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PKT's Mission:

Working together with integrity to provide quality care, support, and life enriching opportunities to persons with disabilities, in an environment fostering growth and independence, while upholding and maintaining a viable, ethical, and moral business, treating everyone with respect, compassion, and dignity.

FEATURED HOME

Hello from the **Brick House** ladies! They have been busy making the most out of this cold winter and enjoying their time together. One of their favorite things to do is to take a hike over to the local SuperAmerica and get a hot cup of coffee or cocoa to warm up. Another thing they all love to do together is go to the local dollar store and check out what new items are in stock. At home they love listening to music and dancing around the house. These ladies are a treat to be around and it is always an adventure at the Brick House.



The first housemate is **Jaci B.** She works at TSE and has begun helping with some office work there. She enjoys sorting her cards, rocking out to 'N Sync while riding her exercise bike, going swimming and to Zumba class. Jaci has a great sense of humor and is always up for a water gun fight or a snowball toss.



The next housemate is **Myiessha V.** She works at MTS and has been helping them keep the place nice and clean. She also enjoys Zumba, dance parties, getting her nails done and her hair fixed up. A recent passion of Myiessha's is putting together beautiful puzzles that she likes to glue together and hang on the wall. This lady is always willing to show you her room and all of her treasures.



Another lady that lives at the house is **Spidy V.** She works at an off-site job from Merrick and enjoys her independence. She loves going to the library to get movies and see what is going on around Roseville. Spidy spends time with her boyfriend but balances it out by hanging out with her roommates too. She loves to shop and get the latest and greatest cell phone.



The final roommate is **Jessi F.** She recently started working at MDI and has enjoyed herself. She is very busy with a full day of work and so it is hard to fit other things in, but she manages. She likes spending time with her family and especially her niece. Jess also likes to watch videos on YouTube and listen to music. She is an amazing artist who has a great skill at sketch art.



So those are the Brick House ladies! They are all wonderful women who I enjoy spending time with and watching them grow in their life journey.

Jennifer M. Johnson, SLS Director



MATT'S MEMO



It's the cold snowy months after the holidays that always seem the longest, but the PKT clients have been making the best of it and getting out and about. From concerts to monster trucks to Wild games to basketball recreation leagues, the PKT clients have been a busy bunch.

Once again PKT has a good representation of clients participating in the Saint Paul adaptive recreation basketball league. This year between the In-Home and the group home clients, PKT has nine players representing. Rather than make a dominant PKT basketball team, the players are representing five of the six teams this year, meaning anytime the Saint Paul adaptive recreation league has a game a PKT member is representing.

Concerts are another great way for our PKT clients to beat the cold. **Sean A.** from the **Brown House** recently attended the Three Days Grace, Shine Down and P.O.D. concerts at the Target Center. He stated that he had a great time rocking out with the stellar line up. When the Target Center is not being used for concerts or basketball games this winter, it was being used as a Monster Truck venue. Several group home and In-Home clients went to a Monster Truck event a few weeks back. They left the event with ears ringing and smelling of fuel, exhaust and dirt, and big smiles on their faces.

Local sporting events are also a favorite across PKT. Whether they are putting on their favorite Wild sweater and heading to the game or catching the big game at home with a bowl of popcorn, sports tend to get the clients through the dark cold months before spring.

And lastly when the clients aren't out and about to beat the long winter months, they have all come up with great ways to keep busy and have fun at home. Many of our PKT clients turn to their crafty side and knit, paint or set up decorations for the next holiday. Crafts really seem to be a great way to pass the time not only because it leaves them with a neat knickknack but it also serves as a therapeutic activity to relieve stress and anxiety.

If you're feeling down and bored and the winter months are starting to get to you, take note from the clients around PKT and get out into the community or get a group together to watch your favorite show, or better yet put your creativity to work and do some crafts. But don't worry, the Girl Scouts have been out selling their cookies, pitchers are reporting to camp and the Minnesota High School Hockey Tournaments are over, which only means one thing..... spring will be here soon!

Matt Wahl, SLS Director

WELCOME ... PKT would like to extend a warm welcome to ...

Hello! My name is **Amanuel Teklemariam** and I am the new House Coordinator at the **Brick House**. My background is in Education, so I am a teacher by profession.

I joined the PKT family in 2001 and continued to work up to 2005, both at the **Columbia House** and **Brown House**. Then I went back to the teaching career and re-joined PKT last year in June. I have recently accepted the position of House Coordinator.

From the time I began working at the Brick House up to the present, I noticed a great progress in the residents' lives. Moreover, the members of staff providing the service are of high determination, mature and friendly. These encouraged me to take the position and I now look forward to working with and meeting many of you.

Please feel free to contact me at 612/788-3998 ext. 151.

STEVE'S SCOOP



WHERE IS SPRING??? If someone knows, please tell us ALL!! What a difference a year makes...last year this time it was what, in the 70s and 80s some days??? Oh well...as we always say, this is life in Minnesota!

I think we all are ready to just get outdoors, including our Maintenance Team, **Ron** and **Karl!** I just met with Ron to go over some outside maintenance projects which need to get done on the homes and also to address a few inside ones to finish up before moving outside. So, I guess this long winter has been a good thing in that Ron and Karl have had extra time to do inside projects like painting, flooring, etc. Thanks guys for always being on top of our maintenance needs!

Also, along with Spring weather comes spring cleaning, well for some of us ☺! Like say, **Matt**, who was recently spotted pushing a vacuum over to his office. We all thought he was going to fix it or something, but certainly not use it. To our surprise, he actually did! Go Matt! We joke, and I shouldn't really talk about clean offices, right **Angie L.** ☺? Point being here is that I am guessing Ron will be ordering up another dumpster soon so if any staff or clients have or find "stuff" around the homes which can be tossed, please start making a list and discuss with your Coordinator and/or Director.

Thanks all for your continued dedication to and care for the individuals we serve! You are VERY appreciated! Have a GREAT Spring (assuming it actually does arrive ☺) and a blessed Easter!

SHARILYN'S ...



As many of you know, I wear many different hats in my office. Not literal hats like a Twins baseball cap, fedora, or a winter bomber hat—though I could use one of those right now—but role hats such as representative payee, payroll preparer, or authorized rep. for county forms. Throughout any given day my tasks can vary greatly from one call or email I receive to the next. Furthermore, many tasks needing to be completed have multiple steps to them which depend on others getting me information. Therefore follow up becomes very important to me completing my work. Sometimes I need others to follow up with me on where they are at in a process and other times I need to follow up with them.

Therefore for those of you who may not know, here are a few things to keep in mind about me and how I work to ensure your issue pertaining to what I do at PKT gets solved in the quickest manner possible. First, it is best if you call or email me directly with your question or concern. Why? Because I will write down a note that you called or your email will be glaring at me to be answered. However, please keep in mind, my response time may vary due to other tasks needing to be completed first. If you haven't heard back from me within 48 business hours, feel free to contact me again. Likewise, if I am working on a bigger task for you and it's been a while since you've heard from me and you suspect maybe I've forgotten about it, please contact me. Lastly, if I leave you a message answering a question you asked, but you need more clarity, please contact me again, otherwise I'll assume your question was resolved.

In closing, I do get busy, but I do want to help you in any way I can. I never want you to feel like I am ignoring or forgetting about your need. So, please do me a favor and never hesitate to call me with a question or concern pertaining to the PKT Financial Services office. I hope I can always service you with 5 star service. ☺

Sharilyn Korte, Director of Financial Services



SPOTLIGHT ON

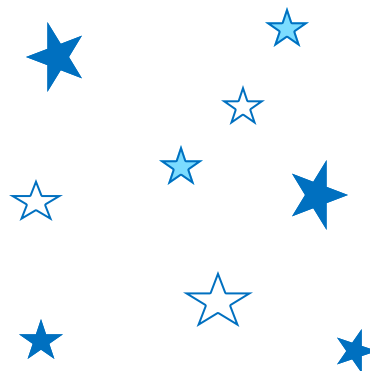
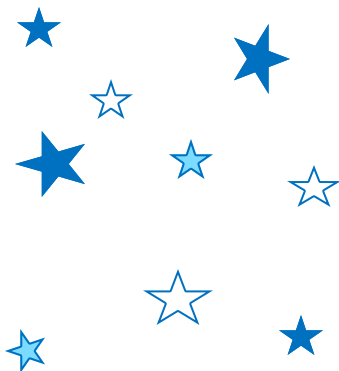


Hello everyone! I hope your holidays were grand and that you're out enjoying this winter of ours. I wanted to write, or what we say "Spotlight On", about **Lynn Z.** at the **Green House** today. How about we start with a little bit of fun information about Lynn. Lynn was born and raised in Minnesota. Lynn has great parents. They are very loving and are involved with Lynn in her life. She has one brother and seven sisters. Lynn is the youngest of them all. Most of her siblings live in Minnesota, except for one sister that lives in Arizona and two sisters in Saint Thomas. Lynn has several nieces and nephews as well. One of Lynn's favorite places to vacation is Saint Thomas. She would enjoy showing you her pictures from those vacations.

Lynn's most favorite meal is spaghetti with meatballs. She loves to watch game shows, bead necklaces, do craft projects, play her keyboard, go swimming, and listen to music. Around Thanksgiving time, you would have seen her very colorful hand turkeys she made with construction paper all over the walls. Lynn loves to work at Merrick. She is one who would work through the holidays if they let her. She also likes to spend her time in the library as well as checking out fun things at all the different shops. I almost forgot about the moon! Lynn loves the moon. She will look every night for the moon in the sky. She really loves the moon when it is full and shining brightly.

Lynn has been busy of late working on being healthy and fit. She has been going to a swim class and now is swimming at Maplewood Community Center every other weekend. She started a goal to lose some weight in May of last year and has recently reached the 20-pound weight loss mark! She has only five more pounds to go to reach her goal. We are very proud of her and love how her life changes have helped the house to get healthier too. She reached this goal by exercising more and watching what she was eating. Hopefully this encourages everyone with their New Year Resolutions.

Katherine Fordyce, Green House Coordinator



OPENINGS UPDATE

PKT always has openings for new clients for the In-Home department. Anyone interested in more information, please contact Tennille Carlson at 612-788-3998 x 114 or Steve Tschacher at 612-788-3998 x 105.

We are now accepting both DD and CADI Waiver clients.

IN-HOME CONNECTION

From the subtle rumble of a bowling ball rolling down the lane to the crashing sound as it hits its targets at the end sending them scattering, to the gentle smile of satisfaction that forms on the face of the young lady who made all that happen to...well, OK. “So who is this fantastic bowler?”, you may be asking? It is **Megan C.**

Megan belongs to a fun bowling league and she gets together with them every two weeks. She likes getting together with her team and they all are great about cheering each other on. She has lots of friends there, some who will give hugs and some who even tickle feet! Megan is a fan of sweet treats. She likes to either choose something from the vending machine while at bowling or she chooses to go to Dairy Queen. The Mini Butterfinger Blizzard is her favorite.

Shopping is something that Megan also enjoys doing. Target seems to be her favorite place to go and she likes to buy things not only for herself but also for her mom. One of the things Megan likes to get is CD's. She almost always picks up a new one when she's out shopping. Music is a big passion for Megan, and when she gets a new CD she enjoys listening to it in the car with staff. Elvis is one of her all-time favorite artists.

Megan enjoys all holidays, the fun atmosphere, the festivities, and of course, the shopping! She loves to buy decorations, lots of them, and other fun things which she displays at home. One fun event that Megan got to experience this past Christmas holiday was going to “Elf the Broadway Musical” at the Ordway Music Theater. She not only enjoyed the performance but she also got to see down into “the pit” where the orchestra performs from. She even got her picture taken with two of the elves!

Megan likes to keep a journal and enjoys writing in it a lot. So much, in fact, that pens are often something she needs to get when she's out shopping! Megan also works during the week and seems to enjoy her job.

So, the moral of the story is twofold; shop, shop, shop and also Mini Butterfingers at DQ are worth waiting for as they are nowhere to be found when you're bowling!

Christopher Bastyr, In-Home Services Coordinator



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Client Birthdays

Anna V.	3/12
Jon R.	3/17
Mike M.	3/22
Kristin M.	4/2
Sean A.	4/14
Sharon G.	4/17
Lynn Z.	4/18
Bob E.	4/23



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

Employee Birthdays

Duane Sundblad	3/1
Renae Brown	3/8
Alison Owens	3/12
Sarah Lancial	3/13
Linda Fox	3/17
Brenda Brazier	3/23
Sherri Vogel	3/23
Laura Rybicki	3/29
Patrick Anigbogu	4/2
Rayna Dantzler-Bey	4/4
Sarah O'Blenes	4/18
Jennifer Hawkins	4/20
Tahisha Williams-Brewer	4/21

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY!**

Brenda Brazier	1 year
Jennifer Clement	1 year
Christina Crothers	1 year
Darlene Williams	1 year
Gepsy Guillaume	2 years
Rosilyn Carroll-Blakey	3 years
Ryan Tamte	3 years
Pat Matt	4 years
Donna Collings	5 years
Jennifer Hawkins	6 years
Joanna Rojas	6 years
Jennifer Johnson	8 years
Tami Block	10 year
Katie Fordyce	15 years

WELCOME

New Employees

Vincent Awoleke	Brick House LSI
Motunrayo Bankole	Float
Rayna Dantzler-Bey	White House LSI
Victor Essiet	White House LSI
Nina Fink	Brick House LSI
Bonnie Raaf	Dark House LSI



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Words to Live By ...

Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. **He is risen!** He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."

Mark 16:2-7

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