

SNACK BAR BUDGET

We've been working on the Snack Bar budget. Snack Bar is trying to cut costs of necessary items that are needed on a weekly basis. By obtaining items that are cheaper at certain locations, finding sale priced items and not buying excess items, we have done pretty well. We were way over budget for the prior six months but we are proud to say that we have exceeded our budgeting goal of "breaking even" in the last three months. We will continue to keep an eye on this as we reach to make our Clubhouse stronger and more financially stable. We are very proud of all members and staff of the Snack Bar unit for their ideas on chipping in to help fix this problem. Also, we have grown vegetables in our garden to help reduce costs. These vegetables were started as seeds. Those vegetables were also available for members and staff to purchase in order to help cover some of the cost.

By Drew Stallings and James Linder



WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER!

My name is Rodney Rose and I am a new member at Adventure House. My nickname is DewRod and I enjoy art and drawing Popeye the Sailor Man and the Incredible Hulk. I have two wonderful daughters, Amy, age 14 and Taffi, age 10 that mean the world to me. I work in the Administrative Unit and I am very happy in that unit because I am interested in computers. My sister told me about Adventure House and she was able to get me in here. I enjoy watching scary movies and also super hero movies. I especially like THE AVENGERS. People have been very nice to me since I came here. I look forward to coming here everyday...



By Leslie Ramey



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JUST WANT TO TELL MY ADVENTURE HOUSE FAMILY.....THANK YOU!!!!!!



A little over a year ago, I found myself facing a life crisis after being diagnosed with cancer. I felt so scared of the unknown and what my coming days would hold. Unsure of how to break the news about my diagnosis to my daughters and what would become of them was a hard fact to process, much less accept.

The first week of being in the hospital some relief was given to me by way of Adventure House. I had visits from members and staff that encouraged me and just let me know that they were praying for me. That confirmation was given the first day I returned home from the hospital. My house was spotless and my bed was made up and I had everything that I needed. Each day that followed I had knocks at my door by both staff and members checking up on me and making sure I was ok.

Then the treatments started....I had a very special friend that went beyond the call of duty and went with me to every treatment. We laughed as well as cried

together. She was a great comfort. I just want to tell Mrs. Elizabeth Ross, who works at Adventure House, thank you!!!! I couldn't have done it without you. Everyone showed me care that I often felt I didn't deserve and they consistently were there for my every need. When my treatments didn't allow me to attend the Clubhouse, they still came and checked up on me and encouraged me to push through despite how I felt. During the weekends, I still had my Clubhouse support. Mrs. Beverly Dawkins, another staff person from Adventure House, always came by with meals and checked to make sure I was alright and had all of my needs taken care of. Just want to tell my fellow members.....THANK YOU, THANK YOU, for encouraging me to quit smoking which I have been smoke free for over a year. I also thank GOD for my improving health as well as Adventure House and all they have provided me during my time of recovery. I couldn't have done it without you.

Crystal Byers, a member at the Clubhouse, helped Tufue Neely write this article. We hope everyone is inspired by Tufue's journey and pray for her continued recovery. She is an inspiration to us all!!!

By Crystal Byers

Carolina Panthers Training Camp

On July 28th, the social was the Carolina Panthers Training Camp at Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C. It was a very fun experience. We rode on a shuttle bus to the stadium from the



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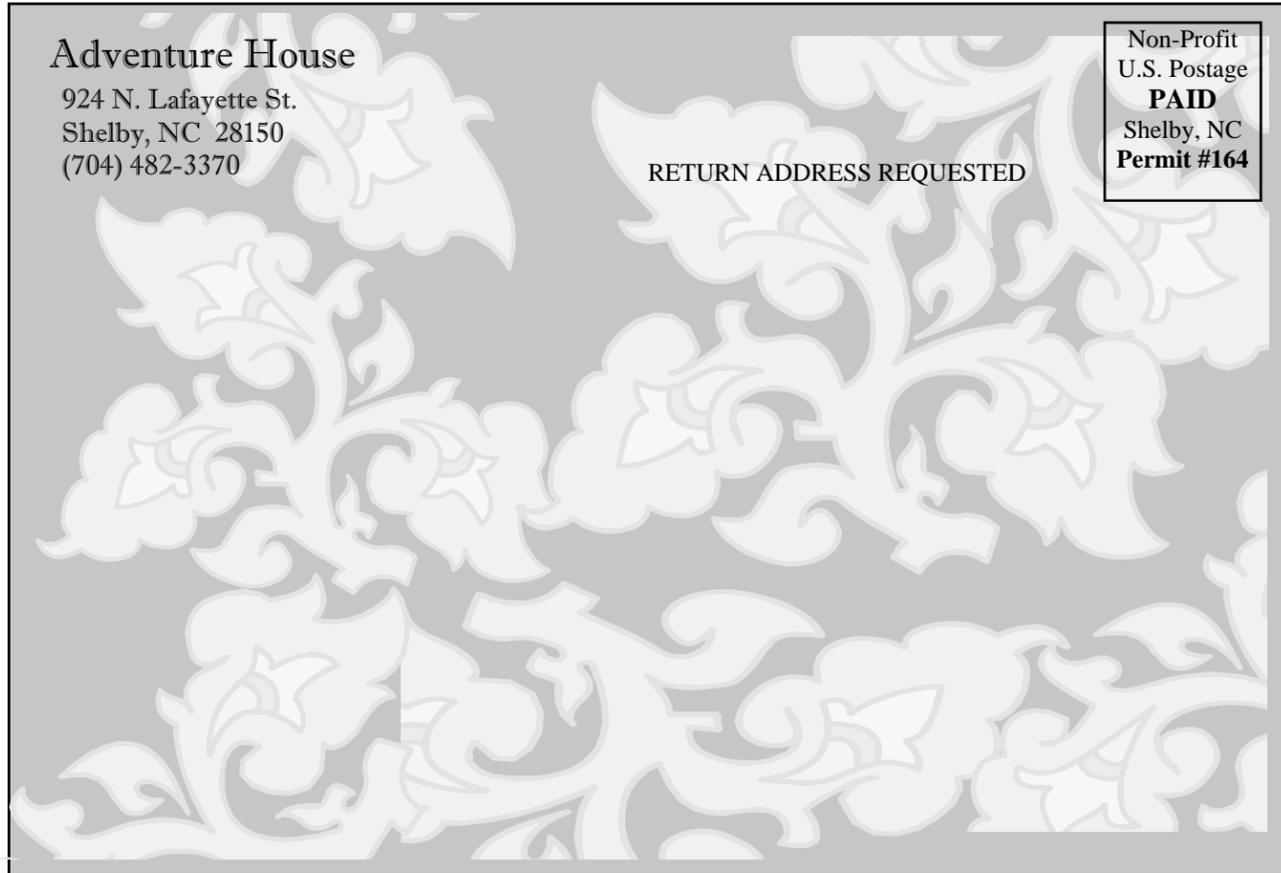
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parking lot. The bus drivers were very friendly. We sat in the end zone grass area. Luckily it wasn't too hot for that evening. Cam Newton was getting the crowd excited by participating with them. He threw the ball into the crowd and several fans were able to catch it and throw it back to him. There were lots of vendors for food and souvenirs. I'm glad I got the chance to go to that social. The Panthers looked great on the field. May they have another great season this year.....KEEP Pounding!!!!



By Coleman Young

Adventure House Players



The Adventure House Players are working on one skit for the fall. It is called "THE VAN RIDE HOME". The subject is about members that are headed home after one of the socials. The van driver, a staff person, listens to their stories about them having a good day, then he almost hits a deer crossing the road. Well, that startles him and then it starts up the hollering and such from the members. He tells everyone that he needs peace and quiet to do his job and get them safely home. They all agree, but that doesn't last too long. Members start arguing about which

radio station should be playing, how they liked their supper, who was dating who and who broke up with whom. Things start to get out of hand very quickly and the bus driver stops the van and lectures everyone to please keep the noise level down so he can concentrate on his driving. They all agree and the ride is much quieter. Later as he drives, an accident happens to the fire extinguisher which sets it off. Members run off the van as quickly as possible until the situation is under control. They get back on the van and continue on their way home. Eventually they talk about Adventure House and how they are glad that they have a place to come to during the day. Some even say that it is better than other Clubhouses they have attended in the past. After dropping almost everyone off, the last member is being driven to upper Cleveland County. Before they get to that residence, they have a blowout and realize they have a flat tire. They both go the back to pull out the spare and jack. While changing the tire, the member talks about how his day went at the Clubhouse and about some personal issues that are bothering him. The staff person listens and responds with helpful suggestions and then asks if that member has any ideas to help himself. The member asks the staff person how he is doing since the loss of his mother and tells him how sorry he is for that. That touches the staff person very much and he thanks him for his concern. Once again, the bond between staff and member grows stronger which is how it is suppose to be. Eventually they get the tire changed and then they are off to their final destination.

Based loosely on an actual event, the play will be performed in November. Everyone is welcomed to attend. Call the Clubhouse for the exact dates.

We are also working on two small skits for the Halloween and Christmas parties. More information in the next newsletter. Stay tuned.

By Leslie Ramey and Trent Chandler

GLAD TO BE BACK!!!!

My name is Paul Pouchak and I am the head cashier in the dining room at Adventure House. I have been a member of the Clubhouse



for 28 years. I take great pride in my job and also as a head waiter on the occasion. Everything changed for me on May 31, 2016. I fell to the floor and was stranded for hours. I crawled to my phone and dialed on-call. Diana Boswell answered, rushed over and forced the door open to get to me. I was then taken to the emergency room by ambulance. I injured my leg so bad that I spent 9 weeks in the hospital. I was very lucky that a very dear physical therapist helped me in my recuperation. I had to learn how to keep balance again and work my muscles to increase muscle tone. When I was released from the hospital I was much better. I still need a walker most times but it is so good to be back at home and be able to come back to Adventure House and resume my jobs. I am thankful to all those who sent prayers my way and came to see me. Adventure House is an amazing place and it really cares about their members. I hope to attend the Clubhouse for a long time to come.

By Stan Logan

FATZ RESTAURANT WORKER

My name is Robert Thompson and I work for Fatz restaurant. I prepare the potatoes and rolls and wash dishes. I work six days a week, usually three to four hours a day. Thanks to Bryan Eaker, the Employment Coordinator, for helping me get this job. Thanks to Nate Reddom, my boss, for taking a chance on me. Thanks to Adventure House for all of their support.

By Robert Thompson



SHADY SIDE DRAG STRIP SOCIAL



The staff and members went to Shady Side Drag Strip. We all had a great time with our friends. We really loved watching staff member, Fred Mead, race his mustang on the drag strip several times. I had never been to a drag strip before. I have a hard time mingling with people and that is why I haven't been to many social events provided by the Clubhouse. But after this adventure I am going to try to go to more socials. I want to thank Adventure House for this opportunity to have some fun.

By Teresa Pennington



REPORTERS

We have a new activity in the clubhouse starting this September.....REPORTERS!!! Leslie Ramey, Crystal Byers, Kristian Mason, and Sharon Haynes have all volunteered for this job. They will write interesting articles about activities at Adventure House so we can publish them in the daily newsletter. They will interview stories about the different units, socials, and individuals that make up the Clubhouse. The purpose of all this is to allow visitors that come to Adventure House to be able to read the daily newsletter and see what is happening. These articles will be compiled for the bi-monthly newsletter that is mailed out to people who can not visit the Clubhouse. That way everyone is informed about how successful our program is. Anyone else who wants to be a reporter is encouraged to join.

By Sharon Haynes