

January 2011

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Apple Core

Santa Visits the Christmas Banquet

Clients, staff and family members gathered at Crestwood Baptist Church on December 15th for an afternoon of fellowship, music, food and the much anticipated arrival of the man of the month. . . SANTA!

Peggy Hollinger's niece, Celeste Newman and her friends, Hannah Vandermeer, Avery DePaula and Abby Estes where the musical elves sent ahead of Santa to entertain guests with a selection of Christmas Carols old and new.

Family and staff donated a side dish or a dessert and the main course was provided by Apple Patch. Volunteers and staff helped serve the meal and drinks and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to be together in one location to celebrate friendships and the warmth of the season.

Santa surprised everyone when he arrived during dessert! He greeted everyone with a hardy HO, HO, HO and then his elves helped him present each client with a gift!

A short time later Santa said his goodbyes and as he exited, you could hear hoof beats on the roof!



Ho, Ho, Ho and Merry Christmas!

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Barbara Horstman 2nd
Crystal Jones 2nd
Alex Berrios 3rd
Stephanie McClure 3rd
Deni Hamilton 10th
Natasha Broughton 14th
Maggie Klein 15th
Joyce Walker 16th
Nita Beach 21st

Mattie Noble 23rd
Jim Zoeller 26th
Denise Wheeler Jan 6

Anniversaries

Diana Abbott 6 years
Tomika Cosby 3 years
Marie Fitzmaurice 1 year
Rudi Graf 1 year
Barbara Horstman 2 years
Maggie Klein 1 year
Peggy Powell 3 years
Jackie Rickmond 1 year
Carla Smith 1 year



Red Apple Award

I nominate Carla Smith for the award this month. She is essential to our transportation department and is an exceptional employee!

- Allison Lee, Director of Transportation

I nominate Krista Franklin for all the work she does and new responsibility she has eagerly taken on as Charge DSP here at TLC. She has an amazing eye for detail and always does great teaching our clients. She is extremely aware of our clients' health, needs and goals. Her documentation is always complete and FILLED with important detail.

You rock Krista!

- Josh Sundquist, TLC Manager

I nominate Stephanie Niemann. She has shown enormous potential in the compliance department and is a great asset to the Day Program. Stephanie completes any task without question and I am very grateful to have her working at my side.

- Desiree Presley, CFPD Data Supervisor

Congratulations

Carla Smith

Red Apple Award Winner
for January

Beatles Perform at Apex!

A special performance was shared at APEX and TLC in December. Clients and staff were entertained by the musical talents of Celeste Newman, Peggy Hollinger's niece, and her friends, Avery DePaula, Hannah Vandermeer, Ann-Lucas Simpson and Charlotte Yang.

These young ladies are big fans of the famous musical group, The Beatles, so they worked up a routine to share. After the program, everyone was invited to visit and have cake.

Everyone enjoyed this presenta-

tion and the opportunity to sing along! Thank you ladies, for sharing your time with us!



Pictured above and from left to right: Avery DePaula as John Lennon, Celeste Newman as Paul McCartney, Hannah Vandermeer as George Harrison. Not pictured Ann-Lucas Simpson as Ringo Starr and Charlotte Yang was the Cake Boss! Celeste, Avery and Hannah attend Holy Trinity School and Ann-Lucas attends The Academy.

Christmas Dance

A dance was held at the APEX for clients on Friday, December 17th...Christmas music was played, refreshments were served and a good time was shared by all!

Art activities, such as card making, were made available in the kitchen and dining area and a Christmas movie was screened on the promethan in the library for any clients who did not care to dance.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this activity so much fun!



*“Love, love, love.
Nowhere you can
be that isn't where
you're meant
to be. It's Easy.”*

*All You Need Is Love
Lennon/McCartney*

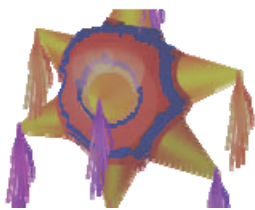
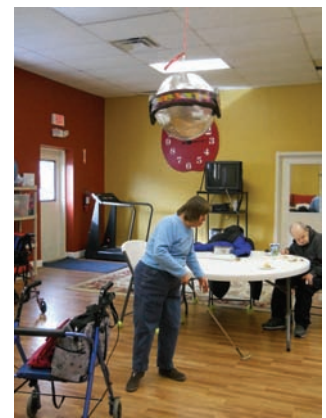
TLC Celebrates the New Year with A Piñata!

Clients and staff at TLC talked about having a unique way of celebrating the New Year. Everyone decided upon celebrating the New Year by breaking a Piñata!

A big, silver ball piñata (very reminiscent of the lighted ball that drops in Times Square each New Year at the stroke of midnight), was brought into the TLC. Clients learned of the history and traditions surrounding the use of a piñata to celebrate important days in South America and each client had the opportunity to help fill the silver ball with regular and sugar-free candy.

Everyone looked forward to having a swing at the globe, with David O giving it the final hit!

This was indeed a memorable New Year at the TLC!



¡Feliz año nuevo!

Christmas House Decorating

Again this year, Barb Matheny and her dedicated ladies, as well as volunteers from Southeast Christian Church, helped decorate all of our homes for the holidays.



As we continue to grow, this task becomes bigger and bigger each year and our volunteers keep stepping up with confidence and smiles to make everything happen!



This is a special time for our clients, too, as some clients and staff made plans to make and share hot chocolate and cookies after decorating!

A big thank you goes out to all of our volunteers who made our houses ready for Christmas!

Barb Matheny's Elf List!

Each year our clients receive gifts from Santa's Elves who are lovingly recruited, organized and supported by Barb Matheny. Everyone who participates shares how much fun it is to be Santa's helper.

A big thank you goes out to the following individuals from Barb's Elf List who adopted one of our clients for Christmas and shopped, wrapped and delivered the gifts to the client's home.

Louise Allen

Beth Anderson

Marleen Bailie

Joan Battista

Rick and Roxanne Buttorff

Marilyn Collins

Martha Driscoll

Denny Ertel

Dave and Keeta Fox

Marjorie Nelson

Joy Hanna

Janis Harvey

Sarah Hyland

Michael Kappesser

Dr. Tony Karem

Barbara Matheny - Scizzors

Kathy Olliges

Barbara Parrish

Art Rothgerber

Ken Schulz

Tonya Tobin

Terri Walls

Kim Wolf





Josh and Krista at the TLC. Krista was recently named Charge DSP for the TLC.



New Clients/Personnel/Change of Responsibility

CFPD and CLS Clients

Adam K

Sarah P

New CLS (Community Living Support) DSP

Clinton Bacon is working toward earning a bachelor's degree in nursing from Spalding University and has experience working with the elderly.

Jo Gano earned an associates degree from Sullivan University and has completed courses in

special education and teaching from Murray State College. She has copious experience working with children and adults with disabilities.

Barbara Ratliff has previous experience working with the public and she has experience working with an individual with intellectual disabilities.

New Residential DSP

Brittany Doster has previous experience working with the public. This is her first experience working with clients with disabilities.

New CFPD DSP

Regan Menard joins the Hikes Point location. She earned a degree in exercise science from Western Kentucky University. She has previous experience working with small children and in the food service industry.

Change of Responsibility

Krista Franklin has been named Charge DSP at the TLC. She will be in charge when Josh is unavailable. Congratulations, Krista!

Direct Support Professional (DSP) Education and Training

S.P.E.A.K.

The next S.P.E.A.K. meeting will be at 9 am on Tuesday, February 24 at The Council, 1151 South Fourth Street in Louisville. The title of February's talk is Positive Behavior Support for People with ID Who Use Challenging Behaviors.

The presenter will be Ms. Diana Holderman, M.Ed., PC. Diana is the founding member of the MIDD Coordinating Center of Excellence 'helping Ohio's communities serve people with dual diagnosis (I/DD coexisting with mental health needs.) She will provide an overview of a person-centered, multi-element model and explore positive programming and environmental change strategies for providing positive behavior support for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities coping with challenging behavior.

Reserve your spot at this meeting by contacting Charice Malone by email, cmalone@applepatch.org or by phone, (502) 639-7068.

College of Direct Support (CDS)

DSPs are encouraged on an on-going basis to consider taking the one of many CDS courses available through the College of Direct Support. Each course is carefully designed to help our DSPs enhance and improve the level of care they offer our clients.

Please email Charice Malone, Staff Development Coordinator, at cmalone@applepatch.org, or call her at (502) 639-7068, if you would like more information or if you are interested in enrolling.

Mandatory Staff Meetings

All Residential Staff Meetings are MANDATORY. You MUST contact Melanie Jackson at mjackson@applepatch.org or by calling her at (502) 657-0103 if you have a legitimate reason you cannot make these meetings. They are at 2 pm in the Chapel on the following dates:

February 10

April 14

June 9

August 11

October 13

December 15

Warm Fuzzy

A warm fuzzy goes out to Kris Simonson for adjusting to Sweetbay so easily and being a great team player and to Melissa Tidwell for sticking out hard times and for being a great DSP.

- Mattie Noble, Residential DSP

Welcome aboard Regan. We are glad you join us at Hikes Point. You are already making our program here better. Keep up the good work. Thank you Alea and Zac for making Hikes Point run so smoothly. You are best!. Thanks for making our clients look forward to attending our program. Thanks Bobby and Jennifer for everything you do. Sometimes we forget to thank our bosses and I know they work really hard for us, so THANK YOU!

- Mickie Conrad, Hikes Point Manager

We want to send a warm and fuzzy out to all the staff here at the APEX for doing a wonderful job in teaching the clients while making it fun and interactive...You all are the best and we appreciate all that you do...you make the CFPD rock!!!!

- Jeff Ott and Kerri Montgomery, APEX Managers

Save The Date

March 8 - S.P.E.A.K. Annual Recognition Banquet for DSPs - More information will be released soon.

I would like to give a warm fuzzy to Josh, Peggy, Ken and James for being such wonderful co-workers and to Bobby and Jennifer, for being outstanding directors. It's a pleasure to come to work and see all the smiling faces and caring individuals. Thank you for the patience and going above and beyond to help.

- Krista Franklin, TLC Charge DSP

I want to thank Ken Wilson and James Walker for all the help they have done over at Central. They have really helped with that house and put in extra hours to work with those individuals when they needed it most. They are great employees and it has shown!

I would also like to say thank you to Bonnie for always making me smile and laugh no matter what. Her stories are always amusing and full of fun. Thanks so much for sharing them with us.

- Cynthia Kelly, Scheduling Coordinator

I want to send a warm fuzzy to Kerri for being a wonderful co-manager...I wouldn't want to share an office, stress, joy, and laughter with anyone else...You're the best!!!!

- Jeff Ott, APEX Manager

A Big Warm Fuzzy to my residential managers who not only managed to get our residential clients where they needed and wanted to be for the holidays and distributed gifts from the board members, but also handled the holiday schedule, absence reports, etc. while Melanie and Cynthia were gone. They did an incredible job without complaint. I am thankful for their hard work everyday.

- Ann M. Skinner, Director Residential and Case Management

I just wanted to tell my TLC co-workers you are amazing at what you do! I couldn't ask for a better team and the clients couldn't either! We conquer every challenge that is thrown at us and handle stressful situations while maintaining our sanity and our smile! I am so thankful to work with such an awesome team. You guys rock. Also, kudos to our new manager, Josh. He is on top of everything and keeps TLC running as smooth as possible.

- James Walker, TLC DSP

Warm fuzzy to Leanne for cleaning our lot! (Leanne filled a flowerpot with de-icer and walked the lot!) To the TLC Gang. You Rock! And to the Transportation team. You are the Greatest!


- Peggy Powell, TLC DSP

*"Warm Fuzzy to
Leann Clemons for
clearing snow from
our parking lot!"*

- Peggy Powell, TLC DSP



Leanne helping clear the snow at TLC!



SAVE THE DATE



Appreciation is in the Air

Seventh

♥ SPEAK Annual Recognition Banquet

March 8, 2011

Dinner 5:45pm

Hyatt Regency
320 West Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202

More information to come

Parking is Free

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Pet Store YMCA	2 GFS Target	3 Boarders Bowling	4 Library Hiking	5
6	7 MOW YMCA	8 Library Hobby Lobby	9 GFS Bowling	10 Music Store YMCA	11 Bass Pro Hiking	12
13	14 MOW YMCA	15 Library Music Store	16 GFS Wal-Mart	17 Library YMCA	18 Hiking Bowling	19
20	21 MOW YMCA	22 Pet Store Meijer	23 GFS Bass Pro	24 Library YMCA	25 Hiking	26
27	28 MOW YMCA	APEX February 2011				

Hikes Point February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 YMCA Library	2 GFS Swimming Big Lots	3 Pet Store Goodwill	4 GFS M O W Bowling	5
6	7 Dollar Tree Bowling	8 Lou. Science Center Dollar General	9 GFS Swimming Wal-Mart	10 YMCA Library	11 M O W GFS Starbucks	12
13	14 Valentines Party	15 YMCA Library	16 GFS Swimming Panera Bread	17 Garden Ridge Ice Cream	18 M O W GFS Bowling	19
20	21 Dollar General Bowling	22 Bookstore Dollar Tree	23 GFS Swimming Goodwill	24 YMCA Library	25 M O W GFS	26
27	28 Target					



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Apple Patch is a 501(C)3 non-profit organization dedicated to providing an array of support services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We believe many individuals are capable of independent living, yet have never been given an opportunity to reach their highest potential. To help individuals reach this potential, Apple Patch offers its clients the support to make choices among residential options, employment opportunities, social and recreational activities and skills training to achieve the goals to which they aspire.

TLC February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Wal-Mart 1pm	2 M.O.W. 10am	3 Pet Store 1pm	4 Henry's Arc 10am	5
6	7 Dollar Tree 1pm	8 YMCA 9:30am	9 M.O.W. 10am	10 Michael's 10am	11 Bowling at Ten Pins 1pm	12
13	14 Oldham County Library 1pm	15 Half Price Bookstore 1pm	16 M.O.W. 10am	17 Goodwill 1pm	18 Big Lots 1pm	19
20	21 Goodwill 1pm	22 Y MCA 9:30am	23 M.O.W. 10am	24 Books A Million	25 Bowling at Ten Pins 1pm	26
27	28 Wal-Mart 1pm					