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The youthful joy and exuberance of some of our young residents is an inspiration to us all! Even a simple snowfall is a delight to brighten a day (or evening). It's so easy for us all to become overwhelmed at times with the demands of the day, and of the new year now upon us.

Some advice from a dear friend seems apropos about now: *“Work like you don't need the money, Love like you've never been hurt and Dance like there is nobody watching.”* It's not like I need any advice on myself trying to the missive is well the kind of spirit we residents as they

Our role as the provide structure, etc...to our residents. rather well. However, much in their ability to back from face each new day enthusiasm. Now, always immediately we look for it at all. incredible!



how to make a fool of dance, but the spirit of worth heeding. This is often see in our approach their lives. staff is of course to guidance, security, And in fact, we do that they give back to us so face adversity, bounce disappointment and with renewed admittedly it's not obvious, but it's there if These guys are

With examples around us like that every day, how can we help not be inspired to do our best. It almost makes the job easy; and certainly always rewarding.

With that in mind we forge ahead with 2005, ready to face and accept whatever challenges are presented to us. We'll continue to draw strength and encouragement from “our guys”, and hope we can live up to the promise of tomorrow.

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1. As we begin the new year, we currently have one vacancy at **Reynolds Group Home** and are anticipating another. Now would be a good time to contact Rick or Doug with you placement needs. We anticipate filling these vacancies real soon.

One of our empty beds was created by Karl successfully completing his program and returning to live with his parents. We are all happy at his successes and stand ready to assist Karl and his family in ensuring a happy reconciliation. Once a boy has completed programming and moved on, our doors are always open to him and his family members. It's not at all unusual for guys or family to reach out to us for continuing support long after discharge. We always welcome such opportunities.

Once again one of our staff has "gone the extra miles" to provide our guys with a new opportunity. This time, evening staff **Nick Simonis** has involved the boys in building an ice shanty. Working together in his garage/workshop, Nick hopes to have the guys out fishing on an area lake within the next week or two.



This past month **Kris** once again distinguished himself by serving as a camp counselor for the 5th grade class from Hatley Elementary. Kris took part in an overnight camp at the DCE School Forest. In addition, Kris' busy month continued with his participation in a Special Olympics basketball tournament. Good Job Kris!

At this point it looks like all the boys had a successful semester and are now beginning a new one. There was a lot of cramming going on in recent weeks for the semester ending exams. The guys work hard on their studies everyday; at school and here at home.

2. The young men of **Grand Place** had a very busy Christmas season this year. They attended the Wausau West Concert at the Grand Theater with the residents from **Prospect Place** on December 20th. On the 21st all the residents from all the MYS adult homes met at **Hamilton House** for pizza and a Christmas party. The guys received presents, many of which were racing, Hot Wheels and tractor related. Presents and parties did not stop there however. Both Shawn and John celebrated birthdays in early January on the 3rd and 5th respectively.

The guys continued their busy schedules with library visits, car dealer visits, snow shoveling and snowball fights, and sledding at the George Street Hill in Rothschild with the guys from Hamilton House.



They enjoyed the Lemony Snickets movie on January 1st with staff member Ashley, baking adventures with Mary Pat (who reports they sometimes eat more than they bake!), and the football games at Prospect

Place almost every Sunday. They also enjoyed bowling with the men from Hamilton House, attending Monday night church groups and Wednesday night basketball practice. Pretty impressive schedule!

On January 23rd John and Shawn attended the snowmobile races at Man Made Lake in Wausau. The guys got their pictures taken with NASCAR drivers Scott and Chris Wimmer, brothers from Wausau who are



becoming well known on the NASCAR circuit.

The men also got autographed pictures from the Wimmer brothers. Shawn also had his picture taken on a Yamaha snowmobile. Both the guys thoroughly enjoyed the races and meeting the drivers.

At **Hamilton House**, Kevin celebrated his 23rd birthday on January 6. Earlier that week the guys rang in the New Year at Angelo's! A couple of the guys continued their work assignments, with Sam back to his job of last season at Granite Peak Ski Area. He will be working there on weekends throughout the snow season. They wrapped up January by attending Radar Run snowmobile races behind the Rothschild Pavilion on January 29th.



Mike S. and Adam from **Prospect Place** went to 3 Special Olympics tournaments in Stevens Point this past month. John also continues his bowling in league play at Day's Bowl-A-Dome in Wausau. Courtesy of the DCE Athletic Dept., the men are also able to attend DCE basketball games without charge and continue their support of the Evergreens.

3. Over the past couple of months we have offered some of the young adults the opportunity to participate in an incentive program. As the result of successfully planning and preparing several meals (with a little help from staff), **Mike S.** (Prospect Place) and **Kyle** (Hamilton House) were treated to a trip to Green Bay and lunch out at the restaurant of their choice. On January 10th the guys were driven (in style) to Green Bay by Doug and his son Deven for the payoff.

On the trip over, and back, the guys were able to enjoy the latest Harry Potter movie on the DVD system. In Green Bay the group toured the Lambeau Field area, a rather somber place the day after the Play-Off loss... Nevertheless, spirits were not dampened, and the guys enjoyed their meal out and trip back to Wausau. We look forward to more incentive outings for the guys in the future.

4. As reported last month, MYS has found a home for the new Clinical Services component of our company, located at 1611 No. 7th Street in Wausau. We're very close to opening the door for your inspection. Look for more announcements about this new service to come soon.



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