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Investing in the Lives of People

## 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! Welcome to the **Yellow House**, the featured home for this month. We cannot believe it is the end of summer already! We love to share our stories of the client's lives and what they have been up to recently.

First, we have **Sovanny M.** who has had a busy summer and beginning of fall! She has gone to the State Fair, rocked out at a concert, and then began her fall season with a week long trip to sunny Florida! When Sovanny's not out in the community engaging in fun activities, you'll find her busy on her iPad or iPhone or beating staff in Skip-Bo!

**Angel S.** is very active!! You'll always find her wanting to play sports, dance, or go on a walk. She is very energetic and has been quite busy this summer with softball. She is looking forward to basketball this winter and more activities with her housemates!

Another client **AV** has been enjoying walking, playing her Wii, and riding her bike this summer. She is also excited for basketball this winter and what the house has planned for her!!

Lastly, we have our fourth client **MV**, who is always busy singing and dancing, watching reruns of Full House, or making bracelets. She enjoys her culture and sharing it with the house through food and activities! I can count on her to be willing and ready to visit any local apple orchard whenever the opportunity arises.

We love company and love to get out and do stuff, so if you're ever around feel free to stop by, say hi, get to know the ladies and hang out!!

Caitlin Tucker, Yellow House Coordinator



Look inside for more pictures from a beautiful day celebrating PKT Enterprises' 20th Anniversary

## SPOTLIGHT ON



### Spotlight on...**Marilyn!!!**

This wonderful lady has been with the PKT family since 2001 (whoa!). Marilyn will always make you feel welcome at the **Brighton House** because as soon as she sees you, her face will light up and she'll greet you with all smiles (and probably a hug!).

Marilyn is always up for venturing out into the community. She told me she's traveled to Florida, Oregon, Chicago and Las Vegas and really enjoyed each trip. This summer, she attended Camp Friendship, saw the River Rats perform, and watched the Twins play at Target Field a couple of times! Marilyn absolutely loves the Twins and in her down time you can find her listening to live games on her radio and requesting that the car's radio be tuned in to the Twins so she can listen on the go. If it was up to her, she'd attend each and every Twins game, rain or shine.

Another one of Marilyn's favorite activities is going out to eat (whose isn't?!). Her favorite food is steak. She had a blast at the State Fair trying all sorts of fried foods until she said she was too stuffed to eat any more. Actually, Marilyn has given great dedication to becoming as healthy as she can be. In her free time she goes for daily walks around her block, stretches regularly, and rides her stationary bike while watching TV. She does a great job sharing her accomplishments and we are all glad to see Marilyn excited about her health.

Marilyn now looks forward to spending her Saturdays participating in her bowling league. She is not shy about showing off her skill and even practices with a play bowling set at her house for fun.

Lilla Gandolfi, Brighton House Coordinator

## PKT LIFE

This fall has been busy for the clients of PKT. Everyone has been planning and getting in the last warm days and time to be outdoors before the winter hits. Two of our houses, **Pink** and **Brown** recently went on a camping trip to Ely, MN. Read more details of the trip and see the photos that **Darin Schluender** shares on pages 5 and 8 in this edition. When **Robert E.** was asked about a highlight from the trip, he stated "Well it was the fact that there was a horseshoe pit between the cabins." When **DM** was asked about his favorite thing of the trip, he stated: "I really liked the campfires." All of the guys seem very relaxed from getting some fresh air and enjoying the changing colors of the trees.

Another PKT lady went on a camping excursion of her own. **Bounleu R.** went to a camping experience in Kerkick, MN. While there Bounleu enjoyed roasting marshmallows by the campfire, going for a pontoon ride on the lake, swimming at the beach and riding around the campground on a golf cart. During the second part of her trip the campground got an extreme amount of rain, so Bounleu excitedly was ok with the Plan B part of the camping trip, spending the night at the Edgewater Waterpark in Duluth MN. She enjoyed the lazy river, splashing around in the heated pools, and playing basketball. The next morning was spent enjoying the sights of Canal Park and seeing all the big ships, which she loved. When Bounleu was asked about her favorite part of the trip she stated: "Swimming baby."

Same day trips have been attended by other clients to local apple orchards, festivals, corn mazes, the Gale Woods Farm, and to Stillwater. We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful area that has so many wonderful fall activities to enjoy. For many others here, we are enjoying the "PKT Life" to the fullest while spending time in the outdoors; we encourage you all to do the same.

Jennifer Johnson, SLS Director



Bounleu R. - 2014

## STEVE'S SCOOP



**W**OW! The holiday season is already fast approaching...unbelievable how quickly time can pass. I cannot believe we have been here in the new office space (which I guess I should stop calling it NEW) for almost a year!

Speaking of time flying by...20 years? For real? I still have so many memories...like **Donald, Polly** and I living at **1290** for several weeks before I hired some LSI help. Moving **Bob** and **Paul** into the **Pink House** and the old rickety U-Haul truck we rented...oh how Bob and Paul would never let me forget that near fateful ride! Getting the guys moved into the **Brown House** and the terrible job it was hand peeling all the wallpaper off the walls, sanding and getting them ready for paint, then painting...uggggh, what a chore! I swore at that moment to never ever install wallpaper on a single wall. I could go on and on!!! BUT, the most important piece of the making it to 20 puzzle, aside from the awesome clients, their trusting families and case managers, would without a doubt be the PKT employees! PKT would never have survived this long unless there had been good staff along the way to love, care for, and support the clients and what PKT believes in! People like **Channon Doerr, Dave Halverson, and Katie Fordyce** have been here since 1998 or earlier...almost to the beginning. **Pat Matt**, who I met back in 1996 when PKT served, on an In-Home Services basis, her son **Lonnie** (prior to his passing 6 years ago) is now our Human Resources Director, remembers probably too much ☺! Again, I could go on and on about several former employees and the awesome crew of current ones...the point to all this rambling is that even though it is Kathleen and I in the picture holding the cake, this anniversary is NOT about us, it's about YOU. You the clients. You the families. You the case managers and legal representatives. You the employees. Thank you to ALL of you for all you have done, given, and continue to offer to the entire PKT family! I am very fortunate to have made it to 20 WITH you!

I need also to thank and recognize Carol and Rory Boucha (**Walter S.**'s sister and brother-in-law)! Their family sits on a foundation board which gives money to various organizations each year. In 2014, Carol and Rory secured a sizeable donation from the Bruning Foundation which went to cover most of the costs associated with our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary company picnic! Thank you SO much for thinking of PKT, and for your continued trust in allowing us to serve Walter all these years!

To close...as the holidays approach I would like to wish you all a very peace filled end to 2014! Let's all be thankful for ALL that we do have and give generously as each is able! There is joy in giving and humility is found in a thankful heart! Take care, be well, and thanks everyone for a superb 2014! –Celebrating 20 Years–

## SHARILYN'S

**T**his past summer I became fascinated with self-improvement books, especially those coming from a business/workplace point of view. I have been trying to figure out for myself how to manage my time better, accomplish more and live a life worthy of being an example to others. I have tried to take concepts from my reading and apply them to my position at PKT.

In reflecting on this, it seems that one area I have spent a lot of time repeating myself in was involving timecard processing. Consistency amongst the Coordinators in implementing correct procedures needed improvement. So this summer I came up with a PowerPoint presentation to help clarify to all PKT supervisors many of the timecard concerns that come up on a regular basis. I perfected the final touches and presented it to the team. Lots of good questions were asked and accuracy has improved, so I believe that my time was well spent in creating the project. In return now, I hope that the information will easily be passed down to the employees and the task of filling out ones timecard, and processing it will not seem so daunting in the near future. If all goes well I hope to put together more trainings in the future.

So, if any of you have suggestions of training topics related to what I do here at PKT, please feel free to let me know!

Sharilyn Wipf, Director of Financial Services

## IN-HOME CONNECTION

Allow me to introduce to you a very interesting fellow. He's smart, he's active, and he loves getting out and about in the Twin Cities. His name is **Scott M.**, and today the In-Home Services spotlight is shining on him. Please take a moment or two to get to know Scott just a little bit better.



Scott has been a member of the PKT family since the summer of 2001. Scott was born up near the Arrowhead of Minnesota, but now lives in his own apartment in Maplewood. It's a good thing that Scott's apartment is located near so many attractions, because he enjoys being active in the community. Scott is a very hard worker and has been employed at Merrick, Inc. for many years now.



When Scott isn't working, one of his favorite things to do is to head over to the Maplewood Mall and browse the many stores. On any given day, you may find him cozied up at Barnes and Noble with a good book about travel or a magazine about music. If Scott isn't at the mall, he might be researching something at the library. Another one of his favorite activities is working on the computer at the library.

In the past few years, Scott has expressed an interest in cooking. He enjoys planning meals and then going shopping for the ingredients. When all of his goodies are assembled and the meal is prepared, he loves to dig in and appreciate his hard work. Even when Scott doesn't cook the meal himself, he still likes to enjoy a good meal. Scott's all-time favorite food is fried chicken. He loves to visit the KFC in Roseville, where he can enjoy all the fried chicken his heart (and stomach) desires.



Scott also loves going to see movies in the theater. He really enjoys seeing an awesome action flick every once in a while. Besides movies, Scott enjoys taking the bus to the Mall of America and taking bike rides. Every year Scott plans a voyage to Valley Fair. He likes to spend the whole day there and try to ride as many of the attractions as he possibly can. Hopefully he isn't eating too much fried chicken before riding all those roller coasters!

Scott loves to attend PKT's many gatherings including the picnics and the Christmas party. If you happen to see him at one of these events or somewhere around town, don't hesitate to say hi. I'm sure he'd love to stop and visit!

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.



## CAMP PKT - JUST FOR FUN

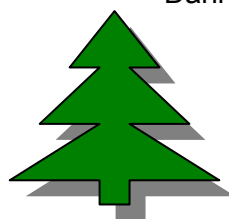
During the fourth week of September, PKT Enterprises travelled to the beautiful town of Ely, Minnesota. On Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> the **Brown and Pink Houses** packed their vans and headed north on Highway 35 towards the Arrowhead. The "Guys Trip" has been an annual tradition for a few years, but this is the first time they've chosen Ely as their destination.

The trip's characters included all four guys from the Brown House (**Jim, Jon, Bob L., and Sean**), all four guys from the Pink House (**Mike, Clint, DM, and Bob E.**), one In-Home client (**Steve**), and coordinators **Chris, Duane, and Darin**. Since Sean's Grandma and Aunt live in Ely, he decided to stay with them during the week, and enjoyed some relaxation time. The rest of the guys continued onward, to just east of downtown Ely, and checked in at Silver Rapids Lodge on the shores of Farm Lake.

The guys spent three full days exploring the area and relaxing along the lake. One day, a few of the guys hiked up the Kawishiwi Trail and enjoyed a wonderful view of Kawishiwi Falls. Another day, the guys visited the International Wolf Center, which helps advance the survival of wolf populations by teaching the public about wolves. The guys enjoyed going into downtown Ely and looking through many of the unique gift shops. Most everyone on the trip bought a shirt to commemorate the fantastic time they had up north. Besides hiking and visiting local attractions, everyone enjoyed sitting around the bonfire and on the docks, playing horse-shoes and cards, and eating lots of delicious food off the grill. One of the best parts of the trip was how all the clients and staff got to know each other a lot better.

When Thursday morning rolled around, the guys were disappointed to have to pack their bags and put all of the beautiful fall colors in the rear-view mirror. On the way home, everyone had lunch at Tobies in Hinckley. The guys went around the table and took turns talking about their favorite parts of the trip. It was the perfect way to wrap up the week. The one thing that everyone kept agreeing on, they can't wait to do it all again next year!

Darin Schluender, In Home Services Coordinator



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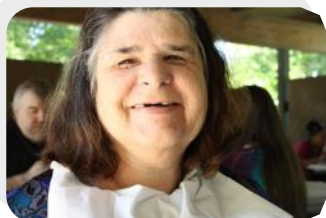
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# Celebrating 20 Years

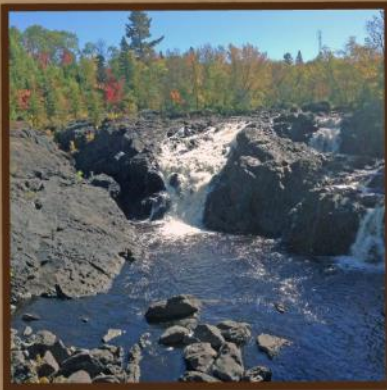




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## GUYS TRIP 2014



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

## August 2014

PKT would like to recognize and thank **Hoeun Hach** for:

- ★ Always being flexible to adjust his schedule to fill the needs at the Brick House
- ★ Never missing meetings and always being on time for shifts
- ★ Cooking delicious and healthy meals
- ★ Making a point to do deep cleaning on weekends
- ★ Alerting House Coordinator and Lead Staff about household needs



## September 2014

PKT would like to recognize and thank **Diana Nuthak** for:

- ★ Doing a great job cleaning the Brick House in preparation for an appraisal
- ★ Handling client behaviors very effectively
- ★ Making the house look better by putting flowers in the basement area
- ★ Washing the house van every other Thursday without fail
- ★ Doing a great job with organizing and cleaning the garage
- ★ Jumping into the Lead position when the opportunity arose



## October 2014

PKT would like to recognize and thank **Chabela Guzman** for:

- ★ Sharing stories with clients and making them laugh while always keeping a positive attitude
- ★ Helping with improving the menu and finding new things to make
- ★ Working on making all the clients as independent as possible while working with them
- ★ Being knowledgeable about the clients and holding staff responsible when documentation doesn't get done
- ★ Working on making sure there are activities that clients want to go on
- ★ Helping with medical appointments
- ★ Being extremely flexible with schedule, picking up hours and adjusting her schedule to help with needs of the house
- ★ 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	12:30p - 2:00p
Columbia House	12:30p - 2:00p
Green House	12:00p - 1:30p
Brighton House	3:00p - 4:30p
Dark House	3:30p - 5:00p
Yellow House	12:00p - 1:30p
White House	12:00p - 1:30p



### November \*

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Friday, 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup>  
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 Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup>



### December \*

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Friday, 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Friday, 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
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 Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup>  
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Columbia House	763-789-7188
Green House	651-748-0580
Brighton House	651-636-8558
Dark House	651-766-6992
Yellow House	651-487-8770
White House	651-784-7874



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### **Client Birthdays**

Monette D.	10/4
Steve U.	10/21
Spidy V.	10/28
Sovanny M.	11/8
Lisa B.	11/19
Kim B.	12/10
Clint V.	12/11
Mata S.	12/14
Tom C.	12/16
Maryann F.	12/20
Jason W.	12/20



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**

### **Employee Birthdays**

Pat Matt	10/7
Gepsey Guillaume	10/8
Caitlin Tucker	10/13
Olya Almeroth	10/20
Lilla Gandolfi	10/30
Sharilyn Wipf	11/7
Latita Martin	11/11
Darin Schluender	11/13
Ola Awoleke	11/14
Monah Nabwe	11/24
Diana Nuthak	11/24
Laura Troftgruben	11/25
Robert Romani	11/27
Michelle Freeman	11/28
Stephanie Robinson	12/1
Steve Tschacher	12/6
Rachel Newburry	12/11
Teresa Ducheneaux	12/12
Joanna Rojas	12/12
Donna Collings	12/20
Holly Coady	12/27

**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY!**

Latasha Gray	1 year
Hoeun Hach	1 year
Darin Schluender	1 year
Patricia Amunga	2 years
Holly Coady	2 years
Laura Rybicki	2 years
Jesse Lobash	3 years
Michelle Schauer	3 years
Linda Fox	5 years
Ong Moua	15 years



**WELCOME**

### **New Employees**

Shukri Aden	White House LSI
Teresa Ducheneaux	Dark House LSI
Csonya Jackmon	Yellow House LSI
Miranda Lobash	Dark House LSI
Laura Madaris	Brighton House LSI
Robert Romani	White House LSI
Eric Ross	In-Home LSI
Laura Troftgruben	Brown House LSI



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### Words to Live By ...

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**-Romans 8:38-39**

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