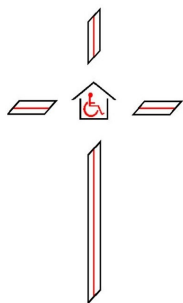


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Happenings At The Home is an informational newsletter for family, friends and volunteers who share in the mission of Luther Home of Mercy.

Housing Opportunities Available Soon

Progress is continuing on the construction of three homes in nearby communities. These homes, made possible through a grant from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, will provide housing for a total of twelve clients. Each four bedroom, ranch-style home features private bedrooms, ample living and dining space, attached garage and patio areas. Two of these homes are located in the Angola/Reynolds Rd. area in Toledo and one is located in Oregon, Ohio.

Staffing at the homes is based on client need with trained supported living provider staff and appropriate supervisory personnel. Transportation for clients is always available at the houses and the homes are nestled in neighborhoods adjacent to shopping and recreational opportunities. Clients living in the homes are also encouraged to take part in activities on our main campus in Williston.



We anticipate these homes will be completed and ready for tenants by late summer/early fall. If interested in this type of housing, families with residents on our main campus can contact Tony Lompis, our Director of Social Services, at 419-972-4411. Community-based clients may contact Sue Tate at 419-704-8986.

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Agency & Mission Update Meeting Set for March

Family and friends of LHM are encouraged to attend an agency and mission update meeting. This will take place Sunday, March 23, following our 10:00 a.m. worship service in the LHM chapel area. Join us for light refreshments and fellowship with LHM friends and family. Luther Home of Mercy Executive Director, Rev. Donald Wukotich, will update attendees of the happenings within Luther Home of Mercy.



Genesis Welcomes Northwood's National Honors Society

Staff and clients at the Genesis Community Center were thrilled when Northwood High School's National Honors Society offered to become a special friend to the site for the 2013-2014 school year. Several NHS members came up with the idea after singing Christmas music at Genesis with Northwood's acapella choir last year. They found the friendly and inviting staff and clients and the warm atmosphere to be such a positive experience that they



Krissy enjoys making a craft with a member of Northwood's National Honors Society

wanted to spend more time with the people at Genesis. So far, the members of NHS have come to Genesis at Halloween and Christmas to make holiday decorations with the clients. Future plans include coming together for special parties and events and possibly a mock prom. Both groups really look forward to their time together and enjoy learning from the experiences that each group has to offer.

LHM Shirts Available for Purchase

Show your LHM pride with a new shirt! Staff and clients at the Genesis Community Center are working together to create the LHM logo on t-shirts and sweatshirts. They are for sale during business hours in the Administration

A wide variety of colors and sizes are available for purchase in the LHM administration building.

Building in Williston. They are offering a wide selection of colors, sizes and sweatshirt styles including hooded sweatshirts and hooded zip-up sweatshirts. For more information, call 419-836-7741 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday-Friday.



Special Olympics Update

Luther Home of Mercy is excited to begin participating in Special Olympics events in 2014. Our first event is bowling, which will take place on January 12. Led by Central Events Supervisor, Jen Pollard, we are looking forward to participating in a

number of events throughout the year. For more information regarding LHM's participation in upcoming events, please contact Jen Pollard at: 419-972-4344 or jpollard@lutherhome.org.



Resident Spotlight: Meet Nadine

If you have volunteered on our main campus, then you are sure to have met Nadine. A social butterfly, Nadine enjoys the independence of her power chair because she is able to visit the many friends she has made on our campus over the last 25 years. Nadine loves living in cottage 6B where she feels very close to the friendly staff who provide her with excellent care. An avid shopper, Nadine enjoys off campus trips where she is on the lookout for products from Bath and Body Works or items featuring her

favorite team; Ohio State. In order to earn money for her shopping trips, Nadine works 5 days a week at Riverview Industries, a sheltered workshop in Oak Harbor, Ohio. Here, she assists with item sorting and mailings. Nadine especially loves corresponding and keeps in contact with over 25 pen pals! She truly appreciates the support of staff and volunteers who help her write letters to friends and family living all over Ohio and across the country. Nadine is always interested in having volunteers visit with her and keep her



Nadine is always ready to meet new friends and potential pen pals.

company. If you would like to learn more about becoming a special friend to Nadine, or any of our LHM residents and clients, contact Megan O'Brien: 419-972-4436 or mobrien@lutherhome.org.

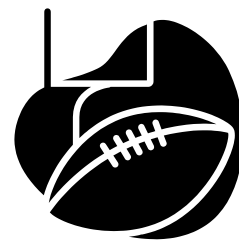
Super Bowl Pre-Game Party

Are you ready for some football? Luther Home of Mercy will join in the Super Bowl action with a pre-game party on Sunday, February 2nd. Join us in the LHM chapel for worship at 10:00 a.m.



Following worship, we will head to the gymnasium where we will watch past Super Bowl highlights and participate in football themed crafts and games. A delicious lunch will be served. Family, friends

and volunteers welcome! To RSVP, contact Megan O'Brien: 419-972-4436 or mobrien@lutherhome.org.



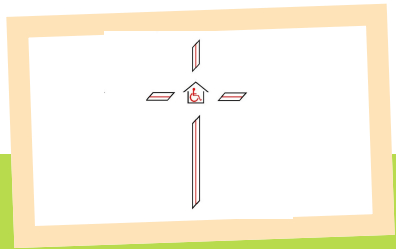
Valentine Dance

LHM Family and friends are invited to join us for a Valentine Dance. On Saturday, February 22, we will celebrate our love of big band music with the Swingsters. Join us in the LHM gymnasium from 2:30-4:00 and move to many familiar favorites from the

Glenn Miller Orchestra and the Tommy Dorsey Band. Light refreshments will be served. Volunteers are needed to assist in transporting residents from the cottages to the gymnasium. If you are able to lend a hand, contact Megan O'Brien: 419-972-4436.



The Swingsters will perform at our Feb. 22 Valentine Dance.



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December Highlights

Pictured from top (L-R): Joyce & Betty enjoy making a craft with a member of Northwood's National Honors Society, Solomon Lutheran School puppets perform on main campus, staff and clients at Emmaus have fun making a snowman, supervisor Malik Bankston poses in front of LHM's Christmas tree which was displayed at the Franklin Park Mall, LHM administrators go Christmas caroling to our day habilitation sites, "Elvis" performs at the cottage 3 Christmas party.

