



news from Sr. Kay...

## Dear Friends/Co-workers!

Many volunteers from Jonestown and elsewhere and I have spent a good deal of time getting the Resource Center at the Ruby Armstrong Brown building ready for action! Others of you have sent donations that have made the building secure and warm. God bless and reward each person who has helped in anyway! Although there remains much to do, we are able to have all our program activities there.

*Thank You!*  
Sister Kay Burton



Members of the Boys Volunteer Club with the help of Carolyn Brunt refreshed the sign with white paint.



Jonestown volunteers who moved the furniture, books, supplies, etc. from storage in the fire station to the building.

## Girls to Women

The high school members of Girls to Women meet every Tuesday evening for embroidery and Thursday evening for knitting. Since the beginning of 2017, they participate in a Monday evening class for Teen-age Health taught by Ms. Katara Tyler. Several of the young ladies delivered Thanksgiving dinners and New Year groceries to Senior Citizens.



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# Girls to Women, continued

Meanwhile, the 7th and 8th grade members continue the tradition of preparing lesson plans to teach their younger siblings and cousins. This is the 9th year for this activity!



*After completing their lesson plans and enjoying chess, the girls and my two high school assistants pose for a picture before leaving for their homes.*

## Community Garden

From September through December, I, with several junior and senior high boys and girls, helped Carolyn Brunt pick the greens she had planted in August. In November, shelves for holding the trays of planted seeds were built in the Greenhouse; in late December, we began planting the seeds.



*In addition to the greens, we picked melons and cucumbers, that surprising to us, were continuing to grow.*



*Planting takes time!*



*We have four nice red-wood shelves for our trays.*

# Boys Volunteer Club

Several members of the Boy Power group have joined the Boys Volunteer Club this fall and winter in providing much needed help in several activities. It is almost impossible to count the number of times they have come forward to make my life easier since I returned in early September. In late January, some of these young men were able to make a trip to the University of Mississippi in Oxford. They were provided a short but meaningful workshop on Leadership, given a tour of the campus and were guests at a luncheon.



*Leadership workshop*



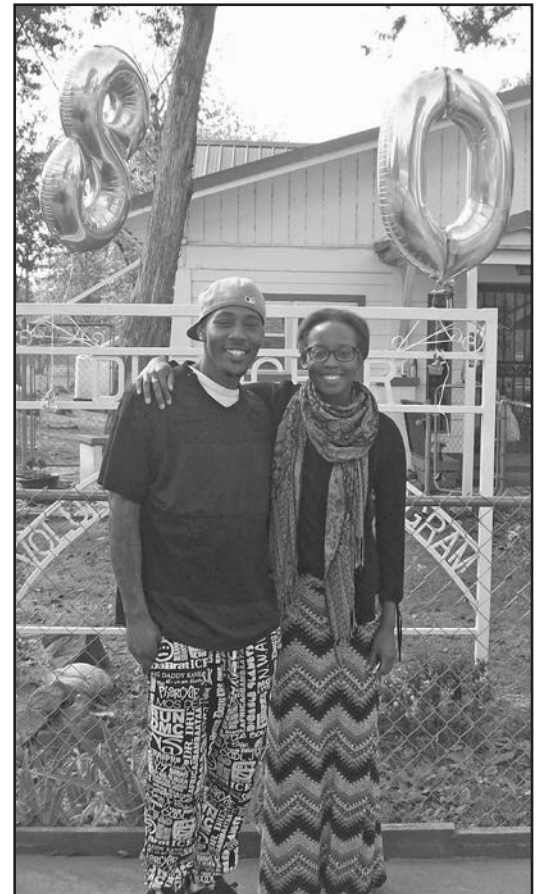
*A highlight of the campus tour was "meeting" James Meredith. Since our Summer School focus in June will be the life and legacy of James Meredith and since several of these boys will be helping to teach Summer School, it was a fortuitous "meeting".*

## Birthday

Mother Mary Rose has had at her feet many letters this year. Besides the ones I put there to ask and thank persons who are helping me, there were those celebratory ones that came from near and far.



*Early November letters*



Patrici Lewis (*far right*) (birthday celebration organizer and now SNJM Associate) along with Frank Towns were two of the many former Jonestown students and others who gave me a wonderful 80th!



## Piano

Ms. Delores Fields Mason prepared and presented the piano students for a Christmas recital held at Mary Bethel MB Church. Many family members and friends thoroughly enjoyed the program.

To all who help this program in any way and to those volunteers I'm counting on during the high school and university spring break, I am grateful from the bottom of my heart!

*Sister Kay Burton*

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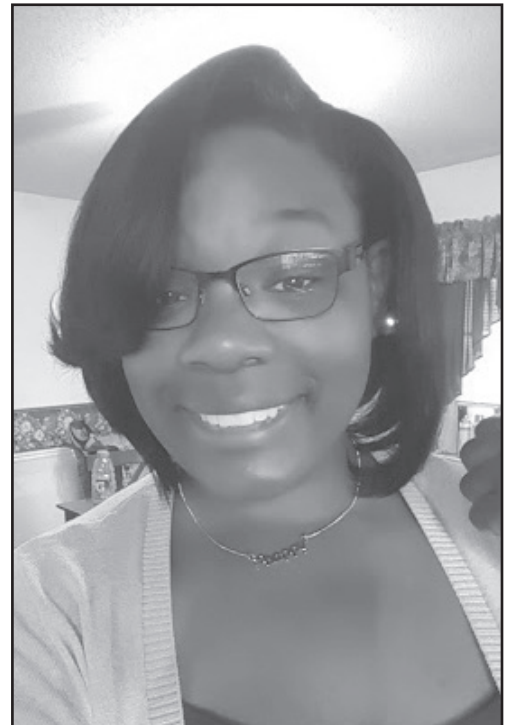
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## Where are They Now?

***Jalisa M. Brunt***, 25, is the mother of one, daughter Jh' Aya Cole. She writes, "I am a GED/ABE instructor and I just completed my Bachelors at Mississippi Valley State University. Sr. Kay, you first assisted me with Girls to Women teaching valuable lessons about different areas in life, introducing me to different places. You also allowed me to assist with the summer school programs teaching children which helped me choose my career in which I am in now TEACHING. You have inspired me to remain humble and never give-up."



## DSDP Needs

Purchase shingles for the new roof  
Reimburse expenses paid for the renovation of the Resource Center  
Scholarships for our piano students.

