

Christmas Activities Coming To Day Services



their talent to a wide variety of locales throughout our community.

Sister Paulita will be bringing the children from the Readiness Center

on December 13th. This adorable group of preschoolers will be sharing some Christmas Carols as well as hand made crafts to our clients on that day.

Also, on December 21st, we will be hosting a local youth choir that will inspire us with their performance of timeless Christmas classics and inspirational songs.

Besides the various singing

groups coming to Day Services For Seniors, we also have a wide variety of activities that we are doing at the center. We will be making Christmas decorations and crafts throughout the month as well as watching several holiday movies on our large flat screen television. The clients will be making and eating Christmas cookies one day this month and will even have an afternoon dedicated to holiday jokes.

All in all, it is going to be a great month with a lot of interesting events taking place at Day service for Seniors. Be sure to refer to the December calendar inserted in the newsletter for specific dates.

As we enter the month of December, we are preparing for wide variety of exciting and entertaining holiday activities. Among those activities, we have three different singing groups coming to perform.

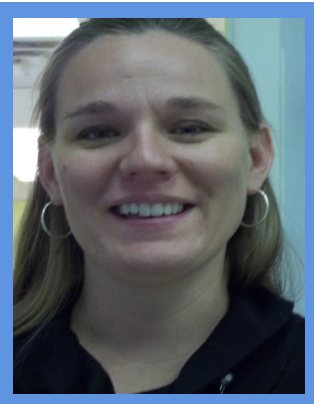
On December 6th, "The Misfits" will be presenting a series of Christmas songs and skits. "The Misfits" are a group of retired seniors that have come together with a love of music and present

New Staff Member At Day Services

Day Services for Seniors is happy to welcome Sheila Smith to our family. Sheila is a graduate student at Western University and is pursuing her Masters in Social Work. As part of her curriculum, Sheila is studying counseling and is interning with us to put that aspect of her schooling into practice.

Sheila is a valuable resource to us as well as to

you. With a proficient background working with families on strength-based strategies and coping with life challenges, Shelia is able to offer support and guidance to our clients as well as their family members who may be struggling with a disease that is can be very challenging. Sheila is on call Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9:00Am to 4:00PM. We encourage you to take advantage of her



services and set up a time to meet with her.

"The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other."

- a quote by Burton Hillis



Day Service Staff Member Honored

Once a year, the Alzheimer's Association holds a banquet and honors employees from different agencies that stand out as examples of excellence in the field of working with people living with Alzheimers.

This year, on November 4th, an employee was selected from Day Services For Seniors to be awarded for outstanding work. The recipient of that honor was Grady—one of our transportation providers.

His award was presented by Debra Malich and Kathy Hammond who talked about several of Grady's achievements. Among his achievements, Debra also shared some comments that were made by the clients at Day Services. "Grady is easy tempered when he comes to pick us up," stated a client named Jesse. "He's always ready to talk and tease. I look



forward to him picking me up and I really appreciate him." That sentiment echoed by us all. We appreciate you Grady!

"Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas."

- a quote by Dale Evans Rogers

The Readiness Center Kids Visit



We have enjoyed a great relationship with the Readiness Center over the years and the children come to visit us frequently.

On Tuesday, the preschool children performed a Thanksgiving themed show. Dressed as Native Americans, the children did several songs



including the "Turkey Song" and "10 Little Indians."

On Tuesday, November 23rd, Day Services was lucky to receive a visit from the children at the Readiness Center.

The Readiness Center was founded by Sr. Paulita Walters thirty years ago and she is still actively involved in making a difference in our community. The Readiness Center is committed to providing educational programs for low income parents and their preschool through grade five children.



A Halloween Celebration At Day Services



for some trick or treating. Members of the administration were waiting at their office doors to hand out treats to the clients as they paraded down the halls.

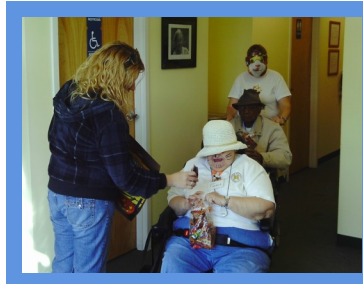


Later in the afternoon, Kathy Hammond scheduled a series of fun party games for

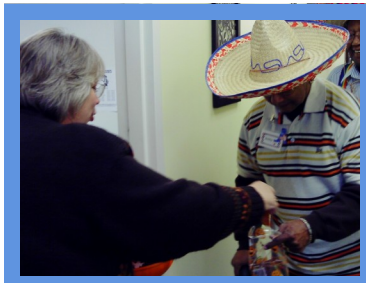
- What a wonderful Halloween Celebration we had at Day Services For Seniors. On October 29th, the staff dressed up in costumes and greeted the clients as they arrived in the morning. A feeling of excitement was everywhere. Staff members were busy assisting clients with their holiday disguises ranging from clown costumes to bee antennae. Once everyone is dressed, we



Once everyone's bags were full of candy, we headed back over to the Day Service's building. We got back just in time to hand out candy to the small children from the Safe Shelter as they came over to our center to show off their costumes. The children were very cute and put a smile on the faces of everyone.



headed over to the Child & Family Service Administration building



everyone to participate in. We rolled pumpkins, tried to take a bite out of hanging donuts, made pumpkin crafts and even told Halloween jokes.

"The joy of brightening others lives, bearing each other's burdens, easing each other's loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of Christmas."

- a quote by WC Jones

Day Service Policies and Procedures Concerning Severe Winter Weather



Winter is getting ready to descend upon us and we want to make you aware of our severe winter weather policies. If the Day Service Center is to be closed due to harsh weather

conditions, you will receive a personal call from one of our staff. If the Center is open, but the vans will not be running to pick up clients, you will receive a call from a staff member. If there

is drifting or the road by your home is impassable, please call the center and let us know so that our vehicles will not get stuck trying to make a pick-up or drop-off.

"The only blind person at Christmas time is he who has not Christmas in his heart."

- a quote by Helen Keller

Women's Bowling Trip

On Friday, November 12th, the women of Day Services for Seniors took a trip to Blossom Land to do some bowling. This "Ladies Day Out" proved to be a lot of fun for everyone. There were even a couple of our clients who had never been bowling in their lives and this was their very first experience. Blossom Land Bowling does a phenomenal job

of accommodating the special needs of our clients. They set up bowling ramps so that our wheelchair bound clients are able to bowl as well as railings for our sight impaired bowlers. The bumpers were also placed in the gutters so that everyone was able to



get a good score. The ladies were very lucky to have one of our men, Bill P, serve as their personal escort to the event. He ended up doing

really well and came up with his best score ever. Back at Day Services, our men also had an entertaining afternoon. They were able to hook up the Wii video game system to the new large flat screen television that has been installed at the center. Then they all gathered around and spent the afternoon playing some Wii Bowling. They had a great time even though it did get quite competitive at times.

