

Welcome New Persons Served

Beachfield - Gerald moved in December | **SIL Program Lakeside Apts** – Donald, Quintel and Tawnica

In Remembrance

Charles - Sadly, Beachfield suffered a great loss in November when a longtime resident of Progressive Residential Services passed away unexpectedly. He had been with PRS since 1995. His brother has been very compassionate to the home and spoke highly of how Beachfield staff had been his family. He wanted staff to know how much he appreciated the high quality of care his brother received & knew that the staff loved him very much. Charles' brother was also donated all of his belongings. Beachfield would like to thank him for his generous donation to the home and his thoughtful appreciation of the care his brother received. Even with the loss of a loved one, Beachfield staff made sure to decorate the house for Christmas.

Staff Anniversaries

Diane Nelson – 20 years

Beachfield

Loretta Drake – 14 yrs

Amanda Kirk – 4 yrs

Rahni Sweet – 4 years

Boyer

Felicia Crump – 14 yrs

Tana Nelson – 9 yrs

Pennfield

Cynthia Colbert – 10 yrs

Oberriion Gibson – 14 yrs

Candice Hicks – 5 yrs

Linda Norwood – 16 yrs

Zenetta Willis – 12 yrs

SIL

Emily Bartzen – 8 yrs

Jean Eib – 13 yrs

Robert Fisher – 12 yrs

Kesha Heusel – 4 yrs

Tonaiko Mabin – 4 yrs

Brandy Newson – 8 yrs

Persons Served News and Events

Macomb County

In December, the persons served at Sterling took a trip to downtown Detroit to see the Christmas Tree and watch the skaters at Campus Martius Park. They were all bundled up and drank hot cocoa, enjoying the holiday season.

Also during the holiday season, PRS residents from Macomb and Oakland County celebrated with a Christmas Party in space donated by Comprehensive Services for the Developmentally Disabled, Inc. in Warren. Santa arrived during the celebration to deliver gifts. Food and fun was had by all, the music was great and everyone enjoyed dancing and conversation.

Sterling welcomed in the New Year with help from Romeo at our annual Rockin' New Years Party! Food, music and games were enjoyed by all. Sterling also hosted a Valentine's Day party and can't wait for the Summer to invite family and friends for the annual summer bash.

Sterling would like to say "Happy Birthday" to D.S. and P.U., both of whom will celebrate their birthdays in March.



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We would like to welcome our new resident, J.V. who moved in January 6th.

Congratulations to G.V. who has moved on to an apartment program and is doing very well. We received compliments from the Community Mental Health Case Manager, Nurse, and Hope Network.

Persons served at Romeo donated three hours of their time to the Hope Center of Macomb, packing boxes of food to feed the hungry. They found it very rewarding.

Oakland County

Persons served from Milford enjoyed the Shrine Circus in January. This has become an annual event that everyone looks forward to.

On December 24th, Curves of Orion Township donated gifts to all of the persons served at Westlyn. Everyone was excited when the ladies from Curves came to the house for a visit. Not only did the persons served receive personal gifts the home was thrilled to receive new plush towels and dishes. Curves has also extended a discount membership. Thank you Curves!

Monroe

Century 21 Real Estate sponsored the Community Living Service recipients for the holidays. Each person submitted a list of needs and wants before the party. The party was hosted at the Century 21 office where food and gifts were provided. The Monroe Evening News was present to take pictures and talk to everyone.

Quality Assurance and Billing Verification Audit Scores

The recent internal audits have turned out the highest scores yet.

Quality Assurance

Borg	95%
Pennfield	96%
Sterling	96%
Judd	97%
Boyer	98%
Beachfield	99%
Milford	99%
Romeo	100%
Addison	100%

Billing Verification Audits

Milford	96%
Addison	100%

Make Your Voices Heard

As we are all aware, as of January 1st, 2011 new voices have taken over in the State of Michigan. It is going to be extremely important that all of us make our voices heard for the rights of our individuals. Please do not think you do not have time to write your legislators, governor or congressman. Michigan has faced many cuts in funding and many of the people who make the decisions have little understanding what it takes to run a group home, a Supported Independent Living program, or provide the services our individuals need. We need to let them know! We must speak up and be strong advocates for our loved ones, residents and staff! I challenge you to show your support for the persons we serve by getting out there and letting people know we cannot withstand any more finance cuts! Again I ask you, please stand up and advocate for the persons we serve. They need their voices to be heard.