



# I'm Back!

By: Enjoli Ealey

I know you are all familiar with the saying "there's no place like home!" this is what I said to myself when God sent me back to Stewpot! I began serving in the Children's Program at Stewpot in August of 2001 as an AmeriCorps Member. Once my service hours were completed I was hired as a part time staff member. I worked part time in the Children's Program throughout my college career. While serving at Stewpot I found my passion in life and His purpose for me was revealed. In 2005 I graduated and began my career as a 1st grade teacher. Although I was no longer employed at Stewpot I never completely left. I came 2-3 times a week volunteering in

both the children's and teen's afterschool programs. The last three years I worked as a Family Counselor helping children and parents live successfully together. My passion is children and my purpose is to offer them and their families all the help they need in order to succeed in every aspect of their lives.

In August of 2010 an opportunity presented itself for me to return "home", to the place that inspired me to take all that I have learned and apply it in order to help others, Stewpot! I am now the Director of Children Services continuing to do God's work!

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## New Year's Resolutions

from Stewpot's Neighborhood Children's Program

<p><b>"My New Year's Resolution is to get all A's on my report card"</b> - Rachel Stiff 2nd Grade</p>	<p><b>"My New Year's Resolution is to clean the Stewpot playground"</b> - Jada Sulton 3rd Grade</p>	<p><b>"My New Year's Resolution is to make A's and B's on all my tests."</b> - Marylee Bailey 4th Grade</p>
<p><b>"My New Year's Resolution is to walk my dog every day"</b> - Jayden Sulton 3rd Grade</p>	<p><b>"My New Year's Resolution is to play with my dog"</b> NaKayla Scott Pre-K</p>	<p><b>"My New Year's Resolution is to stop eating so much junk food!"</b> - Trent Stiff 4th Grade</p>
<p><b>"My New Year's Resolution is to learn how to roller blade."</b> - Alia Scott 5th Grade</p>	<p><b>"My New Year's Resolution is to make straight A's in Reading"</b> - She'Neice Lacey 4th Grade</p>	

**"My New Year's Resolution is to play with my toys,"**

- Daphne Sulton 1st Grade

# Gee Wiz Alright

By: Henry "Lee" Neese

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*Heaven must be smiling to have received angelic person with an angelic voice to match. I know that "Lee" is in heaven singing "How Great Thou Art". He was born October 5, 1965 and departed this life on January 19, 2011. Affectionately known as Lee, he was the epitome of what Stewpot stands for; He was given the services of this ministry and in every way that he could he gave back to this ministry. I personally met Lee about 8 years ago, and thought to myself how could someone be happy all the time. But as time went on I began to realize that's just who he was. He was always smiling and always singing. That is what will comfort me when I look around Stewpot and Lee, a friend to all here, is not there. Sing on my friend in the Heavens above. Oh Lord thy God, when I'm in awesome wonder. Consider all the works thy hand hath made. I see the stars; I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed. How Great Thou Art..... "Michelle' Bingham"*

**H**ey everybody, It's me again. I'm Lee Neese. I wrote an article in April about how the closing of the Opportunity Center affected me and my life, not to mention the lives of all the homeless that we served.

Well, I must admit it turned my world upside down. Losing my job, not knowing how I was going to pay my bills and constantly waking up every morning worrying if this was the morning I was going to be homeless was hard. I even had to sell my TV and air conditioner one month to pay my light bill. I can't imagine how it must have been for the homeless people.

Everyday I prayed for the re-opening of the Opportunity Center and wouldn't you know, God heard my cry and sent an angel. Her name is Mrs. Heather Ivery and she is my boss. I've known Heather for some time now through Stewpot and she's a great lady.

I also know Heather is committed to helping the homeless people that are in Jackson and the ones who come to Jackson from places all over the United States.

Oh! And I love my position. I do laundry. Yep, now when the clients come in they can sign up with me. I wash, dry, and sometimes fold client's clothes. No one wants to go to a job interview with a wrinkled shirt. Not me. But once I'm through folding their clothes, I place them in a bag with their name on it. The clients are assured that their clothes are safe and will be clean once they have returned from their job interviews, or are just coming back from a "catch out" job.

But, hey, that's just me. I'm a "pretty good fella". All in all, I love the new and improved Opportunity Center as well as the constant ideas and changes we are making.

Well, I've taken enough of your time already. Just wanted to share and testify that YES! God answers prayers!



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