

Poem

I thank God for the people, the places and things...I thank God for the honor, the privilege he brings...Through people like Tommy and Donna, the crew..Brian, Beverly, Chastity and Drew...Diana, Elizabeth, Fred and Genia, John, Phyllis, Stan and Reva.. I thank God for the people, the places and things.. thank God for Adventure House, and the joy it brings..We come in, we gather, we start out our day..with sign-ins and breakfast "Good morning we say"..the crew in the snack bar say, "have it your way" of course we respond," are you sure it's okay" I thank God for the people, the places and things..

I thank God for the friendships, it's better than bling..I thank God for the privilege of having a Place..where people who care manage my case..I thank God for the building, the members, the staff..I thank God for the players, the socials, the crafts..I thank God for the sunshine, I thank God for the rain..I thank God for the laughter, and even some pain..I thank God for a friendship that forever remains..But mostly I thank him cause he never changed. Read at Thanksgiving "Open Mic" 2011.

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Glenda Woodson



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Our Annual Fair Social

Adventure House Members and Staff attended the Cleveland County Fair in October. Clear skies, deep-fried delicacies, rides and games delighted Adventure House members and staff as they walk the midway for a fun filled afternoon. Members visited the exhibits and were fascinated by the most surprising thing this year, which was the helicopter rides. Many members played bingo, games and rode the bright neon colored rides. Several people won stuffed animals and prizes from bingo. The Shiners Booth provided a discounted sandwich and drink for everyone. Many of us enjoyed other fair favorites such as french fries with vinegar, cotton candy, turkey legs, funnel cakes and deep fried snicker bars. Everyone stated "This was the best fair ever, and we are looking forward to attending the fair next year."

Phyllis Chitwood

The Biggest Party of The Year!

Our annual Halloween Party was held on the evening of October 27th, 2011 at our Clubhouse. We had a live DJ, Eric Boswell dished out a lot of great music that kept the party alive. We danced until the lights went off. Members and staff came dressed in many different costumes that had our own creative touch added. The kitchen unit members and staff prepared a dinner which included; BBQ, baked

beans, slaw and chips. The Administrative Unit prepared the pick-ups which included cupcakes, chicken salad, cookie tray, cheese ball, peanut butter pumpkins and punch. The snack bar decorated the dining room Halloween style. Member Services was in charge of door prizes which were four gift baskets in themes of male, female, movie and a snack basket. The winners of the baskets were Dexter Reed, Ruthie Mills, Elizabeth Grigg and Elizabeth Ross. The night ended with the costume contest which the winners were determine by a round of applauds. The costume winners were Antwon Wilkie overall best, he was dress like staff member Elizabeth Ross and carried around a KFC bucket. He wore a Pittsburg Steelers' t-shirt and her hair style, that filled the night with laughter. He received a gift card to Wal-Mart. We had three runner-ups, which were Diana Boswell who was dressed as raining cats and dogs, Cheryl Jenkins was dressed as a whoopie cushion and Shenika Massey was a gothic Chick. They each were given a Wal-Mart gift card. If your Clubhouse needs an example on how to throw a great party, just come to Adventure House. We would love to teach you how to party.

The Snack Bar Gang

Thanksgiving

Adventure House annual Thanksgiving lunch was a wonderful success again this year. Members and

staff started with decorating our Clubhouse with fall decorations. This set the mood for our festive lunch. The dining room was decorated in a fall theme with our pilgrim and turkey center pieces on the tables. The tables had orange table clothes and the turkey themes dessert plates and napkins.

It was exciting to see everyone working together wrapping silverware, helping with food preparation. Our meal consisted of turkey, homemade dressing, gravy, broccoli and cheese casserole, rice, cranberry sauce, deviled eggs and sweet potato pie for dessert. We ended our meal with open mic. At this time member's and staff could tell what they were most thankful for, if they choose to do so. Tommy Gunn started out the open mic then passed it to other member's and staff that followed. As usual, open mic was very heart felt and it was good to hear what so many people were thankful for. We all are thankful for our Clubhouse and the awesome meal that members and staff did a wonderful job preparing. It was GREAT!

Debra Kirkland

Adventure House News

Adventure House has a proud history of a news division unit similar to the one at Gateway House in Greenville, South Carolina. We have decided to concentrate more on this unit and make it more member involved like it was in the past. That means members and staff coming up each day with ideas for what news we are going to cover and film. Which members are going to be the anchors and which ones are going to be the videographers. Also teamwork involving members and staff with the editing process on the computer in order to make the final DVD to show at the next morning house meeting. All that requires teamwork and dedication and that is what we are looking for at the Adventure House News Team. So if you are interested, come join our newly revised team and watch us grow and thrive. We need you and your talents. Even if you don't think you have any talent but you want to learn, come join us. We can teach you. AH NEWS 2012 coming to you soon!!!!

Brian Scott

Welcome Traci Backhaus

Traci was referred here by Cleveland Crisis Recovery Center. She came for a tour of the Clubhouse in late September and became a member on October 3, 2011. She likes being around other people like herself. You can find Traci working in the Administrative unit and she also takes part in the Adventure House Players. Traci stated she loves her responsibilities like entering daily attendance. That's what keeps bringing her "back to the unit." Traci became part of the AH Players' by accident. She thought it was involving watching plays, but soon found out that we actually perform the plays. She has now preformed in some skits. She read a ghost story in the Halloween play. Traci is also awaiting the opportunity of working her first T.E job, she is next in line to start working at U.A. Thrift and is very excited. She's also on the waiting list for and Adventure House Apartment. Traci said " She's proud to say Adventure House Rocks."

Glenda Woodson

Welcome Richard Ingle

Richard came to Adventure House from the former Piedmont Pioneer House after their closing. He was giving many options to choose from and he chose to become a part of Adventure House. So from all the member's and staff, we would like to say "thank you Richard for choosing us." He chose Adventure House because here he still could continue working toward rebuilding his life and making his dreams become a reality. He can still get the support he needs to help him to cope within society. Richard said " He has gained strength in learning to control his emotions." Richard can be found in the snack bar working behind the counter, running the cash register and teaching and encouraging others to learn how to run the register.

Richard resides at home with his mother and father in Kings Mountain N.C, but hopes to one day have an Adventure House Apartment. Richard said " that working in the Snack Bar has helped him tremendously with being patient and taught him how to work with others." Adventure House has become Richard's second family and he is thrilled at the fact that once a member always a member.

Crystal Byers

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Adventure House

Adventure House would like to welcome Rose Anumene. Rose has enjoyed coming to Adventure House and says " it helps her not to isolate herself as much. I have made new friends and built some good relationships since I have been attending." We also would like to welcome Mr. Leonard Dover. Leonard loves to work outside helping Fred, gathering up leaves and keeping the grounds looking neat and groomed. Leonard has already set a goal of getting a T.E placement and also a Clubhouse apartment in the future. Leonard stated, " Adventure House helps to keep worries and tension off of me."

A warm welcome to our two newest members Robert Pheagin and Jennifer Kirk. They are still trying to decided which unit they like best. We are so glade to have our Adventure House Family expanding and again welcome all of our new members.

Crystal Byers

Congratulation!

Congratulations are in order for staff member Genia Robinson and her family on their new addition. Genia gave birth to a 8lb 2oz beautiful baby girl, Anna-Claire Robinson, on October 27, 2011. Genia is a staff in the kitchen unit. Genia has been missed dearly at the Clubhouse. We look forward to her return and we are all very happy for her blessing.

Adventure House Members & Staff

What Adventure House Mean Me

Adventure House means hope to me because I can come to my Clubhouse and find hope and know I have a place in the world and there are folks that need me. Despite having an illness I have learned that in life it should never hinder me in completing and achieving any goals in life. At my Clubhouse I have learned a lot bout myself. It's unbelievable, I feel as if I have become a new person. I love to see and meet new members and watch how Adventure House changes their lives also.

Adventure House Member

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Adventure House Players



The troupe has been rehearsing their new play, "Dancing For Your Meds", for a number of months now and opening night is now upon us. (Actually it is opening morning to be accurate.) On December 7th, we will be performing at the Life Enrichment Center in Shelby NC, for a captive audience that is awaiting to see what new innovative theatre we will bring them. You might have guessed by the title that it is a spoof of the hit television show, "Dancing with the Stars", with a little twist. We have five couples who have trained diligently to either the Swing/ Shag, Tango, Waltz, Cha Cha and Rumba. Their goal is to win the coveted Crystal Ball trophy but more important a year's worth of meds for the winning couple. Competition will be fierce and they will be judged by the audience members at the end of the competition. Emcees will be John Poston, Traci Backhaus and Lisa Debreaux. The three of them will do a little comedy intro before the show begins just to warm up the crowd. Dancers are Sonya Nichols, Eddie Wellmon, Phyllis Chitwood, Danny Kiser, Traci Backhaus, Bryon Dorsey, Shelia Wellmon, Lewis Acree, Ant won Wilkie, and Carolyn Abrams. There will be other surprises through out the show that we don't want to mention right now. That would spoil the surprise now wouldn't it. We promise the audience will enjoy the show. We will also be performing this show on December 14th at the Life Enrichment Center in Kings Mountain and hopefully in January 2012, be performing at the Clubhouse for all the members and staff to see. Everyone has worked so hard especially Linda Bogan and Georgiana Wright who have given their expertise to this project, especially in dance, because I don't know anything about dance. So wish us luck.

Stan Logan