

2011 Gentle Teaching Conference

Thank you to Bigelow for the nice visit with John McGee and to Allan Court, Church, and Predmore for providing tours to our international visitors.

Nice Job!

Congratulations are in order to Justine Bishop for presenting at the 2011 International Gentle Teaching Conference. Let her know what a great job she did!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Weekend Supervisor Meeting

Location to be announced at
Later Date
December 16th @ 11AM

Bowling Party

Waterford Lanes
December 7th @ 6PM
Contact Destiny at Pleasant
Lake to sign your home up.
Space is limited.



A Message from John Williams

Time is flying as usual for all of us! Thanksgiving is upon us and the rest of the holidays after that. They always seem to sneak up on me. Even though the holidays are upon us, my mind is still on the picnic held last summer at Indian Springs Metro Park. This year was our most successful one yet and many of our families are now requesting to attend as well. The event is turning into one of my personal favorites of the whole year. I love to see how happy all the folks are that we support at the picnic, the loving attention they receive from all our staff, and I love to say hello to people that I do not get to see that often. The recognition that staff receive for their hard work is great and we just cannot thank everyone enough for the efforts made on behalf of the individuals we support. We owe a big thanks to Kerri Patterson, Annie Turpin, and many others that work so hard to bring this event to life.

The 2011 International Gentle Teaching Conference was held in Troy at the end of September. Justine did a presentation on mentoring that was well received and well attended. We are very proud of her work in this area. Others such as Shannon from Predmore participated as well by preparing materials that were used in presentations on schedules. Of course, I was very proud of our corporation as we were well represented and we have so many *very* accomplished Gentle Teachers working for us. A number of international visitors toured our homes at the end of the three day event. A touching moment occurred during the opening session when a video was shown that highlighted the accomplishments that the

State of Michigan has achieved in Gentle Teaching which ended with a memorial for our friend Mark from Eston and David, Highmeadow's manager that both recently passed away.

Sadly, many of us have been dealing with the loss of some of our friends at Progressive. As I mentioned, we lost Mark at Eston who had been with us for many years. Ironically, Mark was the star of a new video we are making on mentoring. The staff at Eston and others will miss him very much. Also, we lost our dear friend Jack at Golf Lane. Jack was one of sweetest, well liked people in our entire company. Many of us drew strength from Jack's smile and positive demeanor that never wavered. He made me feel if he can keep smiling with what life has dealt to him, then surely I can overcome any petty troubles I may encounter in my life. Finally, we lost one of the strongest advocates for GT, David Crawford. David was an intelligent, warm, and funny guy. He had a deep connection with the folks we support and dedicated himself to improving lives. We will miss him very much and are deeply saddened that he should leave us at such a young age.

So as I wrap this article up I wish all of you the happiest of holidays and a great new year. Please remember that I am still looking for staff interested in working on the mobile crew or as mentors within Progressive. I hope for the corporation that in the New Year we collectively improve our skills as those that we a support deserve nothing less than our very best.

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Summer Bowling League Keila Adkins

Progressive Lifestyles would like to send a heartfelt "Thank You" to Destiny Ranbarger and Amy Kadera for helping to create the summer bowling league at Century Bowl. Every Tuesday for eight weeks, different houses throughout the company got together to play two games of bowling and on the last week we enjoyed a pizza party and received trophies and plaques reflecting their hard work and growth as bowlers.

The houses that participated this past summer included Pleasant Lake, Hunt Club, Tamarack, Michael Court, Lochaven, Church, Potter, Oak Grove and Airport. Next summer there will be a 12 week bowling league, with trophies and plaques given at the end of the league alongside a pizza party. If your home is interested please contact Destiny Ranbarger at Pleasant Lake.



Special Olympics 2011



Well done to everyone who participated in Special Olympics this year.

Michael Court
Kelly

Oak Grove
Matt and Zeke

Tamarack
Jeffrey

Highmeadow
Joe and Mark

Extra special **Hat's Off** to Joe from Highmeadow who won a first place medal for bowling.



Company Outings Laura Austin

In the summer of 2011 Progressive Lifestyles went to the Detroit Zoo for a fun filled adventure. Each home enjoyed picnic style lunches and walking around to observe all the different animals. Some took train rides while others were content with the ice cream and snacks. What a great turnout!

The fall of 2011 was brought in with our second annual orchard outing at Diehl's Orchard and Cider Mill. Everyone participated in a hayride around the cider mill and were delighted with a snack of donuts and cider. Some were able to bring home pumpkins from the pumpkin patch. Approximately 11 different homes were in attendance and had such a great time. A big thank you to Amy Kadera for helping to make this outing possible.



Halloween

Andrew Slezinski

Halloween was always a fun time at our house. Mom would pop a bushel full of popcorn. Pack it in small paper bags and passed them out on Halloween evening. The kids in the neighborhood loved it. My brother Don had an old man's mask that covered your head and face. One day around Halloween Don let me wear the mask while I was taking my walk around the block backwards in my wheelchair. In those days I could propel my wheelchair by kicking my right leg, and pushing my chair backwards. My Walk went pretty well. Sometime later a couple of people told my mom. Oh! We saw Andy's grandpa riding around the block.

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Congratulations to the winners and nominees of this year's awards. Keep up the great work you do!

YARD BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

CHURCH- Winner

GOLF LANE
POTTER
OAKWOOD
SPRINGFIELD
LOCHAVEN

HOME BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

SPRINGFIELD- Winner

GOLF LANE
CHURCH
TAMARACK
LOCHAVEN

MORALE BOOSTER

AMY KADARA- Winner

AJEENAH KALIMAH
KERRI PATTERSON
RICK EVERRET
RUTH MCCORMICK
JENNIFER MASONBRINK
MIESHA BRIDGEWATER
JOE COMBS

SUPER ASSISTANT

PHILLIP PATTERSON- Winner

SAMUEL GRIFFIN
CHERYL YOVICH
JESSICA DOMIN
JOSH PRINCE
BONNIE COWAN
ANTONIA AMADOR

SUPER WEEKEND SUPERVISOR

JACKIE MIRASOLO- Winner

JEFF CALLAHAN
DANIELLE JONES
STEVE BOYLE
LISA JOHNSON
APRIL DUNCAN
ARIS POUND
JOEL CARY
DEBBIE DANIELS
MEGAN PERCIVAL
REGINA STANLEY

SUPER DIRECT CARE STAFF

BRITTANY HEBERT- Winner

ADAM PARYS
KEELEY CAMPBELL
MELISSA SLEIGHT
JEFF CALLAHAN
STEVE BOYLE
SARAH BRONSON
RUTH MCCORMICK
MIGUEL FIGUEROA
JEFF THOMPSON
JOE COMBS

ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

PATRICA HUERTA- Winner

AMY KADARA
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SHAYLA JOHNSON
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JEFF THOMPSON
ANDREA KIMMERER
MARSHALL JACKSON
LESLIE PALMER
DARLENE MANTURA

GENTLE TEACHER

ANGELA CAMPBELL- Winner

JACOB HAGEN
SAM GRIFFIN
KARA NOELL
JEFF CALLAHAN
JACKIE WORLEY
STEVEN BOYLE

TEAM WORK

POTTER HOME- Winner

HAWKES
CHURCH
OAK GROVE
ALLEN CT
HIGHMEADOW
LOCHAVEN
OAKWOOD
MICHAEL CT
BIGELOW

Certificate Of Excellence

June Garvey, Connie Williams

Years of Service

20 Years

Brenda O'toole

15 Years

Laura Baxter, Amy Kadera

10 Years

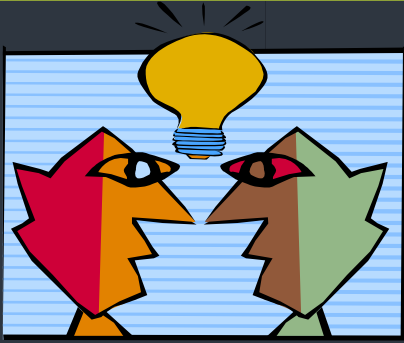
Matthew Howard, Teresa Sherwood, Regina Stanley

5 Years

Kasie Adkins, Penny Dickerson, Narda Etienne, Shayla Johnson, Serenity Jordan, Jaqueline Mirasolo, Pauline Ross, Georgetta Womble, Yia Yang,



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