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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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What's Happening

The Wood Group celebrated the grand opening of the Camino Real Community MHMR Center in Kenedy, Texas on November 9, 2007. There were more than forty persons in attendance including representatives of the Kenedy Chamber of Commerce. Also in attendance were County Officials representing Karnes County. The Cities of Kenedy and Karnes were well represented by local leaders. We were excited that the county sheriff and the local Chief of Police were in attendance. The Executive Director of Camino Real Community



Jerry Parker

MHMR Center welcomed all the guest and shared that the purpose of the facility was to provide mental health services to Karnes County, Texas. I had the opportunity to speak about The Wood Group and what services we would be providing. After the speeches

we served lunch to all that attended. I want to give a special thanks to Mary Helen Farnam, Deanne Pape and the rest of the staff at the Kenedy Center. I also would like to thank the staff of the Camino Real Community MHMR Center for their help. We are excited about this new program in South Texas.



Wooden Nickel by Jerry Parker, CEO

The Christmas season is upon us and I want to take this opportunity to wish my fellow workers and their families a joyful Holiday. The Wood Group enjoyed a successful 2007

with the start up of several new programs and I realize that the success of these programs is a result of the hard work of each member of our team. The success of any endeavor is dependent on the actions of "All" of

those involved. I am looking forward to 2008 and believe that it will be a great year for our company. Once again from my family to yours God Bless you and have a great Holiday Season.

Mark's Minute by Mark Bruce, CFO



Mark Bruce

**Topic: The Tax Man Cometh**

Since this is the final quarter of the year I decided to talk about everyone's favorite subject – Income Tax Filing. As everyone knows your 2007 income tax return is due April 15th. We will have your W-2 forms to you in the January 25th payroll – please have any address corrections to the home office no later than January 10th. Also please verify that your social security number is

correct as soon as you receive the W-2. If you wait until after February 28th to notify us of a social security number error it causes problems because the W-2 forms will already have been filed with the Social Security Administration. Some of you may not be aware of a free income tax filing option that the IRS offers. If your total adjusted gross income is \$54,000 or less you are eligible to file your federal tax return using "Free File". Simply log on to www.irs.gov and

click on the e-file icon and then click on Free File and it will take you to a program in which you may file your tax return for free. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Mark

TWG Express by David Kelley, Chief Operations Officer

Hello Everyone, I hope you are doing well. I would like to take a moment to illustrate the meaning of dedication. On July 15th 2003 Hurricane Claudette pounded Victoria Texas. I remember talking to Anna Charles, the assistant administrator at the time, on the phone as the roof blew off the facility and she said "it just landed in a field across the street". I was already in route to Victoria as I was scheduled

to be there the next day. When I arrived in Victoria the electricity was out, Anna and the facility administrator were in the process of evacuating the residents to a MR home. Since it was the middle of the summer it was extremely hot and muggy. I remember it took over two hours to get the residents food at the Sonic because it was the only restaurant open. We spent all day moving the residents, their belongings and salvaging any-

thing we could from the facility. Although it takes a certain level of dedication to leave your family during an emergency to help others, Anna took turns manning the hotline that was routed to her cell phone during the night for the next four nights. The damage to the facility was so extensive that we eventually moved the program to Cuero where Anna Charles is the Administrator today. Thank you Anna for your dedication! I'll see you down the road. David

Merry Christmas from The Wood Family

The Wood Family wishes to say Merry Christmas to all of you. There are many of you that have been a part of our "family" for years and we appreciate your hard work. We have been through many changes this past year and they have been challenging but exciting. The staff in the corporate office have continued to do an excellent job leading the administrators and regional staff. My brothers, Aaron and Mike, sister-in-law, Lori and I wish each of you a wonderful holiday season.



HR Corner by Lesa Reimers, Human Resource Director



Lesla Reimers, Human Resources

The holidays can be a busy time, but it should be a time of fun and long lasting memories. This is the time of year when you can start your own family traditions. Family traditions can bring everyone closer together during the holiday season. When starting a family tradition you need to make it simple. Don't make it so complicated that it becomes too stressful. You might want to talk with your family and make a list of some things that everybody would like to

do. Here are two examples: watching your favorite movie the same time every year. My own family tradition is that I purchase a Christmas book each year and we read it together as a family. Lori Wood's family reads the Christmas story from the book of Luke every Christmas Eve. Remember family and friends are an important part of our lives not just during the holiday season.

Lesla



Mary's Wonderful Pumpkin Pie



Pumpkin pie and the holiday season just go together. My family always have mince meat, pumpkin, apple and cherry pies this time of year. I try not to eat too much of them, but I always have to go on a diet after the first of the year because I am unable to say no. This makes a great pie

and I hope you enjoy it!!
 Mix 1 can (15 oz) pumpkin, 1 can (14 of) sweetened condensed milk, 2 eggs, 1 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon, 3/4 tsp ground ginger, 1/4 ground nutmeg, and 1/8 tsp ground clover in a large bowl until smooth.

Pour into an unbaked frozen

Place on large baking sheet covered with foil.

Bake in preheated 425 degree oven 15 minutes. Reduce oven temp to 350. Continue baking 40 minutes or until knife inserted 1 inch from crust comes out clean. Cool on wire rack.

Have a wonderful dessert!

Mary Wood

Holiday Season by Stacy Otto, Director of Quality Management

The Top Ten Reasons Why I Love the Holiday Season!

- 10. New Year Resolutions (so I can try again!)
- 9. Decorations, lights
- 8. Pumpkin pie
- 7. Presents =)
- 6. Cool, crisp nights

- 5. A child's smile
- 4. Giving
- 3. Family Traditions (thanks Lesa)
- 2. The Christmas Story

And the number one reason why I love the holiday season is:
 Spending time with family and friends (and then

sending them home as soon as the dishes are done!) . I hope each of you enjoy this wonderful time of year! It is a time of giving and being with those we love. Thank you so much for all you do! I will see you soon.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Stacy



Stacy Otto

