

Clelian Center Newsletter December 2009

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Clelian Center is to provide spiritual, educational, and vocational programs for adults with developmental disabilities that enhance the quality of life and maximize their potential for independent living. The vision is to provide an atmosphere of choice and mutual acceptance, respect, and love that will make a lasting difference in the lives of persons with developmental disabilities.



INTRODUCTIONS

Director: Sister Shawn Lyons, A.S.C.J.
Job Coach: Connie Gipson
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Job Trainers: Liz Eisenstatt, Kevin Laslavic, Colleen Radebaugh, Sandy Sucke, Margie McElroy



If you have any questions or needs, please feel free to contact any of our staff.

THE STAFF AND THE MEN AND WOMEN OF CLELIAN CENTER EXTEND TO ALL OUR FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND BENEFACTORS OUR WARM AND PRAYERFUL GREETINGS FOR A BLESSED AND JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HOLY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

A SPECIAL GIFT FROM SANTA

Santa arrived early to the Clelian Center Workshop and left behind a Wii for the use of the Center and ATF. This will offer us the chance to challenge one another in games and get some well needed exercise during our break time. We are ever so grateful to the Villiotti Family who go kindly told Santa of our needs.

A SAD FARWELL

On the 23 rd of November we celebrated the lives of Sr. Clelia Mazza and Sr. Clotilde Como. For 40 years Sr. Clelia shared the love of the Heart of Christ with all who she met here at Clelian Heights. Many of these years were spent as a boys' House Mother caring for our boys in the Residential program. Sr. Clotilde has been at Clelian Heights since 1989 and spent many years as a Residential Supervisor for the girls and women in the girls's dorm area.

As they go to Sacred Heart Manor in Hamden Ct. we promise them our thoughts and prayers and thank them for all that they have shared and been for us.

COMMUNITY WORKERS

Lauren Ciccarelli.....King's Restaurant
Courtney Gabos.....Doran Hall (Seton Hall)
Melanie Duke.....Sam's Club
Marsha Hill.....Sam's Club
Julie Holtz.....Sam's Club
Diana Gaydos.....Super 8 Motel
Carie DePalma.....Volunteer at Redstone Highlands



We have received many fine compliments for the great job that they do!!



LOOKING AHEAD

DEC. 18.....
CHRISTMAS
DINNER DANCE
AT THE
LAMPLIGHTER

DEC. 21.....
SANTA'S
ARRIVAL

DEC. 23.....
CHRISTMAS
VACATION
BEGINS

JAN 4.....
WORKSHOP
REOPENS

JAN.12&13...
NEW YEAR
LUNCHEON
TREAT
MCDONALD'S

JAN 18.....
HOLIDAY

JAN 21.....
STATE
LICENSING FOR
THE WORKSHOP

QUOTABLE QUOTES FROM OUR MARRIOTT WORKERS

ALICIA: I love working there. The people are nice. I can't wait for Mondays!

ANTHONY: I like mopping the floors. I'd like to work there 5 days!

DAWN: I like to do the garbage.. Everybody is so nice to us!

MICHAEL P.:I like the people at the Marriott. I like to stay focused.

GREG: It's a nice place to work. Dawn is so cute and everybody is so nice. They have nice workers there!

MARY PAT: I like to clean the tables and chairs and feel like Cinderella! I like doing the cups and glasses!

Maria: I like collecting the cups and glasses from the rooms and getting along with all the people who work there!

Jonathan: I like cleaning the tables, sweeping and mopping. I like talking to the people and asking about their weekends!

MICHAEL R.: I like working hard at the Marriott. I like to help people. I like the people at the Marriott as friends!

DIANA: I like everything about working at the Marriott!

MARK: I like vacuuming the long halls and meeting all the people!

JOB COACH, CONNIE: I feel we are so blessed to be employed by such a wonderful company and group of people. We are all treated with such respect and always are told what a nice job is being done. Some might say we are a "little spoiled" with all of the extra attention and goodies that are shared with us so often!
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CREATIVITY ABOUND

With work from outside vendors slowing down, the staff put on their creative thinking caps and looked for ways to use time and talent.

Baking cookies and breads offered one opportunity. Once a week, we donned our aprons and not too long thereafter the smell of chocolate chip, oatmeal, and peanut butter cookies was wafting through the dining room. Cinnamon bread and rolls were raised, baked and "drizzled over". Our bakery efforts met with great success.

A second project was inspired by the holiday season. Rolls of Christmas wrapping paper, left over from a fund raiser in years past, kept other workers busy rolling out, measuring, cutting and fastening. The "bargain rolls" were an instant success and we gained extra storage space in the bargain.



A THANK YOU TO ALL FAMILY MEMBERS AND GUARDIANS

We are grateful for all your help in getting the plethora of forms back to us. So many new regulations and updates have come to us this year. We appreciate your understanding and are grateful for your co-operation. The demand seems to be slowing down, but we can't promise you that there won't be more.

KENCOVE FARM FENCE

Our work for Kencove Farm Fence Co. in Blairsville has kept us continually busy. The Guinness Book of World Records may just be interested in knowing that from Sept. to Nov. we have assembled 19, 618 tension springs. As the old adage says "practice makes perfect". We're so good that we might even be able to assemble them blind folded.

