

### Community Connections: Meeting the Needs in Our Community

With summer vacations in full swing, there has been a dramatic drop in the number of volunteers available to deliver **Meals On Wheels** to community members in need. Community Connections teams have been able to fill some of the gaps left by other groups who have stopped volunteering for the summer months.

Karen and Jon, (above) supported by their direct support professional, Pam, are part of a team dedicated to delivering food and friendship to individuals on their route throughout the year.



with careful consideration for the person receiving the meal.

Henry and Cathy work behind the scenes, getting the bags prepared for delivery and marking names off the list as the deliveries are made. Each delivery is made

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### Twenty-First Anniversary Golf Tournament

Pleasant View’s 21st Annual Charity Golf Tournament was held on Friday May 4, 2018. Over the past 21 years, the tournament has raised over \$320,000 to improve the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities. This year thirty-four sponsors, including our second year in a row Grand Slam Sponsorship from The Taylor Family, made our tournament a success. This year their sponsorship was in memory of Terry Taylor. We remembered the generosity of Terry and recognized his part in promoting and supporting the golf tournament from the very beginning.

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### A Visitor Comes to Broadway Day Program

Christina, a direct support professional, provided an opportunity for individuals to socialize with a hedgehog recently. Some chose to look, some touched and held him, and others

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# Supporting Individuals with

## Remembering Jo Ann Siever and Christian Stile

Pleasant View supports individuals at all stages of their adult lives and with different abilities. Sometimes it feels like family members and caregivers are in a secret club in which you receive the Rosetta stone and are able to understand and communicate with wonderful individuals who are often overlooked. We are truly blessed by each individual and the experiences they share with us.



**Jo Ann Siever** died at age 55 on March 14, 2018. She moved in 1994 to Pleasant View's Harrison House from Central Virginia Training Center. Later, she moved to Wright House and finally to her apartment in Moyers Apartments. Jo Ann enjoyed her friends, drinking coffee, attending Harrisonburg Day

Program, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Faith & Light, shopping, attending community events, and exploring the world outside of Harrisonburg whenever possible.

Jo Ann did not say many words, but clearly let those around her know how she felt and what was important to her. She enjoyed putting puzzles together, her many purses, and the treasures she carried in her purses. She also enjoyed people and people enjoyed her. She leaves behind many people who cared for her through the years and still think of her today.



**Christian Stile** died June 17, 2018 at age 24. He moved to Pleasant View, Inc.'s Harrison House after graduating from High School in 2014. Upon meeting Christian, the first thing one noticed was his big brown eyes and smile. Pastor Dave Gullman shared that when he

visited Christian recently in the hospital, unsure how he would find Christian feeling, he was greeted by an "ear to ear smile." Dave intended to encourage Christian, but was moved and blessed himself by Christian's joy in seeing him. Christian was youthfully "all arms and legs" and sometimes had a problem controlling his movement, but he shared his sense of humor with those who cared for him by laughing when he accidentally hit something or someone. Those who cared for him at Harrison House marveled at how, upon waking up, he would smile and laugh. Christian's vocalizations, joy, and sense of wonder are missed. In his short time on earth he impacted everyone who met him. We are thankful we were blessed by knowing him. ●



*Recently the Church and Community Committee had the idea of adding a "Why I Give" segment to the newsletter or a blog. This is the first attempt. Feel free to send in your reason for giving at anytime. We do care.*

### Why I Give by Hans Watts

I started working for Pleasant View and before long, I decided that I believed so much in what they stand for that I wanted to start giving back. I started a designated fund in order to help give some of the individuals who live there a chance to afford things that they or their families might not be able to buy. I have money withheld from each paycheck to go toward a designated fund designed to provide for those with wants and needs not covered by government or familial assistance. I was raised to care about all people, but have tended to focus on those who fall through the cracks. My inspiration is my grandmother, Ellen Watts, who took in multiple foster kids and always taught them and her children that there is no substitute for compassion. Some needs that would qualify are adaptive equipment like Liftware spoons for individuals who struggle with feeding themselves but still want to try. ●

**Our Mission:** Pleasant View supports individuals with disabilities achieve their own spiritual, emotional, relational, vocational, and residential goals.



# Intellectual Disabilities Since 1971

## "Meals" Continued

Some deliveries are made by a specific team member who has nurtured a relationship with the recipient. On the day I followed along, Jon was disappointed he forgot to bring a flower for his friend. He plans to do it next time. He can't wait to see her smile. ●

**"Golf" Continued:** Twenty teams made up of eighty golfers joined us for what turned out to be a beautiful and

sometimes hot day of golfing. We were thankful for the air conditioned ballroom to regroup and enjoy Hank's BBQ buffet. We heard from Wendy Moyers, Community



Connections Coordinator, about some of the exciting and meaningful opportunities for individuals with disabilities made possible through donations and events like the tournament. Along with place and contest prizes, we handed out over 30 door prizes after lunch. The LD&B foursome (pictured above), Bill Long, Steve Whitmore, Clint Richards, and Tony Kline carded the low round of the day with a score of 57 to win the team title. Bill told me he was able to assemble his team with just 3 days' notice.

Closest to the Pin was Tracy Wimer from the A-Able team, and Longest Drive was Dillon Taylor.

Pleasant View was able to net over \$23,500 from our 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf

Tournament. A special thanks to all of the sponsors, participants, and Michael King of Spotswood Country Club for their help in making it a very special day. ●



## Pleasant View 2017 Golf Event

### Grand Slam Sponsor:

## The Taylor Family

In Loving Memory of Terry Taylor

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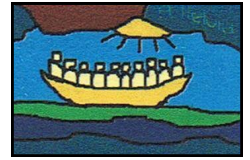


## Harrisonburg Day Program EGGstraveganza

This spring everyone enjoyed coloring eggs in cups, with shaving cream and dye in baggies, making designs with crayons before dying, and finally eating egg salad and deviled eggs. Participants enjoyed exploring different things to do with hard boiled eggs.

## You are invited to Faith & Light

For locations and times look to  
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## Mark Your Calendars...

- **Pork BBQ Event** will be held Saturday, September 8, 2018 in Stuarts Draft and Harrisonburg locations. See website or Facebook page for more information.
- **Pleasant View's Annual Fall Banquet** to be announced.

"Visitor" Continued: enjoyed watching it move across the table under Christina's watchful eye. While some individuals in the Broadway Day Program socialize animals at the SPCA, this gave others the opportunity to meet a new exotic friend. ♥

