



## Resident Highlights

Last month we took Phillip to Bicentennial Park to launch his rocket. It was a success!! We plan on buying and building a larger rocket and doing it again in the near future!



May; Jason, JoAnn, Tony  
June; Stacy, Kirsten, Patrick, Casey

NHV's activities, resident homes and learning center all contribute to our NHV mission: giving loving care and protection to the lives entrusted to us while guiding them to become creative, self-sufficient and independent.

Our NHV programs are regularly revised or expanded to ensure our residents receive care that promotes growth of the whole person. If you have thoughts or wishes about special goals for your loved one, please contact Donna Salak, QIDP at [donnas@newhorizonsvillage.us](mailto:donnas@newhorizonsvillage.us) or Toni Gregson, Social Services Director at [toni@newhorizonsvillage.us](mailto:toni@newhorizonsvillage.us)

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## SUPER STARS

**FEBRUARY, 2018**

**Stephanie Franco – Behavior Program Specialist**



*Stephanie has assumed responsibility as supervisor for two homes. Stephanie got right to work and reorganized the office and goal books as well as trained our two new unit coordinators.*

**MARCH, 2018**

**Marketta Sutton – LPN**



*"Marketta is a great asset to NHV. She is extremely flexible and smiles whether nursing is very busy or when a resident is having a difficult day. The residents like having her as their nurse because she listens to them when they are*

*not feeling well."*

*"I nominate Marketta because she goes above and beyond when taking care of the residents medical needs. She is always smiling when she comes on the cottages."*

## Weekend Hero

**Debbie Curry –Housekeeper/HTI**



*In the quarter Debbie has been willing to work extra shifts on Saturdays and Sundays. The residents enjoy it whenever Debbie is on duty.*



## **News From Home**



### **Having fun on Cottage One**

We had a fun couple of months. Patrick is still really enjoying his horse therapy outings. He loves blowing kisses to the different horses he sees there. The weather turned out great for Easter weekend and all of the residents had a blast! Everyone had a great time walking and rolling around looking for Easter eggs and enjoying a couple sugar-free snacks. Sharon went home to celebrate Easter with her parents and got back right on time for the Easter egg hunt. Scott celebrated his 50th Birthday in April! Scott had a fun party on the unit, which Jeannie and Sequoya did an awesome job decorating for and they had a special dance party with cupcakes at the cafe afterwards. Scott's parents came and enjoyed some cupcakes with him at the dance, too! Adam has been walking around with his walker a lot more often and we are all happy to see his progress!

### **Enjoying life on Cottage Two**

We would like to welcome Wendy onto the cottage. We have had a wonderful time getting to know her. She went with us on a picnic to Fort Island Beach, where we met a rescue pup named Kylie. Kylie and her owner gave us an after dinner show on the beach with Kylie introducing herself and going through a range of tricks including sneaking and playing dead. It was a wonderful show. Kylie bowed at the end and we all applauded.

### **Excited on Cottage Three**

In March we welcomed Amy who moved in with us from Cottage 2. Everyone had a great Easter. Everyone was excited to wake up with a basket full of goodies. Track and field has been very rewarding for Bruce, Donald, Deanna and Denise. Each one of them are very proud of their blue ribbons. Deanna and Denise will be going to State in Orlando in May. Rufus is enjoying riding along with maintenance helping them out. Everyone was looking forward to Springfest!



### **Hello from Cottage Four**

In March we actually had a birthday on the cottage. John turned 52 years young. He ordered pizza and bread sticks for his house party, which they all enjoyed. He also loved all his presents and had a big smile on his face. John was very excited that his mother came and took him out to lunch, that made his day. JoAnn had the opportunity to go to the movies this month with other female peers along with her mother. Special Olympics seemed busy this month, lots was going on including all kinds of sports and usually when the residents returned they were worn out and napped. April was a pretty busy month this time and only a busier one coming up in May. Besides our usual picnic, dinner and dessert outings most of our residents received a much needed haircut. Not only did the residents like them but so did the guardians. Stacy went on a family vacation with her family out of State and was very excited before leaving. All the residents were super excited about SpringFest, they could hardly wait.

## **Good to see you again from Cottage Five**

We celebrated Tim W.'s 54<sup>th</sup> birthday with chocolate cake and corn dogs. Earlier in the month Tony and Eric went to horse therapy and enjoyed interacting with the horses. Eric absolutely loves his new three-wheeled bicycle; it is much easier for him to operate than his previous one. Tim R. is going to State for his cycling in Special Olympics and recently he has been using his crutches more and for longer distances than usual. We are looking forward to SpringFest!



## **Thankful on Cottage Six**

March brought in a lot of celebrating. We had St. Patty's Day celebration that we had a lot of fun decorating the cottage and putting up all our Shamrocks. We also started making room for our new roommate. Kim is a pleasant roommate that has given us some changes in the cottage. We love having her over here. She has fit in and is so helpful to the others and also gives a lot of unconditional love to her peers. We ended the month with an Easter celebration. We remembered and talked about what Easter was. We had a few outings for the month of March which were dessert, dinner to Subway that we brought back to the cottage and had a little get together on the cottage. We also did haircuts to get ourselves ready for Easter. April was a splendid month, we were blessed with a new BPS, Josie that we are having fun teaching what we do over here on our cottage. She is fitting in very well. We also were blessed with a new staff member, Valerie that is fitting in so well in the house and the residents are loving her up. We were getting ready for SpringFest on Saturday 4/28/2018. We could not wait to see how many families show up to help us celebrate with us. We also went out on Thursday the 26th to Fort Island Trail to have a picnic on the beach. A few of us went and walked along the beach and splashed a little in the water with our feet. We finished up the night by stopping by Dairy Queen and got some ice cream. What a beautiful night.

## **Social Activity Department Highlights**

*by Duane*

We had a great March and April. We took the clients to the Citrus County Fair last month. We have added a couple more monthly community outings for the resident's social interaction. The One on One activity are going well. We are continuing to explore unique ideas to meet each resident's needs. Last month we took a resident to Bicentennial Park in Crystal River to launch his model rocket!! We are still taking small groups to Hunter Springs Park for picnic lunches. Horse therapy continues to grow with us taking six residents a month now. We are looking forward to the warm weather so we can start utilizing the pool for exercise and overall fun. Starting in May the pool will be used 6 days a week including small groups from the ATF coming to swim in the mornings before lunch. Overall we are excited to see the department grow and coming up with creative ways to meet the resident's needs!!



## **Recreation and Special Olympics**

*By MaryLouise*

March and April were true to the rhyme “March winds brought April Showers”! We had a great Easter holiday with all the traditions. Special Olympics Area Cycling was held in Wesley Chapel and we had quite a few blue ribbon winners! The other track and field and tennis events were held in Clearwater. Names were drawn for the Special Olympics State Summer Games to be held at ESPN in Orlando. Congratulations to our female athletes chosen; Denise, Deanna, JoAnn and Linda! The men chosen were Dean and Tim R. All great Choices! This is the last year Tim R. is doing the 250 meter lead up event. He has proven he can do the 500 meter race and the 1 kilometer trike race for next year. Way to go Tim we are all proud of you. We have only been able to open the pool one day due to the weather but it is ready to go for SpringFest! Looking forward to some renovations at the pool; anew drain for the breeze way and a new lift chair!! FFRA has begun a Girl’s Night Out to try and improve conversational skills with peers. We have one more FFRA Art Gala Workshop at the Unity Church in Lecanto on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The art gala will be held at the Citrus Art Gallery on June 29<sup>th</sup>, featuring local artists with so much talent and enthusiasm it will be magical! Come celebrate their talent and skill with us at this black tie event! June is the beginning of Special Olympics Golf and Swimming and our first softball team! Hope everyone has a GREAT SUMMER!

## **Learning and Growing at the ATF**

### **Guitar Lessons**



### **Spring fun in Classroom 1**

We have had a very fun spring so far. In March we celebrated St. Patrick’s Day and learned how it is celebrated around the world. April we had a fun picnic and celebrated Easter by dying eggs and having a fun fish fry. We learned how Easter began and why we celebrate it each year. We are looking forward to more fun times coming up.

### **It is nice to see you again from Classroom 2**

We have had some changes over the last few months but as always we adjusted and are doing better than ever! March began with natural disaster topics where I am happy to say there was tons of class participation and they retained lots of new useful knowledge. On March 14<sup>th</sup> Jim was able to visit the wildlife park with staff and other peers, where he had a blast watching Lu the hippo and the otter doing the backstroke. The following week Bruce, John, Stacy, Denise and Paul were able to go see the mermaids at Weeki Wachee and had lots of fun! March ended with a fun filled Easter celebration where with the help of MaryLouise, we dyed eggs and then Dietary did a fantastic fish fry. As we headed into April our class enjoyed spring flowers and African animal themed lessons. As a class we delivered dog biscuits to the Animal Shelter on the 6<sup>th</sup> and then we had a picnic outing on the 12<sup>th</sup> at Wallace Brooks Park. While there we walked the boardwalk and met a nice man who trains therapy dogs. He talked to us for a while and the residents visited and loved on the two giant therapy dogs he had with him. We all had a great time that day! As April came to an end we geared up for SpringFest and the exciting things that May will bring us!

### **Learning in Classroom 3**

We started our March off with learning about the four seasons; winter, spring, summer and fall. The class enjoyed a picnic with James W. from Class 5 and Paul also joined us. We went to the beach and the weather was beautiful. The ocean breeze had a very calming effect for all of us. We celebrated St. Patrick's by decorating the classroom and learning about the different St. Patty's day traditions around the world. We ended March by having our fish fry and egg coloring outside the ATF. We even had a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny! Welcome spring. Starting April off we learned about spring plants. All of the residents planted Sunflowers. We started our Centers main area and each class at the ATF do a different activity every Wednesday and the staff and residents have really come together in making it so great and enjoyable. A few of our residents, Gail and Wendy got to go to the wildlife park. They loved getting to see all the animals and hanging with their friend from other classes. Our class got to go on a picnic again, this time to Whispering Pines Park. The fresh air really does make a difference. To start to welcome summer, we decorated our classroom as a tropical paradise. Everyone including Wendy was talking about and very excited about SpringFest. We ended April on a bit of sad news, we said goodbye to our beloved teacher Shanna. We love you so much and we will miss you even more. Come visit us!!!

### **Studying in Classroom 4**

In the month of March we studied St. Patrick's Day, hurricanes, wildfires and then Easter. We went on an outing to Weeki Wachee. In the month of April we studied spring gardening, the Holocaust, African animals and Earth Day. Everyone has been enjoying the Centers activities. The Centers is where everyone gets to do different things in other classes. We all looked forward to SpringFest!

### **It has been exciting in Classroom 5**

March and April has been exciting months from Weeki Wachee to the Barge Canal. We walked by an alligator, talked to flamingos and chased a six foot Easter bunny around. We have athletes in our class; Deanna and Tim R. are going to State for Special Olympics cycling, Wow! In our class we are taking up guitar lessons and everybody is giving it a try. Hey, how about that fish fry and coloring Easter eggs and the six foot bunny and mermaid?!

### **Stepping into spring with the Retirement Cottage**

March we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with making many crafts such as Leprechauns and rainbows and also welcomed the beautiful weather with sightseeing trips to the gorgeous Whispering Pines Park and also the scenic Fort Island Beach. We even went and seen all the pretty birds at the Hernando Bird Sanctuary! April showers brought a wonderful picnic at the beach where we enjoyed our meal while breathing in the fresh air and looking at the sand and water. We also did some more sightseeing while enjoying spring. We were very excited about the annual SpringFest and we hope you all where there!

## **Staff Happenings**

### **MOVIN' ON UP! –**

#### **MARCH, 2018**

*Michael Brennan – from Unit Coordinator to Behavior Program Specialist*

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! –**

#### **FEBRUARY, 2018**

*Julia Fitzpatrick, QIDP/Behavior Analyst – 12 yrs.*

*Kim Smith, Office Coordinator – 9 yrs.*

*Dawn Thomas, LPN – 4 yrs.*

*Sequoia Atkins, Housekeeper/HTI – 1 yr.*

*Dorothy Buckley, HTI – 1 yr.*

*Melissa Compton, HTI – 1 yr.*

*Tina Wilburn, TI – 1 yr.*

#### **MARCH, 2018**

*Beth Doughman – Nursing Director – 14 years*

*Craig R. Greiner – Administrator – 10 years*

*Toni Gregson – Social Services Director – 9 years*

*Heather Gomes – Housekeeper/HTI – 2 years*

*Michael Lino – HTI – 2 years*

*Jillian Harrison – TI – 2 years*

*George Dahle, Jr. – Cook – 1 year*

### **WELCOME TO THE TEAM! –**

#### **FEBRUARY, 2018**

*Manda Tibbetts – TI*

*Cassandra Loben – HTI*

*Dennis Traynor – HTI*

#### **MARCH, 2018**

*Maquala Turner – TI*

*Cindy Fox – Administrative Asst. HR*

*Shannon Page – PT HTI*

*Jacob Stewart – TI*

*James Watson – TI*

*Stevie Mimbs – TI*

*Donald (“Tony”) Thomas - LPN*

## Upcoming Events:

### Special Olympics State Summer Games

Place: Orlando - ESPN  
May 18 - 19, 2018  
Time: 10:00 a.m.

### Memorial Day Cook Out & Pool Party

Place: NHV – Pavilion  
May 28, 2018  
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### Special Olympics Swim Practice

Place: Bicentennial Park  
June 2, 2018  
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

### Speical Olympics Golf Practice

Place: Crystal River Golf & CC  
June 7, 2018  
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### Employee Appreciation Cook Out & Pool Party

Place: NHV – ATF  
June 15, 2018  
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### Camp

Place: 7 Rivers Presb. Church  
June 18 – 22, 2018  
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
\*With a Field Trip each afternoon

### July 4<sup>th</sup> Cook Out & Pool Party

Place: NHV – Pavilion  
July 4, 2018  
Time: 11:00 – 2:00 p.m.



## NOTES FROM THE EDITORS



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