



Heartstrings

The Official Newsletter of Heart Havens

Spring 2018

Shining Bright

A Night to Shine 2018 was fabulous for the Richmond area residents! They were excited to dress up in formal attire. Each person entered on a red carpet and the night was full of limosine rides, a photo booth with fun props, karaoke, a DJ and dance floor, plus a cartoonist. Waynetta summed up the night saying, "I had a ball darling."



Life in the Community





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From our CEO:

Dear Friend of Heart Havens,

At Heart Havens, we have a clear vision “People with disabilities are successfully woven into the fabric of everyday life.” These words truly capture the essence of our company and guide us as we move into the future.

As the year progresses into spring and new beginnings, I am energized by the changes that have occurred and opportunities on the horizon for Heart Havens. Heart Havens is experiencing an exciting rebirth of sorts as we focus our energy providing a solid foundation for our existing group homes and on the expansion into new service options. Federal and state guidelines have undertaken substantial changes and our transitioning is a reflection of that evolution; one that honors the culture and traditions of what makes Heart Haven special, and at the same time moves our organization into the future. These changes are characteristic of our origins: we started by listening to people who needed services, their families and the community. Our continued mission follows this path as we have continued our listening and committed to expand our service delivery options.

As the late Apple co-founder Steve Jobs said, “Great things in business are never done by one person. They’re done by a team of people.” With our administrative team in place and with the help of our awesome employees, we are making strides in achieving our strategic goal of expanding our service delivery options to prepare for the future and develop a solid company culture.

If you are passionate about your work and interested in making a difference in the



lives of others, I encourage you to contact Heart Havens today. It’s an exciting time to be at Heart Havens, and I am proud of our team as we embark on a new stage of our journey!

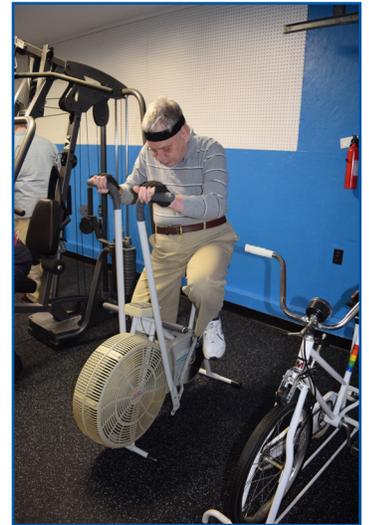
Warm regards

Jennifer Boyden

Jennifer enjoying time with Dennis at a holiday party

Jennifer Boyden, MA, QIDP
Chief Executive Officer

Thank you for making a difference!



The Mary Beth Graff home thanked St. Andrew's United Methodist Church for a remodel of their garage and the gift of a new exercise room



United Methodist Men from the Elizabeth and York River districts teamed up to replace an aging deck at the MacLeigh-Holland home

Ministry Team along with Community United Methodist Church in Virginia Beach and Fox Hill United Methodist Church. Together they bought the necessary materials and used their expertise and labor to completely rebuild the deck.

In Winchester, both residents and the local community look forward to the Jim Green Memorial Bowl-A-Thon each year. Along with raising money, the bowl-a-thon organized by the **Winchester District United Methodist Men** also collected paper supplies for the home.

Amazing things are happening at all of our houses, and we want to highlight some of the great things your donations are doing!

The guys at the Mary Beth Graff home are so grateful to **St. Andrew's United Methodist Church** who made their dreams of an exercise room a reality. The church raised money for supplies, donated labor and purchased the exercise equipment to transform a garage into a custom exercise space.

The MacLeigh-Holland deck project was sponsored by the **Elizabeth River Men's**



Danny at the Jim Green Memorial Bowl-a-Thon organized by the Winchester District United Methodist Men

Stay connected with us!

Join us on social media for year-round updates, photos, and videos of all the wonderful things the people we support are up to!



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Heart Havens Month A Success!

February was Heart Havens month in the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church. Heart Havens was able to share with many groups how adults with a developmental disability are the “Life of the Party.” Thanks to all who donated money, time and supplies or who organized special speakers and events to show your support for Heart Havens and thank you for believing with us in our mission to “empower adults with a developmental disability to live and thrive in their community.”

