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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


The **Brown House** has went through several staffing changes in the last quarter which was good in some ways and not so good in other ways. The guys really miss some of the staff that left but really like the new staff that have come on board. One of our newest staff members is an organic gardener who has assisted the guys in planting an organic garden. The deer apparently have enjoyed many of the things planted so we cannot wait for it to be ready to eat to see what they liked so much and what they left for us.

We have added some new picture frames, new paint to the house and rearranged furniture, and added some cupboards, which helps with the functionality of the day to day operations. All in all, things seem to be going very well at the house.

Sean A. has been busy coordinating his daily rides to work and scheduling some concerts for the year. Sean is in planning mode for a trip to Florida very soon. He really seemed to enjoy it a lot last year, so he decided that he wants to do it again. Sean attends a weekly group fellowship program, which he has committed to for himself as well as his family. Sean has a new exercise bike and bed, along with a great TV and entertainment center with surround sound, so he is set up for exercising or just relaxing in his room. Sean loves heavy metal music and if you ask him who is singing on the radio he will most likely know who it is. 

Robert L. or Bob as we call him is our resident DJ at home and at work. He loves all types of music and is probably one of the biggest Elvis Presley fans out there. Bob loves to sit in his room and listen to records with staff or watch Elvis movies and westerns. Bob can often be heard saying to someone, "Thank you thank you very much," talking like Elvis. Bob also loves to play the card game UNO and is extremely good at it, winning almost every time. 

Jon R. is our race car fan and whatever you need to know about racing just ask him, and he will tell you with lots of enthusiasm. Jon goes to NASCAR races all over the United States and has even drove Dale Earnhardt Jr's race car. Jon can often be found in his room playing on his Xbox, racing or playing baseball, football, etc. Jon often will ask staff and a housemate to play with him. There are times we hear yelling and loud noises coming from Jon's room, which is just him cheering on the teams or people playing with him. 

Jim R. is our personal 'let's cheer everybody up' guy as he is always going up to his housemates and asking them how they are doing today, with a big smile on his face. Jim loves to play on one of his two Xbox consoles. He also loves to watch movies at home and at the theater, but they better be full of action. Jim has a large fish tank in his room which he takes good care of, cleaning the tank and feeding the fish, along with the assistance of willing staff members. 

Duane Sundblad, Brown House Coordinator



PKT LIFE

The people of PKT have had a very busy summer. Our clients have been enjoying being outside getting fresh air by going to local parks, baseball games, playing softball, and planting gardens. They have also went to numerous local festivals, watched the Roseville and White Bear Avenue parades. The **Green House** ladies attended the Washington County Fair. Speaking of fairs, many clients went to the great Minnesota get together, the State Fair, and enjoyed food, music, and numerous activities like the rides and singing karaoke.

In July PKT had a great birthday picnic get together at Lexington Park. We had music playing for everyone to enjoy, courtesy of our in house deejay, **Jason W.** A couple of the House Coordinators grilled some hamburgers and brats while other Coordinators dished up the food inside. I had the privilege of attempting to mix big canisters of tea and lemonade which required some skill and maneuvering. All of the clients enjoyed their feast and it was neat to see everyone socializing and moving outside the comfort of their own group of friends. After dinner the group of clients and staff moved outside and a bean bag toss tournament began. The clients enjoyed competing against each other. Some clients also decided to join in on a game of pickup basketball. **Bob E., Taiye A.,** and **Walter S.** were enjoying playing catch with a football. Other clients decided to try out the swings in the park, socialize around the picnic tables, or enjoy the music going on inside while playing a board game.

As the sun began to set, it was time for everyone to go home, and I watched all the various clients and staff saying goodbye to each other. This gathering really reminded me of the “family” closeness our company has and how nice it is that all our clients and staff have opportunities to gather and have fun together. I hope all of you enjoyed your summer as much as we did here at PKT!

Jennifer Johnson, SLS Director



STEVE'S SCOOP



FALL is here! Finally! 🍁

Some exciting news...Matt Wahl will be returning to PKT in September, although in a somewhat different capacity! He will be the Director overseeing the Pink and Brown houses and will be responsible for setting up new systems to make PKT more mobile and cloud based. For several years our data and documentation systems have been server based which has been good, but, has required a lot of busy PAPER work on the part of our Coordinators, Directors, and LSI staff. In Matt's absence he has observed and acquired some incredible knowledge and insight into other on-line type data recording and managing systems. It is our hope that we will be able to move to a more efficient way to accurately track, compile and distribute information!! The exact timeline of the new systems rollout is unknown, but we are confident that once operational the results will be amazing!

10th home update...we have identified a 4th person for this exciting new development and have begun the home hunt. I have been informed that the State has approved the project and is waiting for our selected County (Ramsey) to give their final blessing. We will keep you posted as things develop! Again, if you have any questions, want updates, or would like to chat about the possibility of other new developments to serve your clients or family members, please give me a call or email! I would love to talk with you!

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We hope to update and post to the page as often as we can!!

We are truly blessed by everyone's support of us, and I am grateful to all the wonderful employees for giving of themselves to make PKT a great place for the people we serve!



Have a great Fall!!!

SHARILYN'S

People are often surprised by how quickly I can calculate time. For instance, 8am to 4pm is 8 hours. I am not a time savant; instead my talent has come from many years of checking timecards at PKT. Every two weeks one of my jobs to go through the 80 plus timecards submitted and ensure that the shifts employees worked total the correct amount of hours to be paid.

When I first began the role as the PKT Director of Financial Services, it took me quite a while to complete this task, as I counted hours up with my fingers. Now my fingers are typing shift totals into the calculator, which sometimes has a hard time keeping up with my brain. When totals don't add up to what an employee has, or just doesn't seem right, I recalculate over and over again until I am convinced what the correct total should be. Once I am done with that I ensure that the correct information is inputted into PKT systems. I go back and double check this information also.

Overall, payroll processing takes up a good chunk of my time every two weeks. But that's okay, because it's important to me like all of our employees, to be paid as accurately as possible and on time.

Sharilyn Wipf, Director of Financial Services



SPOTLIGHT ON

Spotlight on ... **Myiessha!** This young lady has been a part of the PKT family since 2012! She lives at the **Brick House** in Roseville and is always down to have a good time! She is very sociable and loving towards people. This lady has such a big heart and tons of energy.



This summer, Myiessha has been very busy. Monday thru Friday she goes to her day program to work. When she gets off work she likes to go outside and take walks around the neighborhood. Once a week, she heads out to Minneapolis to go to the Wolf's Den Dance. She is an amazing dancer and loves to get down on the dance floor! Myiessha had a blast riding rides, playing games, and eating all the yummy food this year at the Minnesota State Fair. The week after the state fair was her birthday, which she had been looking forward to all year! This year to celebrate, she went to have her nails done at Hollywood Nails. She decided on acrylic French tips with designs on them and she looks fabulous!

This past year Myiessha has really been working on living a more healthy and active lifestyle. She has been drinking a ton of water, exercising (dancing, walking, even running!), and eating healthy. Myiessha has been able to lose quite a bit of weight and she is very proud of herself (as are we). She is excited to be continuing this journey of healthy living.



Carrie Burleson
Brick House Coordinator

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH SPOTLIGHT **

Winners of \$50.00 Gift Certificates**

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH for August 2015 is ...

Laura Madaris

PKT would like to recognize and thank **Laura** for:

- ◆ Always willing to help out and pick up extra shifts
- ◆ Being friendly and positive with all the clients
- ◆ Starting every shift with a smile and a great attitude
- ◆ Working with her coworkers to ensure appropriate cleaning is finished before calling it a day
- ◆ Consistently responding to texts quickly
- ◆ Interacting well with the clients and staying objective
- ◆ Everyone is happy that Laura is with PKT!!!



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH for September 2015 is ...

Ruthie Harrell

PKT would like to recognize and thank **Ruthie** for:

- ◆ Working very effectively with two clients in de-escalating behavior situations
- ◆ Modeling positive behavior and better choices
- ◆ Doing a great job of interior decorating
- ◆ Spearheading getting necessities for the house
- ◆ Staying ahead of the ball with med order sheets and other duties of the house as Lead Staff

Congratulations and Thank You !!!

IN-HOME CONNECTION

Today the In-Home Services Spotlight is shining brightly on **Megan C.** Megan joined the PKT family way back in the summer of 1997! Megan is a very sweet young lady with many interests. Please take a moment to get to know Megan.

Megan lives in Shoreview with her parents where she loves to relax after a hard day's work. During the winter months Megan participates in a bowling league out in Stillwater with many, many of her friends. She is a very talented bowler and knows exactly the proper technique to avoid those tricky splits. While Megan is quiet by nature, her exuberance is evident when all ten pins fall from one throw of the ball. Besides throwing strikes, the highlight of any bowling season is the year-end banquet where awards and food is plentiful.

When Megan isn't bowling she enjoys going to see movies and live theater. This summer Megan was lucky enough to see "Mary Poppins" at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater, as well as "The Music Man" at The Guthrie Theater. Megan has seen "The Music Man" so many times she could probably give you directions to River City, Iowa, if such a place existed in real life. She had a great time singing along to the music, especially the song, "Shipooi."

Megan also loves getting treats at Dairy Queen (including blizzards) and going shopping at Target and TJ Maxx. Megan likes to shop for all sorts of things, including clothes, writing supplies, and holiday décor.

If you ever happen to see Megan at a PKT party, don't hesitate to say hello. I'm sure she'd be happy to meet you!

Darin Schluender, In-Home Services Coordinator



STAFF MEETINGS



Staff meetings are conducted monthly at the PKT Corporate office. The following schedule is currently in place, however please verify times and locations in advance.

In-Home Services	-	First Wednesday	9:30-11:00am
Brick House	-	Fourth Friday	12:00-1:30pm
Pink House	-	Third Thursday	3:30-5:00pm
Brown House	-	Third Friday	12:00-1:30pm
Columbia House	-	Fourth Tuesday	12:30-2:00pm
Green House	-	Second Monday	12:00-1:30pm
Brighton House	-	Third Wednesday	4:00-5:30pm
Dark House	-	Third Thursday	3:30-5:00pm
Yellow House	-	Fourth Tuesday	4:00-5:30pm
White House	-	Third Wednesday	12:00-1:30pm



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.

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Dark House	651-766-6992
Yellow House	651-487-8770
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Client Birthdays

Xao V.	8/5
Mark B.	8/10
Angie L.	9/5
Myiessha V.	9/6
Bob L.	9/15
Dan Gangl	9/17
Barb B.	9/26

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Phalen Land	1 year
Adeniyi Babalola	2 years
Enoch Hudson	2 years
Erik Kleven	3 years
Nicola Opine	3 years
Jodi Feldbruegge	5 years
Sharilyn Wipf	9 years
Ron Katzenmaier	11 years
Chris Bastyr	14 years

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Employee Birthdays

Chris Bastyr	8/4
Erik Kleven	8/7
Ong Moua	8/7
Dave Halverson	8/8
Carrie Burleson	8/15
Quinnetta Babalola	8/24
Susannah Vourjolo	9/2
Janine Beier	9/28
Michael Matthews	9/29
Katie Fordyce	9/30

WELCOME

New Employees

Karl Johnson	In-Home LSI, Maintenance
Nancy Lindsey	White House LSI
Leif Olsen	Float
Susannah Vourjolo	Brown House LSI
Matt Wahl	SLS Director
Brad Wallace	Brown House LSI

Meet our new House Coordinator

Hello, my name is **Asia Villarreal-Sansom**. I have worked for PKT as the Float staff since July 2014 and have loved every minute of it! I received my Bachelors Degree from Kaplan University with an emphasis on Applied Behavioral Analysis in 2012.

I am an avid reader and even like to write my own fictional stories. Most of my spare time is spent with my husband Shawn and our two girls Madison (9) and Nevaeh (6). I am an animal lover and have two dogs, Nala and King, and two cats, Sparkles and Aribecca.

I am very excited to transfer into my new position as **Yellow House** Coordinator and get to know the ladies more than I already do.





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Words to Live By ...

Who is it that overcomes the world?
Only the one who believes that Jesus
is the Son of God.

1 John 5:5

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is intended to provide information to the individuals we serve, the families and individuals who are so vitally important to those we serve, as well as the many members of the PKT community about what is going on at PKT Enterprises and just exactly "who" PKT Enterprises is...