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We could use your help. Consider volunteering to help with our garden cleaning and planting this year. Just call 699-8454 for details.



We are always in need of volunteers to help our residents do their spring cleaning in the apartments and outside. Let us know if you or your group can help.



Call 699-8454 for details.

## 2016 Rainbow Homes Membership

Please consider being a Rainbow Homes Member by joining our great organization in making a difference in the lives of adults learning to be independent. Visit our website for more details:

[www.rainbow-homes.org](http://www.rainbow-homes.org). If you would like to put this membership donation on a credit card, please give Rainbow Homes a call, and we can scan the number on our Credit Card scanner/square option. Call 517-699-8454

# RAINBOW HOMES SPRING NEWSLETTER 2016 Volume 24 Issue 21



### This years 2016 Silent Auction in February was a big success!!!

We made over \$13,000 to help out Rainbow Homes. A big thank you to all who donated Silent Auction items and donated money for the event. Thanks to those who helped volunteer to do all the set up and service for the event. A BIG thanks to St. Casimir and the Knights of Columbus for the use of their facilities and the great food for the dinner. We could not have done it without everyone's help.



#### MISSION STATEMENT

Updated Mission Statement

To provide Christian faith-based housing, services and supports for adults with intellectual impairments, where they can grow personally and spiritually to reach their God given potential.

## Rainbow Homes Updates

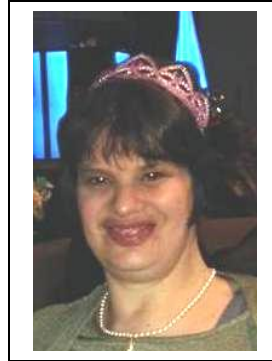
### New Residents:

WELCOME to Jodi & Kerry. We are very happy to have them join us.

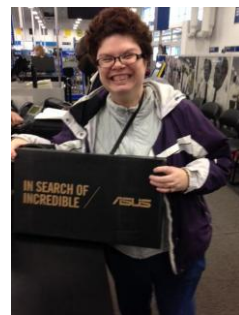


Kerry and her cat Simon moved to Rainbow Homes in February. She is looking forward to making friends and having things to do. Also, she is looking forward to getting a new job.

Jodi, who came to Rainbow Homes from the U.P., is excited to be closer to her brother in Okemos. Jodi enjoys going out to eat, movies, and she hopes to be able to one day get a job. Jodi is looking forward to going on trips and having sooooo many friends to talk to.



**On November 22, 2015 Ty Boogaard had his Eagle Scout ceremony. During the event he recognized Kevin as being one of his mentors and was honored with a Mentor Pin. Ty started coming to Rainbow Homes when he was 4 years old. He and "Uncle" Kevin has shared a special bond over the years. Ty is now at Northern University and Kevin is making plans to visit him there this summer.**



### Employee of the year:

Angie C, received Worker of the Year Jan 20<sup>th</sup> at Peckham Annual Breakfast. Angie works at Watertown B as a custodian. She was recognized for improved attendance and attitude. She now trains some of the new workers. Angie received a trophy and bonus check which she is saving up to buy a computer. GREAT JOB Angie!

### Changes on the Home Front

Congratulations to Danielle Miller who is now our new Residential Coordinator. She is celebrating her 9<sup>th</sup> year at Rainbow Homes. Danielle will be supervising staff and running the day to day residential programs. Danielle has 19 years of experience in the field. She is married to Jack for over 20 years and has two grown sons: Dakota and Travis. Her extended four-legged family are Rebel, Izzy, Ava and Zoe.

Karen Bailey will be taking over as the Medical Facilitator. Karen will be handling the doctor's appointments, medication and the health concerns of the residents. She has been with Rainbow Homes for 7 years. Karen has a foster son named Cody and is busy with all his activities.

Welcome Katie Rathbun to her new position of CLS and Travel Coordinator. Katie brings a fresh approach to the position as she has done a lot of traveling while her husband was in the service. She will be overseeing the CLS Program as well as planning and supervising the Travel Club. Katie is married to David and has a 4 year old son Elijah, with a new girl on the way.

### Welcome to our new staff

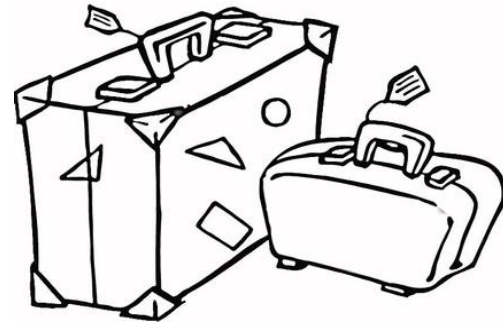
Emily Bain started in October 2015. Emily and her husband live in downtown Lansing, she loves going out for coffee and gardening. Her passion is helping people. Emily will be receiving her associates this summer in social sciences!

Eddie Jefferson started in December 2015. Eddie comes to us from Georgia being a Michigan Native. He has a Bachelor's degree in Media Communication. His work in the Atlanta Public School system, lead him to pursue a Masters in Counseling. He moved back to Michigan to marry his now wife Terri. Eddie is in charge of the senior outings and guy groups.

Lisa Adkins started in January 2016. Lisa comes from the Jackson area. She has 32 years of experience and 3 special needs sons of her own. She enjoys gardening, walking and being with people. She looks forward to having new experiences with Rainbow Homes.

Cammie Daniels started in March 2016. Cammie is our new Meal Facilitator. She has had several years experience working in this field, and found it as her true passion. In her spare time she enjoys hunting and fishing, she looks forward to working with the residents.

Barb VanHouten started in April 2016. Barb is going to be working in the morning as a Facilitator. Barb is excited to be our newest addition, and looking forward to all of the experience that she will endure.



## TRAVEL NEWS !!!

We have a new Travel Club / CLS Coordinator, Katie Rathbun. She has accepted the position of our dynamic Coordinator which takes a lot of organization, patience, and the love to travel. She has been at Rainbow Homes since 2015, and has created many exciting trips for this year. She has a few assistants in this area: Helen Bushrey, Kara Henfling and Arica Williams.

As always, check out trips on our website at: [www.rainbow-homes.org](http://www.rainbow-homes.org). If you would like to volunteer for any of our trips, please give Katie a call at (517) 699-8454.

Autumn's Edge/V **DONE** March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

Henry Ford Museum Cost \$72 /Spending \$40 April 20<sup>th</sup>

Tulip Festival Cost \$80 /Spending \$40 May 11<sup>th</sup>

Moose Lake Christian Craft Village Cost \$70 /Spending \$40 June 25<sup>th</sup>

Tigers Game Cost TBA /Spending TBA July 17

ZOO Cruise Cost \$310 /Spending \$50 August 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

Camp Fowler/Men's Retreat Cost \$170 /Spending \$40 September 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

Double JJ Resort Cost \$310 /Spending \$30 October 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

Pistons Game Cost TBA /Spending TBA November TBA

Polar Express Cost \$100 /Spending \$30 December 10<sup>th</sup>

### Michigan Princess Boat 2015



### Shipshewana 2015



## SAVE THE DATE PAGE – PLEASE JOIN US

All of these are also on our website [www.Rainbow-Homes.org](http://www.Rainbow-Homes.org)

### Painting with a Twist (Purpose)

Come paint this palm tree picture with us.  
50% of the money will go to our Travel Club.

Thursday, May 19, 2016 7p-9p \$35

To Register, go to the link below and sign up.

[www.paintingwithatwist.com/events/viewevent.aspx?eventID=525741](http://www.paintingwithatwist.com/events/viewevent.aspx?eventID=525741)



### RAINBOW HOMES ANNUAL PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

1p-3p at Rainbow Homes

Theme: "Walk in our Garden"

Meat & Drinks will be provided.

Please call (517) 699-8454 to R.S.V.P. & sign up for a dish to pass.



### Rainbow Homes 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing

at Timber Ridge in East Lansing!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

Get your teams together now. We need more teams.

For more information about registering a team

or if you wish to sponsor a hole or to donate

for our raffle please call Marcia

at (517) 290-1295 or email at [evansm@msu.edu](mailto:evansm@msu.edu)



### RAINBOW HOMES SILENT AUCTION

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 – St Casimir, 6p-8p!!

Next year will be "**BORN IN THE USA!**"..so get out your RED, WHITE, AND BLUE, and please join us.

Also, if you have basket ideas, or have items you would like to donate for this auction. Give us a call or drop them off at Rainbow Homes (517) 699-8454.

## 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:

- Mulch – for our three quad-plex buildings
- 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 (ie... paper clips, scissors, pens, pencils, permanent markers)
- 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
- Dining Room metal chairs
- Pots & Pans for Annex kitchen – for the cooking classes
- 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(please call to set up something):**

- 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.
- Cleaning gutters.
- Putting down mulch and weeding the properties.
- Volunteer to go on day trips with the residents.
- Daily walking for exercise with our residents, or come and play outdoor games with residents.
- Get garden set up and planted.
- Volunteer to bring in dessert one night for the residents (they eat at 5pm).

Updated 4/1/16

# THANK YOU !

A Thank you to Rainbow Homes!! - VIA Marylin Ebaugh, (was sent to her in a card in reference to the help Marylin gives to Rainbow Homes ) Who could do better than admire the great good done by Mother Teresa? She was an ordinary person doing extra-ordinary things. The closest we come to this is Rainbow Homes initiated none other than you Marylin! In this you follow Mother Teresa so closely, what you have started has become a heavenly blessing for so many, who would have been lost in the shuffle. Thank you for this great work of love. It certainly has made great strides over the years! I love reading the updates and seeing the pleasure in the eyes of the participants as they view their accomplishments with feelings of success! They have reason to feel proud. They work hard and they are successful. You must be very proud to see their dreams come true!!!



Kudos to Mary Ellen Kane and Cathy Kern who have joined the Holt Relay for Life Planning Committee. They will be on the Holt Kiwanis-Hayhoe Asphalt team again this year. They are busy planning their money raising efforts for the team. Last year they raised \$500 together. Their goal this year is to raise \$1000.00! If you wish to support them you could go to [www.Relay For Life.com](http://www.RelayForLife.com) Team – Holt Kiwanis-Hayhoe Asphalt (add a last name, either Kane or Kern)



A **BIG THANK YOU** to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish for the wonderful Christmas presents the parishioners purchased for the annual giving tree for all our residents. All enjoyed the time opening the gifts, sharing the goodies, and being able to use the precious items they were given.

THANK YOU !!



February 12<sup>th</sup> saw 34 Rainbow Homes Residents and participants dressed in their best to attend the Night to Shine Prom funded by the Tim Tebow Foundation. 200 host churches in 48 states and 8 countries with Meridian Christian Church /242 Community Church sponsored the local prom. 168 prom goers with chaperones and dozens of volunteers were in attendance. Prom goers were greeted by paparazzi and a stroll down the Red Carpet. Everyone enjoyed dinner, dancing, a photo booth and a special visit by Sparty as well as the MSU Cheerleaders.