



# Inside Mount Aloysius

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### Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Celebrated

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month was celebrated in March. Residents and staff participated in a variety of activities including a Walk for Developmental Disability Awareness sponsored by the Perry County Board of Developmental Disabilities, attended a Pep Rally at New Lex High School, delivered donuts to the Perry County Sheriff's Office, New Lex Police Department, and Hair Expressions, and took supper to the New Lex Fire Department. Due to restrictions put in place with COVID-19, many of the activities that we planned to participate in were canceled.



A group of residents took donuts to the Perry County Sheriff's Office during DD appreciation month.



A group of men enjoyed attending a pep rally for DD awareness at the New Lex High School.



Several residents took lunch to the local fire department during DD Awareness Month. Unfortunately, the fire men got called out for a run but we did manage to get a picture of Shawn Lutz and Harry Tye with Mike Moore, a local firefighter, who also works at Mount Aloysius as a Shift Supervisor.



Walk for Developmental Disability Awareness

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## Mount Aloysius Board of Director's & CEO Update Submitted by Justin Gall, CEO

It is my pleasure to provide you with an update on activities the Board of Directors and the Mount Aloysius Team have been undertaking over the last few months. I would like to first thank each of you for your support and understanding during restrictions placed upon us due to COVID-19. With the onset of COVID-19 in early March, our team had to make unpopular decisions regarding our response to ensure we were following orders from local, state, and federal Government entities. At Mount Aloysius we saw changes with visitation, resident outings, public facility use, in addition to modifications of how our staff interact and provide support. Although this has been burdensome and may have caused some frustrations, I feel confident all changes were made in the best interest of the safety and well-being of our staff and residents. Your understanding during this time has been appreciated and we are looking forward to beginning the process of redefining what services look like as restrictions placed upon us are lessened. We will be planful and timely to ensure this is completed in the safest way possible. Finally, if you run into a staff member of Mount Aloysius, be sure to thank them as all of this would not have been possible without their compassion and dedication to the men we serve.

In other news, we continue to move forward with implementation of our strategic plan and are focusing on developing relationships within our community. Mount Aloysius has had the opportunity to sponsor multiple local school districts and their sports programming as a way to give back to our community. We were proud to support our local youth and bring awareness to what Mount Aloysius stands for. Over the past months, we have also been visiting with local County Boards of Developmental Disabilities in Southeastern Ohio. The purpose of these visits was to build productive relationships, learn what gaps they experience, and how Mount Aloysius can be useful to them. The process of outlining enhancements and additions to our service provisions are underway, moving us closer to building a campus of quality care to meet all needs of individuals with developmental disabilities. At the same time, we will be refining our mission and vision to truly reflect the wonderful work our staff are doing and to lead us into the future.



Finally, as you are aware, in November of 2019 Mount Aloysius celebrated 50 years of dedicated service to individuals with developmental disabilities. Following this event, I am proud to inform you Mount Aloysius was chosen by the Perry County Chamber of Commerce to receive the 2019 Presidential Award for 50 years of quality service in Perry County. This was exciting news and further drives home the value Mount Aloysius brings to our community.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself, Shannon, or Kim with any questions, suggestions, or comments. We welcome your input.

Justin Gall, CEO  
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### Virtual Visitation

With visiting restrictions in place due to COVID-19, many families have been using Skype and Facetime to have a virtual visit with their loved one. We have received many positive comments from families who initially had reservations about trying it. If you are interested in setting up a video conference with your loved one, please contact Ben Brannon or Kasey Penrod at (740) 342-3343.



Anthony Breining enjoyed video chatting with his family.

## Director of Nursing & Program Supervisors Welcomed

We were pleased to welcome Jason Abram back to Mount Aloysius as the Director of Nursing on March 18, 2020. Many of you may remember Jason as he served as both Director of Nursing and Assistant Director of Nursing in the past. Jason has lived in New Lex his entire life, graduating from New Lexington High School. He was a wrestler in high school as well as a football and baseball player. He grew up farming and enjoys many outdoor activities including hunting and fishing. He sings and plays the guitar (mostly country music). He is into restoring old cars specifically Mustangs. Jason spends most of his time with family and his fiancée and her three daughters.

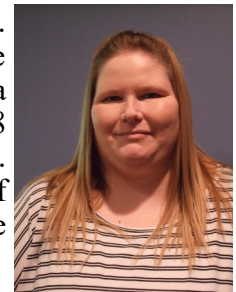


On May 4, 2020 Sarah Smallwood began as a Program Supervisor. Sarah is currently in training right now and will be taking over as Program Supervisor of Apartment 5 and 11 on June 1, 2020. Sarah graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from Muskingum University in 2015. She soon discovered that the starving artist life wasn't the right choice for her professionally, so she decided to go back to college to receive a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education. From 2015 to 2017 she was a substitute teacher for New Lexington School District and Crooksville Exempted Village School District. After graduating in 2017, she worked at St. Rose Catholic School, where she taught 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade math and science and then 4<sup>th</sup> grade the next year. At the start of the 2019, she started teaching preschool at New Lexington Head Start but soon discovered that was not the right place for her.



Sarah is originally from McConnelsville. She has been married to her best friend, Allen, for 5 years this November. They bought their first home last year in Zanesville and have two dogs, Elvis and Elvira. They are her biggest hobby! Sarah is a crafter at heart, and she especially loves painting and cross-stitching. She has even taught a few wine and canvas classes. She also loves hanging out with friends and family, reading, singing and listening to music.

Korrie Gibbs began working at Mount Aloysius on May 18, 2020 as a Program Supervisor. She is currently in training to be the Program Supervisor for Apartments 1, 2 and 9. Korrie recently graduated from Muskingum University with a Bachelor's of Art's degree with a major in Child & Family Sciences and a minor in Psychology & Sociology. For the last 8 years, Korrie worked as an educational assistant for students on the autism spectrum. Outside of work, Korrie enjoys spending time with her fiancée, mom, and sister. Some of her hobbies include painting, reading, and scrapbooking. She is excited to be joining the wonderful team at Mount Aloysius.



### New Program Supervisor Assignments

With the start of two new Program Supervisors, we found it necessary to change the Apartment Assignments for the Program Supervisors as follows:

Sarah Bragg, Apartments 7, 8, and 10  
Ben Brannon, GLOW House  
Mary Skog, Apartments 3 and 4  
Sarah Smallwood, Apartments 5 and 11  
Korrie Gibbs, Apartments 1, 2, and 9

If you have any questions about the care of your loved one, please do not hesitate to reach out to their Program Supervisor at 740-342-3343.



A Special Thanks to Penny Norris for sewing face masks for employees of Mount Aloysius.

## Welcome Note

This spring, we were pleased to welcome three new residents to Mount Aloysius.



On March 10, 2020 we welcomed Justin Allen to Mount Aloysius. Justin lives in Apartment 2 and enjoys woodworking, taking things apart, doing outside work, playing basketball,

going for walks, and relaxing in the hot tub.

Shane Blankenship was welcomed to Mount Aloysius on April 6, 2020. Shane resides in Apartment 7 and likes arts and crafts.



James Enderle was welcomed to the Mount on April 9, 2020. James lives in Apartment 7 and enjoys gardening, landscaping, woodwork, swimming, and watching tv.

We are glad to have you with us, Justin, Shane, and James!



## Kudos

We are truly blessed with many wonderful Board members and Family members at Mount Aloysius. We received donations from several Board members and Family members to have lunch for staff as a token of appreciation for all that they do for the men and facility. We also received flowers from one family and a candy basket from a Board member. At Mount Aloysius, all of our staff are considered Essential Workers. We truly appreciate all of our Essential Workers and realize we could not do it without each of them.



We also would like to recognize the following local restaurants for providing a discount on staff meals: Creno's Pizza, Subway of New Lexington, and Fiore's Restaurant and Bowling. Their staff are truly amazing and wonderful to work with. #inthistgether



## Renovations at the Activity Center

Many of the capital improvements projects this year are focused on the Activity Center. New flooring, ceiling tiles, and lights were installed on each floor. The lower level restrooms were also remodeled. The windows are also slated to be replaced this year.

## Options Unlimited Update Submitted by Marissa Vegeto

The Activity Center has been remodeled, and we are very excited to get back into our routine. We have started cleaning the garden and orchard and are looking forward to having the residents outside helping us plant flowers and grow vegetables and herbs. Options staff have been doing activities in the apartments with the men and keeping them physically active while practicing safe social distancing. On May 13<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated apple pie day, and the men enjoyed a slice of apple pie from Fiore's Restaurant. We have been supporting local small businesses, and the men have been purchasing weekly take out food orders that they truly enjoy. Earlier in May, the Options team developed an amazing, heartfelt video of the men expressing how much they miss family, friends, and loved ones and that they are safe here at Mount Aloysius. We hope you enjoyed the video as much as we enjoyed compiling it.



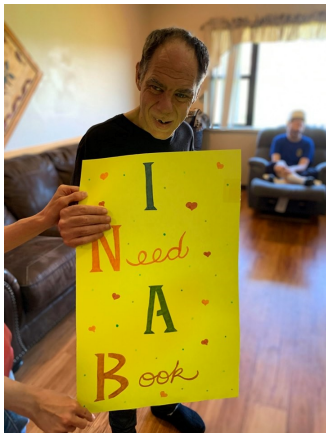
Ethan Peacock



Bill Hayes



Jim Sheeter & Kaylee Bobb



Dan Williams



Rory Thomas



Glenn Belluscio



Chris White



David Sears



Justin Galloway

# We Miss Our Family & Friends!



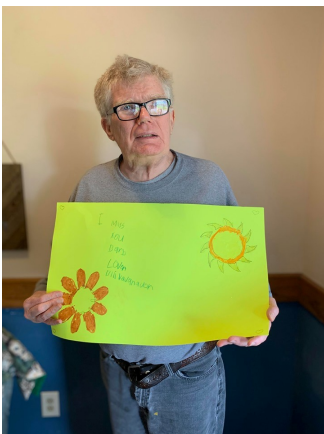
Mitchell Paul



Back Row: Mike Chapman, Tony Breining, George Earley, Shawn Lutz, Kevin Coyle:  
Front Row: Harry Tye, David Estep, & Terry Hanan



Austin Denver



Bill Kavanaugh



Tyler Bixler



Jerry Taylor



Matt Capps



John Purcell



Bob Hotze



Steve VerHulst



Garry Wojciak



John Guira

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Congratulations to the following employees who recently celebrated employment anniversaries:

### 10 Years

Darrell Dingess, DSP  
Phillip Hembree, Options

### 5 Years

Becky Stoltz, DSP

### 1 Year

Kehlar Altier, Hannah Canter,  
Kyla Heston, Ashley Hill,  
Tim Levan, Rosa Moore,  
Hannah Phillips, Janelle Reed, &  
Kia Scherer

Kathleen Altier, Options  
Sarah Bragg, Program Supervisor  
Linsey Rose, Cook

## Happy Birthday to our Residents!

### June

5 - David Estep  
13 - Bill Kavanaugh  
Michael Kinney  
Robert Robbe  
28 - Carl Jones

### August

1 - Dominic Alexander  
2 - Harry Tye  
11 - Bill Hayes  
24 - Shane Blankenship  
30 - Bob Hotze

### July

7 - Don Brown  
17 - Austin Denver  
Jeff Penson  
19 - Jerry Taylor  
24 - Justin Galloway  
Ethan Peacock  
26 - John Purcell  
30 - Tyler Bixler  
Tony Scott



## UPCOMING Events

### WELCOME NOTE

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome new staff:

Jason Abram, Director of Nursing  
Justin Allen, Maintenance  
Korrie Gibbs, Program Supervisor  
Sarah Smallwood, Program Supervisor  
Amy Brunton, Shift Supervisor

### **Direct Support Professionals**

Shantel Bocook, Amber Evans,  
Katelyn Gall, Kali Heston,  
Nangel Lawson, Roy Lawson,  
Kylee Mourey, Katelyn Rainey, &  
Deonna SeEVERS

We are glad to have you with us!

### June

5 - Facility Cookout  
20 - First Day of Summer  
21 - Father's Day

### July

3 - No Options or PerCo  
4 - Independence Day  
17 - Facility Cookout  
20-24 - Perry County Fair  
Options Closed for Fair  
25 - Perry County Fair  
31 - Facility Cookout

### August

14 - Facility Cookout  
28 - Facility Cookout

### Newsletter List Serve

### MAAD Day To Be Rescheduled

Due to restrictions in place limiting the number of people allowed in groups, we found it necessary to reschedule the annual Mount Aloysius Appreciation Day scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup> until later in the year. We will still have a cookout that day while assuring proper social distancing.

Beginning with the next newsletter, we will start e-mailing a digital newsletter to those individuals whom we have e-mail addresses for. If you would like to receive a digital copy of the newsletter instead of a hard copy, please contact Kim Flood at 740-342-3343 or at [kim.flood@mountaloyisus.org](mailto:kim.flood@mountaloyisus.org) to be added to the Newsletter List Serve.

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