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National Volunteer Week April 15 - 21, 2007

"It is only in the giving of oneself to others that we truly live."

—Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus
American Educator and Founder of AARP

We always need more volunteers for our annual fundraiser which will be held on Friday, April 27. Plus there are many other opportunities year around to become a part of the Rainbow! If you're interested in volunteering at Rainbow Village, please call 567-1522, extension 207.

Mission Statement

Rainbow Village provides high quality homes and recreational facilities in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area for people with developmental disabilities, enabling each resident to be the best that he or she can be.

Visit our website at: www.rainbowvillagestl.org



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Please Join Us Somewhere Over The Rainbow... Dreams Come True

Rainbow Village will host its 11th annual dinner auction on Friday, April 27, 2007. The evening's festivities will be held at the Marriott St. Louis West and everyone is invited to attend. Joan Perry, event chair and her committee are planning an evening to remember.



Kelli & Mark Yaeger with friends enjoying a Gourmet Dinner purchased at Rainbow Village's 2006 Annual Dinner/Auction fundraiser.

Frank Cusumano, a member of the Sports Team on KSDK-TV will be our guest host for the evening. The evening's auctioneer will be **Dave Schumacher**, on-air KTRS radio personality and president of Schumacher Auction Company.

We will have wonderful auction items displayed during the cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m., followed by a gourmet dinner and an oral auction. Some of the prized items will be condos in Florida, a Chinese dinner, a Tenderloin dinner, a ride in a 1976 Austin English taxi, and other fun things.



Sheldon Baron
2007 Honoree

Sheldon Baron will receive the **Tice Humanitarian Award** for his many years of service on the Board of Directors of Rainbow Village and for his dedication to improving residential housing for people with developmental disabilities.

The Max and Rosalia Rosenbaum Staff Leadership Award will also be presented by Nelson and Barbara Rosenbaum. This special award is given annually to two direct support staff members who have dedicated their careers to caring for people with developmental disabilities. Each of the six support service agencies with whom we partner have been asked to nominate extraordinary staff members who work in a Rainbow Village home.

Come and join the many individuals and corporate sponsors that are going to help our dreams come true — expanding the number of homes in the St. Louis area for people with developmental disabilities.

For more information and tickets, call our office at 314-567-1522 ext. 201 or 207. Individual tickets are \$150 and sponsorship packages are \$2,500 to \$10,000.



Frank Cusumano
Guest Host

Member of the
Sports Team, KSDK-TV

Dave Schumacher
Auctioneer

President, Schumacher
Auction Company and
On-air KTRS Radio
Personality



TAX-WISE TIP

If you're at least 70, new tax legislation allows you to give up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA without triggering federal income taxes. The gift will also satisfy the rules for required minimum distributions for the year. There are a few important guidelines that must be followed and it is strongly recommended that you contact your professional advisors. Contact us for more details.



Nancy Parker Tice
President

A Message from the President

As I start my term as president, I am honored to serve an organization that has such a rich history of providing 'homes for life' for people with developmental disabilities in the metropolitan St. Louis area. Since our first seven group homes in 1978 in St. Louis County, we have grown to 45 homes and house 225 residents in St. Louis and St. Charles counties.

I want to thank our immediate past president, Linda Locke of MasterCard International, for the leadership she provided over the past two years. Linda oversaw the expansion of our executive staff, maintained her long commitment to ensuring our financial strength and skillfully initiated the board of directors' strategic planning sessions. Her cheerful and thoughtful guidance came at the right time for the organization.

One major project this spring is building a new villa on the Rainbow Village campus in Creve Coeur. We have been working with St. Louis Arc to design a home that will allow six women who are aging and are no longer able to manage the design of a two-story house to live in a one-level villa. This house will have many "green" features - a benefit not only to the environment but also to the women who will live in the home that will have reduced energy costs and a more hygienic environment because of the design. We owe a great deal of thanks to board member Alan Broddon for spearheading the design and construction of this project. Additional thanks goes to Rick Hermann and John Napoli, past chair and chair of our Building and Maintenance Committee, for their oversight.

I look forward to working with our dedicated board members, staff and volunteers to complete our strategic planning process to provide a guide for the future, to enhance our presence in the community and to maintain the quality of our current homes while thoughtfully expanding to serve the great need that exists for those with developmental disabilities in the St. Louis region who want and need 'homes for life.'

To find out more about how you can help us make a difference, please contact us at 567-1522 ext. 201 or 207, or rainbowvillage@rbvstl.org.

Best wishes for 2007,

Nancy Parker Tice, President

Welcome New Board Members

We are pleased to announce two new members to the Board of Directors of Rainbow Village: **Jill L. Dowd and Matthew Thayer.**

Jill's desire to work with Rainbow Village comes from having a 48 year old sister that is developmentally disabled. Jill is a current member of the Board of the Downtown Children's Center and past member of the Member's Board of the Botanical Gardens.

Matthew works as an Investor Relations Manager for Anheuser-Busch. He brings a lot of financial and strategic experience to Rainbow Village.

Congratulations to the new 2007 Officers for the Rainbow Village Board of Directors:

- Nancy Parker Tice**, President
- Molly Tallarico**, 1st Vice President
- James Fogle**, 2nd Vice President
- Jeffrey Mishkin**, 3rd Vice President
- Beth Bushke**, 4th Vice President
- Sheldon Baron**, Treasurer
- Steven Wald**, Secretary

Here We Grow...Again



Due to the tremendous success of our 2004 project, we are now embarking on building another handicapped accessible duplex on property adjacent to the new residences at 1228-30 Dautel Lane, St. Louis, Missouri 63146. This building will be a duplex for six individuals modeled after the new homes and will also be built "green". The six women, age 53-81, have been living together since 1987 in a home on two levels. Several of the women now use wheelchairs or walkers and need a residence that will meet their needs as they age. The support agency that takes care of the residents, St. Louis Arc, requested that we build a new home that can accommodate these women.



Jean, Marilyn, Suzanne, Camille, Marian (Debbie not pictured) are the ladies who will move into the new villa.

Each side of the duplex will have three bedrooms, one and a half bathrooms, laundry room, kitchen, dining room and living room. Some of the home's features will include wider doors, doorways and halls, accessible bathroom fixtures, roll-in shower, and accessible kitchen appliances, countertops and cabinets.

As we also care about the environment and keeping our world and residents safe for the future, we are incorporating many "green" features into this home's design. Included in the plans are: automatic on/off faucets, all energy efficient fluorescent lighting, skylights, no vinyl or petrochemical dependent products, high efficiency heat pumps, and many more items recommended by our environmental engineer and architect. These eco-friendly features will keep the energy costs lower so that the home will be affordable for the residents now and in the future.

Groundbreaking is scheduled to occur this spring with completion within five months. The women are anxiously waiting to move into their new home this year!

Our most sincere thanks to those who have already contributed to making this home become a "home for life".

Major sponsors include:

- Orthwein Foundation - \$40,000
- Love Foundation - \$30,000
- Anonymous - \$15,000
- The Nurture Foundation - \$10,000
- Ameristar Casinos - \$1,000
- Sidener Foundation - \$1,000
- Koch Foundation - \$1,000
- Friends of Rainbow Village who donated to our '06 Fall Appeal - \$15,200

State Representative Jake Zimmerman visited two Rainbow Village homes on February 16, 2007. On his tour of the homes, Mr. Zimmerman visited with the staff of the support agencies (St. Louis Arc and United Cerebral Palsy) and residents. He demonstrated sincere interest in the model used for Rainbow Village homes and how we partner with several support agencies throughout St. Louis.

(TOP) Rep Zimmerman with John and Claude, roommates in a Rainbow Village home.
(BOTTOM) Rep Zimmerman with Tom, a resident of a Rainbow Village home.



Thanks to **MasterCard International** for donating their Suite at Scottrade Center for the Circus and Sesame Street Live. The clients who attend a day program at Rainbow Village thoroughly enjoyed the outings.

