



### *Celebrating Achievements and Building Community: Highlights from Gwaltney School*

During Mental Health Awareness week, each department at Jackson-Feild set aside time to relax and connect, painting together and enjoying a mental break from daily tasks. This activity sparked creativity, strengthened team bonds, and highlighted the importance of self-care across the organization.

We also welcomed students back with a staff vs. residents basketball game, in which the residents showcased their skills and won!



We continue to recognize our hardworking personnel. For Food Service Worker Day, Jackson-Feild celebrated everyone on our dedicated food service team, and officially recognized two outstanding members: Ms. Cheryl Miles and Ms. Christia Carrington. Our food service staff works tirelessly to provide nutritious and comforting meals to our children, and we appreciate everything they do!

In addition, we've introduced daily school announcements delivered by a selected student each week. This offers the boys and girls a chance to improve their public speaking skills and take pride in their school—Gwaltney School.



# A Message From The CEO



There never is a dull moment at Jackson-Field. No two days are ever the same. This ever-changing landscape creates challenges, opportunities and provides fulfillment and satisfaction.

As we begin our 170th year of service to helping children heal, we look forward to a number of events to commemorate this milestone.

We will undergo our re-accreditation with the Council for Accreditation (COA) and with the BBB Wise Giving Standards. We are already in the process of compiling the information for each accrediting body. We want to ensure we meet the highest standards for fund raising, program management and treatment services.

We are blessed and are grateful to our volunteers, donors, volunteers and stakeholders for partnering with us to ensure the well-being of our children which is our highest priority.

We are very saddened over the passing of two wonderful and dedicate board members – Jimmy Chisman and Dr. Leslie W. Rose, III. Both were committed to helping children who are struggling with mental illness heal so that they can live productive and fulfilling lives. We are grateful for the efforts of our staff whose expertise and dedication make a meaningful difference in the lives of our children. We help them transform their lives and provide a foundation for the future.

We are also grateful to you, our stakeholders and partners, who help our children in so many ways. Please accept our thanks for caring and supporting our children and mission.

With thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia H. Delane". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

President & CEO

# Iris Evans - A Resilience and Strength Story

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"Forty-three years ago," says Iris Evans, "I was a resident at Jackson-Feild, and it changed my life."

Recently, Evans reached out to Jackson-Feild to share how pivotal her time here was.

"I came from a troubled home. My mother struggled with substance abuse, and I—being the oldest of four—was responsible for my siblings when she couldn't care for us," she recalls. At age fourteen, Evans called Child Protective Services who placed all four children in foster care. Uncomfortable in foster care, Evans ran away multiple times.

At fourteen, Evans's mother made her, but not her siblings, a ward of the state. Uncomfortable in foster care, she ran away multiple times. Everything changed when Paula Davies, a Jackson-Feild social worker, intervened after Evans's mother told a judge, "I don't want her anymore."

Paula advocated for Evans's placement at Jackson-Feild, where she began to thrive. "I loved school," Evans says. "It was always a refuge." With the support of the staff and fellow residents, she developed talents, leadership skills, and self-confidence.


After graduating high school, Evans attended Virginia State University, double-majoring in Computer Science and Accounting, and joined ROTC. She then built a career managing a doctor's office, joined the U.S. Army Reserves (earning "Soldier of the Year" for her unit), married, raised two sons, and continued her education with an Associate's Degree, a Bachelor's in legal studies, and an MBA in Human Resource Management.

Today, Evans is a Paralegal Specialist with the Federal Government, balancing work, family, and mentoring. She credits Jackson-Feild with the foundation for her success.

"The knowledge and skills I gained at Jackson-Feild helped me manage these roles," she explains. "My biggest regret is that my siblings didn't have the same opportunity; they've struggled without the healing and support I found here."

Reflecting on Jackson-Feild's mission, Evans adds, "The need for love, compassion, and understanding in a child's life never changes. I now understand the essential role donors play in making Jackson-Feild a place of refuge and transformation."





# RMD

## Required Minimum Distributions

### **The only things certain in life are death and taxes**

Are you one of the many fortunate folks to have reached age 70-1/2 and find yourself needing to take an RMD from your retirement account? Do you find that you don't need the RMD to support your lifestyle? Would you like to avoid paying taxes on the RMD? If your answer to all three of those questions is some version of "Yes," please read on for information that we think will make you happy.

You're probably already well aware of the acronyms, but here's a brief rundown for those still new to RMDs.

- A QCD is a "Qualified Charitable Distribution" for which you will pay no taxes on the distribution.
- An RMD is a "Required Minimum Distribution" imposed by the Internal Revenue Service, and is considered taxable income.

Everyone's financial situation is unique, so we urge you to speak with your financial advisor, tax preparer, and/or IRA custodian for full information specific to you.

Something that is common to all RMDs is the ability to donate all or a portion of it as a QCD. It's important to note, though, that a QCD must be a direct transfer from your IRA custodian. If you take your RMD and later wish to donate all or a portion of it to Jackson-Feild, the IRS will not consider your gift to be a QCD.

Remember, RMD = taxable. QCD = non-taxable.

Have we piqued your interest? Would you like to reduce your tax burden while simultaneously helping a child? Please contact your IRA custodian to learn more and get started with your gift!



Leslie W. Rose, III is survived by Rebecca, his wife of 41 years, and five daughters. Jackson-Feild was blessed to have his support, and we will miss him tremendously.

***Lora Lynn Jones - Newest Board Member***

Lora Lynn Jones – a former member of our Board of Directors – is back! A seasoned international marketing, copywriting, and communications strategist with over 40 years of experience, Jones has raised more than \$2 billion for clients across non-profit, association, and commercial sectors. Currently, Jones leads Total Direct Response Marketing, LLC, contributes her expertise to the National Women’s History Museum, and has served on numerous boards including Empowered Women International. We are thrilled to welcome Lora Lynn Jones back!



***Reverend Thomas Taylor - Chaplain/Spiritual Coordinator***

Rev. Thomas Taylor recently joined Jackson-Feild Behavioral Health Services as our chaplain. With a deep commitment to supporting the emotional and spiritual well-being of students, Taylor brings compassion and guidance to his role, offering a source of comfort and encouragement to those in need. Taylor has already made a significant impact by securing a donation of suitcases from the Rotary Club in Petersburg. While suitcases may seem unimportant and unnecessary to the mission of JFBHS, they are quite the opposite. Each child is offered a suitcase when he or she leaves our campus, offering them a dignified way to carry their belongings. We are so grateful to Rev. Thomas Taylor for thinking of the children with such profound insight, and we welcome him to Jackson-Feild.



***In Loving Memory  
Dr. Leslie W. Rose III***

Dr. Leslie W. Rose, III – a highly respected member of Jackson-Feild’s Board of Directors – departed this earth on September 14, 2024 after fighting a courageous battle with cancer. A graduate of the Medical College of Virginia and the Eastern Virginia Graduate School of Medicine, Rose had a distinguished thirty-year career practicing internal medicine. In addition to degrees in medicine, Rose earned an undergraduate degree, an MBA and pursued post-graduate studies in theology all from the University of Richmond. As a board member, Rose’s counsel was invaluable in helping ensure that the children received the best medical care and helped us understand and navigate Medicaid and private insurance requirements and bureaucracy. Rose served on our facilities Committee and was willing to lend a helping hand to further our mission whenever asked. (Continued)

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The mission of Jackson-Feild Behavioral Health Services is to provide high quality evidence-based psychiatric, residential, educational and recovery treatment services for children who suffer from severe emotional trauma, mental illness and/or addiction. Our goal is to restore wellness and provide support for successful reintegration into homes, families and communities.



Giving Tuesday is just around the corner, and we're excited to kick off our annual campaign! This special day is an opportunity for our community to come together and make a meaningful impact. Keep an eye out for our campaign announcement and join us in supporting our mission to bring hope, help, and healing to those we serve. Together, we can make a difference!

