



## VANDERBURGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES KEEPING JACOB'S VILLAGE SAFE

The Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office operates a unique Non-Motorist Safety program and Jacob's Village is now on their route! The program utilizes specially outfitted bicycles that allow sheriff's deputies to patrol walking paths, bicycle trails and neighborhood streets within the county. Col. Noah Robinson stated, "more than just putting "cops on bikes", the program is designed to facilitate positive interaction with the public and encourage safe behavior on the part of pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. While the primary focus of the program is traffic safety, bicycle patrol deputies will be uniquely positioned to detect crime and respond to emergencies. We are very proud of this program we have built and will continue to look for creative and innovative ways to better serve the residents of our county."

Bicycle deputies will be equipped to investigate crimes, make arrests, assist the public and provide first aid. Our residents were happy to see the officers stop by and say hello. We are grateful that Jacob's Village is part of their rounds!

## EVENTS CALENDAR

**TRIVIA NIGHT:**  
SAVE THE DATE FOR  
NEXT YEAR!  
**SAT. NOV. 13, 2021**

**VIRTUAL  
COOKING NIGHT:**  
STAY TUNED FOR  
MORE DETAILS!

## 2020 TRIBUTES (APRIL 2020-OCTOBER 2020)

### IN HONOR OF:

**KARLA FICKER**  
Paul and Susie Ficker

**ASHLEY HARDIN**  
Wilma Jacobs

**PATRICIA SMITH**  
Mark Smith

**ANDY AND CHARMIE  
GUAGENTI**  
Tom and Susan Parker

**MICHAEL WESTFALL**  
Joe and Susan Weiss

**KELSEY HEAFNER**  
Greg and Julie Mooney

**MICHAEL HUFNAGEL**  
Janet Werne

**JACOB GRUNOW**  
Kaddy and William Hurley

**SCOTT HUCK**  
Brenda McFarland  
Caroline Nellis  
Don and Shirley Johann  
Donna Creek  
Helen Nekkins  
Richard and Margaret Diemer  
Ron Weatherford  
Wilma Jacobs

**ROBERT SLY**  
Randall and Judy Sly

**MARY REASON**  
Gerald and Betty Reason

**JACOB'S VILLAGE  
RESIDENTS AND STAFF**  
Darrell and Vickie Harris

### IN MEMORY OF:

**DR. JOE AND  
MRS. BETTY DUKES**  
Michael and Judy Dukes

**JIM COY**  
Charmie Guagenti

**LANA SMITH NEVIL**  
Dan and Karen Grunow

**JOE STOFLETH**  
Margaret Stofleth  
David Stofleth

**MARY GUAGENTI CHANEY**  
John Chaney

**BOB YOUNG**  
Bob and Kay Gilles

**LUCILLE TOMES**  
Senator Jim and Margie Tomes

**RICHARD GARY LUCY**  
Dan and Karen Grunow

**ALVIN MCINTOSH**  
Ruth McIntosh

**WANDA HUFNAGEL**  
Janet Werne

**TREVOR HEAD**  
Debra Head

**DEBBIE ROBERTS**  
Daniel and Lynda Hostettler

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jay Adams  
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Grunow  
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**DEPUTY ESPENLAUB  
AND KARLA**



**RESIDENTS ENJOYING OUR SPECIAL VISITORS**



# THE BENEFIT OF HINDSIGHT - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MICHELE CURRENT



Most have heard the saying “Hindsight is 20/20.” By definition, this means “... things are obvious that were not obvious from the outset...” (https://en.wiktionary.org) Looking back over the year 2020, what are the obvious things you have discovered since we started this journey of unusual times?

Thanks to our dedicated Board of Directors and team including Development Director Laura Hurt, Maintenance Director Tom Burmeister, Resident Manager Jamie Espenlaub and Office Manager Katy Lang, we have been able to achieve great things for those we serve at Jacob's Village. Even though our special events including our Evansville Otters Benefit, Christmas in July and Trivia Night were cancelled because of the COVID-19 restrictions, we were able to discover other resources to generate funds to continue our operations. Because of your on-going generous support, your donations have helped to keep our community safe and viable for the 35+ residents who call Jacob's Village “home.”

## COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have an interest in learning more about Jacob's Village? Perhaps you've thought about how you could use your talents to support the mission of JV? We have a variety of volunteer committee positions available where we can always use more help.

**Special Events / Fundraising:** Join the Special Events committee and help to coordinate and plan fundraising events such as the Otters Game, Trivia Night, and Walking for Dreams.

Even though we have been limited on how we can gather together as a community, our resident activities have found other unique ways to unite while safely social distancing. Our homes utilized their outdoor patios for bingos, ice cream socials and karaoke which gave our residents some forms of normalcy during this crazy time.

As we look forward to what we hope is a healthier and more “normal” 2021, Jacob's Village remains driven to be a place our residents can find comfort and safety. In conjunction with our partner Apex Behavioral Services, we anticipate a robust activities schedule that our residents will truly enjoy. Additionally, we expect successful special events which will help generate the funds needed to sustain our operational budget. However, we still need the generous support of our donors and volunteers as we move into a new year.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of Jacob's Village through your time, talents and financial means. Our families and guardians tell us time and time again how appreciative they are for Jacob's Village. It goes back to our founders, Andy and Charmie Guagenti, who saw the vision inspired by people with special needs and the universal concern of their parents and caregivers: “what will happen to my child (or sibling) when I'm gone?” Jacob's Village has answered that question for over 20 years and expects to for years to come.

Looking back over 2020, it is obvious we were going to continue serving our residents, we just didn't realize the creative ways we had to find to make it work. On behalf of those we serve, thank you for your past support and we look forward to your loyalty as we move into 2021.

**Property Development:** Includes the promotion of programs related to the growth and development of the community, exploring options for long range development.

**Programming Ideas:** Collect bingo prizes, donate Dollar Tree or Walmart gift cards, or get creative with program staff to design a unique experience for our residents.



TRIVIA NIGHT



CONCORDIA BIBLE CAMP



DON ENJOYING FURRY FRIENDS



ORNAMENT MAKING

## 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](http://www.jacobsvillage.org) or [facebook.com/JacobsVillage](https://facebook.com/JacobsVillage)

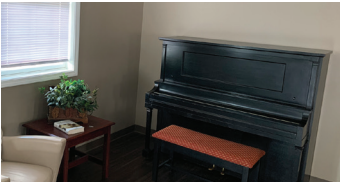
# FRIENDS OF JACOB'S VILLAGE RALLY AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

We have been blessed to have so many of you support us during this unique time by donating funds to help with our wetlands system and to support our efforts to sustain Jacob's Village well in to the future. We also have a tremendous group of people who dedicate their time to keeping our residents engaged and motivated during this time. Long-time supporter Concordia Lutheran Church has been delivering house care packages twice a month! The care packages are stuffed with devotionals, cookies, crafts, baking activities and so on. Pastor Dave Wiist tells us, “We miss our friends at Jacob's Village terribly and we hope that even though we can't be there to participate in the devotions, crafts and snacks that these packages will remind them that they are loved and that they are not alone.”

Additionally, Jacob's Village resident Leah Scott rallied her BeeKind CommUnity to donate beautiful masks to all of our community residents.

And Board Member Jay Adams and his wife Sarah donated a gorgeous piano for use in the community center, which we are all anxious to make use of once the space opens up safely.

We continue to get creative with our gatherings and focus on outdoor and socially distanced activities that are safe but still engaging.



PIANO DONATED BY JAY AND SARAH ADAMS



BEEKIND COMMUNITY DONATED COLORFUL MASKS

## AMAZONSMILE IS A UNIQUE AND EASY WAY TO SUPPORT JACOB'S VILLAGE

Help support Jacob's Village while shopping with Amazon this holiday season! Every time you shop at Amazon through AmazonSmile using the link below or using your app, Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to Jacob's Village with no extra cost to you. Just use the link below and begin shopping. To set up AmazonSmile on your phone through the Amazon app following these steps:

1. Open your Amazon App
2. Go to your settings
3. Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the set-up.



A very simple, but impactful way to support Jacob's Village. Thank you and happy shopping!

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) TAX CREDITS ARE A GREAT WAY TO MAXIMIZE YOUR DONATION.



By making a donation to Jacob's Village (\$100 or greater), you will be able to utilize Neighborhood Assistance Program Tax Credits - allowing you to get half of your contribution back as a TAX CREDIT on your Indiana taxes next spring, with the option of also claiming the entire gift as a deduction on your itemized federal tax return. Not only will you get a great break on your taxes next April,

but you'll provide funding for the Village. This means that your gift will be worth more than twice as much as it actually costs you. What counts as a contribution? Cash, checks, stocks, securities, and certain stationary building materials are permitted contributions. Contact Info: If you are interested in participating by donating to Jacob's Village through the NAP program, please call Laura Hurt, Development Director at 812.598.4122.



BRIAN GIVES SCOTT AN IU MASK FOR HIS BIRTHDAY



MIKE TAKING THE ANACONDA BURRITO CHALLENGE



HAYRIDE FUN WITH KATY AND BRIAN



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

- Christmas gifts for our residents
- Snack, craft and toiletry items for Bingo prizes
- Walmart and Dollar Tree gift cards to support resident activities