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**SAVE THE DATE**

**"Rainbow Homes Silent Auction!"**

**FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

**RAINBOW HOMES**  
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**Happy  
Holidays!**



*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.*

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESIDENTS

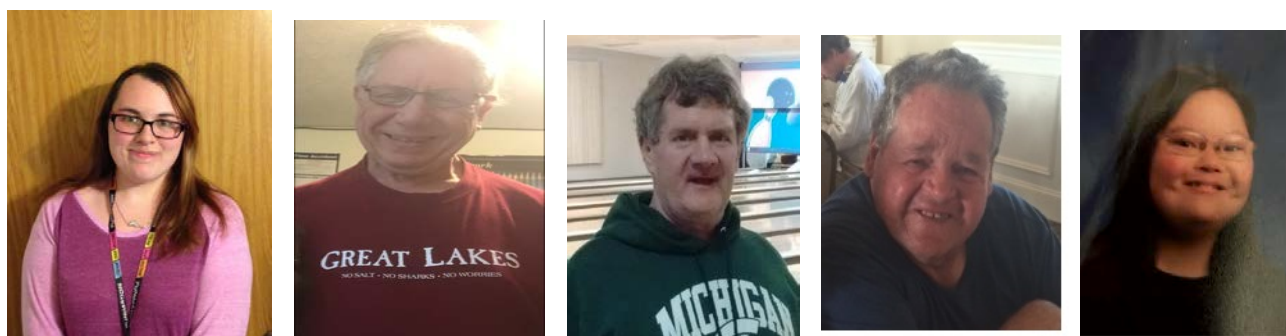
**Cassie** moved in this summer from living at a group home. She loves her independence and learning new things. She loves all kinds of activities & trips and having groups of friends. Cassie would like to get a job and dreams of working at Peckham. She currently volunteers at the Animal Shelter in Mason.

**John** moved in this fall from living with his sister, and really enjoys living in his own apartment. He loves being on the go and having lots of things to do. John's favorite thing is listening to oldies – loves "John Denver" songs, and watching cowboy movies. John currently works at Transitions North. He is excited about going on trips.

**Randy** recently moved in this December, he is a funny man. Enjoys sports, and has a upbeat attitude.

**Jack** recently moved in this December, he is loved by his friends here. He also loves to travel and draw pictures for his friends.

**Kelsey** recently moved in this December, she is a Special Olympic player, she is a social butterfly and loves to hang out with the girls.



CASSIE

JOHN

RANDY

JACK

KELSEY

If you see any of these cheerful faces around Rainbow Homes – Give them a big Hello and welcome them...

## RESIDENTS IN ACTION

Our residents have been very active and have participated in some of the most exciting events since the spring.



Cathy, Mary Ellen, James, Troy, Kevin 1, and Ron walked in the Relay for Life – July 10 & 11<sup>th</sup>. Most walked 6 miles. They raised \$612.20 this year and Cathy became a BRONZE member. Congrats Cathy!! Mary Ellen and Cathy both served on the planning committee throughout this year. What a great way to give back... Thanks to all!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – received a big THANK YOU to our residents who donated 20 shoe boxes filled with personal care items, school supplies, and toys at Christmas time. The residents have filled boxes for the last 14 years and it is now part of their Christmas Tradition.



Thank you to our residents for their donation to RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE. Donating crocheted, knitted, and loomed hats that were made over the past year. Great job residents as stated in the Thank You note:

"the families who stay at the Ronald McDonald House of Mid-Michigan will use your hats, esp. when the cold wind blows. ....You touched our hearts!



WOW...we had 6 residents participate in the Spring ePIFany event at the MSUFCU. Beforehand they made homemade boxes and then filled them with candy. The residents handed them out to the staff at Dobie Road Medical Care Facility. Each staff member were so thankful for the gift...the emotions ranged from thanks to tears of joy.. What a great way to pay it forward.



# TRAVEL NEWS

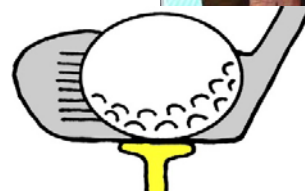


What a great year for travel.

Our residents, respite, and participants had a great year of exciting trips. From going to the Holland Tulip Festival, to a Zoo Cruise which took our travelers to 4 different zoos in the Central Michigan area, to the Double JJ Ranch on the west side of the state. What a great variety of interesting trips.

Our new 2017 Travel Schedule is being developed at this time, to include: Turkeyville, Chicago, Highland Festival, Rock-N-Roll Hall of Fame, Put-in-bay, Lake Michigan/Submarine, River town Crossing Mall/Gerald R Ford, Mackinaw Island, Red Wings Game and Frankenmuth.

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 Cammie Daniels at (517) 699-8454.



## THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER ...

We would like to extend our most gracious thank you to all those who again made our annual golf outing another success. The outing was on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, and we were able to make over \$6,000. What a great event. We really had some great golfers, and great volunteers. Thanks to everyone who participated and we hope to see you again next year. Our winners really beat out the rest of the teams- congratulations!!! We need to make sure we give them more competition next year.



Our Silent Auction plans are in the works. **FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>**, 2017 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:** Items can be dropped off at Rainbow Homes or give us a call to arrange a pick-up by Jan 13.

**Make a Monetary Donation:** To purchase an 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 \$35.00:** 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 gift of a ticket to family or friends and help Rainbow Homes out at the same time!



### SPECIAL ADDITION TO OUR DINNER : RAINBOW HOMES CHALLENGE

We have been notified that we will have a major donor who is willing to challenge us to make \$10,000 on and before the Silent Auction - which this individual will match to help us pay off our major debts. We are very excited about this opportunity and hope everyone will be also willing to help us reach that goal. We have started collecting and will be posting our ever increasing thermometer with the weekly results on our website.

### 2017 DEBT RELIEF CHALLENGE - GOAL: \$10,000

To contribute to Rainbow Homes for the Debt Relief Challenge:

Send Check or money order to **Rainbow Homes:**

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$200 \$500 \$1000 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Send payment to: Rainbow Homes - 2111 Adelpha Ave. Apt B, Holt Mi. 48842

Credit Card Payment: MC/VISA: \_\_\_\_\_ CC# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Please call Rainbow Homes at (517) 699-8454 to make a credit card payment.

Thank you for all your support. We appreciate all you do for us!

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### Silent Auction & Dinner Order Form:

I would like to:

Order Ticket @ \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Reserve Table (8) @ \$245.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check: \_\_\_\_\_ PayPal at [www.rainbow-homes.org](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_ ZipCode: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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](mailto: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

# Thanks

## TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THIS PAST SEASON

John & Susan Stoltzfus  
Marie Oomen  
Carolyn Texera  
Jessie Stipcak  
Marylin & Jennifer Ebaugh  
Jayne Hoxie  
Murawski Accounting  
Dean Transportation  
Susan Shehan  
Joe Perrone  
Marilyn Fitzsimmons  
John & Cindy Shinsky  
Lenhard  
Brian Taylor  
Lori & Kevin Wheat  
Carl & Pat Bachle



St. James Knights of Columbus  
St. Casimir Knights of Columbus  
St. Joseph Shrine Knights of Columbus  
St. Mary's Cathedral Knights of Columbus  
St. Mary's Knights of Columbus  
Knights of Columbus Council #7945  
Holt United Methodist Women's Group  
Knights of Columbus Council #7945  
Knights of Columbus Council #11875  
Hayhoe Asphalt & Paving  
Timber Ridge Golf Course  
Buboltz Insurance Joan  
Royal Landscape  
Accident Fund  
Capital Region Foundation

## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS PAST SEASON.

We had **Angie Jasmund** come and do the women's hair for the Blossom Time Ball.

**Lansing Christian School** volunteered to work at Rainbow Homes for 3 days, then invited our residents to an assembly to talk about the experience.

**Servefest from 2:42** – helped restrain our picnic tables and swings, painted two bathrooms, & helped weed and lay mulch. What a great need and a great group of individuals. And then again another 2:42 group came in August to help complete our landscape project.

Thank you to all the **LCC Students** who have volunteered within the last 6 months...sure have appreciated your help.

We had 10 **Jackson National Life** employees come on July 27<sup>th</sup> to help us with our continued landscape project.

Big thank you to **Capital Region Community Foundation** for a grant money for new computers

Thank you to all our volunteers this past season. Rainbow Homes was very blessed to have many volunteers this year from students from the LCC students who helped with our lawn work, **gardening and so much more. 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 2:42 Community Church come and play games with residents, Etc...**

**Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you, to all volunteers!!!**