



# The View

SPRING 2021

## 10th Annual Chosen Vision GOLF MARATHON

On Monday, May 24, 2021, Chosen Vision golfers will descend upon the Country Club of Lansing to play at least 100 holes in a day. This is a fun-filled, exhausting day that raises funds to help support the care for the residents of Chosen Vision. There are plenty of opportunities to help support the marathon:

- If you golf, you can register to complete 100 or 50 holes yourself or partner with a teammate to do the same.

- You or your company could help sponsor a hole or one of the events for the Marathon.
- You could pledge a donation to one or more of the golfers.

Everything you need to know can be found on this website, <https://go.dojiggy.io/chosen-vision> or use the QR code.

Your help and support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



Our Motto:

**Hit it, find it, hit it again...**

*Please, come and join us!*

*Giving is not just about making a donation, it's about making a difference.*



[www.chosenvision.org](http://www.chosenvision.org)

# Here's what we've been DOING

AT CHOSEN VISION!!!



1 Steven having a snowball fight with his housemates  
2 Steven at Ashley's (staff) baby shower

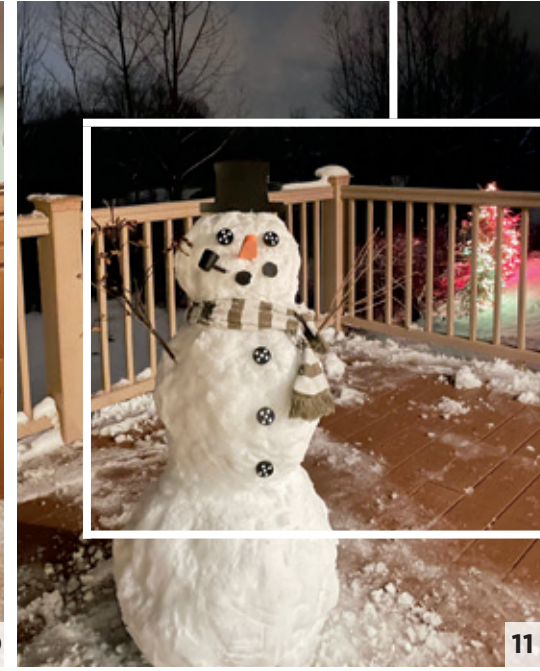
3 Steven and Shane on a field trip  
4 The men from Joshua's Place  
5 Shane enjoying the snow

6 Joshua's Place House with Ashley and Annie (staff) at "home" bowling banquet  
7 Terry enjoying his Birthday cake



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- 8 & 9** Paper Snowflake craft project sent to Sparrow Hospital's Covid Unit
- 10** Dean making a gingerbread house
- 11** Frosty: built on the deck by the Dewitt men from a snowman kit they received as a Christmas gift
- 12** Michael helping decorate the Christmas tree
- 13** DeWitt men sledding
- 14** DeWitt women at the Christmas party



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# Appreciating Our Residents and Staff

STAFF INTERVIEW WITH  
**Tina Schrupp,**  
 Chosen Vision Home Administrator

**UPDATES and THANK YOU from TINA**  
*“We have survived with no cases and honestly, it went better than expected.”*

Chosen Vision has been blessed and all staff and residents have been fully vaccinated for Covid-19 as of March 9th. Our homes are open once again to family visits with minimal restrictions and social distancing. Hallelujah!

It’s been a long year since news broke of the Pandemic during the first week of March, 2020, but Tina says with pride, “We have survived with no cases and honestly, it went better than expected.” I am so proud of both our residents and staff. The men and women have been willing and cooperative in learning new systems and new things. Many of them have gotten much better at using their tablets for things like games, online ordering and finding recipes. Each resident has increased home activities like cooking together, games and crafts. I am so pleased to report that we made it through the Pandemic with no active cases in our homes. This is largely due to the commitment, diligence and fortitude of our staff.” Tina describes the Chosen Vision staff as having gone above and beyond with their own disciplines and also their creativity. Many of them took extra shifts and stepped up to the plate whenever asked. “They were challenged to think outside the box, and they did it! I am extremely grateful and want our treasured staff to understand that we appreciate them and are thankful for each one.”

Each home has continued to celebrate birthdays, Christmas and most recently their “In House Prom” (check out the photos, pages 2-4).

Tina commented that residents and staff alike are waiting for more good Covid news. As indoor and outdoor gathering restrictions are lifted, they eagerly await word on when work programs and other day programs will resume, and in what format. With spring there will be many more opportunities to be out in the community at parks, for picnics and visiting farms and other venues all while keeping present protocols in mind. They are making plans for their summer vacations and are hoping for easy breezy Summer days.



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15 Stay-At-Home Prom for DeWitt men

16 Val dressed for Prom

17 Holly posing for her Prom picture

18 Lori Lee patiently waiting for the music to start

19 Grand Ledge women - 2021 Prom

## STAFF INTERVIEW WITH **Ashley**

**A**shley Dietzel arrived at Chosen Vision through an employment ad and felt an immediate connection with Tina and the organization. She started working for Chosen Vision in 2019 and is now the House Manager at the Joshua's Place home. She has worked in home health care for twelve years. She describes Chosen Vision as a true family atmosphere where residents and staff legitimately care for one another, their homes and their work. She describes the Covid Season as being a real challenge to her own creativity in order to keep the guys busy and engaged, but has found it very rewarding and has watched the young men rise up to help one another with good attitudes as they try new things and adjust to the change in routine. She says that the toughest challenge has been the restriction of not going out and doing activities with the other homes and is eager to see the residents from Chosen Vision having fun together again.

Ashley is currently anticipating the arrival of her first child. She will be on maternity leave for a couple months starting in April. "We've named him Levi and are looking forward to the snuggles and watching him grow. I just want him to get here safely. I've heard that it all goes by so fast; a mom can blink, and then her child is seven. I'm sure that will be true. His Dad, Corban, and I wonder what life will be like for him as he grows."

When there's time for fun, Ashley loves to get outdoors. Her favorite hike is along the river in Grand Ledge. Morel mushroom hunting is also at the top of her list of outdoor activities. She's big on cooking out with family and friends. Cheeseburgers are probably her favorite. When it comes to dessert, she usually chooses ice cream and would take a pass on cake. When asked about pregnancy cravings she laughs easily and says, "I've eaten boxes of Cinnamon Toast Crunch, and the guys know that and often offer the box to me!"

Spending time with family and friends is always important and fun. Getting out to Lake Michigan beaches with little Levi will be a big priority as life takes its' next big turn for Ashley.

*Since the writing of this article, Ashley has had baby Levi and is currently on maternity leave.*

## RESIDENT INTERVIEW WITH **Shane**

**S**hane has been a resident at Joshua's Place since it opened in 2018. He enjoys celebrating holidays and always gets excited about his September birthday; this year he will turn 42 years old.

Shane is clear about his favorite things:

- Wisconsin Badger basketball and football
- Favorite Foods: Cheeseburgers, pizza, fried chicken, vanilla milkshakes and salad
- Turkey sandwiches and string cheese for lunch
- Dogs
- Watching football, basketball and car races on TV
- Playing basketball... and he's good at it!
- But he's is not a big fan of French fries.



**Ashley and Shane**

Shane enjoys Arts and Crafts. He has drawn a portrait of his family for us! He is looking forward to the Pandemic ending so that he can spend more time with his family again.





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- Log-in to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)
- Choose your Charity, Chosen Vision
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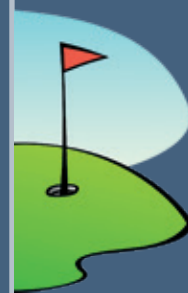
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You are, of course, always welcome to donate directly to Chosen Vision through our website, [chosenvision.org](http://chosenvision.org) where you will find a wishlist.

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If you are interested in something more direct, you may reach Tina at [chosenvision@comcast.net](mailto:chosenvision@comcast.net).



## SAVE THE DATE

### For the Golf Marathon

Monday, May 24, 2021  
Country Club of Lansing

Go online to register:

<https://go.dojiggy.io/chosen-vision>

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