

FGSM NEWSLETTER

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DIRECTOR'S MEMO

Bring on spring! This has definitely been an unusual winter. We have had several days of significant snow causing Pike County Board of Developmental Disabilities to close. The residents were beginning to experience a little cabin fever by the time the roads were clear and we could return to a typical day. Group home staff is to be commended for their dedication and willingness to remain at the homes when it was too dangerous for anyone to be on the roads. We had a few challenging days but by working together we were able to get through them. We are more than ready to put away the shovels and to start seeing the flowers of spring push through the soil.

At the top of the page you will notice something different. We decided to change the logo for FGSM so after reviewing various possibilities we chose the one you see above. I find the out stretched hand inviting and welcoming which is how I want others to see us. It is a positive representation of who we are and all we have to offer families and the community.

I hope you take the time to view our revised website at www.fgsmo.com. I will be posting the quarterly newsletter on the site plus you can go there to read any news we might have to share. When the weather improves we will add current photos so you can see all that is happening at FGSM. Check the site for updated information as we use the site as a way for all of us to stay in touch.

The Board will be meeting for a three day strategic planning retreat in March. During that time we will formulate plans as we look to the future for FGSM. I will keep you informed as we continue through this time of forward thinking and planning.

JACKIE

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2010 BOARD MEETINGS

March 19th-21st
(Strategic Planning Retreat)

June 26th

October 30th

Meetings are typically held
on the main campus. If
attending please call to
confirm the location.

QUARTERLY UPDATE

- The FGSM mighty Warriors basketball team was definitely the best dressed team in the league this year. Thanks to a local sporting goods store, all of the players had new uniforms with reversible jerseys. Lots of smiling faces as they ran on to the court in their pale blue uniforms.
- Congratulations to Kevin, a resident at the Chalet. He was chosen to be on the regional All Stars basketball team.
- The nasty winter weather did not prevent the residents from enjoying sports. Thanks to the Wii game they were able to participate in bowling and golf. Playing golf at the Pleasant Hill home became a favorite activity for one of the men. Billy is already practicing for Special Olympics golf!!
- One of the Manor residents has spent the winter making blankets. We are all impressed with Dave’s work and his dedication to the project. If you need a warm blanket just place your order with our Day Hab staff. Small blankets are \$15 and the larger ones sell for \$20.
- Several of the residents were recently included in a special event at the Manor. They went to the cafeteria for a snack and to help distract one of the kitchen employees. Much to her surprise she soon heard a marriage proposal on the intercom. After five years together David, who works at the Manor, “popped” the question amid cheers from the men. They were thrilled to be included in this special occasion.

As we all know, the price of postage continues to increase. To help with this cost, we are offering you the opportunity to receive our newsletter via email. To do so, please email Rhonda at robrien@fgsmo.com and provide your email information.

WELCOME

**CLARENCE
IN FEBRUARY WE
WELCOMED CLARENCE
TO THE CHALET.
PREVIOUSLY CLARENCE
RECEIVED SERVICES IN A
NEIGHBORING COUNTY
PROGRAM.**

**MIKE
IN EARLY MARCH MIKE
MOVED FROM THE STATE
DEVELOP -MENTAL
CENTER TO THE MANOR.
MIKE HAS NOW
ACHIEVED HIS DREAM OF
LIVING IN A SMALLER
FACILITY.**

**ALL OF OUR FACILITIES ARE
AT CAPACITY**

IN MEMORY OF....

**ART JUDGE
(1947-2009)**

**AS THE YEAR CAME TO
AN END WE SAID
GOODBYE TO OUR FRIEND
ART. FGSM WAS HOME
TO ART FOR OVER 33
YEARS. HE WILL BE
MISSED.**

*‘For the meaning of life differs
from man to man, from day to*

