



Inside Mount Aloysius

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In Remembrance of Dan Shimp & David Therrien



On July 3, 2019 residents and staff were saddened by the death of Dan Shimp. Dan was born in Columbus, Ohio, to the late William Shimp and Margaret (Peggy) Willman Shimp. Dan moved to Mount Aloysius in June 1971 when he was 12 years old. Dan was preceded in death by his father William B. Shimp, brother Martin, sister-in-law Carolyn, grandparents Grace and "Cub" Willman, Frances and Bennett Shimp. He is survived by his mother Margaret (Peggy) Shimp, brothers Bill, Andrew (Kim), Fred (Erika), stepmother Helen, uncle Charles of Salt Lake City, Utah, and many nieces and nephews.

Dan enjoyed living at "the Mount" with friends under the loving care of the staff. If not sitting at the piano, his favorite activity was greeting visitors at the entrance. The highlight of his day was watching reruns of "Beverly Hillbillies".

A memorial mass was held on July 20, 2019 at St. Agatha Church in Columbus, Ohio. Father Daniel Ochs, celebrant. A Memorial Service was held at Mount Aloysius on July 16, 2019.



On October 4, 2019, we were again saddened at the loss of David Therrien. He was born in Arlington, Massachusetts to the late Arthur and Grace (Vallarelli) Therrien. David moved to Mount Aloysius when he was 15 years old. David had a passion for life. He was employed at PerCo from 1992-2018 and also worked several years for the Maintenance Department at Mount Aloysius. He loved music of all kinds and was an avid fan of pro-wrestling from the time he was a small boy, often watching with his maternal grandmother, Noni. David loved race cars, especially red ones. He enjoyed participating in Special Olympic Events including bowling and basketball.

David is survived by his brother Arthur, loving nieces, Maria (Therrien) Gonzalez and Melissa (Therrien) Martel; his aunt Mary Vallarelli; numerous cousins, and his many friends at Mount Aloysius. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Anthony.

A funeral service was held for David on October 11, 2019 at the Thornville Chapel of Hoskinson Funeral & Cremation Service with Pastor Matthew Van Winkle officiating. A Memorial Service was also held at Mount Aloysius on October 18, 2019.

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Welcome Note



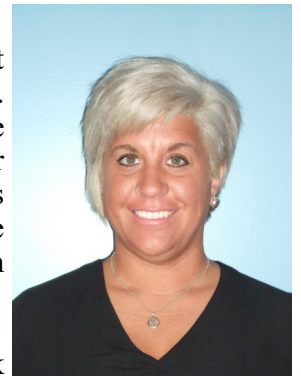
On July 16, 2019, Michael Kinney was welcomed to the facility as the newest resident in Apartment 7. Michael likes watching tv, going outside, swimming, sports, and helping staff clean. We are glad to have you with us, Michael!

Michael pictured with his guardian,
Zeb Wood, during Family Day.



On July 8th, we were pleased to welcome Sarah Bragg as the Program Supervisor for Apartments 5 & 11. Sarah has an Associates degree from Hocking College in Social Services and Correction and a Bachelor's degree from Ohio University Social Work. Sarah has always had an interest in working with individuals with intellectual disabilities. As a social worker, we can make a profound impact on someone's life by providing care and support to someone who needs it the most and helping them to become more independent and confident in their own abilities. Every day is a chance to make a difference for the residents here at Mount Aloysius. In her spare time, Sarah enjoys spending as much time as possible with family and friends.

Marissa Vegeto began as the Day Services Coordinator on August 12th. Marissa grew up in Brandon, Florida and graduated high school in Florida as well. She has lived in Ohio since 2008. She resides in Crooksville with her five children. She has worked in this field for 13 years, starting as a caregiver in an ICF. She worked her way up into a management role and has been in the role for about 8 years. Marissa states that "This is not a job, but my passion. These guys all bring such a smile to my face when I walk through the door every day!" Her interests include watching her children participate in sports, working out, hiking, and watching sports.



On September 9th, we were pleased to welcome Rita Ratliffe back as a Program Supervisor of Apartments 2, 7, & 9. Rita received her Associates from Muskingum Area Technical College and Bachelors from Wheeling Jesuit University. Her and her husband share 7 children, 13 grandchildren, and their dog, Charlie. She has worked at Six County as a Partial Hospitalization Therapist, Mount Aloysius as a Program Supervisor and RHDD as a Program Manager. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family making memories.

We are glad to have you with us!

Program Supervisor Assignments

There have recently been changes to Program Supervisor assignments. Listed below are the names of the Program Supervisors and the apartments they are in charge of:

Ben Brannon - GLOW House
Sarah Bragg - Apartments 5 & 11
Rita Ratliffe - Apartments 2, 7, & 9
Allyson Schmelzer - Apartments 1 & 3
Mary Skog - Apartments 4, 8, & 10

*Be sure to check out our
updated website,
www.mountalloysius.org*

Mount Aloysius Board of Director's Update

Submitted by Bill Shimp

Many exciting things are happening at The Mount! We had a fantastic Family Day on September 15th with over 100 family members visiting.

We have completed 12 capital improvements projects this year totaling approximately \$315,000 of investment dollars. The buildings are "showing their age" and as a result, numerous improvements are needed. Listed below are just a few of the investments we have made this year:

New Roof - Main Building
Heat Pump Replacements
Sliding doors on Pool building
New entrance doors at the Pool Building
Bathroom Floor Replacement - GLOW House

New Pool & Hot Tub Heater
New Cabinets & Countertops at the Activity Center
Replace 3 Exterior Doors in Main Building
Hot Water Tank Replacement

The new roof for the main building will hopefully be completed by November 1st along with a renovation of the bathrooms in the GLOW House.

Our search for a CEO of Mt. Aloysius is nearing the final stage. The search committee with the help of The Yunker Group, have contributed over 200 hours of work to narrow the candidates for interviews in front of the Board of Directors. We plan to have the selection of the CEO announced no later than the middle of November and hope to have the person on-site by January 1st. As a reminder, the new position of a CEO was formed to have a leader primarily devoted to implementing the strategic plan developed by the Board this year. We will continue to have an Administrator to have the responsibility of operating The Mount on a day-to-day basis. The Board extends a tremendous thank-you to our Interim Administrator, Shannon Jones; and Kim Flood, our Director of Administrative Services. Without their commitment to the values of Mt. Aloysius, long work days and thoughtful leadership since the departure of our previous administrator, we would not be in such a great position to move forward. All of us owe Shannon, Kim, the leadership team, and the "angels on earth" who staff Mt. Aloysius every day our endearing gratitude for a job well done.

Did you know this year is the 50th year anniversary of Mt. Aloysius? Hard to believe the dreams of a few people, the hard work and commitment of so many has resulted in such a wonderful caring home and community for so many over these years. I know I am biased, but I believe we have the best home in the State of Ohio for intellectually and developmentally disabled individuals. None of this would have been possible without the past administrators, Jean Ann Arbaugh, Stacy Evans, and Pete Moore, and the "angels on earth" who guided Mt. Aloysius over the last fifty years. We will celebrate with the 50th anniversary with an open house on November 1st; we look forward to seeing you there and to another 50 years of Mt. Aloysius.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to Shannon, Kim, or any Board member with questions, suggestions, and comments. We welcome your input.

Bill Shimp, Board Chair
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DSP Appreciation Week

Direct Support Professionals Week was held September 8th - 14th. Special events were held all week along with daily raffles. Congratulations to the winners of the raffles: Michelle Barr, Michelle Blevins, Paulette Crane, Judy Embrey, Pam Flood, Gaven Guisinger, Ashley Hill, Jamie Ludwick, Shane Norris, Kasey Penrod, Janelle Reed, Leatha Ross.

The Perry County Board of Developmental Disabilities also donated 14 \$25 gift cards to be raffled off amongst the DSPs. The raffle was held on September 27th. Congratulations to the following winners: Kehler Altier, Crystal Maxwell, Amber Moore, Hannah Phillips, Autumn McFann, Ashley Neal, Derrick Rice, Michelle Ross, Julie Seibel, Tanner Stackhouse, Sarah Swackhammer, Jennifer Taylor, Nicole White, and Madison York.

Family Day Celebration

Family Day was held on Sunday, September 15th. Many residents enjoyed visiting with family members during the day. Mass was held with Father Hartge officiating. Dietary prepared lunch consisting of hamburgers, brats, macaroni salad, broccoli salad, baked beans, vegetables, and assorted desserts. A Business Meeting was held following lunch led by Bill Shimp, Board Chair, who updated the families on different events that have taken place over the course of the year. Four mums were raffled. The winners of the mums were Mildred Tafoya, Cheryll Tafoya, Mary Jane Gordon, and Erin Bethel, who gifted her mum to Stacey Bell, DSP. Following the meeting, visitors had more time to spend visiting with their family member. A Special Thank You to everyone for making Family Day another special event.



Daniel Fuller pictured with his aunts.



Melvin Hollenback pictured with his mother and step-father.



Carl Jones pictured with his sister, niece, & nephew.



Don Amrine pictured with his sister.



T.J. Funk pictured with his sisters.



Rory Thomas pictured with this sister and brother.



Bill Hayes pictured with his sister & mother.

Last Blast of Summer

The Last Blast of Summer (last cookout of the year) was held on September 27th. Options had many games arranged for the day and also arranged for a Fire Truck and Sheriff's cruiser to come to the facility.



Steve Berzon & Tony Breining



Jim Anderson



David Estep & Don Brown



Derrick Rice & Mike Chapman



Kaki Garcia-Velez



Colleen Benson, Jim Sheeter, & Jeff Meadows

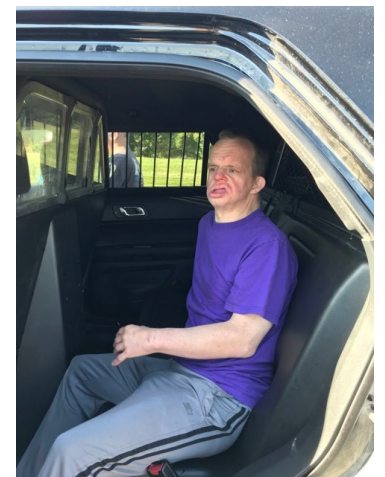


John Guira



Daniel Fuller

Pat Yahner



Options Unlimited Update

Submitted by Marissa Vegeto

The guys have been taking trips to the New Lexington Fire Department to get tours of the firehouse, explore the fire trucks, and learn how the equipment is used. They learned a lot and really enjoyed the visits.

They guys have also been going to PerCo for visits and to collect number 6 plastics to do a recycling activity that they enjoy and get to keep the trinket made out of the recycled plastic.

We had our Last Blast of Summer event on Friday September 27th. New Lex Fire Department and the Perry County Sheriff's Office came with vehicles and the guys were able to get in the vehicles and ask questions. We has several games and activities set up. Tim Norman sang for the men. They absolutely loved it and were singing and dancing with him. We had a cookout lunch and ended the day with Root Beer floats.

Options will begin hosting cooking classes starting October 10th at the Activity Center. We will have groups of 4-6 guys per class and will assist them in cooking a meal.

Our fall craft show is November 23rd @ 9am. We are looking forward to the community seeing all of the amazing crafts our guys make on a daily basis.

We are in the process of making a large sensory room downstairs in the Activity Center that all of our residents will be able to enjoy.

The RSVP ladies have really taken advantage of using our pool for water aerobic classes. They are also interested in renting our gym in the future for yoga, chair volleyball, etc.



Ethan Peacock



Tyler Bixler



Kevin Coyle



Scott Berzon

Jerry Taylor &
Brittany Walton



Matt Capps & Joe Clark

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Congratulations to the following
employees who recently celebrated
employment anniversaries:

10 Years

Ashely Neal, Direct Support

5 Years

Katie Addington, Health Services Director

1 Year

Jonny Aubery, DSP
Anthony Coles, DSP
Britney Forgrave, Cook
Lori Jasper, DSP
Hunter Moore, DSP
Julie Seibel, DSP
Mary Skog, Program Supervisor
Tanner Stackhouse, DSP
Brittany Walton, DSP

Happy Birthday to our Residents!

September

5 - Mitchell Paul
6 - Jim Sheeter
9 - Steve VerHulst
11 - Dale Stover
16 - David Sears
19 - Brian Dougherty
28 - Glenn Belluscio

December

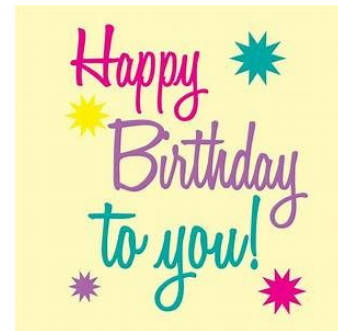
2 - Stoney Gordon
9 - Mike Wills
17 - Vance Clarke
27 - David Moseley
29 - Don Ihinger
31 - Mark Gordon

October

10 - T.J. Funk
Tim Raymond
31 - Mike Chapman
Greg Stuhldreher

November

1 - John Guira
Rory Thomas
12 - Terry Householder
28 - Scott Davies
30 - Jim Anderson



WELCOME NOTE

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

Kathleen Altier, DSP
Sarah Bragg, Program Supervisor
Jeffrey Bruce, Maintenance
Christian Downour, DSP
Tiffany Duvall, DSP
Clayton Finck, DSP
Clara Fiore, DSP
Gaven Guisinger, DSP
Ashley Hill, DSP
Angela Hynus, DSP
Tim Levan DSP
Rita Ratliffe, PS
Janelle Reed, DSP
Linsey Rose, Cook
Cynthia Sarver, DSP
Mandy Sarver, DSP
Kia Scherer, DSP
Hayley Taylor, DSP
Marissa Vegeto, Day Services
Coordinator
Ricki Via, DSP
Lisa Wilson, LPN

We are glad to have you with us!

UPCOMING Events

November

23 - Mount Aloysius Holiday Craft Bazaar
26 - Airport/Travel Day
27 - Airport/Travel Day
28 - Thanksgiving
No Options or PerCo
29 - Airport Travel Day
No Options

December

2 - Airport/Travel Day	24 - Christmas Eve
3 - Hanging of the Greens	25 - Christmas
6 - Christmas Dance	No Options
19 - Airport/Travel Day	No PerCo
20 - Airport/Travel Day	26/27 - Airport/Travel
21 - First Day of Winter	Day
23 - Airport/Travel Day	31 - New Year's Eve

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