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"All About Sports!"

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Merry Christmas!
from our homes to yours...



MISSION STATEMENT
Updated Mission Statement
To provide Christian faith based housing, services and supports for adults with cognitive impairments,
where they can grow personally and spiritually to reach their God given potential.

Rainbow Homes New Residents:

WELCOME to Doris and Ron, our newest residents to move into our Rainbow Home's family. Say Hi the next time you see them. We are very happy to have them join us.

Doris comes to us from New York. Doris's special interests are cooking, baking, bowling, traveling, swimming, arts & crafts, movies and walking.



Ron comes to us from Lansing. Ron's special interests are movies, bowling and going to the arcade, He enjoys doing things that he thinks are fun.



"Having fun around town!"

Rainbow Homes



Congratulations to Mary Ellen, Cathy, Troy and Susan for participating in the Relay for Life event at the Holt High School. They were part of the Hayhoe Asphalt and Holt Kiwanis Teams. Mary Ellen and Cathy celebrated their 5 year anniversary as survivors of Cancer. They each raised \$200.00 to support their team.

Good work to all!!!



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR!!!

Congratulations Angie for being selected Worker of the Year for the Peckham Environmental Services Dept. Angie was chosen from 300 employees. She was recognized for her improved performance and attendance. Angie will be invited to attend the Peckham dinner- will receive a trophy, certificate, and bonus check.

GREAT JOB Angie!

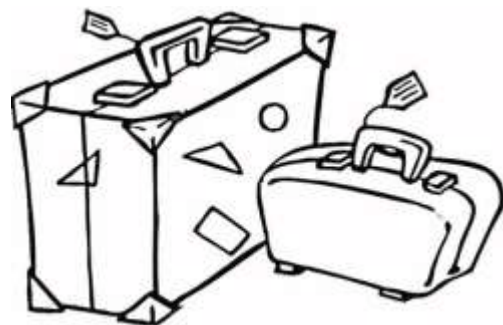
A **BIG THANK YOU** to all those who helped make our golf Tournament in September a great success. We brought in over \$6,000 on this event, and had many great volunteers and residents help us out this year. Mary Ellen won our Celebrity putter nomination this year. Great Job Mary Ellen!

Next year our tournament will be on Sept. 18th, 2016.

Hope you can join us. We also want to thank Joey Stimac and Timber Ridge Golf Course for sharing the plethora of Luggnut Tickets again this year. The residents really enjoyed many days at the ball park including tailgating, cheering on the Luggies, plus \$.10 Hotdogs on Memorial Day!!! The Perfect American Pastime. Joey also helped organize a Putting Tournament at Hawk Hallows Golf Course famous Putting Course. Our residents enjoyed the outing very much and it was great fun with great friends



BIKE RACKS....WE HAVE BIKE RACKS!!!! THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE TRI-COUNTY BICYCLE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF 2 NEW BIKE RACKS FOR OUR RIDERS TO PARK THEIR BIKES NEAR RAINBOW HOMES. These racks were specially made for us by Dowding Fabrication in Eaton Rapids. We really appreciate the racks and the residents and guests really appreciate them a lot!!!!



TRAVEL NEWS !!!

Our club has been on amazing vacations this past summer and fall to include a trip to Disney World; a great day in Detroit; Tiger Baseball Game; a trip to Amish area of Shipshewana in Indiana; a Cruise down the Grand River on the Michigan Princess & a great swim trip to Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City. We have 1 trip coming up before the New Year – a trip to Frankenmuth on December 17th.

Check out our web site for more details. We could also use more volunteers to help us on these trips.

If you're interested in going, please contact Trish Mahoney at (517) 699-8454.

We would like to thank our volunteers who went on these trips: Randy Rhodes, Marylin Ebaugh, Kenny Vaughn, Bea McComb, Sharon Fillwock-Creamans and many more.



"All About Sports!"

Our Silent Auction plans are in the works.

FEBRUARY 6TH, 2016 at the Holy Family Center at St. Casimir Parish.

More details are available on our website. Get your tickets now.

You can purchase them at Rainbow Homes or through our website.

We are also taking donations at this time of items/baskets for our Silent Auction.

Wear your favorite team jersey to the event.

Ways YOU Can Help!

Donate an Auction Item: This item can be dropped off at Rainbow Homes or give us a call to arrange a pick-up.

Make a Monetary Donation: to purchase a Auction Item.

Advertising: in our Auction Booklet.

Full Page **\$100**

1/2page **\$75**

1/4page **\$50**

Business Card **\$25** (print ready if possible)

Sponsor a Resident for \$30.00: Some of our residents are not able to afford the ticket fee without help.

Cost of Food: Consider helping with a monetary donation to defray our food cost.

Volunteer Worker: We would be grateful for help with items pick-up - set-up - clean-up - help during event.

Think Christmas!

What a wonderful way to give a of a ticket to family or friends and help Rainbow Homes out at the same time!

Visit our website www.rainbow-homes.org

Silent Auction & Dinner Order Form:

I would like to:

Order Ticket @ \$30.00 \$ _____ Reserve Table (8) @ \$210.00 \$ _____

Make a monetary donation of \$ _____

Advertisement \$ _____ (attach print ready ad)

Sponsor a resident ticket fee \$ _____

Defray food cost donation \$ _____

Total \$ _____

___Donate an Auction Item-drop off at Rainbow Homes or call 517.699.8454 for pick-up

___Volunteer to work the event (An Auction Committee Member will contact you.)

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Check: _____ Method of Payment: _____
PayPal at www.rainbow-homes.org : _____ Credit Card:MC/Visa _____ CC# _____ Exp.Date: _____ Sec Code: _____

Or call or stop by Rainbow Homes to arrange for Payment and pick up tickets.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

RAINBOW HOMES "WISH LIST"

If you have any items that you would like to donate or volunteer to help out at Rainbow Homes, please contact Susan at (517)699-8454 or email: rainbowhomes@sbcglobal.net. A donation letter will be sent to you for tax purposes. Thank you for your consideration in helping us with an In-Kind-Donation

Maintenance Items:

- 7 Replacement exterior doors for our apartments (cost is \$250 per apartment)
- Replacement windows for apartments: Currently we have 7 apartments that need 3 windows a piece replaced. Cost is \$1000 per apartment.
- 4 Replacement stairs for our attics (cost is \$250 including installation)
- Vanities for bathrooms – need to replace all apartment
- 2 wet/dry vacuum

Office Items:

- Office chairs
- Copy paper/envelops (business)
- Misc. supplies
- Overhead fans/with 3 lights

Storage Items:

- Storage totes – 18 gallons or larger
- Storage organizer/rack for bike helmets

Misc. Items

- Dining Room tablecloths – need "oil cloth" ones that will hold up longer 6 1/2 feet each
- Rags for cleaning/painting
- Stackable Washer/Dryer
- Shelving units or materials to build shelves in the Annex attic with additional plywood to expand floor storage

VOLUNTEERING:

- Teach Residents how to cook basic foods or make desserts with them.
- Need individuals who would be willing to do Spring clean-up, work with the residents cleaning up the yards around all the apartments. Many hands are needed to help supervise.
- Staining the picnic tables and swings.
- Window washing in the apartments and the community room.
- We will be setting schedule for apartment "Spring Cleaning" – residents will need assistance in doing a good deep cleaning of their apartments. Packing up winter clothes, and getting out the summer clothes.
- Power washing of our three buildings.

- Volunteer to go on day trips with the residents.
- Daily walking for exercise with our residents.
- Come and play outdoor games with residents.
- Volunteer to bring in dessert one night for the residents (they eat at 5pm).

Updated 10/7/15



Our Picnic theme this past August was "NASCAR"- a great time was had by all. We want to thank our 4 volunteers from the LCC Nursing Program who came to help us out with this event. The family and friends & our residents had a great time. We highlighted our staff member of the year: Shirley Wetzel-honored for her work with teaching our residents budgeting skills including writing checks, developing saving plans, and the difference between "wants and needs". Our Volunteer of the Year was Wayne Quick-honored for support in having contacts with local grocery stores, restaurants, and food banks. He supplies Rainbow Homes with bakery treats, breads, and fresh produce. He has also built and donated a Corn Hole Game for the residents to enjoy. Congratulations to you both. Our winners of the patio decoration contest were: Mike and Troy...good job you guys.

THANK YOU !!

Thanks to the following Special Contributors:

Joe Perrone, Marilyn Ebaugh, Jennifer Ebaugh, Carolyn Texera, Holt United Methodist Women Dean Trailways, Women Who Care, Wheat Jewelers, Doug Wicker

Knights of Columbus:

#11099, #8820, #7237, #9182, #10542, #10006, #788, #3281, #6223, #11875, #9711

Thank you to all our volunteers this past season. Rainbow Homes was very blessed to have many volunteers this year from students from the Aveda Institute who came out and helped our folks get ready for the Blossom Time Ball, to the LCC students who helped with our lawn work and gardening. We really appreciate all **that our volunteers do. Please suggest Rainbow Homes to your church and community minded groups if they need volunteer credits. We even had a group from Meridian Christian Church come and play games with residents and do manicures. They also made cookies, cleaned, helped residents with individual activities, played board games, helped to put up Decorations, Etc... Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you!!!**