



A Big Night for Chosen Vision



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Fireplaces lit, welcoming faces, beautiful table coverings with warm candlelight, opportunities abounding, words of encouragement, and friends, old and new! All these things and more greeted those who attended our 7th Annual Chosen Vision Fundraising Banquet and Silent Auction held October 17th at the **Country Club of Lansing!**

Besides the charming and gracious atmosphere created by our new banquet venue this year, we were also blessed to welcome a nationally-known speaker, Lansing native Judy Winter, and accomplished Mistress of Ceremonies, WLNS News Anchor Sheri Jones. A delicious, hot dinner was served against a glittery backdrop of black and gold. And pretty Italian cookies provided by Roma Bakery



WLNS News Anchor Sheri Jones

tickets, and "Captain Brad" selling tickets for a chance at round-trip airline tickets with **Air Tran Airlines**, combined to increase the sense of suspense throughout the evening.

Chosen Vision would like to extend a big, heartfelt thank you to all those who bought tickets to the October Banquet, those who donated items & those who bid on auction items, our Diamond Sponsors, (**Dart Bank and Wieland-Davco**), individuals & businesses who purchased ads in the program, and those who donated to our singularly special mission of "empowering developmentally disabled adults to live life as it should be." Your faithful commitment in helping us reach our year-end goals is so very much appreciated. With one month remaining in this calendar year, we fall short of reaching our budgeted fundraising goal for 2009. Might you prayerfully consider making an end-of-year donation today?

With grateful hearts we remain

The Board of Chosen Vision

gave our meal a sweet finish.

Best of all, our guests of honor, the ladies of Chosen Vision, Amy, Holly, Kathy, Kim, Laura, and Val, joined us for this very enjoyable evening. Later on, they entertained us with their rendition of "**God's Hands & Feet**," a song that expresses what you mean to us, hands and feet blessing Chosen Vision. And, they did an encore performance that was even better than the first time!

A big thanks is extended to the parents, guardians and the many volunteers that put together the wonderful silent auction of over 200 items you enjoyed so much! We had spirited bidding until the tables closed down, and many happy faces as people checked out with their various items, services, gift cards, and trips.

Raffle ticket sales with prizes consisting of two wonderful trips and Lions



House Administrator Joann (L) with Judy Winter

Our Mission:

Chosen Vision is committed to enabling developmentally disabled adults to live in a safe, secure, Christian environment

Long Lake Bar and Grill 3rd Annual Golf Outing, Benefitting the Developmentally Disabled - **Chosen Vision** Selected as Beneficiary

You just never know where help comes from. Located nearly 200 miles northeast of Grand Ledge in a rural area of Hale, Michigan sits a Historical 100 year old Bar and Grill on top of a hill overlooking 500 acres of Long Lake. Each year, they sponsor a golf outing for the benefit of the developmentally disabled. Chosen Vision was blessed to have been selected the last two years as Beneficiary.

This year's event, held on August 22, 2009, was the largest attended event thus far. Sixty participants playing a four person - 9 hole scramble were all vying for the coveted 1st place bragging rights and the competition was fierce and lively. "There was a lot of hooting and howling going on at that golf course" said Mimi Smith, "you could hear them from the 1st hole all the way to the 9th". You needed a good attention span to get through this one & a fun time was had by all.

The highlight of the day was the award presentations back at the LLB. Planning coordinators: Tim Prichard, Brad Allington, Sandy and Robert Tallian acquired nearly 40 prizes: from golf clubs to cooler bags, a camera to a scented candle, a gift certificate for golf to a gift certificate for 5 lbs of bacon. There was something for everyone and nearly everyone went home with some type of prize.

The proceeds raised from the event was nearly \$1,000. Chosen Vision would like to personally thank Long Lake Bar and Grill owners Carole Wilson and Tim Prichard for sponsoring this year's event and Cathy Baker, owner of Wicker Hills Golf Course, for hosting the event.



Sandy, Robert and Cathy welcoming golfers



Kitty, Cathy, Butch and Brad checking in guests



Carts lined up and ready to go

Staff Perspective by Heather Hughes



Heather (left) with residents Kathy and Kim enjoying a meal out.

My experience working at Chosen View has truly become an eye opener in living life. I'm sure we've all complained about tough times that we have faced during our lifetime, wishing something better would come out of it. We need to stop and realize there are people out there who have it much worse. These are people living with disabilities. The six wonderful ladies that I've worked for in the past year have never once complained about how bad their life is, they have to cope with their disability everyday. These ladies do not focus on the negative aspects of life. A simple hug or kiss enlightens their day. It is truly a blessing to work with these ladies that have taught me to learn to love life, regardless of how hard it may seem.



Heather supporting resident Holly in the pool during a summer vacation.

MEET BILL IDE — OUR “Maintenance” GUARDIAN ANGEL

Bill Ide is our “guardian angel” and he is the first person we call when we are in need of any repairs, maintenance or work done on the house. As you can imagine, it takes a lot of work to maintain our 5,000 square foot home. We have a checklist that we use to remind us when we have to change the furnace filter, empty the vacuum system, change batteries in the smoke alarms, check the water softener for salt tablets, check the fire extinguisher to make sure it is in operating order, clean out the drier vents, turn on the humidifier for winter and make sure that is running properly. If we have

marks on the walls that need patching, a toilet seat the needs to be replaced, water leaks from the dishwasher or freezer,



faucets that are dripping, washing machine or microwave that goes on the fritz—Bill Ide is the one we call. He is not only our neighbor that looks out for us, he is our handy man that makes himself available to us 24/7....Hence, our guardian angel.

Bill helps with all lawn maintenance and he drives his tractor over from his home 2 doors away to assist Robert Tallian

every 2 weeks with maintaining our grounds—which if you haven’t been able to see—makes our home look like one of the best ones on the block. In the fall the trees are trimmed, leaves are cleaned out of the eaves and the yard is mulched one last time before the snow hits. Not only does this clean up look amazing, it also helps eliminate more clean up in the spring.

Bill does all of our snow plowing and is here by 5:30 am after any huge snowstorm we may have. He clears our circular driveway so the bus is able to make it up and around our drive without getting stuck in any snow banks. He clears the sidewalks so the Ladies are able to make it to the bus without falling. He works hard so early in the morning to make sure all of our lives are not interrupted—that the staff is able to park, the bus is able to pick up our Ladies and the Ladies are able to maintain their everyday lives.

To be really honest, Bill donates a lot of his time to CV and is not only our maintenance man, he is our friend and never to busy to stop and say hello to the Ladies or share a cup of coffee with the staff.

Bill also is the person who maintains Audrey Lane for the neighborhood and his big yellow tractor is a “welcome sight” to all of us and we THANK YOU Bill for all your support and dedication to the Chosen Vision Home. We couldn’t do it without you..

PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS WWW.CHOSENVISION.ORG

Our website address has been changed (just a little) from www.chosenvision.com to www.chosenvision.org. Check it out – you will find interesting information about Chosen Vision, our Board of Directors, finances, applications and much much more. ***But, if there is one thing you must click on when you visit our site it is “Watch Our Video.” We promise you will be moved with what you see.***





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Chairman’s Corner

This is the Season of Advent. This year the first day of Advent fell on November 29. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word "adventus" which means "coming". Advent serves a dual reminder of the original waiting that was done by the Hebrews for the birth of their Messiah, as well as the waiting that Christians today endure for the second coming of Christ. Advent is also the Season of the Christian liturgical year when Christians wait and prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day.

The Ladies of Chosen Vision make the best of Advent. They have prayer and devotions every day and discuss the true meaning of Christmas. Staff read to them the Biblical message of Jesus' birth. The

Doman family will pay their annual visit to help the residents decorate the home and to share gifts. These preparations are enjoyed by all. During this Season the ladies of Chosen Vision share goodies and sing Advent and Christmas Carol's. There will also be a Christmas Party at Chosen Vision for the ladies, staff, Board and special guests. Grand Ledge resident Bill Atkin will lead the party in singing and Karaoke. Chosen Vision is closed Christmas Eve and most of Christmas Day to accommodate our staff and because most of our Special Ladies spend that time with their families. Part of the Christmas preparation includes planning for our one resident who has no family. Every year, one of our staff has taken her home to spend the holi-

days with them. No one at Chosen Vision is left out of the preparations for Jesus' coming or the celebration of his birth on Christmas Day. You are invited to share in the preparation for Jesus' coming through your prayers and gifts.



Kalmin D. Smith, Ph.D. Mayor of Grand Ledge and Chairman of the Board, Chosen Vision, Inc.