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## A LETTER FROM OUR CEO

Grant Funds Awarded to Mercer Residential Services, Inc.

Fall of 2022, Mercer Residential Services was awarded \$30,000 from the Mercer County Civic Foundation. We cannot express our humble gratitude enough for this generosity. With the funds awarded to the agency, we have been able to complete some necessary updates to our mental health housing apartment buildings in Celina by having new commercial water heaters installed and some painting done to both buildings. New sofas and beds were purchased for a few of the apartment units. We have been able to finance security measures for our Mercer County vans as well as the security system for 3 of our buildings in Celina. MRSI believes in promoting independence with the individuals we serve. One of our visions has been to have an

automatic door for our day program clients as they enter the building. With the funds awarded by the Mercer County Civic foundation this vision is becoming a reality. This month an automatic door opener is being installed at our home office. It will truly be wonderful seeing how much more independent the individuals will be. MRSI is truly appreciative of everything the Mercer County Civic Foundation does to support everyone in Mercer County.



- Janelle Wehrman, CEO

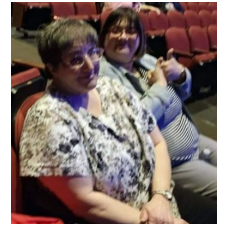
# Tell Me Something Good!

## Home News

### Birthday Insight

Beth J.

March 3rd was the best time of my life. I had an exciting day with my friends at Gibson's in Convoy as well as seeing Air Supply the same night. In my own opinion, I thought my special day went really well and was very special. At the concert I got to sit up in the second row from the front. I want to thank MRSI, Amy and my housemate for a very special day that I honestly enjoyed.



### Linden Dr.

Linden Dr had a wonderful time during glass blowing classes this month. They made paper weights using multicolored glass. MayKayla said this was the best adventure she had ever been on. The girls put the glass inside the fire and rotated it and then held wood shapers along with the instructor to form the paper weights. Linden Dr also had an excellent time at the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament. Breann placed first for the event and Jackie placed second. The housemates were so excited to take home first and second. What a busy month, we also participated in Karaoke at Marimor Industries with the ladies from Gay St. This event is held the last Tuesday of the month. For \$5 they serve pizza and pop.

- DeAnna Carr



### Gay St.

Gay St went to the Air Supply concert and sang up a storm with the band. With the weather getting nicer, there was a challenge from Linden drive to do a biggest loser contest. I believe it ended with a draw but we are getting together to have a taco bar dinner soon! We've been trying to get out and walk and do more exercises to get the blood pumping, as the ole saying goes "if you don't use it you'll lose it!" Happy Spring from all of us at Gay St!

- Amy Bennett

## Wayne St.

Wayne Street Group Home has been having some fun while staying indoors during the cold weather. We celebrated Valentine's Day with treats and mocktails. We enjoyed activities like building snowman, bingo, and making snacks. We have some house members involved with People's First and they had a good turnout for the Quarter Auction. We look forward to the fun things we have planned for the summer. Look for information on our family cookout this summer.



## Staff Updates



Chloe Runyon, Home Coordinator at TEGH, welcomed Amelia Kay on 1/19/23. Just look at the sweet face!!!



Jennifer Bishop, ADS Director, welcomed a baby boy 3/14/2023. How adorable!!!!





## Staff Spotlight: Cindy



Hello, my name is Cindy and I have worked in Health Care since 1999. I started off as an STNA at Shane Hill and Colonial Nursing Center in Rockford for 5 years. I began doing home health care, went to Rhodes State to become a nurse, and now I'm at an MRSI Group Home. I really enjoy my job – 24 years and counting! My goals for my position are to give our clients the best care, to help people to live to the fullest of their ability with a great quality of life, and to make people happy. It really is the small things! In my free time I enjoy spending time with my adult children and grandkids. They are my world! The best parts of working at MRSI are getting to know the clients, going on outings, decorating the group home, and the helpful staff. I really like the fact that I work close to home, and that I find this job very fulfilling!

## Staff Spotlight: Marcy



My name is Marcy Diddle. I live in Van Wert with my husband and (dumb) dog. I enjoy hanging out with my family when I'm not working. I have been a DSP for almost 17 years with MRSI. I work in supported living and I like to take the clients places that they enjoy going or even just sitting out on the porch with them.

## Client Spotlight: Billie Jo



Our Client Spotlight is on Miss Billie Jo! She loves to go shopping, to concerts, the zoo, and just about anywhere that she can see and talk to people. She is our social butterfly and a fire cracker! She loves to make people laugh and always has a stylish purse to go along with her many outfits and shoes. She enjoys her friends at home and at MADS. Her favorite animal is a pig and enjoys collecting stuffed animal pigs.



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