



The Rainbow Village Voice

Providing Neighborhood Homes for People with Developmental Disabilities

Winter 2010



Our 49th Home Opened January 29th, 2010

Life just got better for the women who currently live in a home in West St. Louis county. They were renting a community home from a private owner and were notified that it was for sale.

Creative Concepts for Living, the agency that provides support services for the women, approached Rainbow Village in December to look for a new home for the women. Lydia Rasis, Director of Operations, immediately went to look at the home they were currently living in, located very close to another Rainbow home in a lovely neighborhood.

Lydia and Noel Bader, Property Manager, found the home to already have many of the handicapped updates the women needed. After a home inspection it was determined the home needed new windows, a new roof, new flooring and some electrical updates.

The women no longer have to move to a new home, they can stay exactly where they are and Rainbow Village will make renovations to update the home to be even better than it is now.

Rainbow Village Throws a BBQ

On August 30, 2009, we invited the residents of all Rainbow Village homes, their families, our partner agencies, their staff and our Board of Directors to a BBQ. Over 200 people enjoyed a beautiful day at Stacy Park on what could have been a real scorcher.

All eleven Rainbow Village employees helped with the BBQ along with many of our board members. The menu included hot dogs and hamburgers, chips, potato salad, cole slaw and lots of cookies for dessert. There was face painting, balloon art and caricatures that everyone really enjoyed.

Lauren Robb served as DJ and provided great tunes for everyone to sing and dance to. Check out the picture of everyone dancing. Everyone had a great time and cannot wait for next year's even bigger and better event--mark your calendars now for Sunday, July 11, 2010.



Visit our website at www.rbvstl.org. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Mike Rea, Director of Development and Community Relations for Rainbow Village, at mrea@rbvstl.org or 314-567-1522 ext. 207.

Rainbow Village welcomes three new partners – Bethesda, Bridges, Willows Way

We are proud to announce new partnerships with three additional support service agencies. From our initial startup in 1974 until 1993, we partnered with only one support service agency. Today we partner with ten support service agencies and provide homes to over 225 clients. We continue to grow with new homes and new partners in order to provide homes for more people with developmental disabilities.

Bethesda Lutheran Communities, Inc has been providing support services to people with developmental disabilities from their start in Watertown, Wisconsin in 1904. Since October 2009 they have been working with Rainbow Village in one of our homes in St. Charles where they care for four women.

Bridges Community Support Services, Inc was founded in St Louis, Missouri in 1984. Our home in South St. Louis County has three men who began receiving support services from Bridges in October 2009.

Willows Way has been committed to enhancing lives with dignity since 1989. They now provide support services for two women and one man in one of our Rainbow homes in St. Peters.

Meet Noel Bader

Noel joined Rainbow Village as Property Manager in March, 2005. He grew up in St. Louis County and graduated from the University of Missouri. His career in residential property management began in 1991, and includes having managed multiple apartment complexes throughout St. Louis.

He and his wife Julie live in St Charles, MO and are blessed with three teenage daughters, two of which are twins. Noel and Julie are very active in their children's school and athletics. He coaches the twin's basketball team.

Noel is very happy to be working at Rainbow Village, and hopes that his efforts make a difference for both the residents and the support staff. He values honesty, humor, and a strong work ethic. He tries to frame his decisions by asking the question, "if this was for my daughters, what would I do!"



Noel as Chef 'Rastaman' at Rainbow BBQ

Nominations Accepted for the Rosenbaum Staff Leadership Awards

Do you have a favorite direct support staff member? You can nominate a person who has worked in a Rainbow home for at least two years and has demonstrated dedication and commitment above and beyond the normal course of service. Write a brief letter of recommendation (less than 250 words) and mail to Nelson Rosenbaum at Rainbow Village, 1240 Dautel Lane, St. Louis, MO 63146 by March 1, 2010. Two honorees will be selected and will be awarded a plaque and \$500 honorarium at our Annual Dinner on April 23, 2010. For more information call Jo-Ann at 314-567-1522 x201.