

# The View



## CHOSEN VISION FIRST ANNUAL *Golf Marathon*

SUMMER 2012

Under overcast skies in the early morning hours of Monday, June 21, golfers began arriving at the Country Club of Lansing for the first annual Chosen Vision Golf Marathon. In all, 17 ambitious and enthusiastic golfers set out to play as many holes as they could play in one day to raise funds for Chosen Vision's second home for developmentally disabled ladies, currently under construction in DeWitt.

The cool temperatures and one hour of rain and drizzle around mid-day did not dampen the enthusiasm or the spirits of our golfers, many of whom played over 100 holes and some of who did not finish their golfing until 8:30 p.m. . . . 13 hours after they started that morning!

If you love to golf and have a heart for Chosen Vision, this was the day for you! Nothing but golf, golf and more golf on the impeccably maintained course with just an occasional stop in action to grab a quick snack at the Snack Shack on your way by to play more golf.

During the day, a number of family members, Chosen Vision residents and future residents, staff and board members stopped by to cheer on the golfers.



In all, over \$44,000 of cash and pledges were raised toward the Chosen Vision DeWitt home, making it possible to complete all of the rough electrical, plumbing and heating work, as well as the drywall.

Congratulations to Bob Tallian for winning both the closest to the pin and longest putt competition, and to Jack Zylstra for winning the longest drive contest. And a special congratulations to Jack Zylstra who was our highest pledge earner, receiving pledges and gifts of over \$8,150, all for the benefit of Chosen Vision-DeWitt. Also, congratulations to Don Brooks (sort of!) who just missed winning our Hole In One contest by a couple of inches. The prize would have been an all-expense paid trip to the four major golf tournaments in 2013! Maybe next year Don!



**Most of all, thanks** to all of you, both new and previous supporters of Chosen Vision, who supported our golfers and made and/or pledged donations over \$44,000 for the construction of our DeWitt home. We are grateful to you for helping to improve the quality of life for our special ladies at Chosen Vision.



## Mark Your Calendar

We will be holding our  
**10th Annual Banquet and Fundraiser**  
 on **October 20th, 2012** at the Country Club of Lansing.  
 We're proud to present this year's entertainment:  
**The Chenille Sisters**

Their performance is a blending of three uniquely gifted souls into a musical phenomenon that's more poignant, funny and entertaining than any single performer anywhere - and oh, those exquisite harmonies! What these three women have in common are heavenly voices, a lot of witty wisdom and a passion for connecting with their audiences. But as in a constellation, each Chenille shines her own particular kind of light.



### There is Always A Need .....

Your donation to Chosen Vision or participation in our Annual Banquet provides:

- A safe, clean & loving home for persons with developmental disabilities.
- Resident participation in a wide variety of activities that build self-confidence and improve quality of life.
- Training for staff that ensures the best possible environment in which our residents can grow.
- Faith based programming that encourages Christian ministry, spiritual development, and worship locations selected by the residents.

### You can help Chosen Vision in a variety of ways:

**Memorials/Honorariums** – Honor a deceased person with a gift in his or her memory. Their family will be notified of your donation. Honor a friend, family member or special occasion with a donation to Chosen Vision. We send a card to the recipient acknowledging your gift.

**Endowments** – A gift from your estate to Chosen Vision will ensure that your support of Chosen Vision will continue for years to come.

**Corporate Matching Gifts** – Many places of business will match employee gifts to their favorite charity. Check with your HR department or your company website to see if you qualify.

**Food Pantry** – We're all experiencing rising prices for milk and bread, paper products, cleaning supplies and other staples! If your local church or school would like to host a "food pantry" party, Chosen Vision welcomes any items that are collected. If you would like to drop off any pantry items, please call Chosen Vision @ 517-622-0574.

### Chosen Vision Construction Update

*by Adrienne Motz, future resident  
 of Chosen Vision - DeWitt*

My dream of "Leaving the nest" is getting closer to becoming a reality. My Dad is so busy working on the Chosen Vision-DeWitt residence, he asked me to update you on its progress.

The plumbing, heating, electrical rough-ins, as well as the insulation, are now complete. They are now nicely into the drywall stage. Dad tells me the drywall stage will be a slow process, given the record heat we are experiencing.

It's really exciting seeing the rooms take shape, though. He tells me we should be ready for trim by July 20th, or so (again weather permitting).

The Deck was installed the week of July 9th, with railing to follow.

Boy, is it big! It has an amazing view to the east where we will enjoy the sunrise over the woods in the distance, and, because it is on the east side of the house, it gets a lot of late afternoon shade. So we will be able to enjoy the view of the golf course well into the evenings.

The next step on the exterior is delivery of top soil, followed by irrigation, and finally seeding the lawn.

Dad is hoping to seed mid-September (perfect timing) so we can have an established lawn when we move in.

The house is being prepared for a future elevator. We are approaching the deadline for installing the elevator during construction. Dad says this is the most cost effective time to do it. If we wait until after the move-in, the installation will be messy and disruptive. Please prayerfully consider helping us install the elevator now.

Please feel free to stop by and visit the job site. I do!

*Thank you* to the sponsors of our **First Annual Chosen Vision Golf Marathon:**



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***With your help, we raised almost \$45,000.00! Thank you so much!***

*We have tried to insure we included all Golf Marathon donors on this list.  
If we have inadvertently omitted someone, please accept our sincere apology for the oversight  
and our gratitude for your contribution.*



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## Chairman's Corner

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Much of the beautiful music of the Bible is found in the Psalms. In fact, the word "psalm" comes from the Greek word meaning "to sing or strike the lyre". The special ladies of Chosen Vision find great joy in music and I am confident that through music our ladies find themselves closer to God's boundless love. Recently our ladies and staff received a special gift of music from two very talented musicians.

In June, Grand Ledge's own Dr. David Songer gave a concert at the Grand Ledge Opera House. He invited the ladies and staff of Chosen Vision to attend as his special guests. Dr. Songer is a Metropolitan Opera Competition winner who has sung the National Anthem at fifty Detroit Tiger baseball games and who has used his talents as a fund raiser for the City's cultural

institutions. He is also a strong advocate for Chosen Vision. Dr. Songer was joined in concert by "America's Tenor" Steve Amerson from Los Angeles. Mr Amerson is a featured soloist for the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation. He has sung in over 160 feature films and television shows and been a featured soloist with major symphonies throughout the U S and abroad including performances at the Hollywood Bowl and Carnegie Hall. He has sung for hundreds of churches and ministries and produced many CD's of Christian music. Their concert that evening was a balanced mixture of spiritual and secular music.

Before the concert, Dr. Songer hosted a pizza party for our ladies at Cugino's restaurant. After the concert, Dr. Songer and Mr. Amerson met with our residents and staff, posed for pictures,

and included them fully in their celebration. This kind of support from our extended community is heartwarming and most appreciated. It is one of the ways we attempt to enrich and expand the lives of our special ladies.

The Book of Ephesians tells us to "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, sing and make music in your hearts to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." David Songer and Steve Amerson used their "God given" talent to speak to the ladies of Chosen Vision with songs. How will you speak to our Special Ladies?

Kalmin D. Smith, Ph.D.  
*Chairman of the Board*