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From the Top

CARE, Inc. wants to thank you for all your efforts to make clear the urgent necessity of continuing services for our special needs citizens known to our representatives at the legislative session. Please be assured that all of your emails, telephone calls and letters were heard and read by our legislators. However, in spite of all of our efforts, the legislature did not fully restore the budget cuts to waiver services.

Please join with us and continue to push forward to help our legislators understand that there is no more important need than that of assisting those who cannot help themselves. Let us not lighten up on phone calls, letters and emails to ensure our legislators do understand how important these services are for you and your families.

On Friday July 24th the federal minimum wage increased from \$6.65 to \$7.25. Out of CARE, Inc's nearly 800 employee's, over 250 employees will experience that increase on their August 10th paycheck despite the fact that CARE, Inc is exempt from paying minimum wage under the companionship exemption law.

We, here at CARE, Inc. will continue to email and post updates as they become available. We assure you that CARE, Inc. will continue to provide quality service to all our clients.

Sincerely,

Terri Salinas, SSC Director
Bridgette Griffith, Billing Director
Allison Hanson, Human Resources Director



Some News of Our Beautiful Family

A few of our 2009 Graduates:
Gentlemen: Jimmy, Drew & Alan



Ladies: Adrean, Paula, Morgan and Celeste



Alan H.



Brittany Lynn O.



Kari H., shown with **Secretary of State Jay Dardenne**, graduated in May 2009 from Covington High School. She was 12th in her class of 368 students and has been awarded over \$210,000 in scholarships. She received the *Presidential Scholarship* from Tulane University, *Chair Scholarship*, the *Associated Grocers Scholarship* and the *Sam Politz Scholarship*. She was also one of only eight to receive the 2009 Young Hero's Award from the state of Louisiana. The WST Electric newsletter writes she "is a remarkable young woman who has no arms but uses her feet to write, draw, paint and play piano. She is also a gifted student who excels in the classroom, taking advance placement college courses. She also helps with fundraising at the school." Kari also served as an intern using "art therapy to help a special education student at her Covington High." She plans to attend Tulane University in the fall. Congratulations Kari!

CARE, Inc. also sends congratulations to **Phylcia G.** who is a proud 2009 graduate of Baker High School!



Christy S., left, shows off the great looking face painting she got while in New Orleans for the *Walk with Me* for Easter Seals. It was a great day for **Christy**, **SSC Julie Ragas**, **Bridget Sharp** and all those who participated to make this effort a success.

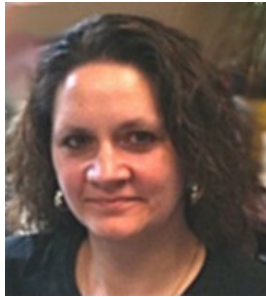
Edith and Jean S. and Barbara Scott, right, proudly show off the sign they made for the rally held in Baton Rouge at the Capitol. Miss Edith has her opinion about budget cuts for services written boldly across the front of her shirt. "Well done" to all who joined together with them to make sure our voices are heard.



We at CARE, Inc. are delighted to share the wonderful news that **SSC Dixie Wilman** and **SSC Brooks Fontenot-Swearengin** (both Baton Rouge) are brand new mommies. To add to that joy, **Marina Longoria-Norris**, **SSC Administrative Asst.** (Baton Rouge), and **SSC Carley Cannata** (Covington) are both expecting their own bundles of joy.

The Covington office is pleased to welcome their bright and efficient receptionist, **Renae' Gilford** as well as their brand new right arm and outstanding SSC Administrative Assistant, **Vicki Neyland**.

Renae'



Vicki



Sandra O's puppy



Jonathan O "chillin"

In Loving Memory

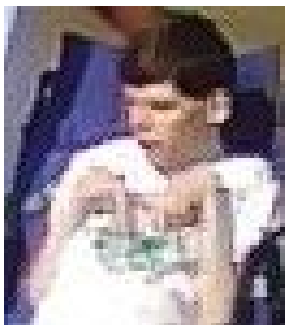
Little one, little one,
Where have you gone?
Your going has darkened
The brightest dawn.
Why did you leave us
So soon, so soon?
Where can we look for you?
Over the moon?
On butterfly's wings?
In the heart of a rose?
Who knows, who knows
Where a little one goes?

Where have I gone?
I am not so small.
My soul is as wide
As the world is tall.
I have gone to answer
The call, the call
Of the One who takes
Care of us all.
Wherever you look
You will find me there . . .
In the heart of a rose,
In the heart of a prayer,
On butterflies' wings,
On wings of my own.
To you I am gone,
But I am never alone . . .
I'm over the moon,
I am home.

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Michelle P.
3/13/1973-6/14/09



Scott Alexander F.
6/2/79-5/20/09

Earline H.
9/24/22-6/8/09

Frances K.
4/6/38-4/7/09

To receive a check you must turn all daily progress notes in with your timesheet and you **MUST** *sign* **BOTH** TIMESHEETS and DAILY PROGRESS NOTES!

<i>Pay Day</i>	Day due in ALL OFFICES
Friday, July 24	Sunday, July 19
Monday, August 10	Tuesday, August 4
Tuesday, August 25	Wednesday, August 19
Thursday, September 10	Thursday, September 3
Friday, September 25	Sunday, September 20



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