



HAPPY AND HEALTHY AT HOME!

Jacob's Village residents are making the most of their time "sheltering in place". Spending time together helps us develop even stronger friendships, plus it's fun! We have lots of friendly competition playing cards and board games, but we work as a team when it comes to putting those jigsaw puzzles together. We even get a chance to visit with our neighbors from other homes, keeping a safe distance on our patios. We look forward to seeing all of you when you can visit again, but for now, know that we are staying safe at home!

EVENTS CALENDAR

Otters Game:
POSTPONED FOR NOW

Christmas in July:
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 (TENTATIVE)

Walking for Dreams:
RESCHEDULED TO
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

Trivia Night:
SATURDAY, NOV. 14

2020 TRIBUTES

(OCTOBER 2019-MARCH 2020)

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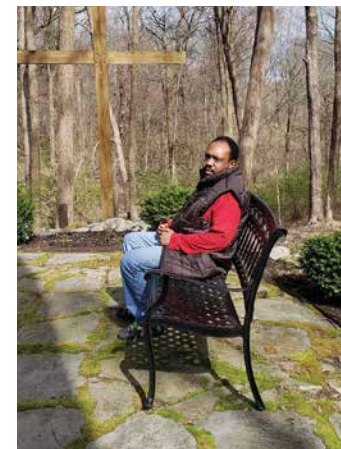
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OUR AFTERNOON WALK



ENJOYING THE
MEDITATION GARDEN



STAYING STRONG



SOAKING IN THE SUNSHINE



EXERCISING AND
STAYING HEALTHY



ENJOYING CRAFTS
AND COLORING



NEEDLEPOINT
AND RELAXING



PAINTING WITH
HOUSEMATES

BECAUSE OF YOU.... BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MICHELE CURRENT



When the clock struck midnight on January 1, 2020, none of us could envision the weeks that the world is enduring now. I am confident most of us had high hopes for success, good health and fulfilled dreams. While some of those hopes have taken a turn no one saw coming, I am confident we can see and find the good in what we are living through now.

Because of you and your generosity, the residents at Jacob's Village have a safe and healthy place to call home. They are surrounded by friends and caregivers who have a common goal to keep each other well. Playing games, puzzles, artwork and other fun activities fill their days and nights to pass the time.

Because of you, our residents are surrounded by beautiful landscapes, tall trees, wildlife and all the comforts of the country. They can enjoy the outdoors of our

community on nice roads and sidewalks to enjoy the beauties of springtime at Jacob's Village. Our nature trail and meditation garden are places of peace and calm to appreciate.

Because of you, family members of our residents are given peace of mind that their loved ones are getting the care and love they deserve. The Apex Behavioral staff are doing their part to ensure our residents' needs continue to be met during this health crisis.

I want to thank you for being a part of the Jacob's Village Community. Your support through donations and time allows us to continue serving our residents now and in the future. While we are uncertain if some of our special events will occur in 2020, we are confident that God will provide us the financial means to continue serving our Jacob's Village residents.

Because of you... Jacob's Village remains a wonderful "place to call home."

SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATES – LAURA HURT

We have a full year of special events that are now in flux due to COVID-19, and while we all want to see our events move forward, we remain at the mercy of the virus. Please know we will proceed cautiously, keeping our residents and volunteers' safety a top priority.



Otters Benefit Game: The Frontier League, which includes the Evansville Otters, recently announced it is delaying the scheduled start of the 2020 season because of the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic. Unfortunately, the postponement of the Frontier League season will impact our May 8th exhibition game. The exhibition game has been a long-standing tradition for Jacob's Village and is a favorite of our residents. At this point, we are hopeful we can secure a game later in the season. We will share more details with you as they become available.



Christmas in July: This year marks the 8th anniversary of the annual Christmas in July event sponsored by Saint Wendel and Zoar UCC Churches. We remain in a holding pattern on our event scheduled for Wednesday, July 15th. We will share more information as it becomes available.

Walking for Dreams: Our WFD May riverfront walk has been rescheduled for Sunday, August 16th. If you are interested in learning more about registering to walk,

making a donation or sponsoring this event, please visit: <https://walkingfordreams.azurewebsites.net/>

If you have questions about any of our upcoming events, please contact Laura Hurt at 812.598.4122 or email at Lhurt@jacobsvillage.org. Thank you for your support!



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OUTDOOR QUARATINE BINGO



PROM PHOTOBOOTH



VALENTINE'S DAY SILLINESS

OUR MISSION:

Established in 2004, the mission of Jacob's Village is to develop a safe, walkable, neighborhood community where people with disabilities and older adults can find meaningful relationships, housing that is affordable and accessible, and activities that encourage active minds and bodies. More information can be found by visiting www.jacobsvillage.org or facebook.com/JacobsVillage

HOW IS THE COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS IMPACTING OUR OPERATIONS? – LAURA HURT

Jacob's Village is maintaining our high level of service alongside our partners in residential and behavioral care, Apex. The staff are doing a wonderful job ensuring our residents' needs continue to be met during this health crisis.

Despite our high levels of care and creativity, the coronavirus outbreak has negatively impacted our organization. The outbreak initially resulted in disruptions and unexpected costs as we faced the situation. We set up a couple staff members to work from home to ensure their safety and well-being. The added strain on our water wetlands septic system, now that all of our residents are at home 24/7, will require us to clean one of the cells ahead of regularly scheduled maintenance, at a cost of \$15,000. We have also postponed and may need to cancel fundraising events which are a source of unrestricted funding to sustain our operations.

We have worked to streamline our operating expenses to protect our financial standing and best sustain us into the unforeseeable future. With help from

our dedicated board members, we have applied for an SBA Payroll Protection Program loan under the CARES Act.

We live in a tremendously generous community and we are tapping into the resources and volunteer support our community offers. Our staff is seeking information and guidance to navigate this crisis on topics such as financial relief for our current residents, new grant opportunities and best practices throughout our network. We are highly focused on Jacob's Village long term viability and success.

Maintaining a high level of service for people with disabilities and seniors living within our rural community is a top priority. **At this time of urgent need, if you are in a position to donate to Jacob's Village, please consider doing so.** You can visit JacobsVillage.org, return the enclosed envelope, or call Laura Hurt at 812.598.4122 to discuss our many opportunities to give. We are grateful for you and your kindness. Stay safe and healthy, friends.

FOUNDING RESIDENT SCOTT HUCK REFLECTS ON EARLY YEARS AT JACOB'S VILLAGE

Jacob's Village (JV), Inc. was established in 1999 with the vision of creating a neighborhood community where adults with functional disabilities could find accessible housing, staff support for daily living activities, programs to increase independent living skills, social and recreational opportunities, and transportation assistance. In October 2004, JV opened its first 2 homes to 6 disabled adults whose elderly caregivers were in urgent need of help. One of those adults was founding resident Scott Huck. Scott recalls the early days fondly stating, "We loved the acreage and the beauty of the rural setting. The landscaper, Donny, actually lived on site for a while and kept an eye on everything. Donny landscaped and kept everything looking nice. Donny and Tom worked together where Donny came up with the plants plan, and Tom would plant and maintain it. It was neat to see the community start to come together." Huck continued, "It was a little quieter back then, it's still quiet, but it was real quiet back then. Now there are more activities for us to do. We also loved seeing



all kinds of animals from turkey to deer, raccoons, and birds. We even had a bald eagle out here."

Cultivating initial partnerships within the community was time consuming, but Scott volunteered his time to help build some of those important relationships. Huck said, "We built up good relationships with area churches and civic clubs. What began as a single service project with her 8th grade class at St. Joseph Elementary School led Mary Kay Elpers and her family to become part of our treasured volunteer corps. Mary Kay wanted to teach her students and her own children about people with disabilities. She still brings the residents treats and pumpkins and other items on holidays. She's been the best neighbor."

But perhaps the thing Scott loves the most is that "three of the original six guys are still together under the same roof."



WISH LIST ITEMS – PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP!

- Picnic Table – seeking funds towards a new, maintenance free AND handicap accessible plastic picnic table
- Snack, craft and toiletry items for Bingo – a resident favorite!
- Walmart and Dollar Tree gift cards to support resident activities