



2111 ADELPHA AVENUE, APT. B HOLT, MI 48842

# RAINBOW HOMES

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

### Summer Greetings, from Rainbow Homes!

As you will notice in this newsletter, Rainbow Homes residents, staff and board members have had a busy spring! Two new residents make a total of 15. Landlords from other buildings have welcomed 4 residents to their apartment complexes. Please take time to read the list of volunteering and events that the residents have participated in. We are very proud of the accomplishments they have made to the community.

We welcome LeAnn to the RH staff. She is enjoying getting to know the residents and is

working well with staff. Welcome, LeAnn!

Congratulations are in order for Susan, our program administrator upon her receiving the "Spirit of Service" award through MALA. (Michigan Assisted Living Assoc.) Nominations for this award were made unique because they were made by the residents. With the help of the staff, residents were asked why they thought Susan should receive this award. Comments from "she is always there to really listen to me" and others would say "that she has helped me realize that I can do much more than I ever thought I could". I would like to

add that Susan is the "heart" of this program and we are fortunate to have her at Rainbow Homes. She exemplifies the "Spirit of Service" to our residents, staff and board.

In our last newsletter we mentioned that we applied for the "Power of We" Grant. Rainbow Homes and 24 other organizations were accepted out of over 90 organizations to receive this grant. This grant is specifically for building our capacity and technical assistance. We are excited and looking forward to our first meetings with our mentors in June.

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## August 12, 2007 "Western Round-up"

Rainbow Homes will hold its annual picnic at our site in Holt from 1:00-3:00 PM. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending.

Residents have chosen the "Western" theme. Planning is in the works

for music, dancing, and food. Ya'll come on down and plan on singin around the old campfire and roasting some dogs and marshmallows.

Residents will be on hand to take you on a tour of their home if you wish.

So, mosey on down to 2111 Adelpha Ave in Holt. We are sure you will have a great time! Look for invitations to be mailed out soon.

**Call Susan** and make your reservations early at (517) 699-8454.

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### Our Mission

Rainbow Homes provides ecumenical Christian residences for adults with disabilities, where they may grow personally and spiritually to reach their God-given potential, all while being nurtured in a home-like Christian setting.

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Lastly, if you have not become a member of Rainbow Homes, I urge you to "get on board." By your \$25.00 contribution you are helping people with disabilities and their families realize their dreams for a future of all kinds of possibilities!

This program started with a dream and a prayer in 1989.

After 9 years of operation Rainbow Homes has 15 residents and a waiting list of over 20 people. Please consider "getting on board" with your help we can accomplish much more.

~Joann Davis



## On the Road

We are off to another busy season on the road with 10 people participating in tournaments with the Holt Kiwanis Bowling league, including a trip to Northville.

With the spring comes Lug Nuts games, Symphony at the Wharton Center, MSU Music therapy recital, YMCA swimming, Special Olympic Basketball, volleyball and bocce ball tournaments, Mason High School Talent Show, Holt Food Bank Breakfast, Maple Syrup Festival, Craft Shows, East Lansing Art Festival, and Kiwanis Chicken Barbeque picnics at Hawk Island to name a few.



## New Neighbors

A big welcome to Mary Ellen and Jessica, our two newest residents! Mary Ellen participated in our new Day Respite service for six months. She states she loves having friends for the first time. Mary Ellen

has been involved with the cooking classes and is now able to make muffins from scratch independently. She has been involved with CACIL and many other activities. Jessica came to Rainbow Homes through our Overnight Respite Service. She just started a new job at Peckham. Jessica indicated that she likes the activities and all the friends as she is not so lonely now. They are roommates across the street.

# Thank You!

We would gratefully like to thank the following individuals, organizations, and businesses. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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## Just A Little Bit About Volunteering

The folks at Rainbow Homes are active in volunteering in the community. A group has been going to the Red Cross Food Bank on Wednesdays for the last several years. They have helped sort paper goods and clean and box products. Greta also helps out at St. Vincent's Thrift store by straightening racks and sorting jewelry.

Lynn has been working in Cathy Studt's Kindergarten class weekly at Cornell Elementary School in Okemos. She assists students with reading, class projects and field trips. Kevin 1, Kevin 2, Mike, and Debbie volunteer at their Church as greeters. Debbie, Greta, and Mike also helped out with the K of C Tootsie Roll Drive. The groups as a whole additionally aid with collating

mailings as well.

We have been very fortunate this spring and summer to have four student volunteers assist us. MSU dietetic majors Jamie Day and Cassie Cherwin are helping residents with healthy cooking and eating habits. Kathleen Kinnavy is a Kinesiology and Adapted P.E. major. She is helping the residents develop a walking program and teaching leisure lawn games. Leslie Phillips is a Nutrition Major from CMU. She is working individually with residents to develop cooking



skills and better nutrition habits.

Patrick Gauthier, freshman student at Lansing Catholic Central High, has been fulfilling service time for school with projects such as organizing the attic, cleaning the dryers in each apartment to prevent fire hazards, distributing mulch, and participating in recreational activities with the residents. Kim Ford is finishing up the Bible Study for the year which has included stories, crafts and of course treats. Sally Aldrich and Anneice Patterson have been teaching the residents to crochet and use hand looms this year as well. That's just a few of the people that help out each year.

**Hats off to all our volunteers!**



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## Calendar Corner



**Sunday - August 12, 2007:** "Western Round—up"  
1:00-3:00 at Rainbow Homes

**Thursday - August 16, 2007:** Fundraiser at Max & Erma's  
(20% of meal will benefit Rainbow Homes. See Page 3 in this flyer)

**Saturday - November 3, 2007:** Fund-raiser  
"Scrapbooking and Card Making" Event at South Lansing Christian Church in Holt. More information to follow soon!

**Saturday - February 2, 2008:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Silent Auction & Dinner at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Keynote speaker: 1st Gentlemen Daniel Mulhern.

Check out <http://home.catholicweb.com/rainbowhomes/> for more details on all events.

# Congratulations!

To Cyndi for her very first job. She is shredding for CEI-CMH. Jessica has started a new job at Peckham Vocational Industries. Amy, Dan, and Kevin 2 for their participation in the MSU Celebrate Abilities Recital.