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2014; an exciting time at Bon Homie:

As New Year begins the biggest challenge seems to be the weather, as we experience both record highs and lows in January's temperatures. You never can tell what Mother Nature will bring. Here's to a happy and healthy 2014 from everyone here at the center.

- ***A look back at 2013***
- ***The New Year promises more growth and improvements at the center.***

As part of our Halloween Celebration, the Parents Group organized several great outdoor activities, including this great corn maze.

Regina, Mike and Kristin try their hand at pumpkin bowling, complete with ghost bowling pins.

A REMINDER:

We would like to recommend that all hats, gloves, scarves and coats be labeled with the client's name, whenever possible, to ensure that our staff can send the clients home with what they came in. All fall and winter accessories are much easier to keep track of when labeled properly. Thank you for your help.

The Bon Homie Christmas Party:

Many people look forward to the holiday season here at Bon Homie. This year the Raffle Baskets as well as music with Michael Kropp during our Christmas Party were huge hits. We also had "Pictures with Santa" this season thanks to the photography skills of Mr. Witty.

Santa's Helpers:

The Center looks to more changes in 2014

A quick look back:

In 2013, Bon Homie continued to make improvements to our programming as well as the facility and our service to our clients and caregivers. With the continually changing clientele that we serve, we look for input from staff, caregivers and the clients to help us direct our energies into making Bon Homie the best it can be.

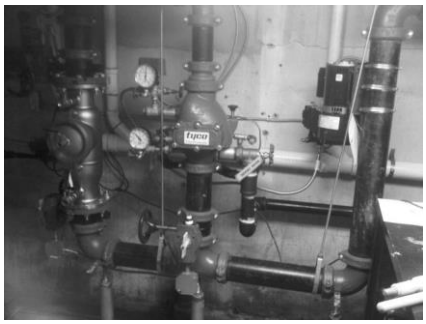
OUR BUILDING:
Last year we began some major renovations. Believe it or not, they were preliminary projects that will allow us to move forward with our plans to add additional office space as well as a new room for our clients.

NEW PARKING

In order to put that plan into motion, we first needed to increase our parking for staff, clients and caregivers. Over several months in spring and summer of 2013 we saw the new 12 space parking lot become a reality. We also added an additional Handicap parking space to the main parking lot to accommodate smaller vans with ramps when the main drop off area is occupied. We are very pleased with not only how much the project has improved traffic flow and parking availability, but also how nice the facility looks.

NEW SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Our second major improvement may not have been as obvious to everybody unless you looked up at the ceiling inside the center and saw our new sprinkler heads. To retro fit a sprinkler system in to a building of this size with 3 floors and multiple additions was a massive undertaking, but for the safety of our clients and staff and with the additional building projects on the horizon we really felt the time was right. Most of this work was done at night and on the weekends and took almost 10 months to complete. The system makes Bon Homie that much safer for our clients and staff in the event of an emergency.



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OUR BUILDING:

The first of two planned additions has been completed through the drawing phase. It will be located on the side of the building where the basement exit now exists and will actually be built above the door you see in the first picture. The second picture shows the small window (located above the basement exit in the first picture) from the inside. This is where the new room will extend out.
This room will be used for meetings that we have with outside agencies as well as a work and training space for staff. This will improve traffic flow during the day and allow more room for clients and staff doing programming in other parts of the center.

A second, larger addition has also been proposed and is in the developing stages. If you notice the two larger double windows on the left side of the building in the first picture, they mark the proposed location for room #2. Ashley is sitting in front of the two windows in the third picture giving you a look at the same space from the inside.

This would be a room for clients that we are already calling, “The Gym”. The room would be a place to do larger indoor activities like bowling, shuffleboard, baseball and basketball. These are all things the clients enjoy now, but the new room would allow for everybody to enjoy it more. Ideas are also to allow for a better exercise program, an easier way for some of the lower functioning clients to have a space that is safe to enjoy more physical activities. This may potentially allow us to have the room to house and operate a second stander in the future.

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A REMINDER: RETURN FOOD PROGRAM FORMS
And Service Surveys

PLEASE RETURN ALL FOOD PROGRAM FORMS THAT HAVE BEEN SENT HOME ALREADY ASAP! These forms are extremely important for us to be able to offer and serve the quality snacks and meals that are offered at Bon Homie. The survey forms are an important tool for us to obtain feedback so that we can see what is working and not working to help us continue to make Bon Homie the best it can be. Thanks you very much in advance for taking the time to complete and return both these items to the center.

OUR PROGRAMING:

The Digital World:

Technology has become part of the fabric of all our lives. For many people it can be a challenging even sometimes scary task to try to navigate email or social media, let alone try to understand a world of downloads, apps, clouds and streaming information. Bon Homie is trying to present to our clients the idea that some of this technology can be not only helpful to them but also fun. The center has now purchased a touch screen laptop computer which will better enable some of our clients to enjoy the same benefits our touch screen PC's offer by allowing them to use it without the need of a cart or table.

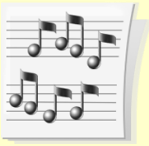
We also have new tablets at the center. Two of them are from the durable line of *LeapPAD/LeapFrog* products. These not only perform the same as the other *LeapFrog* accessories, but these tablets are also internet and wifi ready so they can be used to download games and apps. For some clients who are more interested in downloading books, music, surfing the web and checking email we now have 3 new Kindle Fire HD 8.9 tablets for them to use.

THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATED IN OUR ***RAFFLE 2013***!!

Proceeds from our first annual Basket Raffle held in 2013 went to the purchase of our new tablets as well as new personal CD players, our new bowling game and a new series of switch toys. The event was a huge success and the clients really enjoyed the excitement and participation of the event.

Hands On:

Most of all our clubs including horticulture, which had so much success in 2013 are back and making plans for the New Year including the beginning stages of the 2014 Yearbook (I think they already picked the new cover!) by our yearbook committee.
The music program continues to grow as Dotti's music participation group involves more clients and JJ has begun preparations for our 2014 Talent Show.
Our art and crafts program now features Caitlin Kelley who visits the center every Friday morning. Caitlin works with a large group of clients on a new art project each weeks utilizing several different mediums.



Staff News at the Center:

Our staff has some new members that you have mostly likely met at the center already. But for the second half of 2013 we have added 6 new aides: Joanne, Dawn, Robin, Jody, Susan and Nicole. Be sure to take the time to say "hi" if you haven't already!

We were also very lucky to have two college students, Sarah and Hannah, who happen to be sisters, come and work at Bon Homie during their summer breaks from school in 2013. They also just returned over the holidays to the center during their winter break, much to the delight of many of our clients. We wish them all the best with their coming semester and hope to see them again very soon.

We would also like to mention and congratulate our own J.J. for the completion of her schooling and is now back at Bon Homie and working as an R.N. She will also be filling in as an aide as well as continuing to help out with our shows and events that happen though out the year; she just can't let the activities director in her go and we are glad about that.

Community Clipboard:

A Reminder:

Parents Group Meeting:
The Parents group continues to meet the first Tuesday of every month at 5:00pm at Bon Homie. The group was instrumental in organizing several of the activities the clients enjoyed in 2013. The next meeting will be February 4th at 5 pm at the center. Meetings are organized by Karen Weglos and carol Young. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP that you will attend simply contact the center any time. Thanks again to all the parents for all their hard work.

A Dance on Valentine's Day:

There will be a Valentine's Day Dance on February 14th at the center. We are encouraging everybody to wear their "red". There will be music, games and lots of dancing fun for all our clients.