



WINTER 2010-2011

Rainbow Connection

Providing neighborhood homes for people with developmental disabilities

Our 51st Home

Two young men with developmental disabilities now have a place close to their families to call home. After working for many months with **Community Choice**, Rainbow Village's 14th support service agency partner, a suitable home in St. Charles County was found for Tim, 21, and Devin, 17. "This perfect home was found due to the efforts of many people," expressed Linda Taylor, Area Director at Community Choice. "We looked at a lot of houses before finding the right home to fit the specific needs of the residents. Community Choice and the residents' families are so grateful for Rainbow Village. We could not have done it without their help."



home near them. The parents of his new roommate, Devin, who currently lives in Cape Girardeau, are also delighted that their son will be close to them again. Devin currently

lives in St. Peters. The bright and inviting home has three bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a spacious fenced in backyard with a patio. It has a fireplace, beautiful hardwood floors, and a large basement. Rainbow Village was able to use the money raised during our golf tournament (see article inside) to put a portion of the down payment on the home. The **Developmental Disabilities Resource Board of St. Charles** is assisting by providing part of the funding for both the down payment and some of the renovations that are required to accommodate the special needs of both Tim and Devin. Rainbow Village now provides housing for more than 240 St. Louis Area residents in 51 separate homes owned and maintained by Rainbow Village. 🏠

"We are excited that we were able to provide a suitable, well-maintained home for two more area residents with developmental disabilities. It was only possible through the generosity of our donors and the cooperation of the St. Charles County DDRB. Thanks to all who helped!"

- Jim Fogle, *Immediate Past President*

Tim is a "happy go lucky" young man who loves music and the outdoors. His favorite activities are going to the park, taking walks, and playing in the water. Tim's family is so pleased that he will be able to live in a quality and affordable

home. Tim attends school and will continue to do so when he moves into his new home. During his free time, Devin enjoys playing video games and basketball.

Tim and Devin's new home is located in a nice neighborhood

"Say Yes!"

Capital Campaign

Nearly two-thirds of adults with developmental disabilities live with a parent or sibling. As family caretakers begin to struggle with their own health, many face a scary and uncertain future of who will care for their child. Rainbow Village is rising to the occasion with the "Say Yes!" Capital Campaign. The primary mission of our capital campaign is to secure \$2 million for the purchase and remodeling of at least 12 more safe and affordable homes for people with developmental disabilities within the next three years.

Rainbow Village has already raised \$500,000 for the "Say Yes!" Capital Campaign. This includes a generous \$50,000 grant from the Seay Foundation. However, we still have miles to go before reaching our goal. "Say Yes!" to independence for people with developmental disabilities. "Say Yes!" to living a life in a home. "Say Yes!" to Rainbow Village.



Concerned Citizens Contribute to Our Cause



Rainbow Village would like to thank all of our valuable volunteers! We are so proud to have hundreds of dedicated and zealous helpers that want to make a difference in the lives of people with developmental disabilities!

If you are interested in volunteering for Rainbow Village, please contact Jessica Graham at jgraham@rbvstl.org.



1. *Dan Veile & Friends* – Four volunteers stained a deck at a home in St. Peters.
2. *Alpha Phi Omega members from Lindenwood* – Nine students landscaped at a home in St. Charles.
3. *Maryville University* – 18 members of the Cheerleading & Dance Team stained a ramp and a deck in St. Peters.
4. *Delta Sigma Pi members from Washington University* – 65 students stained a ramp and landscaped on Rainbow Village's campus.
5. *Living Word UMC* – Three members spent a Saturday morning washing, sanding, and painting gutter boards at a home in Florissant.
6. *Maryville University* – 10 students stained a deck and landscaped at a home in Florissant.
7. *Billy Wassung* – A volunteer planted a garden at a home in Bridgeton, while befriending a resident.
8. *Webster University* – Seven Math Club members cleared vegetation on Rainbow Village's campus.
9. *Bernie Kovacs* – A volunteer placed a platform to hold a bench outside the Sunnen Center.
10. *Aon Risk Services Central* – Five volunteers landscaped at a home in Olivette.
11. *Alpha Phi Omega members from Lindenwood & Billy Wassung* – Four volunteers stained a ramp at a home in St. Charles.
12. *SLU* – Nine graduate students met residents while raking leaves on Rainbow Village's campus.
13. *Dan Veile & Friends* – Five volunteers stained a deck at a home in Crestwood.
14. *Beta Theta Pi members from Washington University & Matt Garozzo* – 10 volunteers stained a large deck, raked leaves, and mulched a garden at a home in Maryland Heights.



Visit us on Facebook to see many more pictures of our volunteers!



Mark Your Calendars

Somewhere Over the Rainbow will take place on **Friday, April 29, 2011**, at the Marriott St. Louis West. www.rainbowvillagestl.org

Walk, Run 'n Roll will take place on **Saturday, May 7, 2011**, at Creve Coeur Park. www.walkrunroll.org

Chip In For Rainbow Village Golf Tournament

On September 21, Rainbow Village held our inaugural golf tournament, Chip In For Rainbow Village, at The Landings at Spirit Golf Club. The participants enjoyed a great day of golf, socializing, and food. "Thanks to the staff, board, committee, volunteers, and all participants who contributed in any way to making the inaugural event a huge success," said **Greg Schuster**, Event Chair and board member. "Feedback from our sponsors and participants has been overwhelmingly positive, and we are already planning for a bigger and even better event next year."

Chip In For Rainbow Village surpassed its first year goal by raising \$49,000. Rainbow

Village is proud to announce that this money was used to put a down payment on our 51st home (see cover article)!



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We greatly appreciate our sponsors for donating so generously and for helping to make Rainbow Village's first golf event such a great success. 🏠

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The Winners

Rainbow Village Tributes

We greatly appreciate all donations to the Rainbow Village Tribute Fund. Following are the tributes made from May 2010 through December 2010.

If you are interested in donating to the Rainbow Village Tribute Fund, please contact Jo-Ann Goldstein at jgoldstein@rbvstl.org.

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Meet Jessica Graham Our New Staff Member



We welcomed Jessica Graham to Rainbow Village as our Administrative Assistant at the end of July. She has already proven to be a valuable co-worker

by organizing many groups for volunteer projects and updating social media for Rainbow. Using her writing and editing skills that she acquired at the University of Kansas, Jessica has been able to greatly benefit both the operations and the development departments. In her free time Jessica is a freelance copy editor and enjoys reading, going to see live music, and spending time with friends and family. When asked about Rainbow, she said, "Rainbow Village provides a beneficial service for people with developmental disabilities in our community. I feel privileged to be a part of an organization with such a caring and important mission."

Meet Beth Bushke Our New Board President



Rainbow Village's Board of Directors and staff are proud to announce the election of **Beth Bushke**, who will serve as Board President for the next two years. Beth's relationship with Rainbow Village began over a decade ago when she volunteered at our annual dinner and auction.

Beth has been an active and very valuable member of the board ever since she joined in 2000. When asked about becoming Board President, she said, "I'm passionate about the work Rainbow Village does and I'm proud to be part of such an exceptional organization. I look forward to our future growth and the opportunity to provide homes for more individuals." Beth has been employed at MasterCard Worldwide since 1998. A native of Wisconsin, Beth received a degree in Computer Science from Marquette University. She resides in University City and enjoys reading and traveling.

Joining Beth as officers of the board are **Matthew Thayer**, First Vice President; **Greg Schuster**, Second Vice President; **John Rocco**, Third Vice President; **Jeff Wojciechowski**, Fourth Vice President; **Joan Perry**, Treasurer; **Eileen Wald**, Secretary; and **James Fogle**, Immediate Past President.



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Our Mission

Rainbow Village meets an essential need for people with developmental disabilities by providing neighborhood homes, thereby enhancing quality of life.

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