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## We've Moved



Early this summer our corporate office moved to a new location. In a cost saving move, our organization was able to purchase a condo suite in an office building, on the outskirts of Ann Arbor. This will reduce our corporate overhead costs, and we now have an office more in line with our needs. The new space is double the size of our former office, and allows for a training center in the basement. An elevator is being installed and the entire area will be barrier free. Please note the address and telephone change listed on the bottom of this page.

## FUNDRAISING:

On July 10, ALS-LM held the annual Funwalk at Kensington and Metropolitan Beach Metro parks. It was a successful fundraiser, as well as a great day for all who attended. Thank you to our donors: Benecore Insurance, Farmington Insurance, Mobility Transportation, RX Specialties, Memphis Drugs, Your Promotional Edge, Advanced Care Pharmacy, Marie Stephenson, Patrick and Marie Donnelly, Marilyn Marsh, Darlene and James Schoolmaster, Laurence and Donald Dauphin, Mary and Keith Tate, Patricia Stevenson, Laurie Lutomski, Joe and Doris Coleman, Wayne and Sherrill Barshaw, Value Learning, LLC, Germaine and Susan Gebhard, Robert and Louise Verheghe, Ron and Shannon Dobreff, Walter and Lois Scott, Layís Potato Chips, Tru Green Lawn Care. Thanks to all those who pledged our walkers! Ron & Shannon Dobreff, Bonita Desoto Kathleen & Jeffrey Lawrence, Mary Ann Pawiak John Tsampikou, Robert & Anna Lou Bondy

**THANKS TO ALL THOSE PLEDGING THE WALKERS!!!!**



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## Direct Care Worker of the Quarter



**Michael Harmon** (Meadowlane Macomb)

Mike has a charismatic personality that consumers and other staff easily connect with. He has made consumer files look amazing and easy to access. One of the many reasons Mike earned this award is because he was instrumental in transforming the garage into the new office area. He helps with the general maintenance at the home and helps keep things in tip-top shape!



**Bernado (Buddy) Catalino** (TIP Macomb)

Buddy is a staff at the TIP/SIP, apartment program in Chesterfield. His teamwork skills are impeccable whether he is assisting participants with their bills or completing goal sheets. He never complains and always gets the job done, he does whatever is asked of him. Buddy is caring and noted for showing random acts of kindness. During holidays Buddy has planned and cooked dinner for participants who are not spending the day with their family. He has made a difference in the lives of the participants!



**LaToya Colson** (Farminton SIP Oakland)

LaToya is a great asset to the Farmington SIP. She has perfect attendance. She does an excellent job with passing medication. LaToya is willing to do any task, with a positive attitude. She works any shift and fills in for other staff. In addition to working well with peers and consumers, LaToya is in a word, 'dependable' personified!

## Manager Awards



Karlos Warren was given the Manager of the Quarter Award. He is the coordinator of Cherrywood Home in Washtenaw County. Karlos maintains great rapport with everyone he comes in contact with. He has been a great asset to the management/admin team; helping out at other programs and setting up the new corporate office. Other managers receiving certificates of achievement were: Kim Bruce, Renee Pipe, Craig Perkins, Kelly Stackhouse and Stephanie Daughenbaugh.



## Other Awards



Pledge Winners were Sheila Beverly for bringing in the most pledges, with Lisa Patterson in second place. Ms. Beverly received a \$50 Visa card and five free pizzas. Ms. Patterson's prizes were a complimentary one night stay at Concorde Inn and five free pizzas.

Remember to use your Kroger card to support ALS-LM. Register at [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com), after obtaining your Kroger

Plus card at the customer service desk of any Kroger store. Sign up for Community Rewards online. Contact Vickie Green if you need assistance.



## UPCOMING EVENTS/NEWS

### • STAFF RETREAT DATES

- Macomb County- September 15
  - Washtenaw, Oakland, Livingston, Monroe Counties- September 22
- Please get the details from your site coordinator and plan to attend!!!

### • TRAINING NEWS

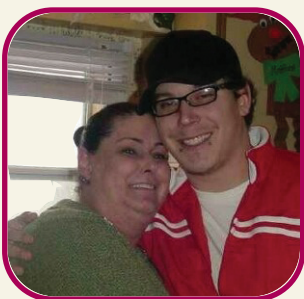


Many changes are taking place at ALS-LM. The organization is striving to work with new technology to streamline training and make it more interesting. A Training Committee, pictured here, was formed and held several meetings over the spring and summer. The group consisted of managers, admin, and direct care workers. The feedback and honesty of the members was very helpful in the redesign of our training program. Beginning this fall, all new employees will attend a series of classes to help them learn the policies, mission and faces of ALS-LM. Classes will be held weekly at the main office and Macomb TLH, and will be conducted by our new Regional Skills Trainers, Darcy Harmon and Phil Candela.

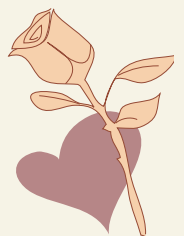
Many more updates will be released later this year about the new improved training at ALS-LM!

## Who We Will Miss...

### • Shari Pasko



In May, Shari Pasko passed away. Ms. Pasko worked as an ALS-LM Caseworker for seven years. She will be remembered as a sweet lady, who well liked by participants and staff. While at Bayridge, she arranged for the ladies to have a 'Red Hat Day', which they all loved! Shari was a good caretaker of site flowers and was a lover of animals. Our sympathies go out to her family and friends, especially her son Jason, who is a direct care worker at Macomb Whole Life.



# What's Been Happening?

Everybody has been so busy this summer! Meadowlane Home has been hosting BINGO night every Friday. Bayridge Home holds Karaoke Night each Friday for all the Macomb sites. Thank you to Bayridge for inviting the other homes over for their annual Hawaiian Luau- sharing music and exotic foods! Aloha!

## \* Macomb Mother's Day Bake Sale

Everybody pitched in for an old fashioned bake sale on the Thursday and Friday before Mother's Day. It was a hit! Items were donated by employees, the fundraising committee, family members, participants and others. Everything was decorated beautifully and the goodies looked yummy! A special thank you to Roy and Aspen Creek Apartments for allowing us to use their clubhouse.



## \* Briarwood Cinco De Mayo

Briarwood and TAL held their annual Cinco De Mayo Party. They enjoyed an ethnic feast from Los Tres Amigo's. Everyone played games and whacked the piñata full of candy.



Thanks to all who worked and participated with this exciting event!



## \* Tip Goes to the Zoo

What is a summer without a trip to the zoo? Due to a generous ticket donation from the Detroit Zoological Society, the TIP/SIP consumers and staff were able to enjoy a fun day at the zoo. They all really appreciated the picnic lunch and watching the animals.



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