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## *Special Olympics, recycling and day care are among NHV residents' special goals*

Special Olympics basketball is the focus of several of our New Horizons athletes. They are practicing hard and sharpening their skills under the personal coaching of our recreation staff.

A New Horizons resident woman, inspired by her homemaking and cooking magazines, uses her talents to make pizza muffins to enjoy with her friends at her unit.

A male New Horizons resident helps us with our Village recycling efforts. He makes rounds on his bicycle picking up the cans from recycle tubs at the units and offices and transports them to our on-campus recycle bin. Go green!

Helping residents achieve special goals is part of our NHV mission: *giving loving care and protection to the lives entrusted to us while guiding them to become creative, self-sufficient and independent.* Each new task residents learn or master is an achievement we celebrate. We staff members enjoy sharing their accomplishments with them – and with you.

If you have any thoughts or wishes about special goals for your loved one, we want to know about them. Please contact Donna Salak/QMRP at [donnas@newhorizonsvillage.us](mailto:donnas@newhorizonsvillage.us)

## **Congratulations MaryLouise! Employee of the Year**



In year-end balloting by our staff, MaryLouise, RECII, who heads the Recreation Department, was honored by her peers as New Horizons Village 2011 Employee of the Year.

Six other NHV caregivers received awards:

- Most Creative: Toni Gregson
- Always an effective team player: Debbie Simmons
- Always gives 110%: Judy Clemons
- Most dependable: Lee Baldwin
- Most courteous to residents and staff: Chelsea Basco
- Best attendance: Deborah Powell

Congratulations ladies and gentlemen – and all New Horizons employees - for your work and loyalty. You are all part of a great team of caregivers to the developmentally disabled.

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## News From Home



### **Busy on Unit One**

What a busy couple of months! It started with a great Thanksgiving picnic. We all had a wonderful time with the other NHV homes giving thanks for our friends and family and everyone at New Horizons Village. In December, we celebrated Mary's birthday. Happy birthday, Mary! We welcome Rosey to our Unit as a staff member. She is doing a great job and the residents have welcomed her with open arms. We extend a big *thank you* to the Greiners for such a great Christmas party for the residents and their families. There was lots of good food. Our thanks to Terri and the dietary staff. Santa came to give out gifts, which was quite a day for everyone! We express our gratitude again to the Greiners for a wonderful staff party. Our staff is very proud to be a member of such a great place to work. We're looking forward to the New Year. From the staff and residents on Unit One, may your new year be prosperous.

### **Holiday fun on Unit Two**

November and December were busy months and we enjoyed the cooler weather that came with the season. In November we picnicked at Chassahowitzka; we enjoyed watching the otters. We saw dolphins during our visit to King's Bay. In December the holiday spirit came alive as we made ornaments and cruised around the area to look at Christmas lights. We had a terrific time visiting with Santa at the new ATF building. We love our new building and it is a treat to be able to walk home from the ATF each day.

### **Celebrating on Unit Three**

November and December have been active months full of fun and celebration on our unit. In November we celebrated Kim and Lori's birthdays with cake, ice cream and delicious birthday dinners. Our dietary staff prepared a wonderful feast for Thanksgiving. Our dinner outing and ice cream social was a pleasant way to spend time together. In December we were busy decorating for Christmas. We went on a shopping trip and everyone picked out new stockings that found a nice home hanging on our mantel. It was fun working on different crafts for Christmas; we made decorations that we hung on our tree. Sightseeing to look at Christmas lights in the area was a perfect seasonal outing. We hope everyone had a very merry Christmas!

### **Doing wonderful on Unit Four**

In our wonderful month of November we went to KFC for dinner and went to see the waterfall in Inverness. We celebrated Leslie and Trinh's birthday parties and Trinh's family joined us for hers. Meanwhile, Monique is enjoying basketball with her teammates as they practice for an upcoming competition. A visit to the new Dollar General store was made to buy Christmas cards to send to our loved ones. In our beautiful month of December we went on an outing to see Christmas lights. They were so pretty! Suzanne had her birthday party with family. Also during December we went to Denny's for our dinner trip and also visited the Inverness Airport. During the holidays three unit residents – Larry Joe, Suzanne and Monique - visited their families. Kudos to Unit 4 staff for winning the flag! Have a wonderful 2012!

### **Happy New Year from Unit Five**

We began December by putting up our Christmas tree. Everybody helped with the Christmas decorations on the tree and around the house. We went sightseeing to view decorated homes as well as decorations at the Crystal River Mall. In mid-month we shopped at the Dollar Store and bought Christmas presents. Later in December we had a nice chicken dinner at KFC. Everybody was happy with their dinners and parfaits for dessert. As Christmas drew closer we were excited waiting to see what presents might be under the tree. Everyone enjoyed their gifts. From our home to yours, we wish you a Happy New Year!

## **Grateful on Unit Six**

We have a lot to be grateful for this year. We have three new additions to our staff: Janey, Nikki and Candice. Each is a blessing and a great addition to our amazing staff that takes great pride in caring for our residents. Gail celebrated his birthday in November. He had a great party and went to the Olive Garden: he truly enjoys breadsticks and his own personal carafe of coffee. As a unit we had dinner at the China Buffet and Denny's. We went sightseeing at the mall looking at Christmas decorations and on the drive back to home we enjoyed the Christmas lights along the way. Delicious Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners were prepared by our dietary staff. Denise, Amber, Wendy, Timmy and Robyn went home for Christmas. Gail, Pat and Michael enjoyed Christmas on the unit with many gifts from Santa. It was a Merry Christmas. All of our residents are home now and they are enjoying their new school and looking forward to a great New Year!

## **Recreation highlights**

November and December are some of NHV's busiest months. The Citrus County Rodeo is a favorite and this year everyone was able to stay until the end thanks to Nurse Diane Rhatigan going as part of the group. Many cowboy hats were purchased and everyone wore theirs for days. Drummin' with Ray is a huge hit on Saturday mornings, weather providing. We meet at the pavilion, but if it's too cold we perform at the recreation building. Becky and her husband, Ray, bring amazing native drums and wooden noisemakers: anyone participates who wants to make some rhythm. It's fun and beating on a drum is a great stress reliever. Thanksgiving Day we had a feast! The weather was beautiful so we ate a family dinner at the pavilion. The Dietary staff spoiled us with apple and pumpkin pie. In December we moved into our new Learning Center in time for our annual Christmas luncheon. The residents sang carols and then family and friends joined us for a fantastic Christmas meal of pork loin with homemade apple stuffing, spiced apples and a medley of mixed peppers and vegetables. The dessert tables and chocolate fountains were wonderful. Jo and Colleen of our staff created a professionally decorated Christmas cake. Special Olympics basketball teams have been practicing for the competitions in January. The basketball skills teams competed in Clearwater on January 7<sup>th</sup> and our Special Olympics basketball teams will compete January 14<sup>th</sup>. GO TEAMS! This year we held a formal dinner and dance to celebrate New Years Eve in our new cafeteria. From all of us in Recreation, God bless you and Happy New Year!

## **Progress on the New Building**



The new Learning Center is up and running!



Paul wearing his holiday hat while a resident admires the Learning Center's Christmas tree



Residents in their new classrooms are ready to learn



Residents ready for a new day!

## **Busy at the ATF**

### **Classroom 1**

Our November classes began with making crafts for Thanksgiving. We made Pilgrim hats and wore them at our Thanksgiving gathering. December arrived and we turned our attention to painting the Christmas tree and making ornaments, including snowmen, reindeers, angels and holly. Practice for the Christmas concert began in early December. We had fun singing Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer and ringing our bells. We went on our sleds and moved to our new Learning Center. We decorated our classroom and performed a mini-concert of Christmas Carols at the NHV office and Nurses' station. From all of us in Class No. 1 we wish one and all a very happy and healthy New Year.

### **Classroom 2**

The move to the new school is finally complete. We are settled in and having a great time resuming our studies and having lots of fun. In October we finished our lessons on the alphabet and learned the history of Halloween. The class rocked at learning shapes and how to use different shapes to make new items. We combined shapes with use of colors with great results. Our class studied the history of Thanksgiving through stories, songs and poems. We learned facts about turkeys, the Mayflower's voyage, Myles Standish, Pocahontas and Squanto. Studying the 12 Days of Christmas was a December project. We made great crafts for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We love putting them on our walls. We had pieces of pumpkin pie, a pumpkin and squash patch, a small corn patch, Christmas bows, angels, candy canes, stockings, an awesome Christmas tree with tons of ornaments, presents and cups of hot chocolate. Our room looked like a Christmas wonderland. Highlighting transportation is our next room decoration project. Please stop in to visit with us.

### **Classroom 3**

Before we knew it Thanksgiving was here! Everyone enjoyed their four day break from school. Some of our residents went home with staff or family members, others stayed on campus. At the beginning of December our class started to practice for the Christmas play. Everyone enjoyed ringing their bells and singing Christmas favorites like Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. In mid-December we moved to the new school. Everyone loves it here. Santa came to visit just before Christmas. Everyone was excited to see him. At this time our class is working on a quilt and we will soon be doing a scrapbook.

### **Workshop**

It starting to look like winter around here. As soon as Halloween ended we traded scarecrows for snowmen. We started making plans for a Christmas concert as well. The warm weather has made volunteering and picnics very enjoyable. We are very happy to have Miss Debbie and Matt as instructors in the Workshop. Also we would like to congratulate Megan on the birth of Scarlet Rayn Mary. We are excited to meet her and can not wait for Megan to come back! Everyone enjoyed the holidays and is looking forward to a great New Year.

# Favorite Moments from the Learning Center

## Santa's Arrival



**Wayne and Santa**



**Gail and Santa**



**1000 Palms gives Certificate of Appreciation to the NHV Learning Center for all the hard work we do volunteering**



**Scott and Santa**



**Kim and Santa**



**Wendy and Santa**

**Our special thanks to Dick Price, brother of our Instructor Debbie; he brought his semi-truck to the Learning Center and gave truck rides.**



**Roger going for a ride in his favorite vehicle**



**Paul and Bob getting ready to hit the road**



**Tony and Instructor Mark checking out the inside**



**Mickey posing in front of the truck**

**THANK YOU**

**Our Special thanks to Scott and Lois Greiner. You created a loving home environment for all the residents. Their needs are always your first priority. You have made New Horizons Village a happy place to live and work.**

## Upcoming Events:

### Special Olympics Basketball Practice

Place: Crest School  
Wednesdays  
Time: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

### Special Olympics Basketball Skills Practice

Place: Crest School  
Thursdays  
Time: 4 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

### Special Olympics Basketball Team Skills Competition

Place: Tampa  
January 14, 2012  
Time: To Be Announced

### Big Breakfast

Place: NHV at ATF Dining Room  
January 21, 2012  
Time: 8 a.m.

### Tractor Pull

Place: Citrus Co. Fairgrounds  
January 28, 2012  
Time: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### Special Olympics State Championship Games

Place: To be announced  
February 10 – 11, 2012  
Time: To be announced

### Valentine Dinner Dance Fundraiser

Place: #4272 Eagle Club  
Grover Cleveland Ave.  
Crystal River  
February 11, 2012  
Time 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
Tickets \$8  
Contact Debbie Simmons at ATF  
352-746-3262 Ext. 205

### King & Queen of Hearts Ball

Place: NHV at ATF  
Dining Room  
February 17, 2012  
Time: 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

### Special Olympics Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Place: Lions Club  
Homosassa  
February 18, 2012  
Time: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
Tickets \$7 Adults  
\$4 Children  
Tickets can be purchased as;  
Individual or as a to go dinner or donate  
a ticket for an athlete to attend.  
Contact MaryLouise at Recreation  
352-746-3262 Ext. 231

### Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Place: Seven Rivers County Club  
Crystal River  
February 25, 2012  
Time: 7:30 a.m. Registration  
8:30 a.m. Shotgun start  
\$50 a person, \$200 for a team of four  
Contact Duane Acha at Recreation  
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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR



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