

CHOSEN VISION MEN'S HOME

*From Ground Breaking (May, 2014) to
Move In (February/March 2015)*



We're here!

Move-in day has come and gone, and we've quickly settled into our new routines and our new bedrooms, in our new home! As you can see, we're all about the same age (varying from 22 to 34). Some are fans of Michigan State, while others cheer for the University of Michigan. We do enjoy each other's company. Below we are all cheering on Michigan State at a recent hockey game!



The house is fully staffed and each of the residents has chores, including laundry! Each goes to school during the day or has various responsibilities in the community.

Having the boys move from their homes of many years to their new homes did take a little adjusting. As Mrs. Hyatte wrote: "After mass confusion over which house I was referring to when I used the term "home" Nick set me straight and said, "Listen Mom, the DeWitt house is my home and the other is yours."

Dean, Jackson, James, Marcos, Michael, and Nick, welcome to your new home! We're so glad you're here!

Meet Our New Residents:

Jackson Hyatte



Jackson is 23 years old and is currently enrolled in the IISD School-to-Work program which allows him to work part-time at Peckham, Inc. while attending school. He is very social and is a current member of ASPPIRE of Michigan social training group. He also enjoys playing sports. Jackson participates in the Special Olympics floor hockey and basketball programs. He also plays ice hockey with the Ann Arbor Rockets and attends the MSU Sports Skills program. In his free time, Jackson loves to play music, garden and split firewood with his Dad.

Nick Hyatte



Nick is 21 years old. He is currently enrolled in the IISD School-to-Work program where he divides his day between school and work at Peckham, Inc. Nick loves to play sports. He plays ice hockey with the Ann Arbor Rockets and attends the MSU Sports Skills program. He also plays floor hockey and basketball with the Special Olympics. Nick also enjoys socializing and attends the ASPPIRE of Michigan social training group. On the weekends, Nick loves to play music and ride his ATV around the farm.

Dean Simmon



Dean is 34 years old and has 2 older stepbrothers and one younger sister. All of his siblings live in Michigan. Dean has three part time jobs: one at St. Jude Church, one at the DeWitt Library, and one at Clinton County RESA. Dean is a huge U of M fan and loves going to football games. He regularly plays golf with his dad every Sunday when weather permits. Dean is very personable and loves being around people.

Michael Pilditch



Michael is 22. He has an older brother Colin, and a pet dog named Bella. He attends Okemos High School and will graduate this spring. He is excited to have a graduation open house! He has been keeping busy this winter with a Broadway theatre class, MSU Special Olympics unified basketball, and going to MSU basketball games. He is looking forward to warmer weather so that his dog Bella can visit DeWitt and check out the park there. He likes to swim, play basketball, go to musicals and anything to do with Disney! He is very excited about his new house, and moving in with "his guys".

To Our Donors/Suppliers/Contractors: So many have helped to make our men's home a reality. This project started with just a few parent's asking questions. The idea quickly took off, and before you know it, we had a groundbreaking. In less than one year, the house is complete, our residents have moved in, and the home is almost entirely paid for. We are truly thankful for the time, talents and treasures of those who have given so much toward making this project possible! A huge Thank You to all of you!

James Lindsay

James was born in Virginia. He has an older brother, Michael, and a younger sister, Ashley. He graduated from Haslett High School in 2011. He enjoys working at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, where he has worked since the fall of 2012. He likes hanging out with friends and playing on his iPod. He likes riding his bike and bowling with friends. He enjoys swimming and roller skating. He loves macaroni and cheese, pizza and grilled cheese sandwiches. He does not like fish, brussels sprouts, or spinach. He likes walking around the mall. James is very excited about moving out to the new men's home!

Marcos Castillo

Marcos previously lived in East Lansing with his mom. During the week he attends Heartwood School in Mason. He likes being part of group activities and has enjoyed attending Okemos Special Needs Day Camp and the MSU Sports Skills Program. Trail walking, basketball, swimming, drumming, music and dancing are ways he keeps himself moving. For quiet activities, he watches DVDs and looks at his books about animals. Marcos is eagerly looking forward to moving into the new Chosen Vision Men's Home.

SAVE THE DATE! MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

Golf Outing:

This year's 4th Annual CV Golf Marathon will be held on

**Monday,
May 18th, 2015.**

If you would like to join us for a great day of fun and golf, this year's golf marathon will be held at Country Club of Lansing on May 18th, 2015.

Challenge your friends (or get them to sponsor you), gather up your foursome and come out and golf for a great cause! Hope to see you there! Email Mary to make your reservation. (mary.chosenvision@gmail.com).

Annual Banquet:

This year's Chosen Vision Silent Auction and Banquet will be held on

**Saturday,
October 17, 2015.**

Chosen Vision will be hosting our 13th Annual Banquet and Silent Auction at **Walnut Hills**, East Lansing, MI. (Please note the location change.)

For more Banquet information or, if you're interested in donating an item to our Silent Auction, contact Mary Spagnuolo at 517-323-6233 or e-mail Mary at:

mary.chosenvision@gmail.com.

CHOSEN VISION'S WISH LIST:

From time to time, we identify items that it would be nice to have for someone who may be looking for donation ideas. Here is our current wish list:

- Basketball net
- Porch swing
- Patio Table and chairs for 8 for deck
- TV for basement 48" or bigger
- Outside yard games
- Lawn chairs for 8
- BBQ gas grill
- Full size sheets
- Games
- Art supplies
- Gift cards to purchase crafts (Michael's or Hobby Lobby)
- Gift cards for bowling, miniature golf, or movies.

Thank you for your donation!

Our Chosen Vision Home for Women in DeWitt currently has one opening. If you know of someone who could fill this vacancy, please contact our Home Administrator, Tina, at 517/622-0574.



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Thank you !

We would like to thank the following sponsors who have generously sponsored our Fall Chosen Vision Banquet & Silent Auction in the past: Accident Fund, Culligan Water Conditioning of Lansing, MI, and Plante & Moran Wealth Management.

This past fall, our Banquet Program went to print before we were able to acknowledge their sponsorship.

Thank you so much for sponsoring Chosen Vision!



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Hale Golf Outing:

Last August we held the 7th Annual Golf Scramble to benefit the Developmentally Disabled. The event was sponsored by Everitt Realty (previously Long Lake Bar and Grill) and was quite a huge success. Again, Chosen Vision was selected as a beneficiary along with Autism Deliver the Dream Camp.

There were 21 foursomes that participated. The food was donated by Alward's and Kocher's Market, Wicker Hills GC hosted the event and Bernard

Building Center provided some tokens for all.

Carole Wilson of Everitt Realty was incredibly generous with her time in organizing this event. The response and turnout for this event surpassed all previous events and we are truly grateful to her for her compassion to our organization. Carole has been a long time donator/supporter to Chosen Vision. Thank you Carole and to all who helped make this event a success!