



Rainbow Connection

SPRING 2009

Providing neighborhood homes for people with developmental disabilities

Here We Grow... Our 48th Rainbow Village Home

Home is where the heart is for the three men who recently moved into their new Rainbow Village home in Hazelwood. The four bedroom ranch house sits on a corner lot in a beautiful neighborhood, and provides the residents with a safe, comfortable and affordable home that allows them to maintain the independence and dignity they deserve.

The men, who are clients of St. Louis Arc, are especially happy with their new accommodations. After being called upon by long-time partner St. Louis Arc, we joined forces to find a better home than the poorly maintained rented house they lived in, with a landlord unwilling to make adaptations for accessibility. Rainbow Village found a great house within walking distance of two other Rainbow Village homes where residents receive support from St. Louis Arc. Renovations were made which included painting both interior and exterior, upgrading electrical service, replacing floors, adding a new concrete driveway and laundry room, and removing sweet gum trees.



“It looks fantastic!” declared Tim Bradbury, V.P. of Comprehensive Services for St. Louis Arc, after touring the house. “It is such an incredible step up for the guys moving in there. We love Rainbow!”

The men have enjoyed living together for several years. Paul, age 42, loves to dance and attends the St. Louis Arc Community Integration (CI) program in North County. Calvin, age 27, also enjoys dancing as well as bike riding and art projects. He currently works at Worth Industries. Marcus, age 29, enjoys going out to restaurants and shopping.

He attends the CI program with Paul. They are happy that they can stay in North County where they can be close to work and their favorite social activities.

We were able to buy our 48th house, make renovations and keep rents affordable for the residents with assistance from organizations and foundations, including the **Productive Living Board of St. Louis County**, the **Nurture Foundation**, the **Emerson Charitable Trust**; and many dedicated friends of Rainbow Village. Thanks for helping us realize more dreams. 🏡

RBV is LEED-ing the Way

The six women who live in Rainbow Village’s newly built home can take pride in knowing that it’s now LEED Certified (**L**eadership in **E**nergy and **E**nvironmental **D**esign).

“Rainbow Village is one of Missouri’s first multifamily housing developments to earn Silver Certification under the LEED for Homes Program” stated Calvin Delano, Executive Director of Alliance for Environmental Sustainability.

“The residents will be able to enjoy improved energy efficiency and reduced utility costs for years to come, all in a comfortable, healthy indoor environment” said Alan Broddon, project manager for the home.

Congrats to all who made this possible, especially our building committee chaired by John Napoli and the many donors who gave their time and financial support. Rainbow Village’s Board of Directors singled out the dedication of Alan Broddon for overseeing the project from start to finish.



“And the Survey Says...”

Every year Rainbow Village sends out a satisfaction survey to parents, guardians and providers in an effort to get feedback on how well we maintain our homes and yards. This annual questionnaire is a key element in our “quality homes” program.

We are pleased to announce that results from our 2008 survey again show across the board improvement in our ability to address needed home improvements, regular maintenance and repairs.

- 93% of the respondents stated that our maintenance team respond to and complete repairs in a timely fashion
- Our maintenance team scored outstanding results in professionalism, prior notification of home visits, and clean-up.
- Rainbow Village received multiple compliments on condition and use of outdoor decks, yard maintenance, and exterior updates to our homes.

Fundraising for Our Future



Nancy Parker Tice, Tice Honoree Ben Janson, Eleanor Janson

More than 200 of Rainbow Village’s closest friends gathered together on Friday, April 17 at the Marriott West Ballroom. “The funds will be used toward the purchase of more homes for people with developmental disabilities, and to keep the 48 neighborhood homes we own comfortable, safe and affordable” said Michael Rea, Director of Development for Rainbow Village.

Thanks to those who attended and donated to **Somewhere Over the Rainbow 2009** which helped raise \$82,000.

Throughout the evening, attendees enjoyed fine dining and placed bids for a fabulous array of auction items. Fox 2’s Elliott Weiler served as host and donated his time as narrator for the new Rainbow Village video.

Ben Janson was honored with the Tice Humanitarian Award for his many years of service to Rainbow Village and his

commitment to improving the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities.

Special thanks go to Joan Perry, vice president of First National Bank, who chaired the event committee responsible for creating a beautiful and fun-filled evening. She even lent her personal touch by making the centerpieces.

“We are very grateful to Rainbow Village’s corporate sponsors who we depend on for their continued commitment and support” said Nancy Parker Tice, immediate past president of the board of directors and master of ceremonies for the event. Gene Jacobson served as auctioneer.

This year’s corporate sponsors were: MasterCard Worldwide, Dowd Bennett LLP, EMC, First National Bank, General Credit Forms, The Private Bank, Thompson Coburn LLP, Carrollton Bank and Mackey Mitchell Architects.

For more pictures visit our website at www.rbvstl.org 



Molly Tallarico and Karleen Hoerr



Joe and Gloria Zelson, Marci Rosenberg and George Gladis



Keeping Up With Home Improvements

Our home projects are more than sprucing up a tired room. At Rainbow Village we are proud that we keep our homes in excellent condition by making timely improvements for both the safety and comfort of our residents. We constantly inspect and monitor our homes and are proactive with projects that will improve the living experience. Here are some of the improvements we made in the last six months:

- We replaced kitchen cabinets and installed new counters in one of our homes in the community
- We completed interior painting and replaced carpeting in one of our homes in St. Peters
- We widened interior doorways, installed handicapped ramps and installed new flooring to allow wheelchair accessibility in another St. Peter's home.
- We installed all new HVAC units on the roof of our Sunnen Building, which serves as our campus recreational center and site of day programs for developmentally disabled adults.
- We purchased new living room furniture for a Rainbow home in Creve Coeur. 🏠



Rainbow Village Tributes

We greatly appreciate all donations to the Rainbow Village Tribute Fund. Following are the tributes made from July 2008 through April 2009.

IN HONOR OF

Corey Baron

Carol & Bruce Rosen

Jan & Shelly Baron's Anniversary

Ruth & Les Block
Floyd Emert
Itta & Herb Hyman
Linda & Jerry Kraus
Carol & Steve Latz
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The Basler-Schwent Fund

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Suzanne & Alan Broddon's Anniversary

Rosalie Franklin
Marilyn & Arnold Goldman
Marilyn Werner

Suzanne Broddon's Birthday

Rosalie Franklin

Van Brokaw's Birthday

James & Elizabeth Metcalfe

The Claggett Family

Ann Mackey & Marcy Byrne

Francis DeGreeff

Thomas & Sharon DeGreeff

Jim Fogle

Life Skills

Allen & Lianne Hollander's Marriage

Jan & Shelly Baron

Marlene Kopman's Recovery

Barbara & David Boxer

Molly Tallarico

Tricia Workman

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IN MEMORY OF

Jean A. Claggett

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Lewis Sachs

Jan & Shelly Baron

Corinn Schram

Linda Dwork

Gary Sosnoff

Kate & Miles Landis

Molly Tallarico's Mother

Cristina Egbert
Karleen & Tom Hoerr
George & Stephany Mendelsohn
Lou Ellen Ruocco
Allen & Sue Stuempel
Nancy & Paul Tice

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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