



At The Baddour Center, individual **potential** is defined by **character** and God-given **talent**, not by limitations.

## Media Release

The Baddour Center offers family atmosphere for adults with special needs  
Senatobia, Miss. - Residents from all across the United States call The Baddour Center “home,” and enjoy a complete living environment - a place to live, work, socialize with peers and be an active part of a community.

Whether they live in shared apartments or group homes, The Baddour Center is truly home to the 171 men and women who live there. The Center’s staff provides individual instruction to help residents develop and improve their independent living skills, which enables residents to achieve more independence in a warm, comfortable, family atmosphere.

The Baddour Center is a model residential community for adults with mild and moderate intellectual disabilities, and is located on 120 acres of rolling countryside in rural Senatobia, Mississippi.

The Center offers innovative vocational programs that emphasize safety and quality, and instill a sense of confidence in residents. Whether they support one of The Center’s corporate vocational programs or work in the Horticulture Program, residents receive training from professional staff.

“Vocational programs are designed to offer residents the opportunity to work in a positive, encouraging environment,” said Kristi Webb, Director of Vocational Services. “This builds self-esteem and helps them experience the reward of earning their own income.”

The Center also offers a variety of recreation programs for residents, including puppetry, art and music classes, photography classes, and individual instruction in voice, piano and guitar. Residents can participate in nine different intramural sports and Special Olympics, as well as regular fitness routines, and swimming. There are also two drama productions each year - a musical and The Center’s Fashion Show program.

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Additionally, The Baddour Center has a traveling choir, which is made up of musically gifted men and women who live at The Baddour Center. This unique group, called *The Miracles*, travels 15,000 miles and performs 80 concerts at 40 venues annually.

Their mission is to praise God through music, bridge attitude barriers that may exist towards persons with intellectual disabilities, and share the mission of The Baddour Center.

“*The Miracles* have performed at venues across the country,” said Melissa Baker, Director of Community Life. “They have performed in the Kennedy Center and at the White House in Washington, D.C., as well as for Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs, Colorado.”

All of these special performances are done while maintaining a full roster of performances at Mid-South churches. *The Miracles*’ repertoire includes personal testimonies, as well as Christian music favorites, such as “Thank You,” “Written in Red,” and “The Lord’s Prayer.” Their latest CD, which was released in April, showcases gospel favorites “Here I Am to Worship,” “Somebody’s Prayin’,” “The Lord is My Shepherd,” and “Ole Time Religion Medley.”

The mission of The Baddour Center is to provide a model residential community for adults with mild and moderate intellectual disabilities in an environment that promotes maximum growth intellectually, spiritually, physically, socially, emotionally and vocationally.

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