

## OUR NIGHT TO SHINE. . .

“Night to Shine” is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God’s love, for people with special needs ages 14 and older. On one night, **February 10, 2017**, 375 churches, from around the world, hosted Night to Shine for 75,000 honored guests through the support of 150,000 volunteers!

Last year was the first time our residents had the opportunity to attend this event and all had a great time. This year’s date has been on our calendar ever since that awesome night! Suits were pressed, prom dresses sought, and the excitement level increased as the date drew nearer.

Each guest of Night to Shine entered on a red carpet to a cheering crowd. Once inside, guests received the royal treatment including hair & makeup



Michael and Jackson

stations, shoe shining stations, corsages and boutonnieres, a karaoke room and dancing! The highlight of the night came when every one of the Night to Shine guests was crowned as a king or queen of the prom.

All of our residents attended. They received tiaras and crowns. They ordered off menus. They danced and met lots of new friends. Our favorite part was the

red carpet treatment for them. We loved how special they made them feel for that night!

Many donations were received that made this night possible. We especially want to thank The Dowry Bridal Salon in Grand Ledge for donating so many of the gowns for our ladies.

If you would like more information on this incredible event, visit their website: <https://www.timtebowfoundation.org/index.php/night-to-shine/>.



Our Grand Ledge Ladies in their prom gowns.



Val



Dean

# FUN AT THE BALL!!!



Holly



Dean, James and Jackson with Paul (staff)



James and Jackson



Julie



Jordan on the red carpet with Sawyer (staff)



Laurie



James



Holly & Val

*If you would like to help make this event possible for us again next year, please contact Tina at 517/622-0574.*



## A GOLF MARATHON. . . A WHAT?

“Wait... you’re gonna what?”

That’s how a lot of people respond when I tell them that I’m going to play at least 100 holes of golf in a single day. When I explain that it’s a charity event, the fog seems to clear a little bit for most people. I mean, people do crazy things for charity all the time, right? They shave their heads, climb 100 flights of stairs... But people ultimately come around and ask... “I get that you like golf, but why would you want to do that?”

I’m so glad you asked...

I should probably start by saying that the term “golf aficionado” is an understatement for me. I practice. I watch it on TV, and even listen to it on the radio. Not only can I tell you my handicap index (currently 8.1), but I can tell you how to calculate yours. So for me, 100 holes of golf in a day is practically a dream come true. But why would a less enthusiastic player want to take on this challenge, let alone a non-golfer?

All golfing aside, this is a fun event for a great organization that delivers amazing results. The Country Club of Lansing shuts down their operations for a day in late May and turns the course over to us. Rolling hills, green grass, flowers in bloom, laughter and camaraderie are everywhere you look, and we’re all there for the same reason. The energy is intoxicating. You

don’t have to be a golfer to appreciate that.

This is Chosen Vision’s biggest fundraising event of the year. Last year, we managed to raise almost \$91,000, and this year the goal is \$125,000. We want to help more people, and another house is not going to build itself. Can you help us?

We’re looking for golfers. Last year we had 29 golfers, a few of which played as relay teams, and this year we’re looking to increase that number to 40. We ask that each golfer or team set a pledge goal of \$2,000. This is much more doable than you think. When you tell people what you’re doing and why, there’s a lot of interest in supporting it, especially when you tell them that over 96% of that money goes directly to work for the organization.

Want to play golf, but not that much? Grab a partner and treat it like a relay. If you don’t want to golf but want to be out there anyway, you can sign up as a caddie and just drive the cart! All of your golf, food, and beverages are covered. But you don’t need to be a golfer to lend a hand and participate.

We need volunteers spread around the course with water, sunscreen, and smiles. We need people taking pictures and videos, and sharing them to social media. We need

spotters for the hole-in-one contests. We need people to drive the residents around in golf carts to greet guests and golfers. This event doesn’t run itself.

There are also opportunities to sponsor the outing without even being in Lansing that day. We’re still looking for a title sponsor, a food and beverage sponsor, and we have 19 different hole sponsorship opportunities- including the putting contest on the practice green.

The best part of supporting Chosen Vision is that you get to see the benefits of your efforts right before your eyes when you see the residents at the events, in their homes, and around town. You literally get to witness firsthand the good that is being done. How many other charities can you say that about?

You’re certainly asked on a regular basis to contribute to some very worthy causes. You can’t support them all, but on Monday, May 22 you can come and play with us. I hope to see you there.

Written By: Jeff Bajorek, Chosen Vision and Golf Enthusiast



For more information, sponsorship and/or volunteer opportunities, please visit:

<http://events.marathonfund-raisers.org/golf/gfcv/default/home>



13279 Audrey Lane  
 Grand Ledge, MI 48837  
 Phone: 517/622-0574  
 Email: [chosenvision@comcast.net](mailto:chosenvision@comcast.net)  
[www.chosenvision.org](http://www.chosenvision.org)

Mailing Address Line 1

Mailing Address Line 2

Mailing Address Line 3

Mailing Address Line 4

Mailing Address Line 5

### CV WISH LIST:

From time to time, we identify wish list items for someone who may be looking for donation ideas:

- Queen & full sheets
- Movie gift certificates
- Craft gift cards for craft supplies (Michael's/Hobby Lobby)
- Grill for the Women's House
- Gift cards for Zap Zone
- Gift certificates for restaurants (chain) to use on vacation
- Gift cards for Game Stop
- Videos and Wii Games for the Men's Home

### ACTIVITIES:

Dean, Nick and James have been playing basketball since December. They had games and practices every Saturday and were selected to participate in the Special Olympics held at Western Mich. Univ. in Kalamazoo on Feb. 25.

Softball starts in April!



### VOLUNTEER!

Our Banquet & Silent Auction requires many helping hands to have a successful event. If you would like to help, please contact Jane Pilditch ([jepilditch@gmail.com](mailto:jepilditch@gmail.com)). We could use help with mailings, decorating, soliciting auction donation items, writing thank you letters, etc. Thank you!

### SAVE THE DATE!

This year's Chosen Vision Banquet will be held on

**Friday, October 13, 2017**

The Annual Banquet and Silent Auction will be held at **The University Club** in East Lansing. Please plan to join us for an evening of fun including a silent auction and dinner. This year we are adding a live auction!



For more information, or if you're interested in donating an item to our Silent or Live Auction, contact Mary at 517-323-6233 or e-mail at: [mary.chosenvision@gmail.com](mailto:mary.chosenvision@gmail.com).