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"Designation Card" Use #1751 Rainbow Homes, Holt, Michigan



We are always in need of volunteers to help our residents do their spring cleaning in the apartments and outside. Also, consider volunteering to help with our garden cleaning and planting this year. Let us know if you or your group can help. Just call 699-8454 ask for Susan or Danielle for details.

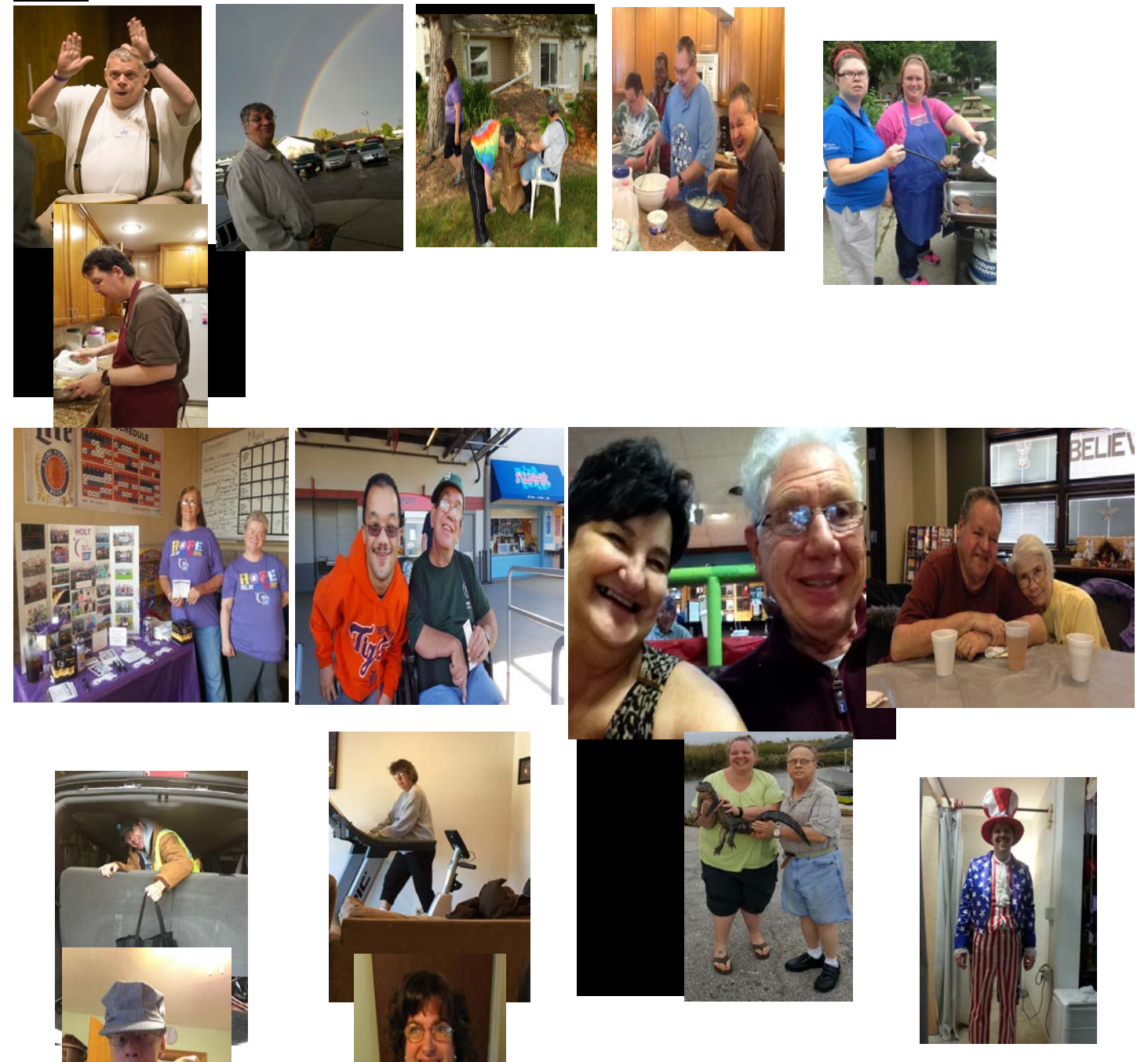
### 2017 Rainbow Homes Membership

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.

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, or use the envelope enclosed in this Newsletter.

Call 517-699-8454 or visit our website for more details: [www.rainbow-homes.org](http://www.rainbow-homes.org).

# RAINBOW HOMES SPRING NEWSLETTER 2017 Volume 26 Issue 23



**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.*



# THANK YOU !



Thank you again to the Welling family who hosted the Annual Christmas Candy Making with the residents in November. The sweet treats were used by residents as Christmas gifts for people that have helped them throughout the year.



Thank you to all who donated Christmas gifts from Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish to the residents. All enjoyed the many gifts of MSU clothing, Art supplies, Cleaning Baskets, Basket of Coffee and teas to name a few. We appreciate your generosity year after year.



February 2017 - 2/42 Community Church sponsored the local Tim Tebow Night to Shine prom. 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 MSU Cheerleaders.



Big thank you to Joe Perrone and Morgan Stanley for the amazing Cybergrant contribution and all other donations you have made to Rainbow Homes throughout the year. Your contributions to our cause has been greatly appreciated.



Special Thank you to Capital Regional Community Foundation for the grant we received to help us update our work computers to put us finally in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century ..... BIG THANKS!!!!

## Thanks to the Knights of Columbus

**Knights of Columbus St Joseph Shrine #6223**

**Knights of Columbus St Gerard & Holy Cross #788**

**Knights of Columbus St Mary's #9301**

**Knights of Columbus St Casimir #9182**

**Knights of Columbus Immaculate Heart of Mary #10542**

### SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL YEARLY DONATIONS:

Carl Mengeling

Marilyn Fitzsimmons – Wise

Hayhoe Asphalt & Paving

Dykema Gossett

Mort & Ruth Tatara

Marylin Ebaugh

\*\*Special Thanks for the wonderful considerate contribution from Jennifer McGuire – you have such a Big Heart to support Rainbow Homes.

Chris Lawless

Jon & Susan Stoltzfus

Timber Ridge Golf Course

Morgan Stanley

Dorothy Archambeau

Jennifer McGuire

## Rainbow Homes - HAPPENINGS

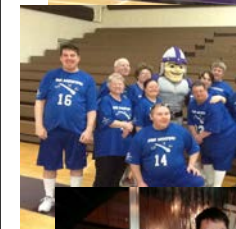
WELCOME to Nathan, our most recent resident. We are very happy to have him join us. Nathan moved into Rainbow in early January. He has worked at the Okemos Kroger for the last 8 years, and drives to work. Nathan participated with the Special Olympians Unified MSU teams for the first time. He looks forward to participating in other sports opportunities and all the activities going on. He is an avid hunter and fisherman. We are looking forward to a fish fry or two in the future!



This winter 12 residents participated in the MSU Unified Basketball at MSU. They participated on one of the various 8 teams playing. Each teams consist of half Special Olympians and half MSU students playing alongside of each other. This year they also enjoyed attending a Piston Game together as part of a fundraiser. The highlight was playing the Championship at the Breslin Center in which Angie and Larry's team took First Place.

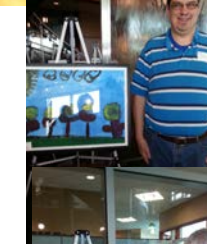


Currently the Special Olympic team is full speed into playing Volleyball – The team has learned that you win some and you lose some. Good Attitudes and Sportsmanship is what is all about.



This Spring both Chad and Mike had Artwork displayed at Peckham's Art from the Heart.

A reception was held on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the MSU Federal Credit Union in East Lansing on West Road. You can catch their art on display until May 30<sup>th</sup>.



Mary Ellen & Cathy are putting together a group for the 6/9/17-6/10/17 Holt Relay for Life Planning Committee.

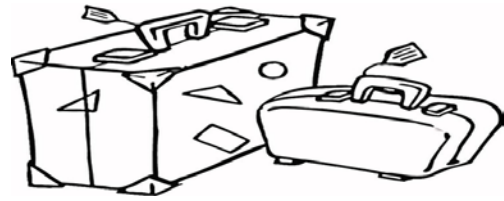
If you wish to support them you could go to [www.Relay For Life.com](http://www.RelayForLife.com) Team – Holt Kiwanis-Hayhoe Asphalt



Dan will be walking 6/11/17 with his Kidney doctor's office in support of the National Kidney Foundation. If you wish to support him you could contact Rainbow Homes.

He will need to take all contributions with him on the day of the walk.





### TRAVEL NEWS !!!

Our new Travel Club / CLS Coordinator, Cammie is our dynamic Coordinator which takes a lot of organization, patience, and the love to travel. She has been at Rainbow Homes since 2016, and has created many exciting trips for this year. She has a few assistants in this area: Helen and Dawn. 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 Cammie a call at (517) 699-8454.

How Great Thou Art **DONE** \$20-\$30 April 12<sup>th</sup>

High **FULL** y 27<sup>th</sup>

Kings Island/ Toledo Zoo Cost \$365 / Spending \$50 June 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>

Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame / Cleveland Aquarium Cost \$315 / Spending \$50 July 11<sup>th</sup> – July 13<sup>th</sup>

Chicago Cost \$475 / Spending \$100 August 14<sup>th</sup> – August 18<sup>th</sup>

Lake Michigan / Muskegon Cost \$85 / Spending \$20 August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Gerald R. Ford Museum /Rivertown Crossing Mall Cost \$71 / Spending \$10 September 12<sup>th</sup>

Mackinaw City / Mackinac Island Cost \$350 / Spending \$100 October 3<sup>rd</sup> – October 5<sup>th</sup>

Detroit Redwings Cost TBA / Spending TBA November TBA

Frankenmuth Cost \$75 / Spending \$30 December 7<sup>th</sup>

### Polar Express 2016



### Turkeyville 2017

### SAVE THE DATE PAGE – PLEASE JOIN US

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



**RAINBOW HOMES ANNUAL PICNIC**  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 1pm - 3pm at Rainbow Homes  
Theme: " PEANUTS " Meat & Drinks will be provided.  
Please call (517) 699-8454 R.S.V.P. Sign up for dish to pass

**Rainbow Homes 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing** at Timber Ridge in East Lansing! SUNDAY, SEPT. 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 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 Rainbow Homes at (517) 699-8454 or email at [evansm@msu.edu](mailto:evansm@msu.edu)



**RAINBOW HOMES 12th SILENT AUCTION**  
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 – St Casimir, 6p-9p!!  
Next year the theme will be "**ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE!**"  
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 Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 6p-8p  
Burgdorf's Winery 5635 Shoeman Rd. Haslett, Mi.  
Wine tasting for fun – with a winery tour along with some teaching about wines. \$40 per person  
(50 people limit, 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve)  
Give us a call for tickets at Rainbow Homes (517) 699-8454



### NEW IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO SHARE

#### ABLE Account

December 19<sup>th</sup> 2014 Congress created a new 529A section of the IRS code and authorized Tax advantaged saving for individuals with Disabilities. The Michigan ABLE (MiABLE) was signed into law in October 2015. ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) which allows savings for the future, while protecting eligibility for public benefits tax free. There can only be one ABLE account per person with a total annual contribution of \$14,000 per year. Michigan has the highest allowable limit of \$500,000. A person can have a Special Needs Trust Fund as well as an ABLE Account. MiABLE Account also allow for contributions from family or outside individuals. The individual may also contribute thru earnings. These funds can be used for a broad line of expenses of everyday living including but not limited to: Educational Expenses, Housing, Transportation, Employment Training, Assistive and Personal Support Services, Health Prevention and Wellness, Legal Fees and End of Life Expense to name a few. Non-qualify expenses can be subject to taxes. The Michigan Department of Treasury is administering the MiABLE program. They have a website that will provide costumer services support to set up accounts, describe allowable expenses and ongoing support for questions after the account is set up. LOG on to [MiABLE.org](http://MiABLE.org) to get your questions and concerns answered or get started.



## 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)
- 4 Replacement stairs for our attics (cost is \$250 including installation)
- Vanities for bathrooms – need to replace all apartments
- 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 5/1/17

**Special Thanks to all those who burst the thermometer!!!**  
**Thanks to the Fitzsimmons Family for incorporating a challenge to all their friends and family... greatly appreciated.**  
**Also, BIG THANKS TO...**



Beth & Preston Ingraham  
Accident Fund  
Carolyn Texera  
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