

Has Pleasant View's Mission Changed During the "Stay-at-Home" Order?

Always woven throughout Pleasant View's mission has been a directive to help individuals who have disabilities be included and involved in the community. In order to comply with Governor Northam's stay-at-home order and keep everyone we support as safe as possible, Pleasant View suspended our day support services on March 13, 2020. We have continued to stay in touch with many individuals we serve who live outside of Pleasant View. Individuals who live at Pleasant View now need activities to do at home as well as their normal residential supports. Here are some examples of how we continue to live our mission.

Pleasant View supports individuals with disabilities in living out their goals for...

Meaningful Work: The need for meaningful work continues to be a mission during the sometimes long days staying at home. Many individuals who work in the community became, at least, temporarily unemployed during the state's orders to stay at home. Donna, who lives at Lee High, says that she is finding meaningful things to do which include such things as reorganizing her room and making beaded necklaces.



Robin, pictured left, and Garland helped decorate Turner House for Easter. They both worked together painting a colorful cross design on the picture window in Turner's kitchen. The picture is especially beautiful when it is illuminated through the day like a sun catcher. (See more pictures on our Facebook page)

Rhonda is assisted in creating springtime decorations for Mumaw House. She and her housemates also decorated a front window for a Broadway, VA, Scavenger Hunt.



We are currently developing plans using guidance from the CDC and VDH to safely assist individuals in Supported Employment in returning to work.

Meaningful Relationships: It has been more important now than ever to help individuals create and maintain meaningful relationships. Individuals living at Pleasant View have been supported in maintaining relationships with loved ones by phone and video conferencing. We have also provided safe and fun activities at each house.



Relationships have been just as important for direct support professionals. With the suspension of day supports, those staff members are spread throughout Pleasant View, Harrisonburg, and Rockingham County. An example of maintaining meaningful relationships is the weekly Zoom meeting for Community Connections staff members, program



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Supporting Individuals with

participants, and their families. Through this virtual platform everyone is able to connect and continue to share their lives.

Finally, each residential program welcomed staff members from day supports who were displaced by day program suspension. This has created new and strengthened long-term relationships. While on a Zoom call recently, Derek Yoder shared that a “silver lining” he has found in the last few months has been getting to know individuals and staff members at Harrison House better. The changes have been difficult and disruptive. **With the help of strong relationships, we have been able to weather the severity of the virus together.**



Spiritual Development: When your world changes overnight, it is possible to lose faith and want to hide from the world. Can we work on our spiritual development virtually? Dave Gullman and many of our other Pleasant View employees have supported this part of our mission in full force. Temporarily, we relocated day support laptops to make video conferencing available in our residential programs. Direct support professionals became instant technology support helping individuals access church and Faith & Light services. Dave has provided endless spiritual support for individuals we support, families, and staff members including daily devotionals. The Pleasant View Worship Team leaders also made outdoor, socially distanced house-calls (pictured above and below) and “Caroling for Hope and Community.” ●



Remembering Rita Haliburton, William “Junior” Shifflett, and Henry Brenneman

Pleasant View supports individuals at all stages of their adult lives and with different abilities. We are blessed by each individual, the experiences they share with us, and how they touch our lives.

Rita Y. Haliburton died at age 49 on December 12, 2019. Rita started in the Broadway Day Program while living at her home in Harrisonburg in 1992. She enjoyed staying active. Rita lived at Yoder House in Dayton. Later, she moved to Harrison House and attended the Harrisonburg Day Program. Rita enjoyed music, dolls, Michael Jackson, dressing up, and visiting with her family.



William “Junior” Shifflett, Jr. died at age 61 on April 5, 2020. Junior moved to Pleasant View’s Turner House in October 2000. He was active in Special Olympics, Kiwanis Aktion Club, Best Buddies, Faith & Light, and most recently attended Crossroads Mennonite Church. Junior enjoyed his jobs at Shen Paco and Pleasant View, Inc. as well as attending Broadway Day Program. Junior loved his family and many friends.



Henry Brenneman died at age 71 on May 16, 2020. He moved to Pleasant View in 1973. Henry loved his family. He enjoyed Special Olympics, volunteering through Community Connections, Faith & Light, and most recently attended Weavers Mennonite Church. Some places Henry worked include Harts jean factory, W. W. Motor Cars & Parts Inc., Hardees, and Pleasant View, Inc. ●



Our Mission: Pleasant View supports individuals who have disabilities in living out their goals for meaningful work, relationships and spiritual development.



Intellectual Disabilities Since 1971

Great Community Give Rescheduled : Your Gifts Will Make a Big Impact

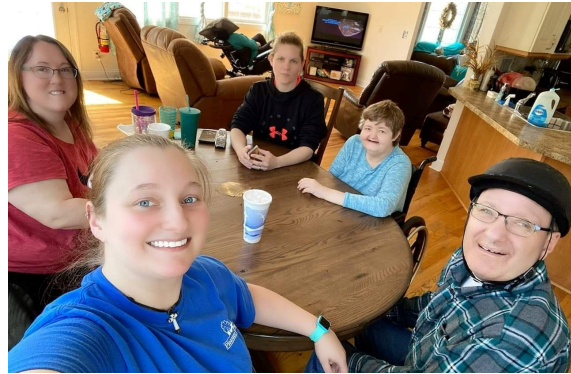
The world has changed since we decided to participate in the **Great Community Give** last fall. However, individuals who have disabilities still need supports to live in and enrich their communities. **With the end of our fiscal year fast approaching, we need to raise \$93,000.00 before June 30, 2020.** The money raised during the Great Community Give will help make necessary changes to our day supports in order to safely reopen them as well as provide spiritual and emotional supports.

Now, you can support our mission through the **Great Community Give on Wednesday June 24, 2020 from 6:30 AM to 8 PM.** We need your donations, but you can also share Pleasant View's mission with your family and friends and ask them to support us as well. Pleasant View staff members and the individuals we support are working together to help safely promote the giving day. In the days leading up to June 24, 2020 we plan to broadcast Facebook Live streaming interviews, post videos, and share pictures that will help our community learn more about the services we provide. You can help us share media on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter throughout the days leading up to and on the giving day.



Pleasant View wants to win an extra \$1,500 by having the **Greatest Number of Donors** donating between the “**Brunch Time**” hours of **11AM and 12 Noon** this year. We need your donations any time during the Great Community Give event, but your gift can mean even more during **11AM and 12 Noon**. You can donate as little as \$10 to increase our chance to win additional prize money. Two years ago we won the “Power Hour” prize and received an additional \$1,500. Last year, we raised over \$8,500. This year we need to raise our goal to \$25,000 to further our mission.

If you want to help us raise money more directly, you can be a peer-to-peer fundraiser for Pleasant View.



Email pmiller@pleasantviewinc.org or go to donate.greatcommunitygive.org/organizations/pleasant-view-inc Other Greatest Number of Donors “Power Hours” are between 7AM-8AM, 1PM –2PM, and 5PM-6PM. Please help spread the word by telling your friends and family. ●

Thank you for your support!

Counting Our Blessings



- Garland misses day program, but likes making moon sand and other projects at home.

- Loretta and Terry miss seeing their friends, but they enjoy going for drives in the Lee High van.



- Birthdays are fun even when it is not your own. Wright House celebrates with Freddie.



- Jerry can still enjoy cooking with his support staff. ●



**Pleasant View's Golf Tournament
Is Now Friday, August 14, 2020 at
Spotswood Country Club**



<http://pleasantviewinc.org/newsevents.html>

**You can impact the lives of individuals
who have disabilities!**

Since our first charity golf tournament in May of 1998, our generous sponsors and golfers, have raised over \$376,468 to provide day, residential, and spiritual support for individuals with intellectual disabilities! Last year you raised over \$36,468. We will be working closely with Spotswood Country Club to provide a fun and safe day. Gather your teams, register early, and prepare to have fun.

- Format: Captain's Choice
- Registration begins at 8:00 AM, with a shotgun start at 9:10 AM.
- Online Registration through PayPal \$118/golfer or \$450/team of 4. Please register by July 30, 2020. Avoid fees by paying by check. (\$115/golfer or \$420/team)
- Team Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Teams. Mulligans, Power balls, and 50/50 will be offered at registration. We will have closest to the pin and longest drive contests.
- Chicken BBQ lunches will be provided by Hank's Catering starting at 1:00 PM. Team prizes, contest prizes, and several door prize drawings will be awarded after lunch.

Sponsorships Available: Contact Pam Miller at (540) 560-1134 or pmiller@pleasantviewinc.org for sponsorship opportunities for more info.

Advocating for and Supporting Individuals Who Have Developmental Disabilities

Over the past 49 years Pleasant View has received help meeting the needs of individuals we support and the essential services we provide. Since March, the threat of Covid19 brought with it obstacles to acquiring necessary supplies and keeping the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities in front of our leaders. Family, friends, and community members have sent monetary donations, provided contacts for personal protective equipment (PPE), sent PPE, sewed and donated countless face masks and gowns, and provided face shields.



Many family, friends, staff, and community members have also advocated for the needs of individuals who have developmental disabilities and care providers at the local, state, and federal levels. This includes helping us find possible funding sources and greater access to PPE and Covid19 testing.

**Thank you for providing for our needs and
adding your voices to our own. ♥**

**Thank
you!**

