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A Newsletter For and About Residents, Families, and Staff of Wood Lane Residential Services, Inc.

AUGUST, 2010

THIS ISSUE

Talent Show

Residents and staff make a difference in the community

We appreciate your support!

New Apartments Taking Shape

OUR MISSION

We will provide individuals with the highest quality of life enhancement opportunities in residential environments by respecting individuals, ensuring choices and options, supporting families, and providing community partnerships.

VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED FOR "MAKING A HOUSE A HOME"

Residents, families, and staff dedicated four homes to recognize the advocacy efforts on behalf of Wood County citizens with developmental disabilities.

Ellen Williams, Jane Quinn, Delbert Brown, and the late Larry Klein have collectively given 100 years of community service to ensure that individuals have the opportunity to access and live within their communities.

Williams has served on Wood Lane Residential Boards for over 30 years.



Delbert Brown, Julia and Caitlin Klein (accepting on behalf of Dr. Klein,) Jane Quinn, and Ellen Williams

For the last 11 years, he has given his time as a member of the Wood Lane Residential Properties, Wood Lane Elder Haus I & II, and the Apartments Boards. He continues his involvement on these boards.

Jane Quinn is a member of the Wood Lane Elder Haus I & II and Apartments Boards. Over the last 3 years, her volunteer service has also included memberships on the Wood Lane Industries, the Wood County Board of DD, and the Wood Lane Foundation Board.

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Dr. Williams accepts plaque from Valerie Gwozdz

She recently retired from BGSU as a professor in intervention services (special education). Her service at the University has literally impacted thousands of future professionals in special education.

Delbert Brown has devoted his entire professional career to special education. He was superintendent of the Wood County Educational Service Center. In addition, he was a member of the Wood County Board of DD.



Dr. Klein

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RETIREMENT!



Friends and family gathered together earlier this year to celebrate Mary Lou Loose's retirement. Mary Lou's parents, Ike and Marion, were very involved over their lifetimes to ensure that services were the best they could be at Wood Lane. They also were part of the group of families who got residential services started in 1979. While Mary Lou's "official start date" working at Wood Lane Industries was September 14, 1970, she worked for almost 50 years not only at the Industries but also at other sites in the community before Wood Lane Industries was built.

Congratulations, Mary Lou!

RELAY FOR LIFE

We would like to thank everyone who was involved in this year's Relay for Life at the Bowling Green High School. While rain and lightning prevented the actual walk, spirits weren't dampened and the community's support was once again outstanding. This year the Nancy Ullum Relay for Life team raised \$12,268.26.



DON'T FORGET TO SUPPORT OUR MEMORY WALK TEAM

Residents and staff from the Elder Haus homes will participate in this year's Memory Walk on October 3, 2010. The event will be held at the Toledo Zoo. The event benefits the Alzheimer's Association of Northwest Ohio. We raised over \$3,000 from our annual Poker Run and selling "Memory Muffins."

The Third Annual Crock Pot Cook Off and Bake Sale will be held on August 16th at Wood Lane Residential Services, Inc. (541 Pearl Street.) The cook off is only \$5.00 and includes "all you can taste" of the crock-pot recipes as well as one bottle of water. Everyone will also vote for his or her favorite recipe.

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SUMMER FUN AT THE WERNER HOME

This spring, Alexis Goslak's dad, Ray, spent several long days working on cleaning up all of Werner Home's bikes. This not only included washing and shining them up, it required new parts, sanding off several years of rust and giving the bikes a new paint job.

Mr. Goslak was very attentive to details, not allowing any rust to remain. He purchased all items as a donation to our residents as well as his many hours of hard work.

We appreciate the hard work, the results were amazing, the bikes look new!! We have wonderful families working with us and we appreciate everything they do.

Mr. Goslak, you did a terrific thing for our home and our residents. Thank you!

On June 1st Werner Home and Restle Home planned an evening with the Mud Hens.

It was a beautiful night, a double header, the food was great, the company was wonderful, and everyone enjoyed the game to the end.

Again this year several of our residents, staff and a dad participated in Arc Day at Cedar Point. Frank Butwin, Beth's dad, came to us this year asking if he could join our staff in taking some of our residents to Cedar Point. Frank said it is hard for them to find fun things to do with Beth, and he felt she would love Cedar Point and wanted to come along.

Frank met our staff and 4 of the Werner home residents for a day at Cedar Point. The weather was wonderful, and everyone enjoyed the rides.

- **Cathy Miller**

ADDITIONAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY WILL BE TAKING APPLICATIONS SOON



The HUD funded apartment complex is nearly 40% completed! Fourteen apartments will be available to rent. Prospective tenants who apply must be eligible through HUD requirements. A brochure about the apartments is included in this newsletter.

For more information on the application process, contact your service coordinator at (419) 352-5115.



RESIDENT FEATURED ON NATIONAL POSTER

One of this year's Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month posters feature the one and only Tim Bomeli. According to Ohio Public Images, the nationally distributed poster featuring Tim was the most favorite. Congratulations Tim, for your involvement in the community and living this year's theme of "Just Like You."



STAFF MEMBER RECEIVES BGSU SCHOLARSHIP

Terrie Hunt has been awarded the 2010 – 2011 Joseph and Judith Conda scholarship in special education. Mr. and Mrs. Conda established the scholarship in honor of Judith's sister, Patti Shisler.

One hundred BGSU students were interviewed out of a pool of 500 applicants. We congratulate Terrie for her dedication to WLRS, Inc. and to continue her coursework in special education at BGSU.

DEDICATION (cont'd from page 1)

The late Larry Klein was a well-known psychologist in Bowling Green and took a very personal interest about the importance of making a house a home. After acquiring a disability himself, he was determined to find the supports necessary for him to live in his own home. His vision and determination is summed up in an article he wrote for NPR's "This I Believe." His mantra was always, "there's no place like home."

We thank these volunteers for their recognition of the importance of home and the foundation they have made for future generations.

Parent's Group Update

A new year is beginning for the parent's group and we have made some changes.

We are now meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Wood Lane Residential Services Administrative Office. The office is located at 545 Pearl Street in Bowling Green.

Our next meeting will be **September 8** at 6:00 p.m. We invite speakers to attend the meeting to explain various duties they perform for the residents. We have had new people join us and are hoping for more of you to come out. We are also open to ideas and suggestions.

It is great to meet with other parents and guardians who have children in the program. If you have any suggestions, ideas, or questions please feel free to contact me at (419) 288-2576.

- Sharon Morgart -

A MESSAGE FROM Greg Bair, CEO

I hope you are enjoying a fun and safe summer! We continue to have much happening on various levels and I would like to share a few ... We continue to keep a very watchful eye on the developments at the Federal level. Stimulus monies will not be as available next year and as of now the State of Ohio is facing an 8 billion dollar deficit.

July marked the 20th Anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act.

In September a week of recognition at the Federal level is planned for National Direct Support Professionals. This is a wonderful recognition for the dedication of the many individuals who provide quality care to individuals with disabilities. WLRS will be honoring our direct service workers as well.

In June we celebrated the dedication of 4 homes for individuals who have been dedicated to serving consumers in Wood County.

The Wood County Board of DD just completed a beautiful addition to the Nichols Home in Portage. This spacious addition is a great benefit to those residing there. The Werner Home is also in the early stages of an addition to their home. These additions offer wonderful space for residents and staff. The Wood County Board of DD just began the building of a new Respite Home. This home will be located in Portage and it is anticipated that it will be completed by the end of the year. And we expect the completion of the HUD apartments by the end of the year.

We will continue to provide you with updates. Please remember to check out our website for the latest WLRS news and happenings!

Take care,
Greg Bair
Chief Executive Officer

AUDIENCE GETS LESSON IN HISTORY

It was a lesson on world history on May 23 at Eastwood High School. Over 70 individuals who receive services entertained. The theme for the 14th annual Talent Show was "The Complete History of the World (abridged)." Over 70 individuals who receive services from WLRS, Inc. and/or the Wood County Board of DD entertained the audience with skits, songs, jokes and dancing in a light-hearted look at history. According to director Sally Stemen, there were special appearances from the inventor of the wheel, Henry the 8th, Alexander Graham Bell, Merlin the Magician, Elvis, The Three Tenors and the Beatles.

A quilt made by people residing in WLRS homes was raffled off and all proceeds from the raffle and the show went to help fund the activities provided by the Residential Recreation Department.

The Recreation Department wishes to thank all staff, volunteers, and residents who helped in the production of the show and all those who attended.





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THANK YOU For Your Generosity!

Greg Bair Home Fund
Charles and Mary Lawson

General Consumer Fund
Delbert and Dorothy Brown

Consumer Vacation Fund
Jessica Swaisgood
Recreation Department
Toledo Community Foundation
(Restle Fund)

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In memory of Rollie Hampton
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In honor of Danny Yontz
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In honor of Beulah Jones
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