



“6 Women and a Vision” present

“3 Men and A Tenor” for the 2011 Banquet and Silent Auction

***This year’s Annual Banquet Special Guest are
“3 Men and A Tenor – you don’t want to miss this one.***

“The Best Entertainment in Michigan”

THREE MEN AND A TENOR”?
It’s not what it sounds like...

It’s The Rat Pack meets The Muppets meets
The Mills Brothers...

It’s The Statler Brothers meets the Smothers
Brothers meets the Marx Brothers...

It’s James Taylor meets James Brown meets
Charlie Brown...

It’s “The King” meets Nat King Cole meets
Cole Porter...

It’s Aretha Franklin meets Frank Sinatra
meets Frankie Valli ...

**It’s vocal-based music from The Temptations,
The Doobie Brothers, Nat King Cole, Elvis,
The Beatles, and Bob Marley all in one show...**

Great pop vocal music; quick witted humor and overall likeability give “Three Men and a Tenor” a unique style of performance that cannot be matched. With over 19 years of chemistry, stage presence and vocal blend, the group presents a polished and very genuine experience for all audiences while taking you on a roller-coaster of emotions and musical eras with all of your favorite music. Even though the name may make you suspect that it is a barbershop act, or a classical or jazz musical presentation, “Three Men and a Tenor” sings entirely pop music, classic rock, country, Motown and standards. What you actually get are four of the finest musicians with so much musical savvy that you think you have heard a full band of music, while they are using only their voices.

**“THREE MEN AND A TENOR” HAS PLAYED TO
STANDING OVATIONS ALL ACROSS AMERICA
FOR OVER 19 YEARS:**

Over 3,000 lively, high-energy performances to over 2 million audience members!

- Opened for The Beach Boys, Lee Greenwood, Dionne Warwick, Chuck Berry, and Gary Puckett
- Starred in a 90-minute national PBS-TV pledge drive special with Detroit (DPTV) (aired in 70 markets)
- Sold out shows at The Villages (FL), Del Ray Dunes CC (FL), Trilogy at Vistancia (AZ), and many others!
- Headlined performances at Wharton Center (MSU), Miller Auditorium (MI), and Sundome (AZ)
- Headlined the Cherry Festival (MI), Coast Guard Fest (MI), and Panoply Festival (Huntsville, AL)
- Performed on 2 tours of Germany (’04/ ’06) at 13 U.S. Military Bases and Landstuhl Hospital
- Has performed over 1,000 school-based motivational/ educational performances, for over 1 million students!

**For more information on 3 Men and a Tenor”,
visit their website www.threemenandtenor.com**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR OCTOBER 22, 2011

Chosen Vision will be hosting our
9th Annual Banquet and Silent Auction
at the Country Club of Lansing.

Look for your reservations to arrive in September.

FEATURED RESIDENT –*Amy Russell*

Amy Russell was our first resident and moved in to Chosen Vision home in 2002. She has accomplished many things since she has resided with us. She has worked at Target for 5 years and rides E-tran (a community bus) to and from work. She volunteers at the Goodwill store in Lansing and loves what she does there and happy that she is giving back to society. She attends



Weight Watchers once a week and takes jazz dance classes through Rising Star Dance Studio where she performs every spring in their annual dance recital. She is also taking reading and writing classes at Lansing Community College as her goals are to one day become a journalist.

While at home Amy is great at cleaning her bedroom and bathroom and everything is in its place and always neat. She does her own laundry, helps out with food preparation and sometimes is the inventor of the dinner meal. She is an inspiration to her peers and always gives a helping hand.

The accomplishments in Amy's life has helped her build her self-confidence, has given her more independence and Amy is living life as it should be – happy and growing every day.

Chosen Vision approved as a United Way (CAUW) Affiliate



The national United Way serves as the umbrella organization, maintaining and organizing all of the

local United Way branches that directly support local communities. While people often choose not to donate to the United Way by rationalizing that they'd rather donate directly to their local charities, most people forget. Or they provide a one-time donation and then fail to continue supporting that organization every year. By donating through the United Way with an automatic deduction from your paycheck, you are pledging that you refuse to forget the critical needs of the community where you live. You are promising that you're there to help your neighbor when they are in need, just as they will be there to support you if you ever need it. Donating to the United Way makes more than just good sense; it's an ultimate expression of support for the many volunteers who dedicate their lives to making your community a better place to live.

Please consider pledging your employee deducted donation to Chosen Vision by using code 10288 on your pledge form. Your pledged donation will help continue "empowering developmentally disabled adults to live life as it should be.

Working at Chosen Vision

Employee Perspective by Maryam Guilford

Chosen Vision has truly changed my perspective on life. People can easily take life for granted knowing that they have everything they need. Each one of these ladies has taught me so much about selfless love, they've taught me to be more aware of my surroundings and to look for things that most others wouldn't see. Every one of these ladies have taught me something different: from learning how to play skip-bo, to stepping back and letting each of them grow rather than doing everything for them which ultimately enables them to live to their true potential. But more importantly, they've taught me to cherish every moment of my life.

I must say working in a God centered home is a true blessing. Praying over meals and praying before staff meetings creates a peace in this home that only God could give. A peaceful home is that exact atmosphere these girls need to grow and become more independent. I thank God for the wonderful staff that goes above and beyond the call of duty to take care of these women like they were their own. You can't get this kind of love and support at any "typical" job.

These Ladies have made an everlasting impression on me, as well as the staff that now work, or have worked, at Chosen Vision in the past and I am very thankful for this experience.



Enjoying a costume party, resident Val (left) with Maryam

HERE COMES DA JUDGE

Thought you might enjoy this “feel good” article written by a friend of Chosen Vision

This morning we went to probate court to put in place the guardianship and conservator (trust) for Paul. Our lawyer spoke first. Then the judge called the doctor and questioned him via telephone. Then the judge called me to the stand and I had to be sworn in. When he finished with me he asked Michael questions but he did not make him take the stand.

When all the lawyers and the judge and finished their questions and they were wrapping up, the judge asked Paul if he had anything to say. Paul stood up, walked around the table where the lawyers sat, walked up to the witness stand, swore himself in, sat down in the chair, spoke into the microphone, and gave his name, spelled his name, and then stated that his mom and dad would help him. The judge was startled (later he said that he never had a person with a disability who

wanted to say anything) and he stated rather abruptly, “I’ve lost control of my court!”. Then he laughed.

The lawyer who was there on Paul’s behalf asked the judge if he would mind letting Paul wear his robe and handle the gavel.

The judge told Paul to come to the bench. He put his robe on him and handed him the gavel. The judge asked Paul what he was going to order. Paul did not miss a beat; he said, “I order a pizza!” and down went the gavel.

It was quite funny and Paul is looking forward to going back to court soon.



Options

By Linda Zylstra

Recently my Father-In-Law, who has been battling bone cancer for the last three years, became paralyzed due to a spinal tumor that cut off his blood supply. He has been diagnosed as terminal although doctors have been very vague as to his life expectancy. Faced with the decision as to where he should be placed, we quickly realized that we had multiple options.

Did you know that there are nursing homes in 215 cities within the state of Michigan? In addition, Senior Veterans can receive eldercare disability pension income of up to \$23,396 per year (\$1949 per month). That’s not including Hospice Facilities, In-Home Care and Assisted Living Care.

Unfortunately, for parents of developmentally disabled adults, there are few options. The question of how much they can afford for quality care defines their option. Furthermore the limited number of non-profit group homes greatly limits their choice (not to be confused with state-run facilities).

How many nursing homes do you drive by when traveling to your destination? Do you ever drive by a Christian non-profit group home for those that have vast limitations?

Day care for “normal” children costs about \$600 per month. The costs for quality hospice care facilities can cost you anywhere between \$4000-\$7000 per month but subsist with Medicare and Medicaid. Although the monthly costs to care for Chosen Vision’s residents are \$3,500, we

operate on the ability to pay and fundraise to fill the gap. Generally speaking, Community Mental Health (CMH) and Social Security (SSI) cover about 50% of those costs.

The limitations of finding a group home that will take a family member’s disabled child are significant. As the “Baby Boom” generation ages the need for a solution becomes substantial.

Chosen Vision currently runs and operates a six-resident home for women. We are in the midst of raising money for a second home for six additional women. Our long term goal is to eventually have the ability to build a Christian group home for men. Each home is limited to six residents with a caregiver and resident ratio of 2:6. The impact we have with each resident is immense as each resident’s parents, siblings and extended families lives have been blessed with the knowledge that their loved one’s quality of life is secure.

My Father-In-Law has been living in a wonderful hospice care facility for the past six weeks. We don’t know how long he will live there, but his quality of life has exceeded our expectations and we are grateful.

Would you like the opportunity to impact a developmentally disabled adult’s life? We guarantee that we will be good stewards of your financial donation. We guarantee that the blessings received by each perspective resident’s life will be immeasurable.

For more information on how you can be a part of Chosen Vision’s DeWitt home project, please call Joann 517-622-0574 or email us at chosenvision@comcast.net



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Chairman's Corner

Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-1859) was a French political thinker and historian best known for his book, "Democracy in America." In his work, Tocqueville wrote of his travels through America in the early 19th Century in which he observed the importance of religion and volunteerism to American national culture. He concluded that "there is no country in the world in which the Christian religion retains a greater influence over the souls of men than in America, and there can be no greater proof of its utility, and of its conformity to human nature, than that its influence is most powerfully felt over the most enlightened and free nation of the earth." He said: "The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and of liberty so intimately in their minds, that it is impossible to make

them conceive the one without the other. Tocqueville went on to observe that Americans have a unique tendency motivated by religious faith to join together to form organizations and associations to help one another and to enlist one another as volunteers for the common good. Tocqueville was convinced that Christian volunteers and volunteerism were responsible for the greatness and the goodness of America.

Chosen Vision is a reflection of the conditions and beliefs Tocqueville found in America. Our home was conceived by a Methodist Sunday School class that identified a great need in our community and felt compelled as followers of Christ, to serve the developmentally disabled and their families. After much thought and prayer, Chosen

Vision was founded by a group of individual Christians from a variety of churches, as a home to meet the spiritual and material needs of six special women. They volunteered their time, their talents and their money. Since that time, our home and our beautiful ladies have benefited from the contributions of many volunteers who have uplifted our home with prayers, service projects, money, leadership on the board and at special events and as good will expressed in many ways.

The Board of Chosen Vision appreciates and values our many volunteers. You are a gift from God.

Kalmin D. Smith, Ph.D.
Chairman of the Board