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Community Connections Newsletter

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40th Anniversary Celebration



Friends & Family 2024

New Shingles: The high-pitched roof on the Elm St home has consistently lost shingles during windy days. This year we were able to install new shingles. See before on the left and after on the right.



Friends & Family 2024



Each year the Anthony's Friends & Family event celebrates the bonding and development of friendships by individuals and their families from the residential and day programs. This year everyone also had the opportunity to celebrate a milestone with the individuals graduating from the WHCH- CC Avenues Transition program as they embarked on a new journey.





Gala Fund Raiser: The 40th Anniversary of our Residential Program was truly worth celebrating. Let us go back to 1983 when The Corporation for Independent Living was introduced to the Community House Board as a private group that helped agencies start group homes for adults with special needs. In January 1984, with extensive planning the Community House voted to proceed with the plan to operate a group home. In the Spring of '84, CIL purchased the house and property on Elm Street. The board then approved the lease agreement and in August 1984 the Elm Street group home opened with 5 residents. As WHCH moved forward in 1992, the board expanded the program by the opening of two supervised apartments. Then in 1995, the Program Committee Chair- Helen Dorsi formally recommended that the Board approve expansion of both the group home and apartment living arrangements. In the Fall of 1995, Wood Street group home opened offering a location for six additional residents. The final addition came in August of 2002 with the purchase of the Savin Ave site with 4 residents. 40 Years later the Residential Program offers 2 Community Living Arrangements, 5 Continuous Residential Support Apartments, and 2 Individualized Home Support apartments serving a total of 22 residents. Over the years, residents have flourished in the program. Everyone at the event took a moment to reflect on those who took the journey by pausing to watch a memorial in their memory. *Reflected above - the first 5 residents who opened the Elm Street Group Home.*



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Providing adults with intellectual disabilities opportunities that promote independence, community inclusion and improve the quality of their lives.

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Holiday Gathering



We held our annual Community Connections winter gathering at the end of December. This is an event all individuals served by WHCH Community Connections look forward to each year. The luncheon was catered by Mission BBQ in Orange which was a big hit.



Gingerbread Contest Fun



Groups from all the Community Connection programs participated in the WHCH 2nd Annual Gingerbread Contest. Four Board Members were delighted to judge the contest and pin ribbons on the winning designs!

