

Program Spotlight: Moyers Apartments Watkins Parrish



Lawana, Watkins, Winston, Lex, Joanie

Have you ever felt that you were in the right place at the right time for an unexpected opportunity?

On a late spring evening trip to Camp Still Meadows with direct support professionals (DSP) and friends from Moyers Apartments, Watkins Parrish experienced just that. One of the DSP at Moyers Apartments also works with the therapeutic riding program at Camp

Still Meadows. While at the camp, everyone had the opportunity to spend time with one of the horses. Watkins started talking about all his previous experiences working with horses. He was able to confidently lead the horse around the camp and exhibited some skills that would be helpful in a therapeutic riding program volunteer. When asked, Watkins Parrish expressed an interest in helping with

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Program Spotlight: Harrison House Walks



Christin and Scott

Everyone is on the go and busy these days. The direct support professionals (DSP) at Harrison House have also been committed to getting the individuals they support out in the community as much as possible.

Recently, Harrison House has been involved in several of the Friendship & Accessibility Walks. Scott (pictured above), loves being outdoors. He has enjoyed the walks in Purcell Park, Storybook Trail,

Hillandale Park and Westover Park. He enjoys being outside as much as possible. His friend Billy (pictured right) enjoys the outdoors, but likes it best when he brings musical instruments, like his tambourine, to play.



Scott, Billy, Elliot, Christin, and Gabby

During the heatwave in late July and early August, it was decided that some of our summer Friendship & Accessibility Walks should be planned as mall walking get togethers. We plan on continuing our walks through the Fall months. We hope to see you at one of the walks. ●

Golf Tournament in its Twenty-Fifth Year

In 1997, Terry Taylor Sr. proposed that Pleasant View add an annual golf tournament to our fundraising events. Terry and his family worked with Pleasant View’s administrative services director to organize and promote the tournament in their business circles. From the beginning, Pleasant View’s Golf Tournament has been integral to providing supports and opportunities for individuals living in and around Harrisonburg who have developmental and intellectual disabilities.



Alexander, Terry Jr, and Bryant Taylor

Funds from this year’s golf tournament provided for residential services, day support services, and spiritual supports. The golfer and sponsor commitment to supporting individuals who have disabilities continues to be as strong as ever.

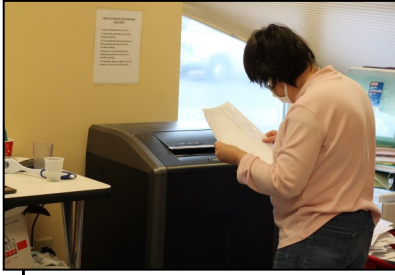
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Dillon Taylor Team



Summer 2022

Supporting Individuals with



Supported Employment Spotlight: Crystal Carr By Pam Miller

Every Thursday morning, you can hear the intermittent hum of the paper shredding machine at the Harrisonburg Day Program. For the past three and a half years, Crystal Carr has been one of our three Pleasant View employees charged with the important task of shredding papers with information that cannot go in the trash. When visiting on this early spring day, Crystal was more than happy to show me all the elements of her job.

Crystal first showed me the shredder. The original paper shredding machine Crystal used, often overheated. In 2019, Peggy Secrist and Donna Click were awarded a grant from Pleasant View's **Richard and Helen DeButts Dream Endowment** to purchase a commercial grade paper shredder for our shredding positions. Before purchasing the commercial grade shredder, we went through several lower grade shredders.



Crystal and one of our job coaches work together to safely use and maintain the paper shredder. Paper clips and staples are removed from documents in the shred box to make sure the machine blades do not get damaged. When the bags are full, Crystal and her job coach turn off and unplug the machine, tie up the bag, and sweep the little bits of shredded paper that fall to the floor in the process. Crystal and her fellow paper shredders play an important part in keeping individuals' information secure. ●

"Watkins" Continued:

therapeutic riding at Camp Still Meadows. He committed to helping every Tuesday night during the therapeutic riding sessions. **Watkins says, "I help get the horses ready for riding."** He also supports the riders from the side of the horse.

Each one of us have special interests. This trip to Camp Still Meadows helped the DSP get to know Watkins better. She learned about his interest in and history with horses that could help him, help others. Through volunteering with the Camp Still Meadows, Watkins assumes new responsibilities, gets to know riders and other volunteers, and helps people reach their goals. ●



The GREAT Community Give

We asked for your help during the Great Community Give April 20, 2022 and you delivered. With the extra help of staff members and friends we were able to continue to reach new people with this opportunity to give. Through the bold act of friends asking friends, our mission and needs were shared with more people than in previous years.



The result was 15 new individuals donating to our mission and \$21,658.74 in donations. We were able to completely fund the community match portion for our new 9 passenger high-top accessible van, and part of the match portion of our 5 passenger minivan we will receive from our Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) FTA5310 grant for accessible vehicles.



Thank You for making it happen! We celebrated the Great Community Give by hosting an outdoor Spring Fling. **Make plans to join us next year April 19, 2023.** ●

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

Pleasant View's 25th Annual Charity Golf Event

Grand Slam Sponsors:

**Lorri, Terry Jr,
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and Dirk & Laura Taylor**

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Care Free Home Health Team



David Swartzendruber Team

"Golf" Continued: We started the morning of Friday May 20, 2022 with a blessing from pastor James Akerson. Executive Director, Kevin Paluszak, welcomed everyone as he reflected on the accomplishments our supporters have helped make possible for over 50 years of service. Seventeen teams then started the day of golf knowing the prediction for afternoon heat was imminent. After a morning on the course, each golfer enjoyed a delicious Hanks Catering full chicken meal buffet in the Spotswood Country Club Ballroom. For the first time in years, we announced our door and team prizes in-person and shared some laughs together.



The foursome (above), Bryan Lamond, Brian Argenbright, Scott Sorrels, and Kyle Simmons carded the low round of the day with a score of 57 to win the team title.

The winners of our two contests:

Longest Drive-

Tammy Laliberte

(Left)

&

Closest to the Pin-

Donnie Brubaker

(Right)



Tournament sponsors and golfers contributed to our gross total of over **\$18,465**. Most of the sponsors and golfers have supported Pleasant View's mission for the past 15 to 25 years. Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Thank you to everyone who helps spread the word about our mission and encourages friends, family, churches, and businesses to support our cause. ●



Linford Gehman Team

Upcoming Events

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

- **Friendship & Accessibility Walks:**
9/8/22 at Storybook Trail at 6:00 PM
9/13/22 at Purcell Park at 6:00 PM
9/22/22 at Rockingham Park at 12:30 PM
10/13/22 at Purcell Park at 6:00 PM
- **Fall Banquet:** Saturday, November 5, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Eastern Mennonite School dining room
- **Great Community Give:** Wednesday, April 19, 2023
- **Pleasant View Golf Tournament:** Friday, May 19, 2023 at Heritage Oaks Golf Course

How Can You Help, Aside From Donations?

- **Come start your career at Pleasant View.** Go to our Career Page (www.workatpv.com) to download an application or apply on Indeed through links. For questions call Morgan Ramsey at (540) 896-8255.
- We need **friends looking for relationships** who would like to connect and get to know individuals who live at Pleasant View (PVI). If you go to church with someone at PVI, you could offer to give them a ride or sit with them at Church. Do you like to sing or play music? You could plan an evening sing-a-long or accompany your new friend to a community event.

Renew Camp

For the first time since 2019, Pleasant View welcomed

Renew Camp volunteers to our Harrisonburg Day Program (HDP) for three days in June. The volunteers helped:

- clean and organize our backyard area
- washed vehicles inside and out,
- started organizing our library and more.



Two volunteers helped Robin (pictured above/right) pick out YouTube videos in our computer lab. Each group spent time outside with Dennis (below in red), Jon, and Elliot throwing baskets.

We had 4 separate groups in three days. Each group was full of volunteers with their own skills ready to share. Renew Camp was thanked with a banner made by HDP participants (picture at the top of the page).



We look forward to Renew Camp next June. ♥