AN EVENING AT THE THEATER
  - January 26 | 7:00 PM
  - Hobby Center for the Performing Arts

- HORTICULTURE LUNCH & LEARN: BULBS FOR THE HOUSTON AREA
  - Friday, January 27 | 10:30 AM
  - Brookwood Café

**FEBRUARY**
- HORTICULTURE LUNCH & LEARN: ORGANIC GARDENING & COMPOSTING
  - February 24 | 10:30 AM
  - Brookwood Café

- HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO
  - February 28 - March 19
  - NRG Arena

- SPRING THING MARKET
  - February 28 - March 2
  - Chapelwood United Methodist Church

**MARCH**
- LUNCH & LEARN: AZALEAS FOR TEXAS
  - March 24 | 10:30 AM
  - Brookwood Café

- KATY HOME & GARDEN SHOW
  - March 25 - 26
  - Katy ISD Ag Center

**APRIL**
- NUTCRACKER SPRING MARKET
  - April 8 - 10
  - NRG Center

- CO-ACT CONFERENCE
  - April 26 - 28
  - Brookwood Community

- LUNCH & LEARN: NATIVE TEXAS PLANTS
  - April 28 | 10:30 AM
  - Brookwood Café

**MAY**
- SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA
  - May 4 - 6
  - Brookwood Gift & Garden Center
SHOP & Dine With a Purpose

BROOKWOOD GIFT & GARDEN CENTER
1502 FM 1489  |  Brookshire, Texas 77423
OPEN Monday - Saturday  |  9 am - 4:30 pm
CALL US 281.375.2149  

BROOKWOOD CAFÉ
1502 FM 1489  |  Brookshire, Texas 77423
OPEN for lunch Monday - Saturday  |  11 am - 2 pm
CALL US 281.375.2400  

RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED
Call or reserve online. To-go options available.
Brookwoodcommunity.org/dine  
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.

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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.

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