



## *Special Olympics, dance and music are some of NHV residents' special goals*

Several New Horizons Village residents trained for the Special Olympics golf competition. They were excited to work toward this goal. NHV is fortunate to have a loving and caring Recreation Department that makes sure residents have their opportunity to shine.

NHV's all-male house has two men that love to display their culinary skills to their housemates. One makes brownies; the other excels in pizza biscuits. They have both for their evening snack.

Another male resident in a different house has a friend that is dear to his heart. She lives at another facility; he paints pictures for her.

Helping residents achieve special goals is part of our NHV mission: *giving loving care and protection to the lives entrusted to us while guiding them to become creative, self-sufficient and independent.* Each new task residents learn or master is an achievement we celebrate. We staff members enjoy sharing their accomplishments with them – and with you.

If you have any thoughts or wishes about special goals for your loved one, we want to know about them. Please contact Donna Salak/QMRP at [donnas@newhorizonsvillage.us](mailto:donnas@newhorizonsvillage.us)

## Special Olympics Golf Competition



A winning New Horizons Village team!

Front row: Ray, Amber, Linda  
Back row: Dean, Adam, Tim, Virginia (unified partner), Paul, Steven (unified partner)



Ray and Adam proudly display their ribbons

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## **News From Home**



### **Starting with a bang on Unit One**

We had a bang-up time at the July 4 picnic. We swam and ate great food. Thanks to the kitchen staff for another exceptional meal! We began a new activity at recreation: Rock Band! Residents have a terrific time playing guitar or drums. We've been busy with our Special Olympics bowling and swimming. Jane and Adam competed in Special Olympics golf. They take pride in their special activities. We welcome staff member Kim to Unit One! She's doing a great job and the residents are very happy. We say a heartfelt and emotional goodbye to Lillian Gilson, a wonderful staff member who has passed away. Lillian was much loved, and she will always hold a special place in the hearts of both staff and residents at New Horizons Village. Till next month!

### **Busy on Unit Two**

July and August kept us moving. On July 6<sup>th</sup> we went to Arby's for a dinner outing. We celebrated Wayne C's birthday with a party on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Sightseeing to the beach at Crystal River was our July 13<sup>th</sup> activity. On July 14<sup>th</sup> we enjoyed bowling at Manatee Lanes. We went to a fun picnic and hiking excursion at the barge canal. Tommy's birthday was celebrated with a party on July 24<sup>th</sup>, he received many Florida Gator gifts. Go Gators! Some of our residents attended Library Club on July 26<sup>th</sup>. The Dollar Store was another outing. Our resident Tommy had a birthday celebration with staff on Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The next day we had a dessert trip to the Crystal River Dairy Queen. The Two Guys from Italy Restaurant was our dinner destination on August 11<sup>th</sup>. There was sightseeing at Whispering Pines Park on August 16<sup>th</sup>, Library Club II on Aug, 23<sup>rd</sup> and a picnic to Kings Bay on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We have two residents busy with Special Olympics golf and swimming. We were very happy and proud to win the pizza party on Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>. One of our residents even baked a delicious chocolate cake.

### **Having fun on Unit Three**

To celebrate America's independence we had big Fourth of July picnic. Kim tried Zumba and she loved it. We enjoyed dinner at Denny's and had a dessert outing to Burger King. We also went to Inverness to look at the historic buildings. Lots of birthday celebrations in August: happy birthday to Bruce, Donnie, Billy and Rufus. One day featured a nice picnic by the lake at Liberty Park. Another excursion was coupled with sightseeing in Beverly Hills and enjoying a yummy pizza dinner from Little Caesar's. We also went to the grocery store and picked out our favorite desserts. We will catch up with you next time!

### **Staying cool on Unit Four**

July and August were "yummy" months. We had dinner at KFC, our favorite place. With our friends from Unit 1 we took a road trip and went on a picnic to the barge canal in Inglis. We went shopping at the Dollar Tree; to handle the heat, we ate at Dockside Ice Cream overlooking the water. Three birthdays were celebrated: Walter turned the big "75" and had a party with several of his friends; Monique and Larry Joe had special birthdays also. We went to dinner at Moschello's and had excellent food. We shopped at the Family Dollar Store and picnicked at Kings Bay Park. The Farmer's Market was another destination and we brought back fresh fruit to make fruit salad. Everyone had a fine time celebrating Amy's birthday on the unit with her family. See ya next time!

## **Busy on Unit Five**

We won the pizza party and Paul and Ray celebrated birthdays. We had a wonderful picnic at Kings Bay Park and a very nice sightseeing outing at Hunter Springs. Robert enjoyed his jam session at Neon Leon's with Tom. Casey spent time with his mom and visited the car show. All our guys and staff loved the Taco Bell dinner outing! August was just as busy with Paul's Special Olympics golf; Paul's and Tony's swimming; and Paul, Tony and Ray practicing their bowling. Tony was very excited to get a new bowling ball, thanks to MaryLouise! We enjoyed our unit bowling trip and had a great picnic at Liberty Park in Inverness. We went sightseeing in Inglis/Yankeetown and had a blast shopping at the Dollar Tree. Also, Mickey celebrated his birthday and had a home visit. Wow!

## **Hello from Unit Six**

In July, we celebrated Michael's birthday. Everyone enjoyed a taste of Italy when we visited Two Guys from Italy for our dinner outing. After a hot summer day we definitely appreciated our dessert visits to Dairy Queen and The Ice Cream Doctor. MaryLouise is keeping several of us quite busy with Special Olympics bowling and golf. The picnic at Weeki Wachee was awesome! We really enjoyed the steak dinner. Gail went fishing; according to him he caught a big fish, a fish that seems to get bigger each time he tells the story. Denise and Amber went home for a few days to visit their families. Timmy is strumming along with his guitar lessons and hopes to serenade everyone at Christmas time. We have had a great summer and we are looking forward to fun in the fall.

## **Recreation highlights**

Our July 4<sup>th</sup> cookout was wonderful. The kitchen staff members are expert grill masters. Special Olympics golf and swimming are in full swing. There are 20 athletes who practice their swimming skills each Saturday morning. (Thanks to the Greiners for allowing the pool to be used for training the swim team.) We've had a great turnout from the community, athletes and their families. Seven Rivers Golf and Country Club has opened the course for practice for our Special Olympics golf team; the club is helping us put together a golf scramble next February as a fundraiser for the Citrus County Special Olympics. On Sept. 9 and 10 Timmy and Amber went to the Special Olympics State Golf Tournament at the Legends Golf Course in Orange City. Special Olympics State Swimming Competition will be in Sebastian on October 1 – 2; but we don't know who will participate. We had a great time at Linda Peterson Park; once again the kitchen staff came prepared to feed us, this time with grilled steaks, peppers and onions and potato salad with strawberry parfait for dessert. Labor Day was our next party with sliders and mini hot dogs! The new building is looking great and we look forward to you seeing it as well.

## **A Visit With Family**

Memories come alive as Miss Janie, (who we affectionately call our Southern Belle) visits with her family. Staff really enjoys going on visits like this and seeing the joy it brings to everyone.



Jane with brother and mother



Sharing memories with mom



A kiss for mom

## **Progress on the New Building**

Everything is on schedule. We are raising the roof! Plans are for the new building to be completed in December and for us to move in shortly thereafter. Our new building is another example of the New Horizon Village administration's efforts to improve our facilities for the welfare and benefit of NHV residents and staff.



## **Busy at the ATF**

### **Classroom 1**

Classroom 1 is a busy place. We are studying the Seminole Nation. We're learning what they grew, what they ate, what they wore, etc. We made teepees, although the Seminoles lived in open-walled "chickees." We learned about their headdresses, footwear and many more things. Personal hygiene was a study subject. Sub-topics included eye care, what not to put in your ears, dental hygiene and how to make sure we're clean. We also studied about the American Flag; flag poles at government institutions; how Old Glory got her name; and U.S. history in general. We're currently studying U.S. currency. It's amazing how much work and design goes into our currency. Spelling, science, history, counting, and more are incorporated into every lesson. Craft time is our favorite activity. We make some really cool crafts. We have been on two picnics at the picnic area of Fort Island Trail. We made beautiful shell necklaces. If you stop by the ATF, please come into our room to see our awesome room decorations. We welcome our new instructor Matthew to our room.

## **Classroom 2**

Classroom 2 has an Egyptian theme. We have sand, bones, jewels, and other objects that we dig up during mock archaeological excavations. It's exciting to learn about tombs, pyramids, and other Egyptian marvels. Rufus has a blast with his science experiments. We have test tubes everywhere. Experimenting is great fun. We had great fun at our picnic to Ft. Island. We volunteer with the library and the Citrus County Resource Center. Our upcoming fashion show is in development. We love getting dressed up and showing off. The fashion show will be something very special.

## **Classroom 3**

First, we welcome our new instructor Adrian to our classroom. He's great. Our class went on a picnic to the Ft. Island Boat Ramp. Our classroom theme is the rainforest. We're learning all about the animals and plants that inhabit the rainforest. We're learning about deforestation, mankind's effect on our environment and how to protect it. Our attention is also on learning our numbers, shapes and alphabet, and we are fine-tuning our cutting skills. But what excites us most is Halloween. Wait until you see what's in store for you. So you'd better come see us. Hope you won't be *too* scared.

## **Classroom 4**

We had a great time at our July picnic at Fort Island Trail Park. Our lunch was delicious. We watched the different boats arriving and leaving from the boat launch. Our Classroom 4 theme is the alphabet. We're learning words that begin with the letters on which we've been working. We enjoy making and hanging decorations. Beauty school is a huge hit here; the ladies love being pampered and getting their hair and nails done. The men are also learning about grooming. We're gearing up for the upcoming holidays. Our classroom will rock with the decorations we'll make. Visit us and see. We're preparing for a fashion show, and we'll soon announce the time and date.

## **Classroom 5**

Classroom 5 welcomes Stephanie to our room. We know she'll love being here. Among our activities, we went on a picnic at Fort Island Trail and we volunteer at the Humane Society. The Humane Society gets delicious dog biscuits that we bake ourselves. We groom the dogs and have fun with them. Among our important jobs here at New Horizons are picking up supplies from Terri the cook or from Debbie the housekeeping supervisor. It's our responsibility to ensure the ATF is well stocked. Everyone appreciates it when we help out. We're busy on the computer, too. This is a favorite activity of ours because we learn so much from the internet. Every day we learn something new.

## **Workshop**

Among our many activities, residents have been picking produce at the Path Farm or volunteering to help keep 1000 Palms clean and neat. Denise is a huge help at the ATF, twice winning the Great Helper Award. Denise helps out Miss Judy C. all the time. Cooking class is a favorite: residents enjoy tasting new foods. Hats off to Jo in our kitchen for the great food she sends us to cook. In August the workshop met with The Nature Coast ARC of Brooksville at Floral City Park. It was a great time to socialize and enjoy a picnic lunch with our new friends. We played Frisbee and T-Ball. Both teams did so well we called it a draw. We've been busy getting a head start on fall decorations. Residents are making handmade scarecrows! They made the scarecrows' clothes, then painted, and decorated them. We're going to stuff the scarecrows with hay. They'll be amazing and our residents are eager to show them off to you. We're working on our solar system: we call it a work in progress. We learned about meteors, comets, and asteroids. Another project is learning all about the U.S. states. Do you know the name of Delaware's state drink? Ask any of us and we'll tell you (by the way, it's milk). We're excited to have Manda in our room. She will be an outstanding addition to the workshop team.

## *Some of our Favorite Moments at ATF*



Jimmy having a picnic at the beach



Robyn singing karaoke to the crowd

### Upcoming Events:

#### **Special Olympics Bowling Practice**

Place: Manatee Lanes  
September 12, 2011, every Monday thereafter  
Time: 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

#### **Special Olympics County Bowling Competition**

Place: Inverness, Sportsmen's Bowl  
September 17, 2011  
Time: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

#### **Special Olympics Area Bowling Competition**

Place: St. Petersburg, Seminole Lanes  
September 24, 2011  
Time: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

#### **Special Olympics State Swimming Competition**

Place: Sebastian  
October 1-2, 2011

#### **Spooktacular Halloween Play**

Place: ATF, Lecanto, FL  
October 31, 2011  
Time: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM  
**RSVP by October 25, 2011**  
**@ (352) 419-4878**



### NOTES FROM THE EDITOR



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