

# Progressive *Thinking*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Annual Bowl-a-Thon

June 6, 2014

Starts at 5:30pm

All Star Lanes

257 Ladd Rd Walled Lake,  
MI 48390

### Annual Garage Sale

18, 19 and 20 2014

6463 Church St

Clarkston, MI 48346

### Annual Company Picnic

August 22rd, 2014

12pm-2pm

Hess Hathaway Park

825 S. Williams Lake Rd

Waterford, MI 48327

## Congrats

Congratulations to our new managers and new assistant managers!

- Kara Noell
- Brittany Lewis
- Holly Whaley
- James Brewer
- Jessica Cowan
- Annette Ellis
- Crystal Maybee
- Rachel Sabol
- Tanya Sierra

## News

The newsletter staff is always looking for more good things to report. Please submit ideas and suggestions to [news@progressivelifestylesinc.org](mailto:news@progressivelifestylesinc.org)

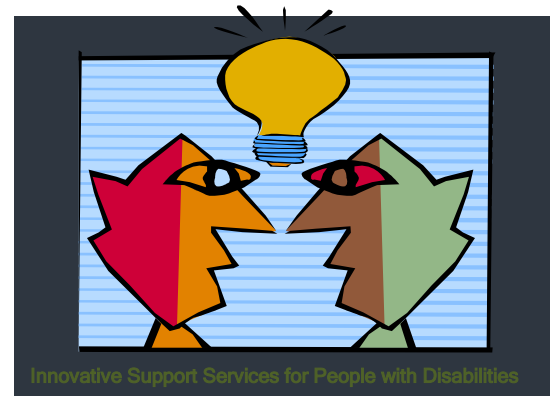


## A Message from John Williams

Spring is here, a little too cold for my taste, but certainly better than the winter season. And what a winter we had, everyone in the company really pulled together! At one point we had (9) homes without power for a week.

There has been much happening with funding; we have fought off budget cuts (successfully) three times this year. We believe that there is great number of challenges in the near future and we are all working to meet them in the mental community. Part of strategy will be to grow a little, as we think this puts us in a better position to negotiate budgets. After a four year hiatus, we just opened a new home in Milford on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure that you let your manager know if you are interested in promotion as we may have some positions to fill in the near future.

Many of our staff attended Caregiver Appreciation this year and a good time was had by all. Cassondra Barrett of Lochaven was given an “Angels Among Us” award for outstanding work at Lochaven and for the Center for Positive Living Supports.



Innovative Support Services for People with Disabilities

One of our long term staff, Ajeenah Kalimah, won a beautiful flat screen TV. Those in attendance reported that even though the TV was really “cool”, Ajeenah was very low key when informed that she won, go figure huh?.

The company picnic is around the corner and many fund raising projects are in the works. I find truly amazing the planning, work, and passion our staff put into this event each year. A big thank-you to all those involved Ruth McCormick, Kerri Patterson, Amy Kadera, Cortney Fortin, Brenda O’Toole, Deanna Cox, Anita Lovelace, Heather Harroun, Laura Austin, Callen Greer. I think this will be our best year yet.

Finally, Keila Akins has taken on the job of putting together our newsletter for the past year. We are thankful for her efforts and the newsletter has improved much under leadership. Keila has many talents and we are so grateful that she is part of our Progressive team. Laura Austin will be taking over as leader for this project. If you are interested in participating with the newsletter, please email [news@progressivelifestylesinc.org](mailto:news@progressivelifestylesinc.org).

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Please join us in congratulating this year's *Angel Among Us Award* winners Casondra Barrett and Maria Rendon! We are proud to have you both as part of our team!

Feeling Safe  
By: Andy Sleziński

It is always nice to feel comfortable and safe with someone you know and can rely on. It is also helpful to encourage new people that want to aid you and make you feel safe. A wink and a smile always helps as well.



## Fun in the Sun!

This past April, myself and 3 staff got the pleasure of taking our whole house Bow Lane to the sunshine state, Florida. This was our first trip out of state as a house and the guys were so excited! While we were in Florida we did many things together such as visiting the beautiful beach in Siesta Key, strolling Downtown Disney and even the Kennedy Space Center. Matthew, Zeke and Jeremy all had the times of their lives, but as a caregiver it was exceptionally wonderful to know that I had a part in making memories with them that will last a lifetime.



## Remembering Loved One's By: Keila Adkins

In a profession where loving someone unconditionally is one of the fundamental beliefs, no one is prepared to say goodbye and this year we have had to do just that; say goodbye to two very loved individuals whose influence and impact on our lives words cannot explain. Joe Erwin and Carl Shrewsbury left us all with memories that we, as caregivers, friends and housemates will carry forever. It has been such an honor of mine, and I am positive everyone else's, to have been a part of helping make their lives the best it could possibly be.

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## Annual Company Picnic

The annual Company Picnic will be held on August 22rd at the Hess Hathaway Park in Waterford from 12PM until 2 PM. We will be located at the large pavilion. We are inviting families again to this year's picnic and we are hoping this year's event will be bigger and better than ever. So that we have an accurate count of how many people will be attending, employee's please RSVP with your home manager and they will make sure that the office is given an accurate count. Families please RSVP at (248) 666-1388 to Jennifer Williams. Please leave your name and the number of individuals who will be attending and a phone number so that we may contact you back if we have questions. The address to the park is 825 S. Williams Lake Rd Waterford, MI 48327

## Annual Bowl-a-Thon

Join us on June 6th at our yearly Bowl-A-Thon!

This year Langan's All Star Lanes in Walled Lake welcomes us to bowl, eat, and have fun all to raise money for our company picnic. We are very excited about the change in venues, as All Star Lanes offers us something most bowling alleys do not- a barrier-free setting. This open floor plan makes it so many of our friends can now bowl without the hassle of stairs and ramps.

We will be having a 50/50 raffle, and food and beverages available for purchase to those who come hungry. Everyone is welcome to come cheer on their favorite bowler, no RSVP needed. For those interested in bowling, please e-mail Cortney at [cortneyfortin@gmail.com](mailto:cortneyfortin@gmail.com) to reserve your spot (limited amount of bowling spots available).

Food will be available at 5:30. Bowling starts at 6pm, it is \$3.50 per game and shoe rental is \$3.25. Langan's All Star Lanes is located at 257 Ladd Road in Walled Lake.

## Annual Company Garage Sale

The company annual garage sale proceeds go towards our annual company picnic. We are looking for donations or Clothing, furniture, glassware, decorative items, antiques etc. The sale will be at 6463 Church st, Clarkston MI. Please call Ruth McCormick at 248-636-0572 or Amy Kadera at 248-620-1586 before dropping items off. If you need help with pickup call Ruth and arrangements will be made. Thank you in advance. The garage sale is June 18, 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>.

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Progressive Lifestyles, Inc. is a non-profit organization which provides support for individuals with disabilities in a residential setting for over 20 years. We are pleased to be having our annual picnic on August 22, 2014. This event allows us to celebrate each other and also recognizes some very hard working staff. Thanks to those who made generous donations and the hard work of our volunteers last year's picnic was an overwhelming success.

Please consider giving a gift to Progressive Lifestyles, Inc. to contribute towards our Annual Picnic fund or a general contribution so that we may continue to provide quality care and services for our residents. Any donation you provide is a tax exemption. Thank you for all your support and dedication to Progressive Lifestyles Inc.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to contribute to the Annual Picnic Fund

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to donate a prize for the staff drawing (e.g. restaurant or department store gift cards, electronics, DVD's, movie passes, sports tickets, themed basket items, etc.)

Item(s) Donated \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to make a general contribution

Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be payable to: Progressive Lifestyles Inc.  
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