



Inside Mount Aloysius

Summer 2019

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In Remembrance of Mike Marsh



On June 30, 2019 residents and staff were saddened by the death of Mike Marsh. Mike was born in Chicago, Illinois, to Guy Marsh and the late Carol Bellmore Marsh. Mike moved to Mount Aloysius from Chicago when he was 18 years old. During his time at the Mount, he was involved in choir and Special Olympics bowling and proudly held a job at PerCo for many years. He ingratiated himself to anyone he met with his warm and gregarious personality and mischievous sense of humor. He loved singing and dancing and had a penchant for Elvis Presley and Michael Jackson. Mike adored visiting with his niece and nephews when he went home to Chicago and was a much loved uncle to them all.

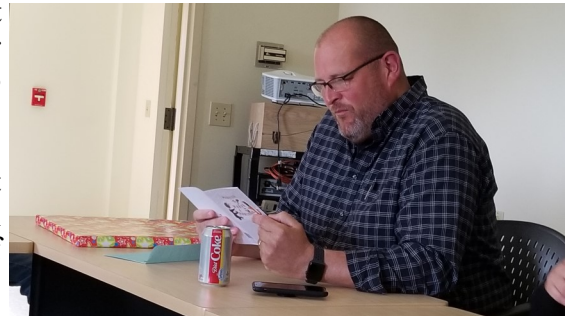
Mike is survived by his father, Guy Marsh, siblings Suzann (John) Look, Jennifer (Frank) O'Reilly, and James (Janice) Marsh, nephews and nieces, Darian Look, Garrett O'Reilly, Kyle O'Reilly, Bennett (Amber) Marsh, Alexa Marsh, and Ryan Marsh, and his extended family of loving caregivers at Mount Aloysius.

A Memorial Service was held at Mount Aloysius on July 6, 2019. Mike was laid to rest in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Huntley, Illinois, alongside his mother.

Farewell Pete!

May 24, 2019 marked Pete Moore's last day as Administrator at Mount Aloysius. Pete began working at the Mount on November 1, 2017. During his tenure at Mount Aloysius, he was able to accomplish many things.

The Department Directors, Program Supervisors, Shift Supervisors, and Administrative Staff gathered together for lunch to wish Pete farewell. He was presented with a framed print of the barn at Mount Aloysius painted by the late Hilary Sheeter. Pete was very thankful for the painting and has it hanging in his new office at Ohio Provider Resource Association to remember his time at the Mount.



Due to Pete's new position as the President of OPRA, Mount Aloysius will still maintain contact with him. Mount Aloysius is a member of OPRA and participates in many meetings with the organization. We wish Pete the best of luck in his new position!

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Mount Aloysius Board of Director's Update Submitted by Bill Shimp

It's my pleasure to bring you up-to-date on the many activities the Board of Directors have been undertaking over the last few months. We take this opportunity to thank two departing Board members for their many years of service to the Mount and its Board. Peter Macrae donated nine years of his time to the residents by serving as both a member to the Mt. Aloysius Foundation and Board. Pete has been instrumental with planning the strategy providing the upgrades to the facilities and always pushing the Board to "think outside the box" so we can be better prepared for the future. Tom Bixler donated 11 years of service as a member of the Board. Tom always provided the steady influence a Board needs when discussing difficult topics. He cares deeply about the Mount, and his passion for the residents, including his son, always helped guide the Board in the right direction. We all owe them many thanks and our gratitude for their service and the care they shared with all the residents. Best wishes to Pete and Tom.

The Board has put into motion the process of searching for a new leader of Mt. Aloysius. We have retained The Yunker Group to assist us with the search. The Yunker Group has extensive experience of helping facilities find the right talent within the Developmentally Disabled field. We look forward to their guidance as we find someone to continue to expand the initiatives started over the last few years. The new person will have the title of President/CEO and once that position is filled, we will name a permanent administrator. The President/CEO will have the added responsibilities of implementing the five-year strategic plan (a copy is included in the newsletter); oversight of all staff and leadership team members (145 fully staffed); development activities; and continuing the outreach to the local community.

A big "thank you" to the leadership team and all staff members for continuing the day-to-day operations of the Mount during this search and transition. Our interterm administrator, Shannon Jones, with the assistance of Kim Flood and the other leadership team members are doing an exceptional job of keeping Mount Aloysius the premier ICF in the State of Ohio.

We will continue to keep you up-to-date on the search for the President/CEO and other new and exciting things occurring at Mt. Aloysius.

As always, please contact me or any member of the Board with questions, concerns, or input. All input is welcomed and appreciated.

Bill Shimp, Board Chair
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Earth Day Fun

Niklas Family Hosts Annual Benefit for Mount Aloysius

The Niklas family hosted the 45th Annual Cincinnati Benefit on May 10, 2019 at Hyde Park Country Club in Cincinnati. Residents and staff attending the event included Pete Moore, Shannon Jones, Katie Addington, Mary Skog, Tyler Bixler, Scott Davies, David Estep, Melvin Hollenback, David Hutton, and John Purcell. Everyone attending enjoyed an evening of dancing and dinner. Proceeds from the event benefit Mount Aloysius. A Special Thank You to Paul Niklas and the Niklas family for their tireless work on the benefit and for their support of the facility over the years!

Katrina Carpenter joined us at the Mount to do her annual Earth Day project. The guys had fun making Shrinky Dinks! Pictured below are Ruth Walton, Becky Canter, Glenn Belluscio, and Phillip Hembree.



Mount Aloysius Appreciation Day

The Annual Mount Aloysius Appreciation Day was held on Friday, June 7. A variety of activities were held during the day including swimming, BINGO, and tie dying t-shirts. Staff were able to bring family members to enjoy the activities. Lunch was provided by Ben Brannon and dietary and consisted of pork tenderloin, chicken tenderloin, cheesy potatoes, green beans, and assorted fruit, drinks, ice cream, and chips. There was a dance in the gym, and we ended the day with Root Beer Floats! Thank you to everyone who helped to make Appreciation Day a huge success!



Jim Anderson



Tyler Bixler and Jeff Penson



Mike Tafoya



Terry Householder and Mary Skog



Mitchell Paul, Harry Tye,
Justin Galloway, & Tyler Waggle



Melvin Hollenback, Ben Brannon, &
Romeo Wallace



Kevin Coyle & Shawn Lutz



Kaki Garcia-Velez

Benefit for Amy Ross

Amy Ross, Head Cook, suffered a severe medical condition this spring and has been off work during this time. Amy's friends and families held a benefit for her in the Mount Aloysius Activity Center on June 22nd. A spaghetti supper was held with many people chipping in and buying enough tickets for each resident at Mount Aloysius and GLOW House to enjoy the meal. A Chinese auction, 50/50 raffle, and several other raffles were held that evening. Several different departments at Mount Aloysius donated items for the raffles. Amy and her husband, Chris, are truly grateful and overwhelmed by all of the support that have received from family and friends. They also are grateful to Mike Moore, Shift Supervisor, and Pam Flood, LPN, who were working the morning Amy had to be transported by ambulance and then by life flight to a Columbus hospital. If it was not for their quick thinking, Amy may not still be with us today! Amy has made tremendous strides and recently graduated from home physical therapy. She is now attending physical therapy in town. She is looking forward to returning to work in the near future.



Pictured above: Tyler Bixler, Scott Davies, Michelle Barr, Amy Ross, and Mike Tafoya.



Harry Tye & Amy Ross

Evacuation Drill Held at Mount Aloysius

On April 23rd, a Mock Disaster Training Exercise was held at Ludowici Tile Plant. The Activity Center at Mount Aloysius was used as a shelter during this exercise. Apartment 5 residents participated in the training exercise and are pictured below with members of The American Red Cross.



Tree Planted in Memory of Former Residents for Arbor Day

It is tradition at Mount Aloysius to plant a tree on Arbor Day. This year a Dogwood tree was planted near the sidewalk to the Activity Center, in memory of Bill Lane and John McMahon.



Bill Kavanaugh



Mike Chapman

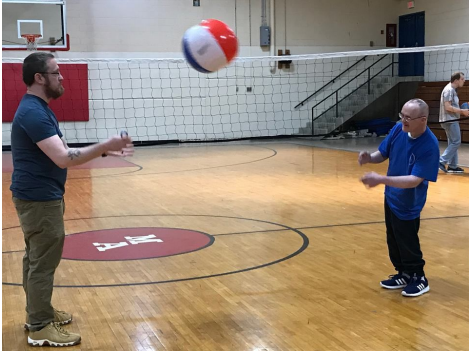


Austin Denver



John Purcell

Here's Looking at You



Phillip Hembree & T.J. Funk



Pat Yahner enjoying the swing at the Activity Center!



Jim Sheeter



Colleen Benson, Terry Householder, & Carl Jones enjoy an afternoon at the movies!



David Sears



Tyler Bixler



Melvin Hollenback

Live Entertainment

Tim Norman was here on June 17th to sing and play guitar for the residents. This was Tim's first visit to the Mount. The men are looking forward to him stopping by again!



Troy Dunlap & Vance Clarke



Chris White

Options Unlimited Update Submitted by Harold Gilbert

We have recently completed major upgrades to the aquatics building. The pool and hot tub have new heaters, and a chemical dosing/monitoring system was installed to help maintain safe conditions in both areas. In addition, new windows and doors were installed, improving the appearance and comfort for our men and guests. Our partners at RSVP continue to expand aerobics classes. We also have a local group interested in using the facility to teach kayak classes.



We have started a new program of summer Options staff to help with activities and outings. Many of these staff are high school/college students or recent graduates. All of them are enthusiastic about the experience, even if a little new to the working world. Our staff and men must be making a good impression, as several summer staff are considering working weekends or breaks after the summer program ends.

Summer Games were held the weekend of June 28th with bowling, races, and pool activities being held both days with a cookout on Saturday. All Options and activity staff were on hand to make sure everyone had a good time. The Perry County Fair is the week of July 15th. As always, everyone will have the opportunity to visit the fair and enjoy some delicious food. Finally, we have been scheduling trips to the zoo, Amish Country, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, The Wilds, and other attractions.

The kitchen at the Activity Center has been redone with a new arrangement, cabinets, and appliances. The new set up is more convenient for cooking class and events. Over the past couple of months, the Activity Center has hosted two fundraising benefits for community residents and meetings for local 4-H groups. In June, Phillip Hembree hosted his second annual Composting Workshop in cooperation with Perry County Re-use and Recycling. Participants visited the compost area in the community garden and enjoyed a presentation by our local county extension agent.

We continue to search for a partner for our BINGO venture. Penny will soon begin planning and preparation for our annual Holiday Bazaar. All Options staff will continue to pursue partnerships and opportunities to better the lives of our men and improve our reputation and cooperation with our local community.

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2019 Cycling Meet Ohio University Zanesville

1 Mile: Melvin Hollenback, Division 2: 1st Place with a time of 4:27.15
Tyler Bixler, Division 3: 2nd Place with a time of 6:24.71
Kevin Coyle, Division 4: 1st Place with a time of 6:54.46
Mike Tafoya, Division 4: 2nd Place with a time of 6:54.97

3 Mile: Tyler Bixler, Division 2: 2nd Place with a time of 18:37.10

5 Mile: Melvin Hollenback, Division 1: 1st Place with a time of 22:56.05



Phillip Hembree, Scott Davies,
Melvin Hollenback, David Hutton,
Mike Tafoya, Tyler Bixler, Morgan
McFann, and Kevin Coyle.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Congratulations to the following employees who recently celebrated employment anniversaries:

30 Years

Jill Davis, Direct Support Professional

20 Years

Pam Flood, LPN

15 Years

Helen Appleman, Behavior Services Secretary

10 Years

Brittney Thompson, Direct Support

5 Years

Candy Litton, Support Services Group Leader

1 Year

Michelle Barr, Cook
Sara Tabler, Human Resources
Victoria Dean, QA/LPN
Robert Snedeker, Lifeguard
James Bowling, Maintenance
Jewel Milner, Shift Supervisor
Samantha Johnson, LPN

Direct Support Professionals-1 Year

Jamie Bond, Stephanie Burgess,
Michelle Collins, Judith Embrey, Charles Lafferty, Rob Luderman, Jamie Ludwick, Laurie Ross, & Jennifer Taylor

WELCOME NOTE

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome new staff:

Tiffany Hambel, LPN

Direct Support Professionals

Keh'lar Altier, Michelle Blevins, Sarah Dexter, Erin Fulk, Amanda Hill, Cheryl Likens, Dillion Moore, Rosa Moore, Hannah Phillips, & Nicole White

Options Summer Program

Hannah Canter, Lainey Decore, Kali Heston, Kyla Heston, Askya McFann, Autumn McFann, & Romeo Wallace

We are glad to have you with us!

Happy Birthday to our Residents!

April

1 - Shawn Lutz
Tyler Waggle
2 - Chip Tye
4 - Dan Shimp
12 - David Therrien
22 - Terry Hanan
Jeffery Liggett
25 - Dean Harris
27 - Carlos Garcia-Velez
Garry Wojciak

July

7 - Donald Brown
17 - Austin Denver
Jeff Penson
19 - Jerry Taylor
24 - Justin Galloway
Ethan Peacock
26 - John Purcell
30 - Tyler Bixler
Tony Scott

May

16 - Scott Berzon
Steve Berzon
17 - Melvin Hollenback
22 - Dan Williams
26 - George Earley

August

1 - Dominic Alexander
2 - Harry Tye
11 - Bill Hayes
30 - Bob Hotze

June

5 - David Estep
13 - Bill Kavanaugh
Robert Robbe
28 - Carl Jones

UPCOMING Events

ATTENTION

July

4- Independence Day
No Options or PerCo
15-20 - Perry County Fair

September

2 - Labor Day
No Options or PerCo
11 - Patriot Day
15 - Family Day
23 - First Day of Fall
27 - Last Blast of Summer

We are currently in the process of updating the Mount Aloysius website.

Keep an eye out for a new and improved website. We will still have the same address, just new and improved content.

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