

# FGSM NEWSLETTER

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Friends of Good Shepherd Manor



## DIRECTOR'S MEMO

Like for most of you, it has been a hot summer in southern Ohio. The heat and humidity was almost unbearable for several days, causing all of us to stay inside in the air conditioning. Record high temperatures were set throughout the state. As the days get shorter, it is almost a relief to know that autumn will soon arrive!

As you all know, we are continuing to provide services in an ancient building that is no longer cost effective to operate. The continuous repair cost to fix one thing and then another, means that the time for change has arrived. Another layer of paint or updated flooring will not remove the reality of our situation. The Manor facility, which has been the home for so many men, needs to be replaced by smaller, energy efficient homes.

During the July Board meeting, it was decided that we would investigate funding opportunities and possible building plans. Along with Mr. Bob Grundey, Board Vice President, I met with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Director in August. Director Martin is supportive of our efforts to build small homes on our 17 acre campus. As the parent of a son who resides in an ICFMR, Director Martin understands our needs both on a personal and professional level. Although the Department is willing to work with us regarding funding, the budget in Ohio limits their level of financial support. At this time, we are working with the firm of Plante Moran to explore all funding possibilities. Our dream is to build homes where each resident will have their own bedroom and share a bathroom with another person. The 8 men in each home would share a common living area and kitchen facilities.

On the attached Donation Form, I have added the section "Dream Team building fund." I hope all of you will join in our effort to build new homes for the residents. Together let's glance into the future at what we can provide for our sons, brothers, uncles, cousins, and friends. **IMAGINE.....**

Please call me anytime to discuss our plans and to become a part of the FGSM dream team.

**Jackie**

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## 2010 BOARD MEETINGS

**October 30th**

**9:00 at FGSM**

Mike Lukowski, President  
Bob Grundey, Vice President  
Linda Kammer, Secretary  
Bob Kammer, Treasurer

- Once again this has been a summer full of visits with family and friends. Our residents traveled to various locations for a little rest and relaxation. Everyone is thrilled when bags are packed and we hear the excitement in their voices. We also see a lot of smiles on faces when the men return home. Oh the comforts of home!
- Three of the athletes from Good Shepherd Manor will soon travel to Cincinnati to participate in Special Olympics golf. Kevin, Chris and Billy (aka Tiger) will represent the agency. The best of luck to our talented golfers.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> of July provided another opportunity for our men to be a part of the community. Several of the men were invited to family picnics and outings with members of our staff. The men who live at Pleasant Hill and Third Street traveled to a nearby community for fireworks and to listen to a live band.
- A summer full of local fairs and festivals made it possible for the men to be out and about. Many of them enjoyed their annual visit to the Pike County fair where everyone enjoyed a fun day.
- The entry area of the Manor facility has been converted to an open air room for the residents. We also purchased a few wooden rockers. Now on a cool day or as the sun fades, residents can sit in the room and just kick back a little. For some of the older residents, this opportunity has created a relaxing end to each day.
- Our Day Program staff continues to develop creative ideas for the residents. Our goal is to continue expanding paid work opportunities. The paper shredding is definitely the most enjoyed work task.

Please contact Rhonda at [robrien@fgsmo.com](mailto:robrien@fgsmo.com) to receive our quarterly newsletter via email.

## IN MEMORY OF.....

Mr. Jerry Young

(1948-2010)

On July 26<sup>th</sup> we bid farewell to our friend Jerry. Jerry moved to FGSM in 1972. All of us will smile when we think about Jerry chuckling every time he shared the story of going to an amusement park with staff. The memories we created for Jerry will never be as wonderful as the memories he created for us. He will be missed.

## OOPS!

My apologies to Mr. Danny Keaton of our maintenance department. Danny has been employed by FGSM for over 20 years but was omitted from the 20+ list in the June edition of the newsletter. Danny worked in another department before joining the maintenance crew. My list was by departments and not total years of service. My error and my apology to Danny.

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***“Nothing happens unless first we dream”***

***-Carl Sandburg***



**Friends of Good Shepherd Manor**  
**FRIENDS OF GOOD SHEPHERD MANOR GIFT FORM**

**PLEASE DESIGNATE MY GIFT TO SUPPORT:**

- |   |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> The Manor facility                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Community group homes       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Villa facility                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial garden             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Chalet facility                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Day Habilitation activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community activities for the residents | <input type="checkbox"/> Dream Team building fund    |

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:**

Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to Friends of Good Shepherd Manor Organization, Inc.

**DONOR INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

My contribution is a joint gift with \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept this donation in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED**

*“The mission of the Friends of Good Shepherd Manor (FGSM) is to provide a safe and nurturing home for adult men who have DD (developmental disabilities) where each individual can lead a life of dignity, development, and purpose.”*