

DeWitt Home FUNDRAISING UPDATE



With the arrival of a new year comes a new blessing and milestone in the construction of the Chosen Vision Dewitt home. Chosen Vision is proud to announce that "Phase 1" of our Dewitt home

construction has been completed! Through the dedicated effort of our board and generous base of donors, we have raised nearly \$170,000 and have completed the exterior of the new home. It is now fully enclosed with all driveways and sidewalks completed.

While we are truly blessed to have completed this large phase of construction, we still have work left to do! Chosen Vision is currently working towards raising \$50,000 to complete "Phase 2" of construction. When this phase has been accounted for, the house will be completed through the drywall & "rough-in" stage of construction. It is our goal to have this fundraising phase completed by March 15th of this year.

We believe that with the help of both the Lord and our committed donors, we will be able to achieve this aggressive goal and continue to build a better future for our residents in waiting. In addition, all donations up to \$10,000 will be matched while we raise money for this phase of construction.

We ask that you prayerfully consider looking into a donation that will benefit not only the girls who will live in the house, but also their extended families and the greater Dewitt community.

Putting Chosen Vision's goal in perspective, no one has a better grasp on our mission than current resident Amy Russell:

"God sent me to the Chosen Vision home to do my job and make this home more like Him. I know that God is in the making of opening our new home. I am nervous about moving to our new home but God said my work is not done yet."

For more information on how you can give to Chosen Vision, please contact House Administrator **Joann Gould** at **517.622.0574** or email her at **chosenvision@comcast.net**

TRULY *a Special Place*

The Chosen Vision is truly a special place. As a new part time worker, it has been my great pleasure to observe the very caring and loving manner in which each staff person relates to every resident. The home environment is warm and usually full of laughter. It is joyful place to be. In my brief time there, I have already come to sincerely love and to highly respect the uniqueness of each resident. As the biblical phrase describes how each of us is "fearfully and wonderfully made.", I have experienced this truth as never before as I relate to each of the "girls" (If "girl" is an appropriate term for the age group, count me in!)

Each resident is such a unique individual with her very own gifts and strengths. I will attempt to describe a few. I appreciate how Val is always complimenting another's actions; how she expresses her gratitude to us and her concern when someone cough or sighs. I feel God's presence as Holly talks to him, and I know that he is listening. When Kim gives you a hug, or blesses you with one of her radiant smiles, your day brightens. Amy is a joy to relate to, with her upbeat attitude and her sincere kindness. As I try to out run Laura to the comfy couch after some required laps around the house for exercise (hoping to beat her and encourage just one more lap), the sly smile she offers at her victory warms my heart. Laura's smiles, Like those of all the girls, are gifts to the staff. Kathy and I are kindred spirits (Children of the 60's!) She is so helpful and attentive in her own quiet way to all the girls. You ask her to help a house mate and just watch her go!

"God is surely smiling down on this wonderful home. I am very grateful to be a part of the team. "

– Joy Leonard

Golf Fore Chosen Vision!



How would you like to play a round of golf at the beautiful Country Club of Lansing?

How about five rounds? Do I hear six? . . . All for free! We're talking 90 holes or more all in one day!

And we're throwing in a breakfast, fabulous lunch and all the drinks and snacks necessary to get you through this strenuous day!

If you think you can do it, then perhaps you would like to participate in **Chosen Vision's 1st Annual Golf Marathon!** All proceeds will go to raise money for the construction of the Chosen Vision Dewitt home for developmentally disabled women. The event will be held on Monday, May 21, 2012 at the Country Club of Lansing and the course will only be open to participants in our event. Our small group will have the course to itself, making it possible for you to play as much golf as you can handle in one day. . . .from sun up to sun down if you wish.

We are looking for 20-40 golfers who can get their friends, family, business associates or co-workers to make a monetary pledge to Chosen Vision for every hole you play that day. We are asking each participant to make it their personal goal to secure pledges totaling \$2,000+/-.

Make it your goal to golf 100 holes. Surely you have 20 friends who could pledge \$1 per hole (\$100). Or 40 friends who might pledge 50 cents per hole? Or how about a rich aunt or uncle who might make a one-time pledge for the entire goal?

We'll help you out by providing you with material you can email and/or pass out to your friends to help solicit the pledges; giving all the ability to make simple on line pledges/donations. We'll create a webpage that you can simply forward with a click of your finger!

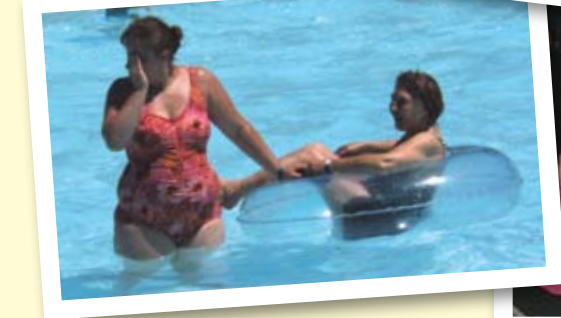
On the day of the event, we will provide you and a handful of other golfers exclusive use of The Country Club of Lansing, perfect whether, free food and drinks all day long, a cart with plenty of power to get you around the course again and again, free sun screen, and the satisfaction of knowing you are having all this fun to benefit a great cause ... **Chosen Vision!**

**For more information about this event or to sign up, please call or email Jim Russell or Linda Zylstra as indicated below:
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Chairman's Corner

We are now in the season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday. Originally the 40-day Lenten fast began on a Monday. It still does for many Christians of the Eastern Orthodox tradition. For Western Christians, the fasting was eventually discontinued on Sundays to restore physical strength and because Sunday was considered too festive a day for fasting. By eliminating Sundays, the Lenten fast was only 36 days. So, in order to bring that number up to the biblical model of 40, the preceding four days were added, thus making Wednesday the first

day of the season. Western Christians marked Ash Wednesday with special signs of repentance, one of which was, like the Ninevites of Jonah's time, to put ashes on top of their heads as a particular sign of turning away from worldliness and renewed devotion to God.

Chosen Vision is not formally connected with any church or institution but it is faith based in the Christian tradition. Our ladies have not traditionally fasted or participated in specific Ash Wednesday ceremonies but they most certainly observe Lent. As part of their observation of Lent, the special ladies of Chosen Vision are engaged

in a "Bible Study/Teaching Lent" experience led by our Founder and Board Member Emerita, Eleanor-Tobey. Like all of us, our special ladies are seeking spiritual growth by experiencing Lent and they are looking forward to Easter and the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Please keep Chosen Vision in your hearts and your prayers as you engage life and faith on your Lenten journey towards Easter.

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