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Logansport Employee Of The Month

TERRY DILLMAN

Terry was chosen as this month's Employee of the Month for his dedicated commitment to the agency and its consumers. He spearheads the annual Dillman Pond Party, has assisted Corinth Brethren church in their donations to Work Services and other programs, and would not accept his Mountain Mover award without first recognizing the hard work of his co-workers and their efforts. Thanks for everything you do Terry!



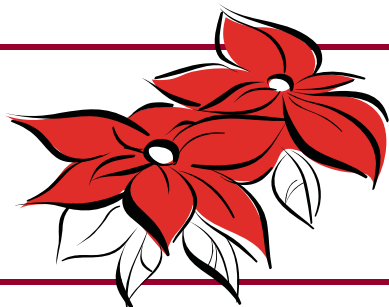
Suggestion Of The Month

PAM SHOOK

Pam has made the suggestion that water should be made available to the consumers as well. Although moving the water dispenser may not be the answer, they could use a water fountain or something.



Thanks Pam!



Don's Message

A Warm and Happy Holiday to All!

As we come to the conclusion of 2007, there have been so many changes it would not be possible to recount them all in this article. We have worked diligently to improve communications throughout the agency by significantly increasing the sharing of communication and ensuring communication channels remain open. There have been physical improvements such as one new group home, new furniture, another group home about to open, and many more. Consumers continue working and acquiring new skills fostering greater levels of independence. The Peak Community Services Foundation is the only organization in Indiana targeting the waiting list by sponsoring interim services. Thanks to all who made those achievements possible.



2008 promises to be another interesting and challenging year. Major changes in funding are in the offing with the inauguration of the OASIS system. We will undergo a CARF accreditation survey in May or June. Many more changes and improvements will come as we implement the rest of the FY-2008 plan.

Unbelievably, we will soon begin the FY-2009 planning process. That means we will be doing annual surveys, focus groups, evaluating our progress, and gathering materials for the many reports we use. A major part of that process involves your input. When the times come that we ask for your participation, please offer your ideas for making Peak Community Services an even better organization.

The need for advocacy never stops. We have created a self-advocates group for those who choose our services. We are anticipating some startup funds from the Arc of Indiana. This organization will be a vehicle for consumers to have a voice in our organization. As we listen to the self-advocates, we must likewise continue



Winamac Employee Of The Month

LARA FULGHAM

Lara Fulgham has been working very hard at designing evacuation route maps and in conjunction with other staff writing emergency action plans for not only Winamac but for the Logansport location too. She has also filled in the Work Services area when other staff need to attend informational meetings or otherwise be out of the work services area.



Winamac Consumer Of The Month

KAREN HARTS

She has been very helpful towards others and she has been doing exceptional work in all of her activities and paid work.



our own advocacy for real choice for consumers in the form of integrated and congregate services.

Happy Holidays!

