



The View

FALL 2021

THANK YOU Chosen Vision Staff for all that you do!

By Jane Pilditch, Parent of resident Michael

The families of Chosen Vision residents met on September 12th at Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge to honor and thank the staff who have cared for our loved ones throughout the pandemic. I remember very clearly the day (Friday, March 13th, 2021) we were told that we would not be able to visit Michael at his house, nor would he be able to come home. None of us ever expected that this would last more than a couple of weeks. As the pandemic continued on and on, I became more and more anxious. The pandemic was one of those moments that made you want to gather your loved



DeWitt Men's Home with Staff and Tina

ones around you and hold them close. Our older son came home and spent several weeks with us. Not being able to have Michael home too was very difficult. I lay awake nights wondering what would happen if he got sick, who would take care of him, how would he handle it? I actually experienced several panic attacks from worry. It has now been a year and a half, and we are still dealing with COVID-19, but I am not worried about Michael anymore. The staff at Chosen Vision really rose to the occasion and went above and beyond. They put themselves at risk during a time when no one understood how COVID was spread and spent time away from their own families to provide our family members with consistent, loving care. Not only did they keep the residents safe and healthy, but they managed to keep them entertained as well!!! I am eternally grateful to Tina and her team for the dedication and selflessness they have, and continue, to demonstrate. THANK YOU to all of the Chosen Vision staff! We are so blessed to have you on our team!!!!



DeWitt Women with Family and Staff

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



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OUTDOOR FUN

With Family, Friends & Chosen Vision Staff



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- 1 Terry greeting Family
- 2 Laurie greeting Family
- 3 Laura and Tina
- 4 James with Mom
- 5 Amy with Family and Diane
- 6 Holly with Family
- 7 Jordan with LeAnne

- 8 Ollie the Owl keeping an eye on us!
- 9 Handsome, happy Grandson!
- 10 Steven



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- 11 Dean and Jackson playing cornhole
- 12 Julie guarding the cookies
- 13 Colleen with Diane
- 14 Grand Ledge Women with Staff
- 15 Craig and Jenny (Board Member)
- 16 Adrienne, Colleen and Jackie (staff)
- 17 Joshua's Place residents with Families
- 18 Amy and Tina
- 19 Terry with Family
- 20 Liz with her Aunt and Grandma



21 Janae with stepdaughter, Daviannah (10)



22 Chosen Vision House Managers

FALL Fundraiser Update

In light of the lingering concerns about Covid, we decided to postpone our Fall Banquet Fundraiser until next year. We will miss engaging with many of you, however, we look forward to a spectacular event in Fall of 2022.

There are several opportunities to make a difference in the lives of our Chosen Vision residents, in lieu of this year's Fall banquet, you may:

- 1) You may contribute directly to Chosen Vision via PayPal located on our website, www.chosenvision.org; OR, send a check directly to Chosen Vision, 13279 Audrey Lane, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. A residence "wish list" can be found on our website as well.
- 2) If you are interested in something more specific and/or direct, you may reach Tina at chosenvision@comcast.net, or by phone at (517) 410-6541.
- 3) Amazon Smile!! Please consider making donations to Chosen Vision through AMAZON SMILE.



Residents at the 10th Annual Chosen Vision Golf Marathon

Chosen Vision Golf Marathon Supporters:

The 10th Annual Chosen Vision Golf Marathon was an amazing success. The fundraising campaign crossed the \$113,000 mark. Thank you for your generous support. The residents of Chosen Vision spent a lot of time at the course that day. Their cheers and jeers were greatly appreciated and the Country Club of Lansing almost ran out of hot dogs! They rode in carts, puttied, and Dean played a lot of golf. This year we had 33 golfers participate. We have room for more golfers next year. The event will be on Monday, May 23, 2022. Thank you again for your continued support.

SAVE THE Date

The 2022 Golf Marathon is scheduled for **Monday, May 23.**



Appreciating Our Residents and Staff

STAFF INTERVIEW WITH

Janae Rill

House Manager

Janae arrived at the Chosen Vision women's home in DeWitt in June of 2015. She is currently the House Manager and enjoys her daily interactions with the women. A highlight was teaching Colleen how to do laundry.

Reflecting over the past two years and the challenging COVID circumstances, Janae shared with a giggle, "we baked a lot and ate a lot. We enjoyed van rides to get us out of the house, painted rocks that we "borrowed" from the men's home next door; and we got creative and came up with some homemade games -- indoor bowling and ring toss with paper plates." Janae added with a smile, "our favorite was the stained-glass window art project."

Janae shared their house hosted the Halloween Party this week and they are taking the residents to the Old Country Cider Mill on Friday, October 22nd. Janae confessed her ultimate favorite Chosen Vision event is the prom. The women sitting at the table during this interview chuckled and agreed with Janae. They are all excited about the Prom set for February 2022.

Janae is a native of Lansing and a graduate of Everett High School. She is the middle child of three; she has two brothers. When asked what she likes to do in her "free" time, Janae laughed and said, "what free time?" Rephrasing the question, what would be your dream "free" day? Janae shared she would get a pedicure, go to dinner alone, to a movie alone OR stay home and watch movies all day, all by herself, and eat a lot of snacks, enjoying the peace and quiet.

When Janae is not at Chosen Vision, she keeps very busy with her two-year old son, Dominic, and stepdaughters; Nevaeh (8) and Daviannah (10). Dominic loves outings to the park with his mommy and the girls enjoy painting their nails and shopping. Janae enjoys many outdoor adventures with her family.

RESIDENT INTERVIEW WITH Beth

Beth made her home at Chosen Vision in DeWitt Labor Day weekend of this year. She is our newest resident. Beth and resident, Julie, became instant besties.



Beth and Janae

Beth enjoys working in the cafeteria dish room at MSU. She was previously responsible for the tables in the cafeteria however Beth shared she prefers the dish room because there are no TVs in there to distract her from her work. Amy, Beth's housemate, also works at MSU and says Beth is her "MSU Buddy." Following this comment, Julie announced her nickname for Beth is "Bethie Boo" and much laughter broke out around the kitchen table.

When asked what Beth enjoys at her new home, she said she and Julie brush their teeth together. Julie agreed, they have a pact to brush their teeth together. The best friends are dressing up as twin black cats for Halloween. The highlight of her Chosen Vision vacation to Grand Rapids was the swimming pool and Boulder Ridge Zoo.

Beth loves animals especially cats. She has a cat named Clare who resides at home with her parents. Beth enjoys watching Animal Planet and any movie about animals. She likes reading books about cats also. Beth and Lizzy watch many, many movies together. Below are a few of Beth's favorite things:

- Food – Mac and Cheese, pizza, spaghetti and absolutely NO VEGGIES.
- Beverage – Sprite
- Dessert – Lemon Poppyseed Cake; NO PIES
- TV Show – NCIS (all of the series)
- Color – purple

Beth has a brother, Caleb, who is currently serving in the Army. She will be celebrating a birthday on October 28th.



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Thank you for your generosity throughout the pandemic. There continues to be three easy ways to support the day-to-day needs at our four homes. 

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23 Laura with her mom 25 Colleen with Family
 24 Beth with "bestie" Julie 26 Beth