



## Annual Rib Cook-Off Held in March

Brantwood's 8th Annual Rib Cook-Off hosted by Bill and Susan Kennedy was held at Down the Street Cafe this past March 13. The event was well attended and raised funds needed to support the many youth programs provided through Brantwood. Drawings were held for two season football tickets to Auburn, Alabama and Troy State University home games. Jeff Davis and Jeff Verner were the winners of the "taste test" in which several barbecue cookers gathered to compete. Many thanks to those who helped with the preparations and to those who purchased tickets to this special event!



Bill and Susan Kennedy originated the Rib Cook-Off eight years ago and have continued to be the primary sponsor each year. Special thanks to Bill and Susan!!!



Bill Kennedy, originator and primary sponsor of the Rib Cook-Off, is holding Jalen Carter as Jalen picks the winner of the Auburn, Alabama and Troy State season football tickets. The winners were: Auburn – Dowe Littleton; Alabama – Gail Royal, owner of Down the Street Cafe where the event was held; and Troy State – Tommy West, current Brantwood Board member.



Jeff Davis (left) and Jeff Verner (right) from Peppertree Steaks N Wines won the trophy for best ribs in the 8th Annual Rib Cook Off. Congratulations!



Rib Cook-Off judges from left to right: Judge Richard Dorrough, Presiding Circuit Judge; Jay Parrish of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage; and Councilmember Charles Jinright.

**Brantwood salutes all the volunteers and participants who made this event successful!**

## Wish List

- 27" television (working)
- Paper plates, cups and napkins
- Powdered drink mixes such as Gator Aide, Country Time Lemonade, etc.
- AA batteries
- CD-R disks
- Flatware
- 8 oz. tumbler (dishwasher proof)
- Copy paper
- 3 ½ Floppy Disks (Formatted)
- Air conditioning filters (20x25x1)
- Three-shelf bookcase
- 5 tennis rackets
- Tennis balls
- Softball gloves (various sizes)

## Child Care Worker Honored With Resolution



The Brantwood staff and Board of Directors presented LaTanya Morgan, a full-time child care worker on the Girl's Hall, with a Resolution at the February 11, 2004 board meeting. LaTanya received her Master's Degree in Human Resource Management from Troy State University of Montgomery. She has been employed with Brantwood for almost three years. Pictured from left to right: Teresa Green, Program Director, Latanya Morgan and Ed Montoya, Executive Director.

## Congratulations, Monica!



Monica Ligon, a former Brantwood resident, is pictured above at her February 13th graduation from her Certified Nurses Assistant graduation ceremony held at the Easter Seals Facility in Montgomery. Monica is seeking employment as a CNA and hopes to begin school this summer or fall to become a licensed practical nurse. Her former houseparent, Ms. Virlo Bass, as well as Patty Ward, Brantwood's Comptroller and Teresa Green, Brantwood's Program Director, attended her graduation ceremony.

## Brantwood Birthdays

Due to federal and state regulations regarding privacy issues, Brantwood can no longer publish the names or actual birth dates of the children in our care. However, these special young people will still be looking forward to receiving birthday cards and gifts from our readers. Please consider sending your cards and/or gifts for each month just prior to the beginning of the month with a notation similar to the ones listed below. We will then make sure that your birthday accolades are given to the correct child on the correct date. Thank you for your continued care and support for our residents despite this inconvenience.

### May Birthdays

One 18-year-old boy

### June Birthdays

One 16-year-old girl

### July Birthdays

Two 16-year-old girls

Two 16-year-old boys

One 17-year-old girl

**Gifts in Memory and Honor:** A donation to Brantwood in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one is a unique and thoughtful gift. We express our appreciation for each contribution by sending a card to the person or family (amounts are not mentioned) and an acknowledgment to the giver. Each gift helps provide a safe and stable home to children who have been abused, neglected and/or abandoned. The following gifts were made from January 21, 2004 to March 23, 2004. (**Note:** Names in **bold type** denote contributors.)

## In Memory

John Walter Stowers  
**Mr. and Mrs. Buddy McClinton**  
**Glenda Goldfinger**

Don Campbell  
Mary York  
**Reba Curtis**

Saul Bern  
Brad Willis  
**Larry D. Bern and family**

Lowell Blanton Bailey  
**Sharron Leigh Bailey**

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**Bobbie, Irby and Pat Ellis**  
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**Jerry and Daniel Willis**

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**George and Ann Wagner**  
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## In Honor

Barry Barr  
**Joe and Corrine Capilouto**

Ann Brantley  
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# Brantwood Receives Grant from Oprah's Angel Network

Brantwood was recently chosen to receive a grant from Oprah's Angel Network, an organization founded by Oprah Winfrey in 1997 to inspire people to use their lives and to reap the truest rewards that come from giving to others.

"It is an honor and privilege to be chosen as a grant recipient by this fine organization," said Anita Barrera, Brantwood's Board President. "Given our current funding difficulties, the grant from Oprah's Angel Network couldn't have come at a better time. It allowed us to defray the costs of clothing, food and activities for the children that were otherwise reduced in budget cuts."

Oprah's Angel Network works year round to award grants to organizations doing great work all over the country. It has made a huge difference to many worthy charitable organizations. Funded completely by viewer donations, the Angel Network has raised over \$17 million to date. Ms. Winfrey personally covers the administrative costs of the organization so that 100 percent of all funds raised go to charity. Brantwood is fortunate to have been one of the most recent organizations to have been helped by the many generous donations to the Angel Network. You can learn more about Oprah's Angel Network by visiting [www.oprah.com](http://www.oprah.com).

Purchase Your Tickets for the Spring

## TRUCK RAFFLE

Brantwood's annual spring truck raffle is scheduled for **Saturday, May 15, 2004**. Tickets are on sale now at a cost of \$100 per ticket. Two barbecue dinners (chicken or pork), as well as an opportunity to win a variety of door prizes, will be available for all ticket holders. However, you do not have to be present to win the truck. This is Brantwood's largest fund-raiser of the year. If you or someone you know is interested in purchasing a ticket for this event, contact Brantwood Children's Home at **265-0784**. Only 500 tickets will be sold, so don't wait until the last minute to purchase yours!

## You Are Invited

to a Graduation Tea honoring our 2004 high-school graduates on Tuesday, May 18th from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Brantwood Children's Home.

Anita Barrera — **President** • Winston Wilson — **Vice President**  
Tommy Vest — **Treasurer** • Theresa Merryman — **Secretary**  
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