



Cascade Christian Services

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This last Sept 23rd Jeff Stremler moved out of the Pine Street Home (PSH). Now, this might sound like a bad thing, but in fact it is one of Pine Street Home's first successes.

"Don't get me wrong," says Manager Drew Jamison, "Jeff will be missed as he was a very important part of our family home; but PSH was intended to be a transition home for young men with disabilities. Here is where they could live while learning the skills necessary to one day live independently. Jeff had reached a point where he was ready to do just that. With the help of Jeff's parents, he bought a townhouse in Lynden right next to his grandmother. Jeff will have a roommate who is also a good friend living with him. Jeff's townhouse is on the ground floor so it will provide easy access for Jeff coming and going. Another nice thing is that it is near the church Jeff attends."

Jeff was a role model at the house and will continue as such. There is no doubt that Jeff will be successful and happy with his new place inspiring others in the house to one day follow Jeff in getting their own places as well.

It is a bitter sweet thing for the staff. On one hand we will miss Jeff's presence at the house; on the other hand, we are all excited for Jeff and this next step in his life journey. We are all hoping that Jeff will not be a stranger and visit on a regular basis. As the house manager, I'm wondering who I can beat in cribbage if Jeff doesn't come around on a regular basis? Our next challenge is finding the right someone to fill the opening left by Jeff's success.



*Jeff accepts Certificate of Achievement
from George Beanblossom while Drew Jamison looks on.*

*THANKFUL GIVING
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At the annual donor and staff appreciation dinner on Nov 10th, Jeanne Damoff, author of "Parting the Waters," was introduced as the featured speaker by community committee member, Marilyn Stremmer. Marilyn told the diners the story told by Jeanne in her book paralleled the Stremmer family's. Both mothers had to face struggles they never anticipated, but through which they found the power of community. Jeanne's son was in a near drowning accident, while Jeff Stremmer was in a horse riding accident. For these families in their tragedies God worked through people, churches, businesses, and organizations to provide comfort and support. Jeanne admonished, "Make your needs known to the body of Christ and your community. We aren't meant to carry heavy burdens by ourselves. Entering into your tragedy may be an important part of God's plan for someone else, too."

As some of the CCS community came together on Nov 10th they received unexpected blessings when Jeff was presented with an achievement award for moving from our Pine Street adult home into his own duplex. Jeff is an inspiration, not to mention a comedian who had the room laughing.

Thank you to the entire CCS community for providing support, friendship and inspiration!

The Stremmer Family invites you
to Jeff's open house
Sunday, Nov 29th 3PM-5PM
987 Aaron Drive, #106, Lynden
Jeff will be giving tours!



2010 PROPOSED BUDGET

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income	
HHC	67,974
PSH	102,104
CCH	724,593
CSL	612,994
CVH	489,772
VOCATIONAL - REHAB	600,000
VOCATIONAL - JANITORIAL	792,771
GARDENS	1,860
ART CENTER	0
FUND RAISING	50,000
Total Income	<u>\$3,442,068</u>

Expense

SALARIES/BENEFITS	
DIRECT SERVICE STAFF-RESIDENTIAL	1,378,607
DIRECT SERVICE STAFF-PSH & HHC	173,729
VOCATIONAL STAFF	944,998
GARDENS STAFF	0
ART CENTER STAFF	0
AGENCY-ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF	233,238
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	
HHC	7,140
PSH	48,581
CCH	135,465
CSL	97,132
CVH	104,375
VOCATIONAL - REHAB	123,186
VOCATIONAL - JANITORIAL	154,747
FUNDRAISING	8,325
GARDENS	0
ART CENTER	0
Agency Maintenance Fund	25,243
CSL Generator	7,300

Total Expense	<u>\$3,442,068</u>
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CRESTVIEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR PORTFOLIO



Lisa Lloyd

I am very excited to be a part of the team at Cascade Christian Services as of mid-August. I was so impressed with the feedback I had gotten while researching the agency. This is an invigorating opportunity I have been given as the program director at Crestview to be proactive in our efforts to provide quality services to our clients. I look forward to my future here at the Crestview Home.

Born and reared in an Idaho farming community I graduated from Moscow High School in 1983. After receiving my B.A. in psychology from the University of Montana, I worked several years as a counselor at State Hospital North psychiatric hospital specializing in the treatment of dual diagnosis individuals.

In 2000 I started my career in long term care as a social worker, but it was not long before I decided to become a nursing home administrator. I completed the administrator-in-training program and became a nursing home administrator. I truly enjoyed the challenges and rewards of working in long term care. During that time I developed a behavior unit within my nursing home to serve geriatric individuals with development disabilities. We were one of the very few nursing homes in the state to serve DD clients.

I served as a board member for Idaho Hospice and Clearwater Valley Hospital.

Then in July 2008 I retired as a nursing home administrator to take on the honor of caring for my ailing mother until she went to heaven in November, 2008.

I am blessed with a wonderful husband Mark; and our son, Michael, with his wife, Stephanie, have given us two beautiful grandchildren, Kaycee (5) and Landon (3), who live in Idaho. Mark and I moved to Mount Vernon in April this year after having visited his family here over the years and falling in love with the area. We decided this would be a great place to live.

Aside from working I enjoy attending church and most anything to do with the outdoors such as hiking, camping and rafting. At home I like decorating, sewing, and gardening. But I treasure my family and our time together.

CRESTVIEW RESIDENTS

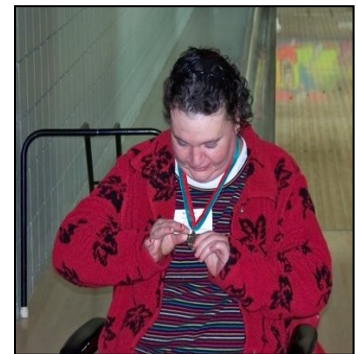
Crestview Home residents visited a local pumpkin patch. Samantha Wicklund, resident of Crestview, found herself in the middle of the pumpkin patch knee deep in mud picking pumpkins. Samantha's laughter and joy radiated for miles. She decorated her pumpkin just in time for Crestview's Halloween party.

Samantha has been at home here since 1997. Her parents, Jay and Gloria Wicklund, are so very proud of their daughter and involved with her everyday life. The Wicklunds invite the Crestview group to their home every summer for barbeques and boat rides.

Now, that is something all of our residents and staff look forward to every year! Crestview is pleased to be able to support Samantha with her goals and achievements.



Ann Argyle participated in the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament on November 1st.



We are excited to report that Ann received a silver medal at the bowling tournament. Her parents, Doug and Judy Argyle, along with a staff member, Javier Salinas, were there to celebrate Ann's victory.

Bowling has been a passion of Ann's for a long time. Watch out Special Olympics Bowling because Ann has more enthusiasm than ever to reach higher goals in bowling. We are proud of Ann's accomplishments.

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Gerrit Dykstra

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"CHRISTMAS ON FRONT STREET"

A variety of Christmas music

sure to touch your heart.

Saturday, December 5 at 4:00PM

First Christian Reformed Church

1010 W Front Street

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