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Mid-South ACT, where we provide demonstrations, resources, and services for individuals with disabilities throughout the Mid-South area.



Thank You from Mid-South ACT

Lavonnie Perry Claybon and the Mid-South ACT staff would like to thank all of the vendors and visitors to the June 7th Community Reutilization, Networking, and Informational Meeting held at the Orange Mound Community Center. Over 80 people participated in Assistive Technology demonstrations and enjoyed a lunch and performance by Steven Collins.

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June is Dystonia Awareness Month

According to the American Dystonia Society (ADS) Dystonia symptoms are life changing and disabling, both physically and emotionally. Physically, muscle spasms can occur in parts of or in the entire body. Spasms can be in the neck, face, throat, limbs, hands, feet, or any combination. Emotionally, there is so little understanding that people with it are ostracized by friends, co-workers, family, and even abandoned by partners and spouses who do not understand or are frightened by it. Dystonia defies diagnosis as MRIs and CT scans do not detect it. It is a true "orphan" disease: no diagnostic tools, no dedicated medications or therapies, and only a handful of expert specialists to treat it around the world. Dystonia affects nearly 500,000 Americans of all ages, it could be a lot closer to you than you think.

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