



Rainbow Connection

SPRING 2010

Providing neighborhood homes for people with developmental disabilities

A Cause For Celebration

Rainbow Adds Two More Homes: Numbers 49 & 50



A call for help to a housing professional is not uncommon in our industry. Since Rainbow Village has been buying, building, and rehabbing houses for people with developmental disabilities for almost 40 years, we aren't surprised when a St. Louis support agency solicits our expertise to find a home. Although the state of Missouri isn't funding a lot of new clients in the community, Rainbow Village is still buying and remodeling houses for developmentally disabled residents who are living in homes that are unsafe and poorly maintained.

Our 49th and 50th homes both tell a great story.

Creative Concepts for Living, a support service agency, was already working as a partner with Rainbow Village when they contacted us last fall. Three women, living in a privately owned home, were going to have to move. The owner had not kept the house up to standards

and was planning to sell it. We were asked to purchase the home and make the necessary updates so that the women could be assured of a well-maintained long-term residence. Major down payment assistance was given by: **PLB of St. Louis County, John Allan Love Foundation, and the Spoehrer Family Trust.**

The women living in the Creve Coeur area home have been together for 10 years. Two of the women use wheelchairs and the house is handicapped accessible. The women enjoy living in a residential neighborhood and interacting with their neighbors.

Number 49 officially became a Rainbow Village home in January 2010. Old aluminum windows were replaced with new vinyl clad thermal windows, the roof was replaced from the sheathing to the shingles, new sewer lines went in and electrical was brought

up to code. Volunteers from **Elsevier** cleared out the overgrown shrubs, trimmed bushes, and planted rose bushes.

A neighbor made it a point to introduce himself to our staff and compliment Rainbow Village on the improvements to the house.

Our 50th home is an opportunity for celebration.

"When we broke ground 40 years ago we never envisioned owning 50 homes and serving over 230 clients in our community", said Norm Tice, one of the founding members of Rainbow Village. "Our original mission was to meet the need for people with developmental disabilities to have a home they can call their own and we are elated that we continue to stay true to that mission."

The Rainbow Village team was contacted in February 2010 by TouchPoint Autism Services, a

new support agency partner, to locate and purchase a suitable home for three gentlemen living in a poorly maintained, privately owned home in North St. Louis County. The house had significant issues with mold and posed a health hazard to the residents.

A four bedroom house for sale in Florissant, near the men's current home, was a perfect solution. Three men, aged 31-69, enjoy going to the movies, bowling, swimming and the parks around Florissant. The families of the men love that their sons live nearby. Move-in is scheduled for July. Significant down payment assistance is being provided by **PLB of St. Louis County and Emerson Charitable Trust.**

"We are happy to have Rainbow Village as a partner" said Ron Ekstrand, TouchPoint CEO. We are experts at providing powerfully effective autism treatments for individuals of all ages. We're leaving the property ownership to the experts at Rainbow Village. 🏡



Our 14th Annual Gala

Somewhere Over The Rainbow



“Say Yes!” Capital Campaign

In response to the increasing number of adults with developmental disabilities in the St. Louis metropolitan area, Rainbow Village is stepping up and introducing the “Say Yes!” capital campaign. With the community’s support, **Rainbow Village** will achieve its campaign objective of \$2 million so that adults with developmental disabilities can count on safe, reliable and affordable housing and be given the chance to mature with a family of friends.

Rainbow Village invests in people with developmental disabilities by investing in homes in our community.

Funds raised during the “Say Yes!” campaign will enable Rainbow Village to purchase and remodel at least 12 new homes in the next few years.

The time is now to help dreams come true and to join with Rainbow Village and “Say Yes!”



Jim Fogle, Van Brokaw

More than 225 guests gathered on April 23 at the Marriott West Ballroom to enjoy an evening of wine, food and great auction items. “We surpassed our goal by raising over \$103,000 to help us purchase and remodel more homes for people with developmental disabilities waiting for homes”, said Joan Perry, board member and chair of the event.

Van Brokaw was honored with the Tice Humanitarian Award for his fifteen years of service on the Rainbow Village Board of Directors and his thirty-five years as an advocate for people with developmental disabilities. Many of his family members, friends and co-workers joined him, his wife Jeanie and son Von to celebrate his accomplishments.

A special thanks goes to Kim Tucci who served as our volunteer auctioneer. His enthusiasm, humor and dedication to our mission accounted for a record-breaking

\$32,700 in live auction donations. And, his gift of MANY dinners at The Pasta House Co. to go along with oral items certainly was a hit. Our corporate sponsors are greatly appreciated and contributed generously to the success of the evening. Thanks to: MasterCard Worldwide, Consolidated Financial, EMC², First National Bank of St. Louis, General Credit Forms, Wolff Construction, Carrollton Bank, Mackey Mitchell Architects, and Nestle Purina Pet Care. 🏠

You can see more pictures from the evening at our website www.rbvstl.org



Beth Bushke, Joan Kelly, Kathy Quick



Shelly Baron, Jerry & Judy Zafft, Michelle Murray, Vince Garozzo



Joan Perry & First National Bank Volunteers

Rainbow Village Tributes

We greatly appreciate all donations to the Rainbow Village Tribute Fund. Following are the tributes made from June 2009 through May 2010.

IN HONOR OF

Mr. & Mrs. Francis Basler
Rose Mary Schwent

Basler Schwent Fund
Rose Mary Schwent

Teagan Brockman's birth
Matt & Phyllis Librach

Alan Broddon
Arnold & Thelma Schrier
Marilyn Werner

Francis DeGreeff
Tom & Sharon DeGreeff

Herman Gellman's continued good health
Janice & Bob Lipsitz

Marlene & Jerry Kopman
Arthur & Jeanne Ansehl

Gene & Ann Mackey
Van & Jean Brokaw

Michaela Reynold's 13th Birthday
Jan & Shelly Baron

Larry Rosenbaum
Delores Bowman
Marjorie & George Greenberg

Larry Rothberg's speedy recovery
William & Elaine Wolff

Betsy & Scott Sandler's new baby Jed
Bob & Jan Lipsitz

Matthew & Cathy Thayer & children
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen K. Lambright

Norm & Arlene Tice
Holly Falleri

Norm Tice
JoAnn & Marshall Parker

Joyce & Al Weltman's 60th Anniversary
Dan, Elaine & Gabe Katz
Sedelle, Steven, Connie, Daniel & Elaine Katz
Margie, Al & Leah Silverblatt

Bruce White's speedy recovery
Linda Dwork

Jerry Zafft receiving the Lasting Legacy Award
Michael & Ellen Rumelt

IN MEMORY OF

Mike Babich
Jackie & Mel Cockrell

Dick Berger
Robert & Janice Lipsitz

Thomas Boyer
Joyce Finazzo

Harlin Brown
Naomi Lasky

The RBV Handy Brigade

We are very grateful to the MANY volunteers (over 400) who have spent hours beautifying our homes with their gardening skills, painting and warm hearts.



1. MasterCard employees stained a ramp and deck, painted the exterior and cleaned up the landscaping at our home in Florissant.

2. God First Church members did exterior painting and landscaping at one of our homes in Florissant.

3. Church LDS members worked on our apartment in Overland—staining a wood fence and landscaping.

4. SLU students trimmed bushes, weeded and spread mulch on our main campus.

5. Living Word UMC members spent a Sunday



afternoon weeding, planting and spreading mulch on our main campus in front of the homes and the Community Center.

6. Washington University students helped once a month from September 09 through April 10 doing a variety of projects—from painting the locker rooms of our indoor pool to preparing the ground for a flower garden for the



residents to maintain on our main campus.

7. Elsevier employees worked on our 49th home in West St. Louis County. They filled over 30 bags with overgrowth from the back yard, trimmed the front bushes and planted new rose bushes that they donated. [🏠](#)



Mary Fedile
Lou Ellen Ruocco

Doretta Goldenberg
Harriett Baron
Steve & Judy Wasserman

Geri Goodman
Linda Dwork

Elaine Hutkins
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Jim & Janet Singer
Lorraine Stiffelman
Norman & Arlene Tice
Paul & Nancy Tice

Lyle Stone
Linda Dwork

Christine Wagman
Norman & Arlene Tice

Elizabeth Wolfe
Mrs. John Brodhead, Jr.

Rainbow Village Elects New Board Members

Richard M Heyl

Rick's expertise in home inspections has been an invaluable asset to Rainbow Village. His career as a home inspector began in 1977. Since then, he has performed over 14,000 inspections and, as the founder of ABA inspections & Consulting, supervised 16 professionals performing over 100,000 commercial and residential inspections. Rick spent 6 years with LAPIS as Senior Vice President and made the decision to return to the field, joining his son and daughter at R. Heyl & Associates in St. Louis. Rick has been blessed with three grandchildren in the past four years which was a deciding factor in his decision to end his business travels and "stay home". Rick and his family live in Kirkwood.

Michelle Murray

Michelle is a native St. Louisian who has always valued giving back to her community. It's no surprise that when she moved back to St. Louis she sought ways to unite her business and financial background with nonprofit work to make a positive community impact. Her search led her to Rainbow Village where she currently serves as Chair of Rainbow Village Capital Campaign. Michelle has 15 years of experience in accounting and corporate finance and currently holds the position of Director and CFO for Prolog Ventures. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Saint Louis University and is a licensed CPA. Michelle and her family live in West St. Louis County.

Michael Roth

Michael's architectural degrees include a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Michigan and a

Masters Degree in Architecture from Pratt Institute in New York. After architectural practice in New York, Peru, Accra, Ghana and St. Louis, Michael's strong convictions about what makes architecture led him to found Michael Roth and Associates in 1977. Michael brings his expertise in the housing industry to RBV. Michael and his wife of 37 years and their daughter live in Clayton. Michael devotes time as a strong political advocate for people with developmental disabilities. In his personal time Michael enjoys classical music, history, current events and collecting tribal arts.

Jeff Wojciechowski

Jeff is a Vice President at Cassidy Turley in St. Louis, currently managing the accounting and finance operations of a client portfolio. He has over 15 years experience in finance, accounting and real estate management. Jeff has an undergraduate degree in economics from the University of Tulsa, an MBA in finance from UCLA, and he is a licensed CPA. He lives in Ladue with his wife Desiree and sons Brecken (8), Tanner (8) and Tate (4).

"A strong Board of Directors is essential to every non-profit organization and cause," remarks Jim Fogle, President of the Rainbow Village Board. "With the addition of this extraordinary group of new members who are true leaders in the community joining our visionary founders and committed current Board members, Rainbow Village is poised to make great things happen. We are very excited to have each of them on board."



Board of Directors

James Fogle, *President*

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Molly Tallarico, *Second Vice President*

Greg Schuster, *Third Vice President*

Matthew Thayer, *Fourth Vice President*

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Jo-Ann Goldstein, *Associate Director of Development*

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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