

Hearts of Our Heroes

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I would like to nominate my entire staff at Abundant Life and here's why:

The staff at Abundant Life has been great during this entire time we have been on lockdown. We are one of only two buildings that I know of that continues to have individuals in our care 24/7. The staff has had to think out of the box to continue to be able to provide fun and therapeutic services to our ladies. For example, we did fashion show to teach self-esteem and also held a talent show. Staff has never called in or took time off since we've been dealing with the coronavirus pandemic. Staff continues to take precautions while taking care of our ladies and children. Staff has protected our ladies and children at all times. Staff has had to put themselves at risk to be able to ensure that our ladies have their personal items by taking them to Walmart and grocery stores all while taking the necessary precautions to stay safe. We continue to meet our numbers and provide services according to the TANF program requirements despite the pandemic. Staff will babysit for the ladies to be able to have a group and for the new mom to be able to get a little rest because they have been restricted to the building. Staff had made other arrangements for our ladies to be able to communicate with family while on lockdown by allowing them to have phones and be able to FaceTime their families on the staff's personal phones until all ladies had phones. Staff has encouraged our ladies and is constantly telling them that we will get through this while allowing them to have somewhat of a break from the strict requirements of a residential program while on lockdown.

God laid this on my heart to nominate them because they deserve this recognition and they are a hard working group of ladies. I love each one of them. Abundant Life is the best in my opinion!!!