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“This newsletter is a special one- in the event of wishing a Happy Retirement to one of the best people I have had the honor of knowing and working for/with. Teresa Robertson is so special to so many in her life, and she amazes me on a daily basis. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for being a mentor and friend over the years. I am saddened to see you leave as Director, but you are so deserving of everything yet to come. We are so excited to keep up with you on your retirement journey- we love you and will miss you!” -Breanna Minyard

“Over my last 10 years of working with Teresa I have grown so close to her that I consider her to be family...the sister I never had...it is one thing to have a boss and a job, but it is altogether something else to have a friend and a mission. Teresa you have given me both of those.” -With love eternal JP...

“I want to say thank you for guiding me along this journey. Thank you for keeping me on track. I hate that you are leaving us, but I wish you luck on your next phase. You have been there for many things pertaining to the homes and also dealing with some personal challenges. I am going to miss you greatly.” Big love to you, Waynette McClish

“For Teresa, it’s been great working for and with you for all these years. I appreciate all your understanding and patience through everything throughout this time. You have been a great boss and a true friend. Good luck and God bless you in this great new phase in your life.” -Kristie McClish

“Teresa, thank you for being a wonderful (the best) boss and friend over the past several years. You genuinely care about all of us and everyone around you and it shows. You have a heart of gold, and we will love and miss you terribly! Enjoy your retirement with your family. It is well deserved!” -Heather Haynes

“Teresa, Congratulations! Thank you for taking me under your wing, teaching and guiding me. Your impact has been immeasurable, and I will miss you deeply. Wishing you nothing but happiness and fulfillment in this next chapter.” -Destiny Blade

“I have been amazed at her tireless effort and sacrifice to help and serve the children of our community and to lead the Attention Homes with such care and compassion. I am a direct benefactor and will forever be grateful that I was shown love even when I was not loveable. Teresa is a living example of the grace of God!! -Chad Epperson



Photo captures: Teresa Robertson and family at her surprise retirement party

“In trying to decide how I can briefly summarize 41 years of working at The Attention Homes, I really can’t! I want to thank everyone that has been a part of the Attention Home Program in helping us to care for children in need – all types of needs. I can say that it usually was a different day – every day. But my sweet parents taught me so many valuable lessons. One important one was to surround myself with good people, and I know I have accomplished that during these years. I must give God all the glory in directing my steps in this valuable journey in which I have had the pleasure in helping children and their families. God Bless You All!”

-Teresa Robertson,  
Attention Homes Executive Director

"Juvenile Courts will forever be grateful for the care, compassion, and grace that Teresa has shown to our youth over the years. Her strong determination and unwavering dedication have not only maintained, but greatly expanded ways for young people to receive care and services. Teresa's outreach has provided safety and the feel of security for our youth. Through her advocacy efforts, she has been a voice for the unheard. With kindheartedness, she has shown value and respect to those feeling unworthy because of their past mistakes. Teresa has given guidance and connection to those feeling lost and alone. She has loved those that acted unlovable. Teresa's legacy will allow for future court-involved youth to be shown outstanding care, compassion, and grace. Her efforts and self-sacrifices will never be forgotten." -Lee Cox

"While reflecting on the 10+ years that I have had the privilege of working with Mrs. Robertson, I am reminded of Matthew 25:37-40, "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me.'" You have been a shining example of a servant's heart and have gone over and beyond to help the children of Franklin County. Words cannot express the appreciation we have for your 41 years of service. You have truly impacted countless lives of children and families in Franklin County. On behalf of Judge McDowell and the Franklin County Juvenile Probation Office, Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement!"-Jacob Green

"Be proud of what you've accomplished, the person you are, and the difference you have made in the lives of others. Never underestimate how one person can touch the lives of others. Thank you for your Dedication to Troubled Youth of Lauderdale County and Surrounding counties and for being a Great Person/Boss that Leon and I had the privilege of working for as Houseparents from 1999-2008, not many people in this world would take their time or devote half their life to a Job like yours and it will definitely be very hard for someone to fill your shoes. You will definitely be missed." Love, Leon & Judy Embery (Mr. & Mrs. E)

"There are two people who have called the Shoals home that I consider "miracle workers"- Annie Sullivan and Teresa Robertson. I'm not so certain that Teresa didn't have the more difficult job! Teresa, you never told me "No," although plenty of times I heard "give me a few hours." My calls were always answered, my pleas heard, and the lives of "my kids" forever changed. Thank you for being the person that you are and going about it in your quiet, unassuming way. May your retirement be long, and may you celebrate each day the good work you did for the children of our community. Blessings of peace- today, tomorrow, and forever." -Chad D. Coker

"I am very honored to be the last intern to work directly with Ms. Teresa in the office in an administrative capacity. I gained a lot of experience from her that she built over 41 years of dedicated service to the Attention Homes of Northwest Alabama. I will treasure her friendship and take a little of her wisdom with me throughout my MSW journey in the state of Mississippi where I am now living." -Tammy Holt



**Left Picture:**  
James Paul and Becki Nobles

**Right Picture:**  
Judith Rausch



The Attention Homes could not forget to show our deepest appreciation to both James Paul Nobles and his wife, Becki Nobles. You two have made the house a home for these children. James Paul has guided and served our Attention Homes boys every step of the way, going over and beyond what is expected. James Paul, you and Becki have been such a light to these young boys- showing them a structured environment, daily life skills, but also compassion and respect of what a loving household should consist of. We cannot express how invaluable you have been to us. We wish you and Becki the best on your next chapters in life! We know you will do great things.

Ms. Judith Rausch, we cannot thank you enough for all your support and guidance while being on the Attention Homes Board of Directors. Your dedication and drive have been essential to the successful functioning of our agency. We appreciate all the time you have devoted to the Attention Homes. Ms. Rausch said, "Judge Paseur had appointed me to the board when Eric was Director, so I remember that sweet college girl coming onto the board. Teresa has done an amazing job keeping both homes serving the Shoals Area. She's kept a great board as well!"

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