



Diane: The Baking Enthusiast Who Gives Back

When you meet Diane, you are first struck by her infectious smile. But spend time with her, and you'll discover her artistic talent with a heart for giving back to the community. One of Diane's passions is baking,



Diane baking dog treats

and through her culinary interests, she manages to touch lives in unique and heartwarming ways. At home, Diane enjoys making and decorating box cakes for her housemates or church functions, with help from her support staff. For a community event last fall, her baking skills and generous spirit were evident when she volunteered to help bake peanut butter oatmeal dog treats to benefit Pleasant View. Following a recipe from scratch tested Diane's measuring, dough mixing, rolling, and cutting skills. On the day of the festival, Diane proudly represented Pleasant View and helped sell the treats, which, to her delight, sold out entirely!

When Diane's passion for baking came to the attention of Katrina Spickler, a board member, and Pam Miller, Development Director, they knew she would be perfect for the Adagio House fundraiser known as "The Great Valley Baking Challenge." When Diane met with Katrina to plan the cake the team would bake from scratch, they agreed it was important for it to be sugar-free so Diane's loved ones and event participants with diabetes could enjoy it. To add a personal touch, Diane created a sign with the team's name, "The Patty Cakes," which hung behind them in team profile photos.

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Program Spotlight: Harrison Day Program

Harrisonburg Day Program participants enjoy a wide array of activities. Pleasant View currently serves thirty-six individuals with disabilities in the program from 8:30AM to 2:30PM Monday through Friday at our 151 Commerce Drive location in Harrisonburg.

Each week the day program has a theme from which we plan cooking projects, experiments and activities, and trips in small groups or with individual support.

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Tournament Made More Inclusive

At the beginning of April, David Swartzendruber starts thinking about his golf tournament team. He has enjoyed playing in our May tournament for over 10 years. His team members have changed through the years, but each year he is ready for that shotgun start as he sports his Orioles golfing apparel. The shirt he wore this year was a birthday present from his wife.



Paul, Preston, Dave, and David



Friend, Kevin, James, and Watkins

This tournament, Watkins Parrish, an individual we serve, also was part of a team. Watkins was inspired to play when he heard that his employer, SFS Tools & Safety, was a new sponsor. We hope to continue including individuals who want to play. ●

Supporting Individuals with



Lori and Scott with calf



Marlene & Genny with pretzels

“HDP” Continued:

These day program activities include:

- Trips to a working dairy farm (top left)
- Trips to Dinosaur Land
- Taste testing different types of milk (top right) and making cheese crackers
- Trips to the Rockingham County fair
- Making African Stews
- Trips in small groups for lunch at Edelweiss when studying Germany
- Baking pretzels from scratch (bottom left)
- Taste testing a variety of honeys

Your donation dollars help make these trips happen by supporting accessible transportation and program funds. Thank You! ●



Milk taste test at HDP



Trip to Oriental Cafe

Continued:

The Patty Cakes will join four other teams at the September 17, 2023 event at Bluestone Vineyard where people will try all the cakes and a winner will be decided. You are invited to meet the teams at <https://adagiohouse.org/events/the-great-valley-baking-challenge/meet-the-teams/> and use the voting link at the top of the page to vote for “The Patty Cakes.” You can vote as many times as you would like.

For Diane and her team, winning is not the main goal. Their focus is on enjoying the process, working together, and supporting a nonprofit that helps individuals with developmental disabilities. ●



Pam, Diane, and Katrina: The Patty Cakes

Celebrating the Superheroes in Our Community: Great Community Give

Our supporters and contributors are superheroes. For this year’s Great Community Give (GCG), our event committee decided to celebrate our anticipated superheroes of the day with a dress-up party and superhero-themed games. Many of the activities were moved inside due to the heat, but portable canopies helped provide some shade. The day’s events reinforced our need to build the pavilion for shade and comfort for day program participants.



Katrina, April, and Lisa at the party

We were humbled to have **95 people donate more than \$18,000.00** during the Great Community Give this year to help us build an accessible backyard pavilion for our Harrisonburg Day Program. The plans have been approved, the builder contract signed, and we are awaiting permits from the City of Harrisonburg to get started. We estimate that the project will start in September and be completed by the next GCG party. Thank you for supporting this project. We look forward to its completion and inviting you to enjoy it with us. ●

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 26th Annual Charity Golf Event

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Our tournament on Friday, May 12, 2023, started with a blessing from Jon McCall and a welcome from Kevin Paluszak, Executive Director. Nineteen teams then started the day of golf on the Peak and Lake courses at Lakeview Golf Course. After a morning on the course, each golfer enjoyed a delicious pork BBQ meal buffet prepared by the golf course kitchen.



Nick Bergan, Billy Gehman, Doug Alderfer, and Ben Alderfer, (above) carded the low round of the day to win the team title.

The winners of our two contests:



Closest to the Pin-
Nick Bergan
(Left)

&

Longest Drive-
Darren Pultz
(Right)



Tournament sponsors and golfers contributed to our gross total of over **\$25,000**. 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. ●

Upcoming Events

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

- **Rocktown Walk/Run for a Cause benefitting Pleasant View & Sadie Rose Foundation:** Sunday, September 24, 2023 at Massanetta Springs Camp & Conference Center at 2PM. Register at <https://massanettasprings.org/rocktown-5k>
- **Friendship Walks:**
9/12/23 at Purcell Park Harrisonburg at 6:00 PM
10/3/23 at Rockingham Park at the Crossroads, at 6:00 PM
- **Fall Banquet:** Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Eastern Mennonite School dining room
- **Great Community Give:** Wednesday, April 2024
- **Pleasant View Golf Tournament:** Friday, May 2024

How Can You Help, Aside From Donations?

- **Come start your career at Pleasant View.** Download an application at www.workatpv.com or apply on Indeed through links. Questions? Call Cassy Fuller at (540) 433-8960.
- We need **people 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.

We would like to thank our volunteers!

We appreciate our volunteers from Cargill and United Bank (below at Louk) who adopt a house, get to know the individuals who live there, and celebrate special occasions.



We are also grateful for our volunteers who come to do special projects in our day program like JMU freshmen participating in “Dukes Making a Difference” (below), Everence Financial, JMU’s APO, and high school students doing projects with Renew Camp. ♥

