

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you so much to members of local organizations who showed special attention to individuals within

Within Pleasant

View. Caroling, gifts, cookies and goodies were delivered by the Broadway-Timberville Rotary Club, Rockingham Memorial Hospital nurses, Mt. Carmel Church of the Brethren,



Broadway Baptist Church, and Timberville Women of the Moose, and family members. Gifts were delivered for individuals who would not otherwise receive gifts to open on Christmas morning.



The Pleasant View Worship
Team sang at the annual
Christmas party held at
Independent Community
Church. PVI debuted our
hand bell choir—a delight to
all present.

We are overwhelmed by your generosity! Thank you so much! •

Yeah, it's cool!" By Erin Flynn

Hope moved to Moyers Apartments from Turner House in September 2013 and has made her new apartment her own. She painted her room vibrant pink, decorated for Christmas and adopted a new cat she



named "Layla." Hope loves Layla very much and takes good care of her. Hope is learning to cook, manage her time, and strengthen social and hygiene skills.

Hope enjoys doing many different things. She enjoyed going on a trip to the Safari Park. She participates in the PVI Choir and the Faith and Light ministry. Hope likes animals, reading, watching movies, and taking walks. She attends Pleasant View's Broadway Day Program where she participates in and looks forward to a dance class, "Jete Dance." Hope invites everyone to her dance recitals and is very proud of the work she does.

When Hope was asked whether she liked living at Moyers, she said, "Yeah, it's cool." Hope still cherishes many of the relationships she had at Turner House with residents and staff. She keeps in touch through phone calls and visits and sees her friends at social events.

When asked about her future, Hope says she would like to live on her own and get married. At Moyers, Hope would like to explore job opportunities in the future. •



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Dear Pleasant View Family,

Happy New Year! I hope 2014 is a wonderful year for all! It has been a joy to see Pleasant View make strides to fulfill our vision, "All individuals may have the opportunity to live in and enrich the community." In line with our vision, we debuted three new commercials on local cable stations and two informational videos to share with community groups and for employee training. These pieces have fulfilled a board initiative to communicate better with our community and interested families about the ministry of Pleasant View and the services we provide.

In June, Pleasant View opened the Susan Louk House in Broadway, Virginia to meet the needs of individuals already living in our community, as well as individuals still living in an institution. As a seed to further expansion, The Louk family has given a generous gift to start a revolving fund to help purchase new houses. We welcome and encourage others to contribute to this fund, also.

To fulfill the initiative to improve our information technology, our Time and Attendance software was initiated in the fall. The new financial software went "live" the week of January 6th, 2014, and will provide more efficient processing of information and reporting. Because we have added programs to serve more people over the last 20 years (growing from 40 staff and 30 clients in 3 locations to our present staff total of 250 serving over 160 clients in 11 sites) the need for an updated system is something that will benefit our organization in the years to come.

At our annual retreat in April, the Board will complete a self-evaluation and develop future directions for the next year. Thank you sincerely for your prayer and financial support through 2013 and please continue to support the ministry of Pleasant View, Inc., in 2014.

Sincerely,

Donna L. Deathurle

Donna Heatwole, Board President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ⇒ The 17TH ANNUAL PLEASANT VIEW INC. GOLF OUTING will be held on May 9, 2014 at the Lake View Golf Course. Call John Garber now to sign up a team—896-8006
- ⇒ Please support Pleasant View by purchasing **DOMINOES PIZZA**. Every first Thursday of each month Dominoes will donate **20% of their profits** for <u>anyone who says the order is to support Pleasant View</u>.
- ⇒ MONDAY NIGHT MADNESS Join us at Massanutten 4-9 p.m. on March 3rd to support Pleasant View. Be sure to say you are there to support Pleasant View!
- ⇒ **BIGGEST LOSER CONTEST** Pleasant View employees are invited to participate in the contest with a \$500 Grand Prize! The contest started in November and continues through the end of May. This event is hosted by our Human Resources Department as part of the initiative to promote health throughout our agency.

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Making Room for Jesus

By David Gullman

During our December Faith and Light gathering for worship we focused on making room for Jesus. Mary made room for Jesus within her own body as well as in her heart. We are told that the angel came to Mary and told her that she was to bear a child who would be great and would be called Son of the Most High God (Luke 1:26-38). Ultimately Mary's response was to consent to the Lord's will.

We are then told in Luke 2:7 that Mary laid her newborn baby in a manger because there was no room for them to stay in the inn. Perhaps this was the only innkeeper who was willing to make room for Mary and Joseph, and ultimately Jesus.



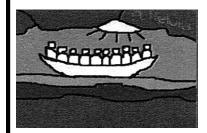
Angie dramatizes Mary with Jesus

As we reflected during Faith and Light, on making room for Jesus,

we wondered aloud if we were able to make room for Jesus in our hearts and in our lives today. I am convinced that Jesus still comes to us looking for room in our lives, our hearts and in our *(cont'd)* (cont'd) congregations. It has been my experience that Jesus sometimes comes through the person with a disability. When he does, we often make many excuses as to why we cannot make room for him. It may seem like an inopportune time or that we do not have the energy to invest in making the necessary accommodations for the individual who is seeking room among us. Instead we might respond like Mary with her quiet acquiescence to the words of the angel making room within her life for the life of another.

When we say yes to the "stranger" seeking room among us, we will discover unimagined blessing.

Faith and Light



AN INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION WITH INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED PEOPLE, THEIR PARENTS, AND FRIENDS

Upcoming Faith and Light services will be held at 7:00 pm at the Harrisonburg Day Program on February 21, March 14, and April 4 and at Camp Still Meadows on May 2, June 6, and July 25