

SCDC Quarterly Summer 2019

SHELBY COUNTY DRUG COURT

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SCDC Peer Support Specialists Present at NADCP Conference

This year, SCDC's Peer Support Specialists took part in a breakout session on Promising Practices from the Field to Enhance Equity and Inclusion in Treatment Courts. They presented their successes with working with clients and shared innovative strategies to retain them in the program including daily phone check ins, specialty groups and reinforcement based treatment.



Renwick Malone (Left) and Bryan Owens (Right) present their experiences as Peer Support Specialists at the 2019 NADCP Conference in Washington DC

Rockin' on the River Tickets on Sale!!!

Shelby County Drug Court Foundation invites you our 9th Annual Rockin' on the River event as we help save lives and have a great time while doing it! This year's event will be held at Memphis' historically renowned Old Dominick Distillery - delicious food and beverages will be provided! Come listen to Risky Whiskey Boys from 7:00-8:30pm with plenty of great company. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Shelby County Drug Court Foundation.

Purchase your tickets here: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/</u> e/rockin-on-the-river-tickets-65190344074?

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Upcoming Events

Shelby County Drug Court 254th Graduation Ceremony Wednesday, July 24, 2019 @ 1:00pm 201 Poplar Ave. - Auditorium

Shelby County Alumni Association Event Music is my D.O.C. Friday, August 9, 2019 @ 6:00pm Growler's - 1911 Poplar Ave.

Shelby County Drug Court Foundation Fundraiser Rockin' on the River Thursday, August 22, 2019 @ 6:00pm Old Dominick Distillery - 305 S. Front St.

Shelby County Drug Court 255th Graduation Ceremony Wednesday, August 28, 2019 @ 1:00pm 201 Poplar Ave. - Auditorium

Meet Our Newest Drug Court Staff Member

Welcome our newest counselor, Shantay Jackson. Mrs. Jackson comes from Juvenile Court where she has served as a Juvenile Services Counselor since February 2018. Prior to Juvenile Court, Mrs. Jackson worked for Shelby County Government since 1999 and has held various positions including serving as a Probation Officer, Courtroom Coordinator and Lead Counselor for General Sessions Pre-trial Services. From 2005-2009, she took a brief pause from the county to pursue her Masters in Business Administration and work in the financial industry. Her calling to help others brought her back to Shelby County where she returned to counseling work. "Working in this field has been so rewarding. Even in Juvenile Court, I've helped minors turn their life around; they need the support," Mrs. Jackson said. SCDC looks forward to working with Mrs. Jackson and for her to assist our participants in the program.

Mystic Krewe of Pegasus Announces SCDC as 2019-2020 Charity

Mystic Krewe of Pegasus, an organization that promotes unity and diversity for charities, has announced Shelby County Drug Court as their charitable organization for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The organization was created exclusively for charitable purposes and selects a non-profit organization each year to raise funds for, hosting various functions throughout the year. SCDC is honored to be selected as the named charity for the year. Visit their website for more information about their organization: <u>https://www.pegasusmemphis.org/</u> And follow them on Facebook to learn about their happenings and upcoming events: <u>https://</u> www.facebook.com/mystickreweofpegasusmemphis/



Soccer Tournament Honors Former SCDC



On June 22nd, the Inaugural *Ches Linebarier Empowering AllAges Tournament for Success* took place at Cloyes Park in Germantown, TN. The tournament was hosted by the family of Chester Linebarier, a former SCDC graduate who passed away in 2018. In honor of Chester, his family has started a memorial in his name and aims to provide scholarships for children playing soccer for Germantown, scholarships for Shelby County Drug Court and a clothing closet called Ches' Closet.

Drug Court participants and staff came together as a team and participated in the tournament.

Drug Court and Union Mission Team Up for the Race

Empowering AllAges Tournament for Success took place at Cloyes Park in Germantown, TN. Union Mission Inc., participated in this year's Race for Recov-

ery. Pastor Jessen has worked with SCDC for over 15 years and serves to provide food, shelter and resources for the homeless population in Memphis. SCDC is grateful for his faithful race participation every year, and Judge Dwyer always appreciates some healthy competition. "Pastor Jessen beats me every year in the race and I was bound and determined to get him this time and was fortunate to do so!"





<u>SCDC Graduate Wins First Place</u> <u>Award from TN Associated</u> Press

Collins Peeples, a former SCDC participant who graduated in August 2017, was recently awarded first place for Online Investigating and In-Depth Reporting by the Tennessee Associated Press Broadcasters and Media Editors.

Peeples, a student at the University of Memphis, in collaboration with his peer, submitted a report to Memphis Mirror about the lack of options and resources for homeless women in Memphis.

View the article here: <u>https://memphismirror.com/</u> <u>with-few-options-homeless-women-in-memphis-</u> <u>struggle-with-lack-of-shelter/</u>

2019 Race for Recovery Results

The weather held up for our 6th Annual Race for Recovery 5K that took place on Saturday, May 4th in the historic Overton Park. With a Star Wars theme, participants and spectators came ready to run, walk and cheer, re-



sulting in a wonderful time for all. After the run, hot dogs and hamburgers were served and the winners of each running category were announced. The fastest overall time for females was awarded to **Caroline Cook** at 20:23. The fastest overall time for males was awarded to **Corey Lew**is at 22:45.