

straightening the shoe racks." She liked this job because it was an all day job that kept her busy. Her favorite part of the whole TE placement was earning extra money. When asked if she missed her job she said, "I will miss my job some, but I'm already to come off and let someone else do it for a while." All the Members and Staff of Adventure House congratulate Louise on a job well done.

By Candace Bell
Adventure House Goes to the Cleveland County Fair

It was time again, for the Cleveland County Fair. On Tuesday September 30th, 57 members and staff attended the fair. A special thanks goes to John Gjelhaug and Mr. Bob Southards, who made arrangements for the Members and Staff of the Adventure House to attend the fair. We were even welcomed and recognized over the intercom when we first arrived. Everyone enjoyed the time they spent

at the fair eating, playing games, riding rides and watching the entertainment. Frances Norman stated that she enjoyed the Caterpillar ride, watching people, and the food was good too. David Fitch said "I loved our visit to the Cleveland County Fair. It was so wonderful of the Clubhouse to take everyone. I had so much fun, I know everyone had a great time. It has been many years since the last time I had been there. Things have really changed. Thanks to all who made our trip possible". Several members Howard Chapman, Joyce Fox, Chris George, Ron Owens, and Francis Norman had photography on display in the Exhibition Hall. Everyone at the Adventure House thanks the Cleveland County Fair Association for supporting our social program. Also thanks to TACC for providing transportation home from the fair grounds. Once again we had a wonderful evening and look forward to next year.

By Diana Boswell

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Voter Registration

The Pathways Consumer Family Advisory Committee and the Mental Health Association of Cleveland County held a Voter Registration at the Ollie Harris Building on September 8, 2008. Adventure House staff accompanied more than ten members to register to vote.

The United States presidential election of 2008, scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2008, will be the 56th consecutive quadrennial United States presidential election and will select the President and the Vice President of the United States. The two major parties' candidates have been officially chosen, and the nominees are John Mc Cain, the United States senator from Arizona, for the Republican Party and Barack Obama, the United States Senator from Illinois, for the Democratic Party. Mc Cain has selected Sarah Palin, Governor of Alaska as his Vice Presidential candidate, and Obama has chosen Joe Biden, the United States Senator from Delaware as his Vice Presidential candidate. Economy, Education, Energy, Healthcare, Immigration and the foreign wars are some of the issues the candidates are faced with.

Members were excited to have the opportunity to register to vote, and are looking forward to voting on November 4th, 2008. Members are encouraged to watch the daily news, and read newspapers to enlighten them with their voting decisions. Staff will provide transportation for all members registered to vote on Election Day.

By Beverly Dawkins

Play Ball

On August 22nd Adventure House members and staff were able to attend the American Legion World Series of Baseball at Keeter Stadium in Shelby. We saw the first game of the night, the 5:00 pm game.

To open the game a military helicopter flew over the stadium and tipped the nose to the crowd. The first pitch was thrown in by a military officer from the Pentagon. He was accompanied by a Color Guard who presented the flag for the National Anthem to open the game.

There were four home runs hit during the game. The final score was Washington 12, Arkansas 3. With this being my first baseball game, I watched with concentration and with great interest. Everyone that attended the game appeared to enjoy themselves, Genia Patterson's son Garrett retrieved and was able to keep a foul ball.

Following the end of the first game and before the start of the second game, we were entertained by two parachutists who landed in the middle of the stadium. The first parachutist displayed a giant American flag behind him. The second person had streamers and smoke following behind her. She brought with her the opening ball for the second game.

Everyone had a really great time at the baseball game. We'd like to give a big thanks to the American Legion World Series of Baseball committee for the support they gave to the Adventure House social program. We look forward to Shelby hosting future American Legion World Series of Baseball games.

By Paul Pouchak

Unique Living Closed

Last week a local family care home was closed down. All of the residents had to be moved to other facilities. This created the problem of finding places for the residents to live; spaces in Cleveland County are very limited. This closing has effected many families throughout Cleveland County and the Adventure House family was affected greatly. Three of our members were some of the residents who had a limited time to find a place to go. Unfortunately all three of these members had to be placed outside of Cleveland County.

This week has been hard. Adventure House members and staff have been greatly sadden not to see each of their faces every day. Joel Warren and David Walker found a place in Mc Dowell County. It is comforting to know that they are together and are able to adjust to their new surroundings together.

Kelvin Hundley was able to go and stay with his family in Charlotte, until a permanent place can be found for him to live. Kelvin not only lost his home but had to leave behind his TE (*Transitional Employment*) position at Applebee's. His job brought him great joy and extra income as well, his position is currently being done by staff from Adventure House in hopes that he will soon return.

The closing of the facility came after a forty-three year old woman went missing on September 3rd. She is still missing. Although she is not a member of Adventure House our thoughts and well wishes go out to her and her family. We hope she will be safe and return to her family soon.

This incident was not the only problems that have been reported at this facility. Unique Living has had several incidents over the past 10 years, there have been 3 deaths and 3 people who came up missing. They have had reports over the years of unsafe living conditions, unsafe water temperatures and door alarms not working. The residents of the facility have been placed in more appropriate facilities where they are cared for.

Members and staff of Adventure House have talked to Kelvin on the phone this week and he is doing well and enjoying his time visiting with his family. On Thursday September 18th, Adventure House members and staff drove to Mc Dowell County to visit David Walker and Joel Warren at their new assisted living facility, they both seemed happy to see some friends from Adventure House.

They appear to have settled in their new surroundings and have already made some new friends. Adventure House staff and Community Support are working to try and bring our members back to Cleveland County and back to the Adventure House family.

By Candace Bell

Visit to Fountain House

Dexter Reed and I attended a one-week Work-Ordered Day track at Fountain House in New York, August 2nd through the 8th. While there, we stayed at the guest house which is a brownstone located beside Fountain House on West 47th Street. Each day Dexter participated in the clerical unit, and Bryan was in the horticulture unit. Each afternoon we attended wrap-up sessions pertaining to the Work-Ordered Day. We had free time in the evening to explore Manhattan. Dexter even got to visit St. Luke Roosevelt hospital for a few days due to chest pains that he experienced while there. We came home with an action plan dealing with Work-Ordered-Day activities and how to make new members feel more welcomed and educated on the purpose of the Clubhouse. Although a little different from Shelby, New York was exciting and both Bryan and Dexter would love the opportunity to return one day.

By Bryan Eaker

Bowling at Starmax Lanes in Gaffney

It had been a long time since Adventure House members and staff had enjoyed time together bowling as a social outing. On August 14th, thirty-four members and staff took a trip to the Starmax Theater and Bowling Center in Gaffney, South Carolina. We want to thank the staff and management from Starmax for making our visit so enjoyable. They were very accommodating for such a large group. We were assigned four bowling lanes, twenty-four people bowled and the rest that went were there to watch and encourage the bowlers. Everyone enjoyed each other's company. The bowlers started off slow in the first few frames, but soon they were in the groove of things. There were a few gutter balls thrown, some spares were picked up and even some strikes were made. As usual Drew and Stan had a friendly competition to see who was the better bowler. Byron Dorsey did very well. He stated, "I really enjoy bowling and I hope that Shelby will get a new bowling alley someday." James White went home with the high score for the night. The time spent together was not only fun but was relaxing as well. We will definitely be planning

another bowling trip soon. Come and join us the next time for more fun and competition at the lanes.

By Diana Boswell

Adventure House Players News

The Shelby Lion's Club invited the Adventure House Players to perform "Mental Mart" for their September monthly meeting at the Cleveland County Country Club. Before the performance, Bryan Eaker talked a few minutes about Adventure House and its Transitional Employment program and how important it was, not only to the members but also to the community. He gave out literature about the Clubhouse and TE that gave more detail about the programs, in hope that it may inspire business leaders in the community to give our work program a chance.

Then it was my turn to talk for a few minutes about the Players, its conception, its history, and its purpose for today. I told them how honored I am to be involved with the Players, how proud I am of the cast, especially how hard they have worked. Then I told them it was *Showtime!*

The cast rose to the occasion and gave a great performance. After the show, they performed *Truth*, which was where they introduced themselves following the curtain call. This is the moment each cast member has the choice to tell the audience what diagnosis they have. I could tell the audience members were impressed with the cast. They received quite an applause. It meant a great deal to the players. To our surprise, the Lion's Club presented Adventure House with a donation of two hundred dollars. We greatly appreciated it and thanked them very much for their kindness.

We are now on a little break. We will resume rehearsing new material in October. We already have a new booking and have other plans in the works that I can talk about in the next newsletter. I would like to thank our visiting colleagues from Club Horizon, Catherine West and Antoinette Reed, who joined our acting troupe and enlivened our cast of "Mental Mart". Good luck to them in starting their own acting company at Club Horizon. It is very rewarding.

By Stan Logan

Sysco Food Show

The Clubhouse's Sysco food representative let our kitchen unit know about a food show in High Point, NC on September 9th. Kitchen members and

staff went to High Point in the hopes of finding new ideas for menu items and possibly ways to lower our food costs. We tried a variety of foods and even met with Sam Lloyd, our food representative, about menu ideas within our price range. After eating until we were stuffed, we made the two hour journey back to Shelby with fresh new ideas for our next menu rotation. Everyone had a great time.

**By Dean Hensley
Drew Stallings
& Genia Patterson**

Adventure House Welcomes Larry Mincey

Adventure House members and staff welcomed Larry Mincey to the Clubhouse. On September 24, members provided a tour of Adventure House, and explained the program to him. Larry has chosen the Snack Bar as his unit, and would like to take Basic Computer Class. During his spare time Larry enjoys fishing, reading, telling jokes, and watching a comedy show before bedtime, so he will go to bed happy!

Larry has a daughter and a son. He has four grandchildren and looks forward to watching them grow up. He has worked in several printing companies and has skills in management. Larry has traveled extensively, and has visited forty-six states. He attends Shelby Church of Christ. Larry would like to welcome everyone to visit the Church of Christ.

Larry stated, "Everyone is very friendly at Adventure House, and I have met many new friends. And the food is very good and inexpensive at Adventure House." He also loves all the opportunities Adventure House has to offer.

**By Candace Bell,
Dexter Reed & Beverly Dawkins,
Completed TE Placement**

In March of this year, long time member Louise Cooper started her seventh TE placement (*Transitional Employment*) with UA Thrift. Over the years, every placement Louise has started she has completed, even going beyond the call of duty by working a few extra months when she was needed. Some of the tasks she has performed included cleaning the bathrooms, sweeping and mopping, gathering hangers, and hanging up clothes. Louise said "If I had to choose one thing I liked the most, it would be cleaning and