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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

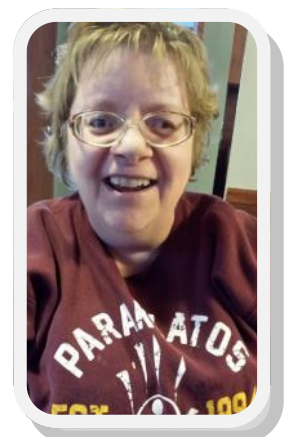
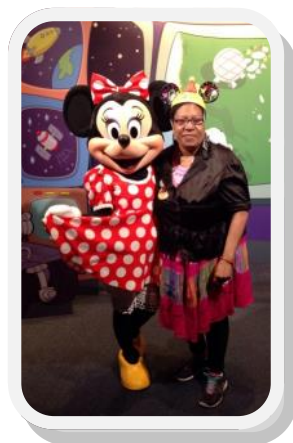
This edition of Featured Home is for the ladies of the **Brighton House**.

We first have our energetic, fashionable, upbeat individual **Jacqueline W.** Jackie loves to shop and likes to present herself with her own sense of style. A collection of styles combined to make her who she is can be seen when jamming to the beats on her iPad or simply listening to the radio in the kitchen while playing one of her games. Jackie loves to sing and you'll hear her often, especially when a song she loves is playing. If she is not singing, you'll find Jackie watching various shows/movies on her big screen TV in her room. Once in awhile, you'll hear horror movie music radiating from her room.

Next is a more mellow lady who happens to love a variety of sports. She can recite the latest scores and can give you an instant update on her current favorite player. **Marilyn M.** can be found most often in her room watching game shows or her favorite sports team when in season. Marilyn also loves to do her word puzzles. Often times, you'll find her doing them while she is exercising on her stationary bike. Marilyn actually got to watch her favorite baseball team, the Minnesota Twins, this spring in sunny Florida.

Another quiet lady is **Kristin M.** She may appear quiet but when in a comfortable environment, her spunky personality comes out. You can see Kristin always decked out in various shades of purple. She loves purple!! Kristin even has a beta fish that is purple that she named Jean. When at the Brighton House, you'll find Kristin sitting in the living room watching her various ABC TV shows. But when her favorite singer/band comes into town, you'll hear about her concert experience (not in so many words but you can tell that she loves attending!) Kristin's calendar is full, as she enjoyed Miley Cyrus recently and has tickets to once again attend the Lady Gaga concert in May.

And lastly is **Polly B.,** a unique character that has this devilish laughter ☺. You'll find Polly doing her various puzzles or simply relaxing on the love seat with her head propped up on numerous throw pillows that she has arranged in a systematic fashion. If you're not looking, you will find Polly taking liquid drinks from her housemates, staff and even guests of the house. So if you're ever going to visit the Brighton House, please guard your drinks, especially your soda ☺.



SPOTLIGHT ON



Spotlight On features **Rose K.** from the **Columbia House**. Rose enjoys doing chores around the house and making coffee. She always greets everyone with a nice smile and is always full of compliments for all of her peers. She is feeling extra excited today as she is getting ready to go to a dance. Rose is personally sharing her story with our readers in a question-answer format so people can get to know her better.

- 1) What is your favorite thing about the Columbia House? *"We have a cat named Tiger and I feed him a cup of food every day"*
- 2) What is your favorite food? *"Chocolate chip cookie"*
- 3) What is your favorite music? *"Country music, Kenny Rogers"*
- 4) What do you like to do on weekends? *"I like to look at magazines at the library, the one by Snelling, as I get to go shopping too"*
- 5) What do you like about PKT? *"I like it here"*
- 6) What do you do at Northeast (worksites)? *"I do volunteering work and I do real jobs sometimes"*
- 7) What is your favorite thing about Northeast? *"I get to visit my friends"*
- 8) If you could travel anywhere, where would you go? *"To Camp Friendship with my friends for two weeks. Yup I would go"*
- 9) What is your favorite sport? *"I like to go swimming in the pool right over here, yep swimming"*
- 10) Anything else you want to share with people about you? *"I want people to know that I like little puppies"*

Thank you Rose for your time and I hope that people know a little bit more about you and they will know what a great friend you are and how much you have? ... *"I'm going to get you Jenn"*.

Jennifer Johnson, SLS Director

MATT'S MEMO



UFDA! What a winter! As I write this the snow is melting and the current 40 degrees feels like 80! I always think it's funny how 40 degrees in the spring feels so much warmer than the first 40 degree day in the fall. Nonetheless, the clients at PKT are shaking off the layers of coats and blankets and peeking out the doors to see what spring has to offer. Walks around the local parks and digging out the grills have been a popular weekend activity around PKT.

With the changes in the seasons it makes us look at the changes and transitions going on around PKT. During the frigid months we have seen a lot of changes, we have welcomed new clients and sadly said goodbye to one of our PKT family members. As I've said in other articles it always amazes me at how resilient the PKT clients are, they go through a lot of transition in their lives and always seem to look at the positive in it all. Like the spring, regardless of how difficult a winter we have had, the clients rise from it and thrive.

In February, PKT's **Bill S.** passed away unexpectedly. Bill resided at the **Pink House** and is greatly missed. The PKT family showed up in numbers at his funeral to pay their respects and share in his memory. Losing someone you care about is always difficult and the grieving process is different for everyone. I know the Pink House has been finding comfort in seeing Bill in the little things; in the instant coffee sitting in the cupboards, in the smell of a cigar as you walk past someone on the streets. Signs and reminders of Bill are everywhere. Bill was a great man, he was a kind caring individual who didn't hesitate to ask each and every person that walked through the doors of the Pink House a sincere "how are you?" Bill is and will continue to be greatly missed. We have great memories to hold on to and find comfort in knowing that he is at peace.

This winter we have also welcomed a new member to the PKT family. **Doug M.** has permanently moved into the **Pink House** after a brief stay at the **Dark House**. He has adjusted smoothly and enjoys reading the paper and getting caught up on anything and all things Twins. The staff at the house as well as the Coordinator group have been getting to know Doug and have enjoyed hanging out with him.

I can't wait to see what the warm weather brings and what activities our clients will be participating in. Change can be bittersweet, at times change can hurt and other times it can be exciting and refreshing. Whatever the case may be I'm confident our clients will take it in stride and see the positive in any and all situations life hands them.

Matt Wahl, SLS Director

STEVE'S SCOOP



IT IS SPRING?! I sure hope so! What a long winter it was! Notice I said “WAS”! I hope the white stuff is done and we can get on with the next season ☺!

As Matt mentioned, **Bill S.** died in February very unexpectedly! We were all taken aback for a long time. Bill was such a nice gentle hearted person who ALWAYS when asked how he was doing, would ask you how you were doing. AND, then he'd listen intently to your reply. Bill also would come into the office once a week to clean for us, which was a great help and even more, we just loved having him around. He is and will be missed deeply!

For those of you who don't know or haven't heard, PKT also said goodbye to **Sharilyn Korte**, our Director of Financial Services, in March this year! BUT, at the very same time as we said goodbye, we said hello to Mrs. Sharilyn Wipf! I know, of all the luck, the same 1st name in the same position! Unheard of! Hahaha! Not funny Steve! OK! Sharilyn got MARRIED! We are so excited and happy for her!! As of now, all her contact information here at PKT has remained the same, just a new name ☺! CONGRATS SHARILYN and JON!

A few weeks ago, Kathleen and I had the opportunity to attend Kaposia's Annual Spring Gala Silent Auction. What a great event to support a great program! Thanks **Scott Stivers**, Kaposia's Development Specialist, and all the Kaposia folks who contributed to putting on a nice evening! The food, the entertainment and the auction items were all top notch! We can't wait to attend next year's Gala!

If you haven't stopped by our new office yet, please do! Now that the snow seems to be really gone, maybe you will venture out to NE Minneapolis?? I hope so!

Have a GREAT spring!!



SHARILYN'S

Many of you may not know or have realized, that when you call any of our group homes, it is my voice on the answering machine. Somehow many years back this became a random part of my job description—voice modeling. I may not be as soothing as *Susan Bennett*, the voice of 'Siri', but I do hope you all don't cringe at the recording.

From time to time these voice mail greetings need to be updated, and if I'm lucky I can get through the entire greeting without making a mistake or stalling for an uncomfortable amount of time. But more times than not, the perfectionist in me insists that I try multiple times before getting a recording I can settle with. Likewise, my personal office voicemail along with the other Directors and Coordinators is updated daily Monday through Friday. We do this to give you a better idea of when we may be able to return your call.

Though it would be nice to call someone and speak to them immediately, many times it is just not possible, so we all strive to give an accurate depiction of our daily schedule. I do know that it can be easy to tune out these long greetings as you are waiting patiently to leave a message; I have been guilty of this too. However, do remember these greetings are designed for your benefit to save you time. I personally try to give you the most up to date information for your convenience every day. If you do not listen you may not know of important changes since the last time you listened in and your call may be missed. Besides, I don't want to start needing to sound like the 'fabulous' *Fran Drescher* in order to get your attention that something has changed. ☺

Sharilyn Wipf, Director of Financial Services

IN-HOME CONNECTION

The spotlight this month is on **Mark B.** Mark has been an **In-Home** client with PKT Enterprises for quite a few years now. He joined PKT in the early 2000's and hasn't looked back since. Mark is an awesome guy with a ton of interests. So, sit back and get to know Mark.

Mark is a fixture in the West 7th Neighborhood of St. Paul. He currently lives there with his wonderful foster family, the **Hansens**. Believe it or not, Mark also lives with his friend, **Tommy C.**, who just happens to be an In-Home client as well.

Mark is a very dedicated and hard worker. Through TSE, Mark has been employed at Cooper's Supervalu grocery store for quite a while. Mark even lives close enough to Cooper's to walk to work, when the weather permits. Mark is a great worker as he is extremely helpful and friendly. He has gotten to know many repeat customers over the years and his smile is like a warm embrace on a cold Minnesota day.

One of the neat things about Mark is that he is always open to try new activities and go different places. Over the past year Mark has enjoyed watching the Ramsey County parade, going to the casino, and celebrating his 51st birthday at Perkin's. When Mark is out at a restaurant he loves to order breakfast foods and chocolate ice cream. It's not uncommon to find him playing a game or two of Yahtzee, either. It should also be said that Mark enjoys volunteering at the Rainbow Club.

This winter, Mark participated in St. Paul Adaptive Rec's basketball program for the second time. He is quite an impressive athlete and enjoys getting exercise. This year, Mark worked very hard on becoming a better rebounder.

At the end of March, Mark did something awesome! He hosted the first ever Yahtzee tournament through Community Bridge Consortium. Mark was a little nervous at first, but when he was sharing his passion for the game with others and helping teach them to play, he was in his element! Way to go, Mark!

So, if you're ever picking up a few things at Cooper's or you see Mark walking around his neighborhood, don't hesitate to say hello!

Darin Schluender, In-Home Services 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.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH SPOTLIGHT ** WINNERS OF \$50.00 Gift Certificates**

February 2014

PKT would like to recognize and thank **Pam Kurtz** for:

- ★ Helping co-workers have time off over the holidays by switching her shift around
- ★ Finding new healthy recipes on her own time and creating great meals at the house
- ★ Leaving very detailed notes in the communication book and the health progress notes whenever a major illness came up
- ★ Helping set up the Christmas tree
- ★ Helping the clients "Pick the Name" so they could participate in a Christmas exchange
- ★ Always being a great help to the House Coordinator!

March 2014

PKT would like to recognize and thank **Nicola Opine** for:

- ★ Going above and beyond by altering the client's clothes so they fit
- ★ Taking clients to concerts
- ★ Creating a scrapbook of all the clients and staff, which is very unique and puts a big smile on their faces when they look at it
- ★ Taking clients shopping for spenddowns
- ★ Coming up with new recipes
- ★ Interacting with the clients which makes them feel good about themselves
- ★ Being a well rounded employee!

April 2014

PKT would like to recognize and thank **Adeniyi Babalola** for:

- ★ Taking time during snowstorms to shovel the driveway throughout the night to keep the driveway clear
- ★ Always willing to pick up overnight shifts when there are openings and is willing to also pick up LSI shifts
- ★ Always coming to work with a positive attitude and dealing with whatever situation might occur during the night
- ★ Being an outstanding team player!

EMPLOYEE STAFF MEETING CALENDAR

Staff Meetings

In Home Services	9:30a - 11:00a
Brick House	12:00p - 1:30p
Pink House	3:00p - 4:30p
Brown House	11:30p - 1:00p
Columbia House	12:30p - 2:00p
Green House	11:30a - 1:00p
Brighton House	3:00p - 4:30p
Dark House	3:30p - 5:00p
Yellow House	3:30p - 5:00p
White House	11:00a - 12:30p

April *

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23rd



May *

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19th
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June *

4th
27th
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24th
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3rd
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11th



May 5 Cinco de Mayo
May 11 Mother's Day
May 26 Memorial Day
June 14 Flag Day
June 15 Father's Day

* Dates and times are subject to change

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JUNE

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Brighton House	651-636-8558
Dark House	651-766-6992
Yellow House	651-487-8770
White House	651-784-7874



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BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND MORE ...

Client Birthdays

Dori S.	2/7
Chris D.	2/11
Scott M.	2/16
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
Polly B.	5/2
Bounleu R.	5/8
Rose K.	5/9
Angel S.	5/20
Megan C.	5/27
Gordy H.	5/30
Marilyn M.	6/4
Daniel (DJ) J.	6/12



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

Employee Birthdays

Pam Kurtz	2/2
Jessica Barthel	2/3
Jodi Feldbruegge	2/4
Pam Johnson	2/7
LaQuita Perry	2/7
Matt Wahl	2/17
Crystal Heintl	2/25
Greg Klinger	2/26
Duane Sundblad	3/1
Alison Owens	3/12
Linda Fox	3/17
Matthew Pouliassis	3/23
Sherri Vogel	3/23
Laura Rybicki	3/29
Grace Kluesner	4/2
Kate Douglas	4/7
Lauren Kubitschek	4/8
Hoeun Hach	4/12
Sarah O'Blenes	4/18
Sierra Stewart	4/22
Audrey Kludtke	4/24
Michelle Schauer	5/1
Enoch Hudson	5/4
Sara Wirth	5/20
Adeniyi Babalola	5/25
Gillian Pearson	5/25
Jesse Lobash	6/5
Amanuel Teklemariam	6/10
Lucas Van Fossan	6/12
Sara Burrington	6/22
Colleen Hofer	6/24

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY!**

Olaoluwa Awoleke	1 year
Pam Johnson	1 year
Lauren Kubitschek	1 year
LaQuita Perry	1 year
Bonnie Raaf	1 year
Kim Sollars	1 year
Sierra Stewart	1 year
Janine Beier	2 years
Chloe Holum	2 years
Latita Martin	2 years
Alison Owens	2 years
Amanuel Teklemariam	2 years
Getsy Guillaume	3 years
Rachel Newburry	3 years
Greg Klinger	5 years
Pat Matt	5 years
Duane Sundblad	5 years
Matt Wahl	5 years
Donna Collings	6 years
Bangela Smith	6 years
Jean Parker	7 years
Joanne Rojas	7 years
Sherri Vogel	8 years
Jennifer Johnson	9 years
Tennille Carlson	10 years
Sarah O'Blenes	10 years
Tami Block	11 years
Pam Kurtz	13 years
Katie Fordyce	16 years
Channon Doerr	18 years

WELCOME

New Employees

Michael Connor	Maintenance
Amy DeWitz	Columbia House Coordinator
Suthida L. Gandolfi	Brighton House Coordinator
Colleen Hofer	In-Home LSI
Audrey Kludtke	Dark House LSI
Karli Krank	Pink House Lead
Susan Masica	RN
Connie Matros	White House LSI
Alicia Neal	Columbia House LSI
Stephanie Robinson	Brick House Live In
Caitlin Tucker	Yellow House Coordinator



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Words to Live By ...

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Matthew 5:6

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