



Inside Mount Aloysius

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Remembering Mike & David



This year residents and staff were heartbroken over the deaths of Mike Clark and David Moseley.

Mike Clark passed away on January 15, 2020. Heaven rejoiced and received Mike at 1:15 a.m. following a brief illness. He was born in Lancaster, OH to the late Lloyd L. Jr. and Mary E. Short Clark. Surviving are a brother, Steven A. (Coral) Clark, of Silvas, IL and a sister, Lorri (Jim) Stewart, of Chillicothe and his special niece whom he adored, Stephanie Clark, Silvas, IL. Mike worked for the PerCo Workshop, attended church at Mt. Aloysius, and he

enjoyed attending the Ross County Fair.

Mike was laid to rest in Greenlawn Cemetery on January 21, 2020. A Memorial Service was held at Mount Aloysius on January 23, 2020 with Pastor Adam Copeland officiating. Mike will be remembered for his placemats that he loved to make. He would sell them to staff members and also would sell them during the craft shows at Mount Aloysius.



David Moseley passed away on February 1, 2020 after a short illness. David was born in Delaware, Ohio to the late James and Bertie Moseley. He is survived by his sisters Rebecca Bethel of Bloomington, IN and Kay Dearth of Chillicothe. David came to live at Mount Aloysius in May of 1980. David worked at PerCo from 1992 to 2008. He then attended Options Unlimited. He was a former member of the Mount Aloysius Special Olympic Bowling team.

A Memorial Service was held at Mount Aloysius on February 6, 2020 with Pastor Con Wolf officiating. David will be remembered for his love of Legos and always having a smile on his face. Graveside services will be held at a later date.

*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday.
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear.*

Toy Drive Hosted

Employees of Mount Aloysius were proud to participate in a Toy Drive to Benefit the New Lexington Classis Riders' Classic Claus Program. A Special Thank You to all employees who brought in a toy(s) to donate to the program.

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Mount Aloysius Board of Director's & CEO Update

Submitted by Justin Gall, CEO

It is my pleasure to bring you up to date on the many activities the Board of Directors and the Mount Aloysius Team have been undertaking over that last few months. We would like to first welcome our newest Board Member, Mr. Casey Coffey, Superintendent of New Lexington City Schools. Mr. Coffey first partnered with Mount Aloysius in 2018 with the development of the New Lexington High School Workforce Development Program which identified Mount Aloysius as a critical site to assist with job readiness preparation following graduation. Mr. Coffey was also instrumental in the CEO search and was able to bring a local perspective to ensure the right candidate was chosen.

The Board also finalized the process for a new leader for Mount Aloysius. Please allow me to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Justin Gall, and I have 15 years' experience serving the developmentally and intellectually disabled and others in the social service delivery system. I have also served as the Board Chairman of the Perry County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the past several years. My wife and I were both raised in the New Lexington area and continue to make New Lexington our home. My previous experience has allowed me to build a strong foundation in individual self-sufficiency, individual well-being, and identifying, developing, and implementing service provisions specific to strengthening the lives of others. My role includes the responsibility of Mount Aloysius management and providing full attention to the strategic plan to grow our future. Mount Aloysius has a strong Strategic Plan to address:

- Creating the community as our customer
- Enhancing service provisions focusing on complex medical needs
- Diversifying funding streams
- Workforce development

We are in the process of strengthening our partnerships with our local and surrounding communities placing specific focus on gaps in service delivery and developing Mount Aloysius' service provisions to address those needs. Mount Aloysius' goal is to build a campus of quality care for all individuals with developmental disabilities.

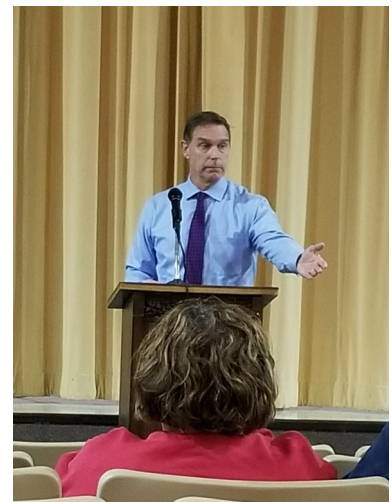
I would also like to announce, Mrs. Shannon Jones has been selected to serve as the Administrator of Mount Aloysius. Mrs. Jones has been with Mount Aloysius for the past 11 years serving in many capacities, most recently as the Interim Administrator. Mrs. Jones has many years of experience and knowledge of the day to day program administration of Mount Aloysius, and I have no doubt she will be instrumental in the enhancement of service provisions and quality care of our residents.

I look forward to working with you and as always do not hesitate to reach out to myself, Shannon, Kim or any Board member with questions, suggestions or comments. We welcome your input.

Justin Gall, CEO
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Director Davis Visits Perry County

On January 16th, Mount Aloysius proudly welcomed Jeff Davis, Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, and Pete Moore, President/CEO of the Ohio Provider Resource Association, to Perry County to talk with providers of DD services. Director Davis held an open discussion with area providers to talk about issues they are dealing with in their respective programs. Thank you to all providers who attended the meeting and to David Couch, Perry County Board of Developmental Disabilities, for arranging this meeting. Also a Special Thanks to Director Davis and Pete Moore for taking the time to visit with area providers to discuss concerns!



Program Director Position Filled



Rita Ratliffe was promoted to Program Director of Mount Aloysius effective January 13, 2020. Rita was previously the Program Supervisor of Apartments 2, 7, and 9. She is continuing to fill in as a Program Supervisor until the position is filled. Congratulations, Rita!

Staff Recognized During Luncheon

A lunch was held at Trotter's Restaurant in New Lexington on February 13th to celebrate staff who achieved Perfect Attendance or an Honorable Mention of Attendance in 2019. The following staff received certificates for Perfect Attendance: Paulette Crane, Tom Curran, Kim Flood, Margaret Garlinger, Melvin Hall, Lynn Harper, Shannon Jones, Glenda Skidmore, and John Woofter. The following staff received certificates for having an Honorable Mention of Attendance (only one instance of absenteeism or tardiness): Helen Appleman, Jamison Bond, Phillip Hembree, Ashley Holsinger, Troy Parker, Allyson Schmelzer, and Mary Skog.

Congratulations on your achievement!

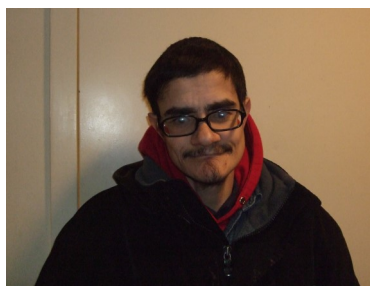


Staff pictured at the luncheon include (Front): Shannon Jones & Allyson Schmelzer. (Back): John Woofter, Kim Flood, Lynn Harper, Phillip Hembree, Melvin Hall, & Tom Curran.

Welcome Note



On November 4, 2019 we were pleased to welcome John Leckrone as a new resident at Mount Aloysius. John lives in Apartment 7 and enjoys talking with others about farming and watching tv/movies, especially Westerns and mysteries.



Bradley Tindall was welcomed to Mount Aloysius on December 10, 2019. Bradley resides in Apartment 11 and enjoys working on bicycles, art activities, gardening, watching tv, and

listening to music.

We are glad to have you with us, John & Bradley.



Tyler Waggle & Ethan Peacock



Robert Robbe & Penny Norris

Tax Reminder for Parents

Tax preparations are underway for the residents of Mount Aloysius and GLOW House. Some of the residents are employed at PerCo or Mount Aloysius and receive a paycheck and have state and federal taxes withheld. The residents also receive a W-2 form at the end of the year. In previous years, we have received calls from parents asking if the residents file tax returns. In order for a resident to be claimed as a dependent on a tax return, the resident must have lived with you for more than half of the year. A parent must have also provided for more than half the support for the year. For additional information, please refer to the IRS website.

Easter Travel Days

If you plan to have a resident visit you during the Easter holiday, we ask that you please remember to communicate travel arrangements to Ben Brannon, Social Services Coordinator, or Kasey Penrod, Social Services Assistant, at least one week in advance but more notice is appreciated if we need to transport a resident in any way, i.e. airport, bus station, meeting place, etc. This will allow us to arrange staffing, prepare doctor letters, medication, and any other needed items. We need at least a 3 to 5 day notice in order for Nursing to make sure they have enough medication on hand.

All travel arrangements and visits to GLOW House should also be arranged with Ben or Kasey. It is important to remember that there are only two staff working at GLOW House. We will need to have advance notice if we will need to transport the resident in any way.

The following are planned travel days for the Easter holiday: Thursday, April 9th; Friday, April 10th, Monday, April 13th, and Tuesday, April 14th.

If there is inclement weather, Mount Aloysius will not transport residents. We cannot endanger the lives of residents and staff by driving during dangerous weather conditions. Please keep in mind that if there is inclement weather, travel arrangements may need delayed until the roads are cleared or until another day.



50th Anniversary of Mount Aloysius Celebrated

The 50th Anniversary of Mount Aloysius was celebrated on November 1, 2019 with an Open House and tours of the facility. A ceremony was held in the afternoon. Bill Shimp, Board Chairman, reviewed the history of Mount Aloysius and recognized the former Administrators of Mount Aloysius. Past Administrators Jean Ann Arbaugh and Pete Moore were in attendance. The planter at the main entrance to Mount Aloysius was dedicated to Jean Ann Arbaugh and Stacy Evans for their years of service to Mount Aloysius. The five most senior employees were also recognized during the ceremony. Senator Jay Hottinger was in attendance and presented a Proclamation in honor of the 50th Anniversary of Mount Aloysius. Proclamations were also received from Congressman Balderson's Office, Governor Mike DeWine, and Speaker Larry Householder's Office. The residents were recognized during the ceremony. Many local and staff officials attended the open house. While it is impossible to name them all a few of the officials in attendance included, Judge Luann Cooperrider, Perry County Juvenile & Probate Court, Trent Thompson, Mayor of New Lex, Ben Carpenter, Perry County Commissioner's Office, Katie Hegarty of Congressman Balderson's Office, and Dan Coch of Speaker Larry Householder's Office.

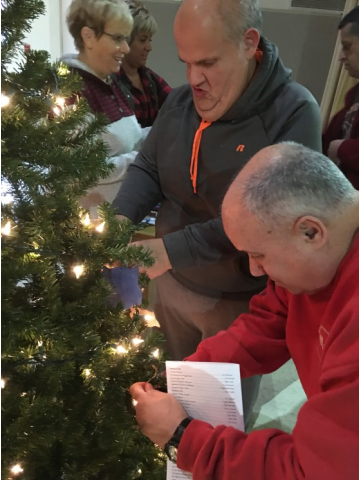
Senator Jay Hottinger presenting the Proclamation during the 50th Anniversary Ceremony.



Bill Shimp pictured with three of the most senior staff during the anniversary: Leatha Ross, Melvin Hall, & Lynn Harper.



Christmas Decorating



David Hutton & George Earley



Penny Norris & Don Ihinger



Chip Tye



Penny Norris & Dan Hunsaker



Michael Kinney, Ashley Hill, & John Frease



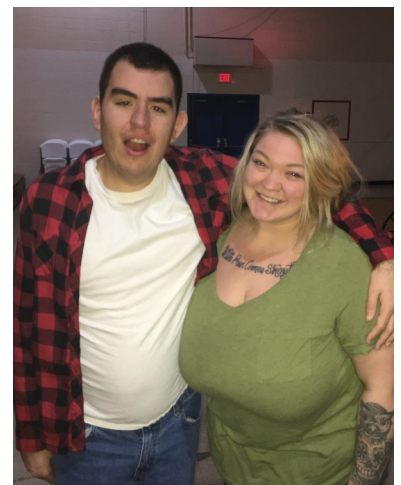
Stoney Gordon & Janelle Reed



Tony Scott



Robert Grinnell



Terry Hanan & Kayleigh Bobb

Options Unlimited Update

Submitted by Marissa Vegeto

Recently, Options staff have been updating the look of the Options building. A new graffiti-style mural welcomes residents and visitors to the front hallway, and many works of art created by staff and residents are displayed on walls throughout the building. The updates are a work in progress and include a new sensory room for residents to enjoy.

On February 7th - 9th, the Options building hosted the St. Rose basketball tournament, which was very successful. What a great way to have our organization represented! We hope that we can host more events such as this to help our community.

Options staff and residents held a Valentine's Day Bash on February 14th. Residents created hand-made valentines. Activities included a scavenger hunt, karaoke, a movie in the gym, and snacks.

On April 4th, Options will be hosting the annual Spring Craft Show. Our residents are busily helping to create wooden and other craft items to be sold. Please come out and support us and visit the craft show! We look forward to seeing everyone, and remember, all profits from this event go directly toward the needs of our residents!



John Colwell



Mike Wills



Mike Niklas



Brian Dougherty



Tim Raymond



Steve Tewksbury

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Congratulations to the following
employees who recently celebrated
employment anniversaries:

5 Years

Ben Brannon, Social Services Coordinator

1 Year

Jonny Aubrey, Michelle Blevins,
Erin Fulk, Cheryl Likens,
Dillion Moore, Tanner Stackhouse,
Kaylee Vanoster, Brittany Walton, &
Madison York, DSPs

Britney Forgrave, Cook
Tiffany Hambel, LPN
Lisa Hill, RN
Mary Skog, PS
Cheryll Walker, Accountant
Lori Wesney, Secretary
Kerri Woodgeard, LPN

Happy Birthday to our Residents!

January

7 - Pat Yahner
14 - Anthony Breining
17 - John Frease
Steve Tewksbury
18 - Mike Niklas
20 - Don Amrine
23 - Brendan O'Shea
30 - John Colwell

April

1 - Shawn Lutz
Tyler Waggle
2 - Chip Tye
22 - Terry Hanan
Jeffery Liggett
25 - Dean Harris
27 - Carlos Garcia-Velez
Garry Wojciak

February

17 - Daniel Fuller
27 - Shawn Daulton

May

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

March

7 - Kevin Coyle
11 - Mike Tafoya
14 - Chris White
15 - Troy Dunlap
Robert Grinnell
Dan Hunsaker
21 - Matt Capps
26 - David Hutton



WELCOME NOTE

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

Justin Gall, CEO

Direct Support Professionals

Letisha Alvarado, James Eby,
Adrienne Goss, Hannah Hart,
Nicole Harter, Geanieva Henly,
Elissia Mason, Debra Mock
Stacey Mullins, Misty Poling,
Debbie Thompson, & Angel
Williamson

Lifeguards

Dylan York & Tiara Moore

Brittany Kemerer, LPN

Day Service Group Leaders

Tiffany Hollingshead & Emily Poling

Amanda Bond, Cook

Malcolm Boyd, Maintenance

We are glad to have you with us!

UPCOMING
Events

March

Developmental Disabilities' Awareness Month

8 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

17 - St. Patrick's Day
DD Awareness Dance

19 - First Day of Spring

April

1 - April Fool's Day
4 - Mt. Aloysius Spring Craft Bazaar
9 - Airport/Travel Day
10 - Good Friday
Airport/Travel Day
12 - Easter Sunday
13 - Airport/Travel Day
14 - Airport/Travel Day
24 - Arbor Day

May

6 - National Nurses Day
7 - National Day of Prayer
8 - 46th Annual Cincinnati Benefit
10 - Mother's Day
15 - Spring Fling Dance
25 - Memorial Day
No Options or PerCo

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