

FGSM NEWSLETTER

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DIRECTOR'S MEMO

Hopefully, the rainy season is over for southern Ohio and we will begin to see the sun more often. We are ready for the bright days of summer to arrive!

As you will read in the Quarterly Update section, we are beginning to focus more on service work. Manufacturing, once a primary source of work in Ohio, is disappearing. Mills Pride, the major manufacturing employer in Pike County, has announced that the facility will close by the end of the year. Piece rate work, once the mainstay of workshop programs, is rarely available to our residents today. We have also found it challenging to sell products the men make during these tough economic times. Adjusting to these changes has created the need for us to reevaluate what kind of opportunities we can provide the residents.

Our goal has been to find work that is diversified and inclusive of all skill levels. For us, value is placed on activities that are purposeful and those that have meaning to the men. The new shredding company provides opportunities for the residents to do a variety of tasks from simple to complex. Operating our own vending company means our men will learn how to independently run a small business and maintain records while enhancing their math skills. Several of the men truly enjoy being outside and doing lawn maintenance. They load their new riding mower and equipment leaving the main campus to work in the community a few days each week. The desired outcome is for the residents to be productive and to develop a sense of pride and self worth for what they **can** accomplish. "**Can**" is the motivating word for us.

As you can see, this will be a busy summer at FGSM, but as is our tradition, we will take time from all of these activities for our annual open house on June 26th. I hope all of you will come and spend a Saturday with all of us. See you then!

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2010 BOARD MEETINGS

June 26th

October 30th

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

**Plan to attend
our annual open
house on
June 26th.**

5:00 Cookout

5:45 Talent Show

7:00 Music/Dancing

QUARTERLY UPDATE

- Several of our residents traveled to Cincinnati in mid May for the annual trip to a Reds game. Lots of tired fans when they arrived back at the facility after midnight. Another outing to a Reds game is planned for July.
- Thanks to a grant from the Dominican Sisters of Peace Shalom Fund, we were able to purchase new lawn care equipment. Residents now care for a portion of the campus grounds plus mow the yards at our three HUD homes. Employees of the “Manor Mowing Company” are learning new skills and earning money. Our thanks to Sister Margaret Walsh for all she did to make this opportunity possible for the men of FGSM.
- Flyers are circulating in the community offering the services of the newly formed “Good Shepherd Shredding” company. Thanks to the help of a neighboring agency, we were able to purchase shredders at a reasonable cost. We currently have contracts with a local bank, AAA and a junior college to destroy documents. The various steps in the process for completing the work, make it possible for all of the men to be successful. This is a great job for everyone!
- As we focus more on what our residents “can” do, we are discovering their many skills. Residents are being trained to clean carpets, to develop laundry and housekeeping skills and to work in the kitchen. The more they do independently the more their confidence grows.
- Money skills are being trained in a functional, age appropriate manner through our vending machine program for residents. Participants will shop for the items, fill the machines, count the money, calculate the profit/loss, and etc. This small business venture is an excellent way to develop new skills for the residents while providing a needed service to FGSM.

SUPPORT FOR THE RESIDENTS OF FGSM IS PROVIDED BY A TEAM OF DEDICATED STAFF WHO ARRIVE AT WORK EACH DAY WITH A SMILE AND STRONG DESIRE TO MAKE THEIR LIVES BETTER. A FEW OF THOSE HAVE BEEN HERE FOR OVER TWO DECADES. THIS SECTION OF THE NEWSLETTER IS DEDICATED TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS.

**GENEVA MUSTARD
(32 YEARS)**

FOOD SERVICE MGR

**RON DUNN
(26 YEARS)**

ASST. OPERATIONS DIR.

**DAVE PHIPPS
(24 YEARS)**

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

**PATTY SMITH
(23 YEARS)**

LAUNDRY SUPERVISOR

**VERONICA BREITENBACH
(22 YEARS)**

COMPLIANCE MANAGER

**CHUCK SWANNER
(21 YEARS)**

TRANSPORTER



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