

**Our Mission:**

To empower people to make choices that result in a life of dignity and increased independence.

Did you call 911 for an Individual or staff? **Immediately** call the Switchboard to let them know!

# AbSSLC News

Week of November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Monitoring Team Week November 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

**When will the Monitors be here?** The Monitoring Team will be on the campus this week.

**What is the Monitors' job?** It is their job to find out if people who live here are safe. It is also their job to find out if staff are helping people who live here to be healthy, learn new things, and to do as much as possible for themselves. Both the Texas HHSC Health and Specialty Care System and the Abilene State Supported Living Center agree that these things should happen, and that's why the Monitors are checking.

**What will the Monitors do?** While the monitors are here they will:

- Look at a lot of paperwork;
- Talk to some of the individuals who live here and some of their families;
- Talk to some of the staff who work here; and
- Visit lots of different places on campus to see what we do and how we do it.

When the monitors talk to people, some questions they might ask are:

- What are staff helping you learn to do?
- Are you treated with respect?
- Do you take part in planning your services? What are some of the things you have asked staff to help you with?
- What do you like best about where you live?
- Are there things about where you live that you do not like? If so, what are they?
- What kinds of things do you do off-campus?
- Are services provided in a clean and safe setting?
- Who would you talk to if you had a question or a problem?

After the monitors have talked with a lot of different people and looked at a lot of paperwork, they will tell us what we are doing well and ways we might do things better.



This law applies to school buses on campus too!  
Don't place others at risk because you are in a hurry.

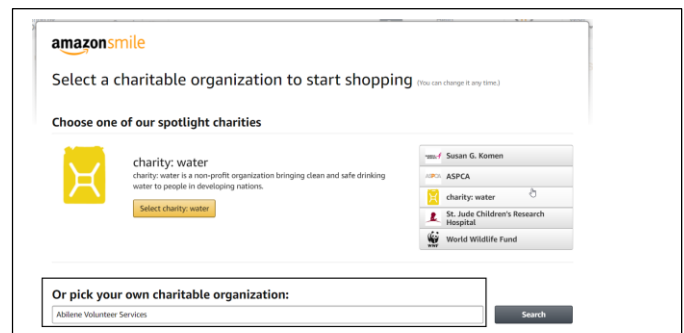
## Shop & Help the VSC!

Did you know you can shop at Amazon.com and help Volunteer Services at the same time?

Each time you shop at <https://smile.amazon.com/> (and have designated them as your group to support) they will donate a percentage of your purchase to the VSC. *This is a great way to help and doesn't cost you anything!*

Not sure if you have designated the VSC (or need to)? Go to the Smile.Amazon.com website and look right under the search bar – you can change it as needed.

If you haven't previously selected a group to benefit you will be given a chance to on your first visit:



Simply type "Abilene Volunteer Services" in the 'Or pick your own ...' box and left-click on Search. After you have selected the VSC, always go to the **Smile.Amazon.com** website to do your shopping!

Protect those that live & work here! See Something | Say Something



The **Big Country Aktion Club** is supporting the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Mission Thanksgiving. That's right, Mission accepted. The Aktion Club which is made up of people who live all over our campus is doing a "Service Project" for the local community to help out Love and Care Ministries.

**Help us find your next Co-Worker!**  
Know someone looking for a career?  
Send them to **AbSSLC.org**