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HIGHLIGHTS NEWSLETTER | SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2023



Jennifer Brennan

## MEET OUR STUDENTS

“Good morning, girl!” Jennifer Brennan is an outgoing, fun-loving, and caring 43 year old. She lives at Roselane Cottage, and her days are spent in the cottage classroom or at the Bakeshop.

Placing cupcake liners in the pans, running dishes through the dishwasher, drying dishes or peeling bananas are some of the tasks Jen completes at the Bakeshop. She pays a lot of attention to details, whether it is straightening mixer handles, picking up trash, or cleaning up messes. I enjoy when Jen comes upstairs to help me cook for lunch. Even if counting plates is a difficult task and there is much chatter, the table is set to perfection every single time.

If you stop in at the Bakeshop you will most likely be greeted enthusiastically by Jen. She knows no strangers and loves people immensely. Even with her intensity she has a very compassionate heart. I'm so often inspired by the way she is very aware of how others may be feeling. If she thinks you are sad or tired, she will ask, “Are you okay?” Often she brings a cup of cold water, or gives a back rub and offers advice on how to take care of your problems.

Jen has taught me that every single person is special and loved by God. People are very important to her, and she shows that every day in small but meaningful ways.

Expressing what she is really feeling can be difficult, and some simple tasks a challenge, but her love and joy for others is apparent and a day-brightener for those around her.

Heaven has become more real and exciting to me since working with Jen. She has a simple trust in God and loves Him in her own way. Often she mentions that she'll “be a trumpeter some day and wear a white robe.” I want to keep that excitement and hope for heaven alive where we will be free and whole and worshipping our Creator.

*Alicia Hochstedler | Sunflower Cottage | Mocksville, NC*

# EVENTS



**DISCIPLESHIP  
CONFERENCE**  
July 3-4



**BARN OPEN HOUSE**  
July 8



**ADMISSIONS**  
Leah Beth Beiler - July 10  
Jeffery Shirk - July 24



**FAREWELLS**  
Erika Coblentz - July 21



**FALL PROGRAM TRIP**  
August 10-14



**WEDDINGS**  
Jerry Stoltzfus & Shannon Miller - August 19  
Nathaniel Byler & Susanna Newswanger - August 26

## GROUP SPOTLIGHT



**DELYNN & THE C-BOYS**

STUDENT QUOTE:

"I need some treats....You just forgot me."  
~Eric Outlaw



*Samuel King*

## NEW STUDENT PROFILE

On April 10, 2023, I had the privilege of taking our newest student, Samuel King, one-on-one. In mid-June he joined the C-Boy group. Samuel is a man of no words but many sounds. If you stop in for a visit, quite likely you would run into Samuel trotting down the hall, flapping both hands and making one of various sounds. On a good day you will hear him making chortling crow calls, or exercising his low belly laugh.

One of Samuel's favorite things to do is play on the playground, primarily with the gravel that surrounds the playground. Any object that can be used to haul stones will be used, whether it's a board, a frisbee disc, or one of his shoes. He will dump them down the sliding boards or just run them through his fingers. Samuel has taught me that life doesn't have to be complicated. In our world today, people are very high maintenance. We need up-to-date technology and all the latest things that make our lives easier. All Samuel needs to be happy for hours on end is some stones and a stone transport device. He has shown me that we really don't need very much to be a happy person.

If you can get Samuel to look you in the eye, he will sometimes burst into a large grin and shake with excitement for no apparent reason. His joy for life is very contagious and genuine, and you can't help but grin back. I think that's how God wants us to be: ready to smile and excited for life even in normal everyday routines. Isn't it amazing how a smile can turn an average day into one that we can be excited about? God also wants us to learn to appreciate and look forward to the small joys of life.

Samuel doesn't require much; he takes what you give him and is usually content with that. He challenges me to be content with what I have and to learn to enjoy the smallest things in life.

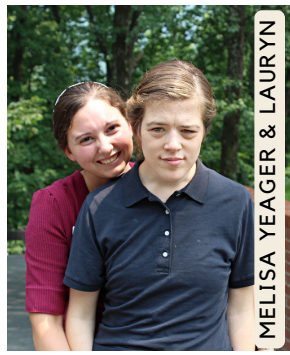
*DeLynn Rosenberry | C-Childcare | Greencastle, PA*



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JARED



D BOYS CHILDCARE GROUP



JEFF LACOVARA



TEACHER TEAM SUMMER 2023

PHOTOS



DIANNA LANDIS & LIZ



LEAH BETH

Christmas vacation is planned for December 24th-January 6th. This is a time when many, but not all, of our students get to go home to see their families. If you would like to host one or several students in your home for part or all of summer vacation, we'd love to hear from you. Thank you for considering this opportunity!

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FALL PROGRAM TRIP

Thursday, August 10, found some very excited staff and students gearing up for a long-anticipated trip: Fall Program Trip, 2023. After loading up and bidding everyone goodbye, we started off. Our itinerary included giving programs in Maryland, Ohio, Indiana.

Many people working together made the trip very enjoyable and helped things flow well. This included a snack crew (who made sure we never got too hungry), a tidy crew, a riser team, and a luggage crew.

Due to having no programs on Saturday, we were able to enjoy a visit to the Creation Museum. It was a very fun day touring the museum and outdoor gardens.

It was an enjoyable weekend, whether we found ourselves meeting new people, enjoying bus time, or singing about our "great, big, wonderful God."

The last hour of the trip was spent having people share highlights of the trip. As we neared Faith Mission Home, excitement to see everyone again reached its peak, resulting in almost complete silence as we rounded the last curve. We were welcomed back with much ado. I am so glad for the opportunity I had to go on this special trip and make lasting memories.

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