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Corporations care for Hattie Larlham

Supported Living residents benefited greatly from two compassionate companies and their recent volunteer endeavors. The sweethearts of the SummaCare Claims Department, thanks to a suggestion from Sue at Supported Living, proclaimed "Christmas in July" for Supported Living. The co-workers purchased and gathered needed items from Christmas decorations to small appliances and kitchen supplies. Program Coordinator Jason Balyer thanked the ladies on behalf of all the residents who will benefit from these generous gifts. We're thankful the SummaCare volunteers showed such care and generosity.



A cadre of caring folks from OEConnection in Richfield came to the Yerrick home for a blitz style volunteer service, breaking up into teams and tackling many of the home's needs. OEConnection volunteers weeded and planted along the fence line of the home, as well as cleaned out the garage, moved and cleaned furniture from inside to out, and vice versa. In great advance preparation for the coming holidays, another group sorted all the holiday decorations from Easter to Christmas, helping us get ready to celebrate the seasons in style at Yerrick. We're grateful to both groups for reaching out to those in our care.



New ways to stay connected

Keep connected to Hattie Larlham news and updates online. Volunteers, families and supporters can stay up to date on the latest Hattie Larlham happenings through our pages on Twitter, Facebook and YouTube. Check us out the next time you're on each site. We want to hear from you.



Volunteers can also see activity calendar updates in real time through our new page at www.hattielarlham.org/volunteer/calendar.htm. We're adding new activities every month, so check back often for opportunities that fit your schedule and interests.

Bikers show support for Hattie Larlham

Despite vague weather forecasts and passing dark clouds, the 16th annual Motorcycle Run for Hattie Larlham went off without a hitch. On Sunday, July 26, 300 motorcycles roared onto the asphalt at Hattie Larlham as children, some holding hand-painted signs, and staff cheered. Rich Robinson, bike run co-organizer, welcomed the bikers as they arrived.



The event was held on the south side of the building, outside the new Life Achievement Center. A stage was erected next to the building where the day's entertainment, the Chill, played as guests ate and mingled. As children from Hattie Larlham took rides in motorcycle sidecars, event volunteers sold tickets for a 50/50 raffle and entered guests in a drawing to win a new Harley Davidson Sportster Nightster.

This year's event raised \$5,505 for the 2010 Camp Connect summer camp program. The camp brings children with disabilities from Hattie Larlham together with typically developing kids from the community for a week of fun.

Join us for our Volunteer Open House

Join us on September 23 between 4 and 7 p.m. for a volunteer open house and celebration of the completion of our Hope at Work project. Information will be available for new volunteer opportunities in the Life Achievement Center (LAC) along with information on our current volunteer programs. Stop by with family members or friends to check out the completed building, enjoy some refreshments and explore new volunteer opportunities available at Hattie Larlham. This is a great time for people considering volunteering at Hattie Larlham to gather information and even sign up for a project! Members of the volunteer resources staff will be available to answer questions and provide tours.



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Activity Schedule

Tuesday, September 1, 6:30-7:30 p.m.: Pet Pals

Volunteers of all ages are welcome to join their friends at Hattie Larlham for a visit with therapy dogs.

Wednesday, September 9, 6:30-8 p.m.: S'mores with YVC

We'll enjoy the fall evening with campfire songs and s'mores in the NaturAll. If it rains, we will bake cookies indoors.

Thursday, September 10, 6-7:30 p.m.: Football Season Kickoff

Support your favorite team as we make festive cheer gear with our friends.

Saturday, September 12, 10 a.m.—noon: Nature Walk and Craft

Join us for a refreshing walk outdoors, followed by a woodland themed craft project.

Sunday, September 13, 2-3 p.m.: Bethel Baptist Church Service

Monday, September 14, 6-8 p.m.: Polka Dot Dance

It's time for a back-to-school party for our youngest residents. Join your grade school friends for their first sock hop to celebrate the new school year.

Tuesday, September 15, 6-8 p.m.: Noah's Ark Party

Help your friends construct their favorite ark animals at this party hosted by Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy.

Thursday, September 17, 6-8 p.m.: Movie Night

Join your friends for an evening film on the big screen.

Sunday, September 20, 1:30-2:30: Catholic Mass

Monday, September 21, 6-7:30 p.m.: Girls Night

We'll be picking out new nail polish colors and trying on new hairstyles for fall. Bring your favorite fashion magazine to share.

Wednesday, September 23, 4-7 p.m.: Open House

Our Hope at Work project is complete, and we are proud to invite volunteers to explore the newly renovated Center for Excellence. Please bring friends and family to tour the new facility and meet your Hattie Larlham friends. If you know someone who has been considering volunteering, this would be a wonderful opportunity to introduce them to our organization. Light refreshments will be provided.

Thursday, September 24, 6-7: Elvis!

Volunteers and friends will be rocking the night away to tunes provided by our favorite Elvis impersonator.

Thursday, September 24, 6:30-8 p.m.: Open Activity with Bethel Baptist Youth

Saturday, September 26: Hattie Larlham Presents Hollywood

The Akron Civic Theater will return to the golden age of film at this Hollywood themed fundraiser. Adult volunteers are needed to assist with several event areas before, during and after. Please contact Ericka Abram for additional details.

Sunday, September 27, 2-3 p.m.: Friendship Bible Service

Monday, September 28, 6-8 p.m.: Birthday Party

Volunteers of all ages are needed to help friends at Hattie Larlham celebrate their September birthdays.

Thursday, October 1, 6:30-8 p.m.: Boo Bingo

Come play Boo Bingo and make a jack-o'-lantern craft with our volunteer friends from POWERcorps.

Sunday, October 4, 2-3 p.m.: Bethel Baptist Church Service

Monday, October 5, 6:30-8 p.m.: Storybook Time with YVC

We're going to turn our favorite children's stories into pop-up books. Please feel free to bring your favorite book to share.

Tuesday, October 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m.: Pet Pals

Volunteers of all ages are welcome to join their friends at Hattie Larlham for a visit with therapy dogs.

Thursday, October 8, 6-7:30 p.m.: Open Activity with Chi Omega

Tuesday, October 13, 6-7:30 p.m.: Game Night

The more the merrier! Come join a team and let's play.

Wednesday, October 14, 6:30-8: Pumpkin Carving with YVC

Get ready to get messy and eat roasted pumpkin seeds! Please bring a pumpkin and carving supplies with you.

Thursday, October 15, 6-8 p.m.: Movie Night

Join your friends for an evening film on the big screen.

Sunday, October 18, 1:30-2:30: Catholic Mass

Tuesday, October 20, 6-8 p.m.: Harvest Party

Come celebrate the changing colors of the season during this fun, fall themed party hosted by Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy.

Thursday, October 22, 6-8 p.m.: Pumpkin Festival

Join your Hattie Larlham friends as we celebrate Halloween! Costumes are welcome and encouraged, but please avoid full-face masks or costumes that may frighten young children.

Saturday, October 24, 9 a.m.—noon: Make a Difference Day

Participate in this statewide day of service by decorating our friends' rooms for fall. We'll make the decorations together, then use them to adorn bedrooms and common areas at the Center for Excellence.

Sunday, October 25, 2-3 p.m.: Friendship Bible Service

Monday, October 26, 6-8 p.m.: Birthday Party

Volunteers of all ages are needed to help friends at Hattie Larlham celebrate their October birthdays.

Wednesday, October 28, 7-8:30 p.m.: Scrapbooking Party

Come help your friends make pages to display favorite photos at this party hosted by the sorority sisters of Chi Omega.

Thursday, October 29, 6:30-8 p.m.: Open Activity with Bethel Baptist Youth

Friday, October 30, 5:30-8 p.m.: Group Homes Halloween Party

Join your friends from the Cuyahoga County group homes as we celebrate in costume at the Solon Recreation Center.

Saturday, October 31, noon—2 p.m.: Supported Living Boo Bash

Our supported living residents will be having a frighteningly good time at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Cuyahoga Falls.

Recurring Activities

Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m.: Evening Swim

Volunteers ages 18 and older are needed to assist with recreational pool activities.

All of the activities listed are open to volunteers. If you would like to learn more about any of these activities or if you're ready to sign up, please contact a member of our volunteer resources department.

New activities may be added after print date. For a complete list of activities, go to www.hattielarlham.org/volunteer/calendar.htm.