

3RD ANNUAL GOLF MARATHON

It is officially spring! We can see the grass! We have seen the first robin! Hooray! Let's talk golf!

Our third annual CV Golf Marathon will take place on Monday, May 19th at the County Club of Lansing. Please give special consideration to what you might do to enhance our Golf Marathon fundraising effort.

This event started just two years ago and raises nearly as much operating funds as our banquet. The Golf Marathon has the potential to easily double the amount of funds raised with additional recruiting by those who love Chosen Vision.

Much like a Walk, Ride or Bowl-A-Thon, participants seek pledges from their friends, family members or business associates for each hole of golf they play. In the past, we have had both high school students and business executives solicit over \$5,000 in donations for their participation. If we could get just a few more people to participate, we could add \$25,000 to \$50,000 of revenue for CV.

As in the past year, Linda Zylstra and Jim Russell will coordinate the event along with Mary Spagnuolo. Please contact any one of us at 517/323-6233 to address any questions you have and discuss how you can help this event double in size in 2014.

To sponsor one of our golfers or to register as a golfer, please visit this website:

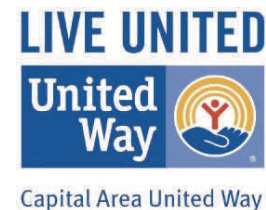
<http://events.marathonfundraisers.org/golf/GFCV/>

We appreciate your support!

UNITED WAY AFFILIATION

Chosen Vision is now an affiliate of the Capital Area United Way. As such, when you make contributions to United Way, you can designate Chosen Vision to receive your donations.

Please consider Chosen Vision when selecting the recipient of your United Way contributions!



CELEBRATING DeWITT's ANNIVERSARY . . .

By Amy Russell



When we heard that it was approved to move into our new house, it was exciting but scary at the same time. Then I called my niece chatty Kathy and we moved in on March 23, 2013. That evening she came and helped me get settled in. She stayed for dinner and Kim, Julie and Adrienne were in my room for some reason. We talked about ice cream. Then my niece and I asked the staff if we could go to the store and we made ice cream sundaes that evening! Now it has been one year since we moved in and we are going to have ice cream sundaes again, congratulating and saying "thank you" to everyone that helped us moved in that day!

Happy First Anniversary DeWitt Residents!

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF OUR RESIDENTS:

Julie's hobbies include having fun with Kim, talking on the phone, relaxing, and just being able to be herself around people, watching TV (Disney channel, The Voice, American Idol). She works at Transitions North, working in the Neogen field (for the last 2-3 years). She is thinking about working in the shop to do other jobs that she is more interested in. She is taking a safety class at Transitions North on Mondays where

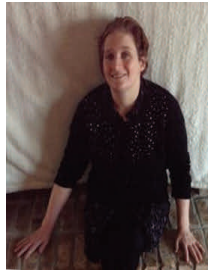


she is learning about basic safety in emergencies. She attends Bible study on Mondays

where she talks about the sermon from Sunday with other women from the church and learns a lot from them. She likes being at Trinity because that's where her family and friends are.

On Tuesday's Julie goes to coffee club and then often goes to the library. Coffee club is a group of about 20 people from Trinity Church who work on kids projects for upcoming activities. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday's, she works at T-North.

Holly loves the Red Wings. She attends Transitions North four days a week. She loves to throw balls in the net at the house and watch the movie Dirty Dancing. Holly enjoys one-on-one time with the staff. She likes getting new magazines and eating out with the home, as well as going to church weekly with the house.



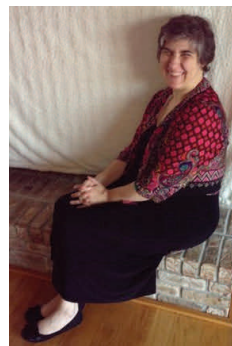
Amy works at Gold Standard and really enjoys it! Amy likes her bosses and thinks they are really fun. She works putting price tags on jewelry and puts them in baggies to sell. Amy's hobbies include watching WWE, writing, bowling, eating, cooking, dance & planning parties. She loves a good party!



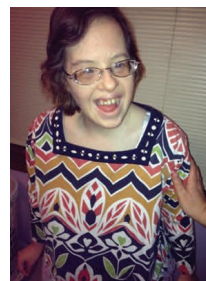
On Monday's Amy goes to Transitions-St. Johns and does recycling, goes to coffee group, eats lunch, and then goes bowling. On Tuesday's Amy goes to Goodwill, lunch group, back to Goodwill, and then comes home. At Goodwill Amy folds clothes. On Wednesday's, she goes to Gold

Standard, does her cleaning, and attends Bible study. On Thursday's Amy goes to Gold Standard. On Friday's, she goes to Transitions-St. Johns and folds pamphlets, has lunch and goes to the movies. Amy's favorite thing about movie group is that she gets to buy popcorn! Amy is very excited about Great Wolf Lodge and going to summer camp.

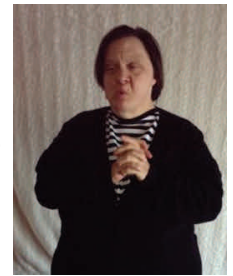
Laurie Thelen attends Transitions North three days a week (she also works at Transitions North) and Grand Ledge Transitions two days a week. She enjoys crafts, puzzles, coloring, and playing with her new baby doll she received for her birthday. She loves to go out for coffee with staff. She likes to dress up and have her hair and nails done. Laurie attends church regularly with the house.



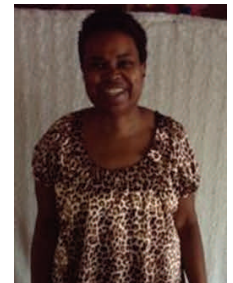
Laura attends Transitions North five days a week. She goes on outings to Bingo and Mall walking. Laura loves to look at books with animals.



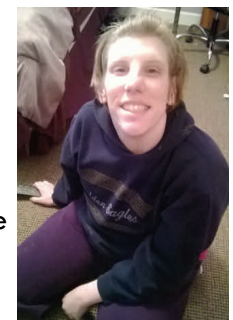
Lori Lee attends Transitions North five days a week. She likes to bead and look at books. She loves coffee and enjoys singing while at church. She enjoys dancing and playing musical instruments.



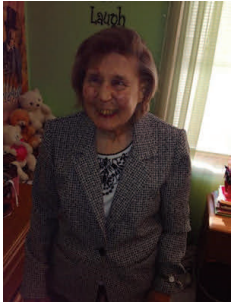
Val attends Transitions North four days a week and Grand Ledge Transitions one day a week. Val loves to sing and dance. She enjoys most any activity. She likes to participate in the field trips with day program. Val also works at Transitions North. She attends church weekly and singing at church is one of her favorite activities. Val is very social and likes to meet new friends.



In **Kim's** free time, she likes to read books, go to movies, and talk on the phone. She goes to church at South Baptist. Her favorite movie is *Matilda*, and her favorite colors are pink and purple!



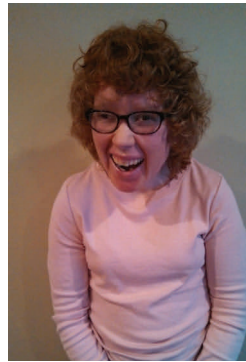
Kathy is retired and enjoys watching game shows and soap operas. Kathy loves to sew. She volunteers at the Capital Area Humane Society. She goes and holds, loves on, and brushes the cats. Kathy loves coffee and having lunch out. She also attends church weekly and enjoys singing in church.



Adrienne's hobbies include bowling, reading, coloring in a coloring book and pictures. She likes to hang out with her friends, going to the movies, spending time with her family, going to sports games, and going on field trips with her program. Adrienne really enjoys when staff reads books with her. 😊

Adrienne has two jobs! On Mondays she works at Sweetie-licious and on Tuesdays she goes to Gold Standard where she

puts price stickers on jewelry and packages them to be sold.



She is currently taking swimming at MSU on Tuesdays! She really enjoys swimming and she likes her student coach. On Monday's Adrienne goes bowling. Thursday's she

goes to lunch group, and on Friday's she goes to movie group. She enjoys watching animated movies more than real life movies (and sometimes Amy Russell shares her popcorn with her!).

Adrienne is ready for the snow to be gone and for the warm weather to come back so she can go outside and ride her bike and shoot baskets!

PS: WOW! That's a lot of activity to keep up with! A big **THANK YOU** to our wonderful staff!

CV CHOOSES NEW BOARD MEMBER

Dale Simmon of the Simmon Insurance Agency was elected to the Board of Chosen Vision, Inc. at its October 30, 2013 Board Meeting. CV Board members welcomed Dale and sought his perspective regarding the possibility of opening a group home for men.

Dale was introduced to Chosen Vision by DeWitt Mayor James Rundborg. Mayor Rundborg knew that Dale, being the father of a developmentally disabled young man, would want to know about the new Chosen Vision women's group home located in DeWitt. This started a chain of events and conversations that brought Dale to the Chosen Vision Board in November.

Dale Simmon grew up on a farm in the rural community of Fowler. "When

you live on a farm," Dale said, "you learn how to work hard." He reminisced about a time when his father was injured in a farming accident and Dale, about 10 years old at the time, and his 11-year-old brother, did all the chores, getting up in the dark and working before and after school. "It was actually kind of fun," Dale recalled. This family emergency would foreshadow another time in Dale's life when things did not go as planned.

Dale started working in the insurance industry in 1977 and seven years later, opened up his own insurance agency, the Simmon Insurance Agency, located in Delta Township.

Fast forward several years, Dale was a widower with 3 sons, one devel-

opmentally disabled. Then his oldest son died. It became obvious to Dale that he was responsible for seeing that his disabled son would be cared for when Dale was no longer around; he knew he needed a plan.

With Chosen Vision, Inc. in the very early stages of looking at starting a home for men, Dale observed, *"The community – mid-Michigan – has a huge need that is not being met, especially in the male population."*

Dale lives with his wife Barbara in DeWitt where he has been a resident for 22 years. They have 4 grown children, one girl, three boys, and 4 grandchildren. Dale loves to golf, runs 15 miles a week, and reads

about 50 books per year, mostly financial. Dale has been in the insurance industry for 34 years.

The addition of Dale Simmon to the Chosen Vision Board of Directors seems to be evidence of God's perfect timing. "At this stage of my life," Dale remarked, "I'm just trying to figure out how to take care of my son. And in the process, if there are other people I can help, that's a bonus!"





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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:

- Gift Certificates for Michael's or Hobby Lobby for Craft items for both houses
- Towels
- Gently used refrigerator for the garage in Dewitt

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your Calendar!!!

This year's Chosen Vision Banquet will be held on
October 11, 2014.

Chosen Vision will be hosting our 12th Annual Banquet and Silent Auction at the Country Club of Lansing. 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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your continued support. Chosen Vision would not be the respected home that it is without the donation of time, services and financial resources that we receive from donors like you. Thank you for blessing Chosen Vision with your support! Thank you!

Happy Spring!!

From:

*Adrienne, Amy, Holly,
Julie, Kathy, Kim, Laura,
Laurie, Lori Lee, and Val*

CHOSEN VISION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Jim Russell, Lynne MacDowell, Melanie Dart, Tom Motz, Dale Simmon, Kalmin Smith, Jenny Wieland, and Linda Zylstra.

