

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

Member Highlight!



Timothy Woods lives on his own and is a member of the 'Just As I Am' choir. Several DIGS parents /caregivers are currently helping Timothy with a variety of decisions,

social skills, and transportation. The following is in Timothy's own words about when he first left his family.

"Although I am proud of my individuality, I often need help from a friend to achieve a goal, which brings me to my point. Back on March 6, 1992, I finally was liberated from my family. I did it by calling my friend,....., to first help me move out from my sister,..... The goal I had in mind was to learn how to think, learn, decide, make mistakes, and grow; just basically live my life, and my friend helped me do that.

I am able to figure out my life through degrees and stages. The life that I live dictates how my future will be. I get to discover life through different kinds of people in every walk of life

and through their experiences. I learn to do better than them, but I also learn from mistakes I make. I am constantly growing and learning every day and it is because of my friend that I am able to live and be the person I am. I thank God for this friend because she shows me that I have a lot to learn about myself and I always will until the Lord calls me home.

I am so grateful to have the life that I have because a friend who cared enough to show me that I can make it as long as I'm strong enough. The strength I have is faith in the Creator. That is what makes me strong and I will survive because I never will quit, thank God!"

Timothy wrote this essay for the writing portion of the GED... and he passed!

DIGS is proud of Timothy's efforts to live independently but we also realize he can't do it alone. He continues to need the support of friends and others in the community.



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Someone from our group
is available to speak at
your church group or civic
organization.

DIGS Receives a Special Donation!!



Pictured left to right: back, Randy Jones, Charlie Schroeder. Front, Monica Jones, Cory Schroeder, Barbara Monday.

December 2011, Randy Jones from Georgia Power presented a check for \$2500 to DIGS, Inc. DIGS thanks Georgia Power for the donation. We appreciate the recognition of the valuable services to adults with developmental disabilities we presently provide and the confidence we will continue to grow and do more.

Other special contributions:

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| Melanie Caldwell | Jerry & Mary Kate Minge |
| Larry & Patricia Nale | (honor of the Rev. Warren Jones' 90th birthday) |
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FIND 'One Step Closer' Garden Art



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

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



...and at several area arts/crafts festivals

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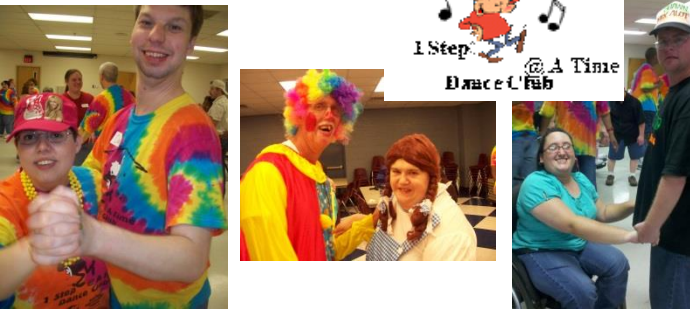
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DIGS Leisure Opportunities



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



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**

DIGS Director Earns DAR Community Service Award



From left to right:
Ann Harbin,
Barbara Monday,
Laura Frederick

At the February, 2012 meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Barbara Monday was awarded the Community Service Award for 'Excellence in Community Service'. Barbara was honored to accept the award but stated, "DIGS is an all volunteer organization. Without the many hands of parents, caregivers, friends, and our 'adults' as well, it would not have been possible to achieve all we have in the four and a half years we've been together."

Hope Reigns at Pageant

Hope Lance was crowned "Miss Challenger" at the Coosa Valley Fair 2011. Hope is a member of the 'Just As I Am' choir and participates in RFPRA's Challenger sports. We are proud of you Hope! You're beautiful inside and out.





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- In honor of _____ for _____
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