

# DIGS NEWS

Fall 2011

DIGS Inc. is a 501C3 non-profit organization whose mission is to provide safe housing, work and leisure opportunities for adults with developmental challenges. Please visit our website [www.digsrome.org](http://www.digsrome.org)

## Member Highlight!

My name is Alice McDonald. My husband Ken and I have two special needs children. Jarrod is the oldest. He was born May 21, 1987.

By eight months old, he was not crawling, pulling up and couldn't sit alone. After taking Jarrod for a checkup, our doctor told us he was a special child.



He made arrangements right away for a developmental evaluation. After seeing many doctors, we received diagnoses of mild to moderate mental retardation, severe developmental delay and mild cerebral palsy.

We began physical therapy and Jarrod began to walk at two years of age. We started speech therapy and this was much harder for Jarrod. He slowly began to talk and now at 24 years is a

very chatty young man. He is outgoing and makes friends everywhere he goes. Jarrod enjoys being in the DIGS 'Just As I Am' choir, 'Art Heart's



art club and 1 Step @ a Time' dance club. He is also involved in RFPRA's Challenger Sports program & attends Network Day Services.

Jarrod has a big heart and prays every night for his family and friends. He watches the news and is concerned with things going on in our world today. Someday, Jarrod wants to live in "that (DIGS) house." He is planning to help clean and cook, especially a peach cobbler. We feel very blessed to have Jarrod in our lives but are worried about where he will spend the rest of his life after we're gone. We just want him to be happy.

## DIGS loves our Berry Intern!

Introducing Hailey Purvis. She is a senior at Berry College, majoring in Psychology. She will be working and learning with DIGS for the Fall semester. Hailey especially enjoys working with people with autism and wants to specialize in Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA).



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Someone from our group  
is available to speak at  
your church group or civic  
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## DIGS Receives a Special Donation!!



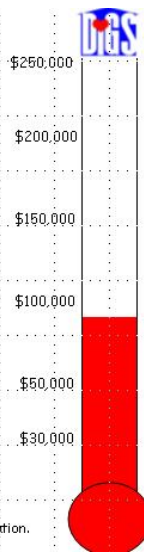
Pictured left to right: Barbara Monday, Mary Williams, Noah Fellers, Justin Harrison, Lamar Paul and Julian M. (Pop) Harrison III

“Pop” Harrison and grandson Justin proudly present a check for \$26,243.75 from the Emmelyn Carter Harrison’s Charitable Trust to Mary Williams and Barbara Monday. Prior to her death, Emmelyn Harrison saw the benefit of the DIGS programs for her great-grandson, Justin. She wanted to provide money to help with the acquisition of a group home for these special needs adults. This gift is moving DIGS a giant step closer to building our first personal care home.

You can help us reach our goal to build our first home!



A home for four adults with 24/7 support



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### Other special contributions:

- John & Mary Franklin Foundation
- Jim & Susan Rosica  
in honor of Barbara Monday
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Snap Happy Camera Club has high hopes for their entries for this year’s Coosa Valley Fair photography division.

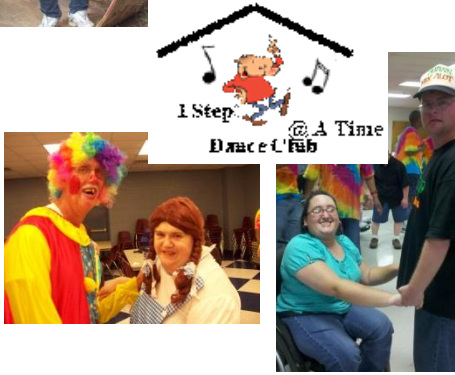




# DIGS Leisure Opportunities



To book a 'Just As I Am' performance at your church or civic org. contact director, Pat Swezey 706-506-2651 , [LivnFaith7@aol.com](mailto:LivnFaith7@aol.com)



## Thank you co-sponsors for your support!

'Art Hearts' art club is co-sponsored by Floyd Heyman HospiceCare.  
"Just As I Am" choir, Snap Happy Camera Club and 1 Step @ A Time dance club are co-sponsored by Rome/Floyd Parks & Recreation Authority.

For a monthly calendar of events, please visit our website [www.digsrome.org](http://www.digsrome.org)

DIGS received \$1000 grant from the Rome Community Action Partners (CAP) to buy supplies for making garden art. Making garden art is more than a fundraiser for DIGS. Our 'adults' help make the items and learn valuable work skills in the process. CAP funds the grants through sales from the ROME ReSale thrift store. Thank You! CAP and ROME ReSALE

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### 'One Step Closer' Garden Art

We have a wide variety of handmade items for the home and garden. We recycle items to make chandeliers, stepping stones, ladder trellises, painted windows, tie dye frogs, unique planters and much more. You can find our items available at.....

The Last Stop Gift Shop at the Greater Rome Convention & Visitors Bureau, 402 Civic Center Dr., Rome, GA



River City Antique Mall, 876 Spider Webb Dr., Rome, GA

Cedar Valley Arts Festival-Cedartown, GA, April  
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