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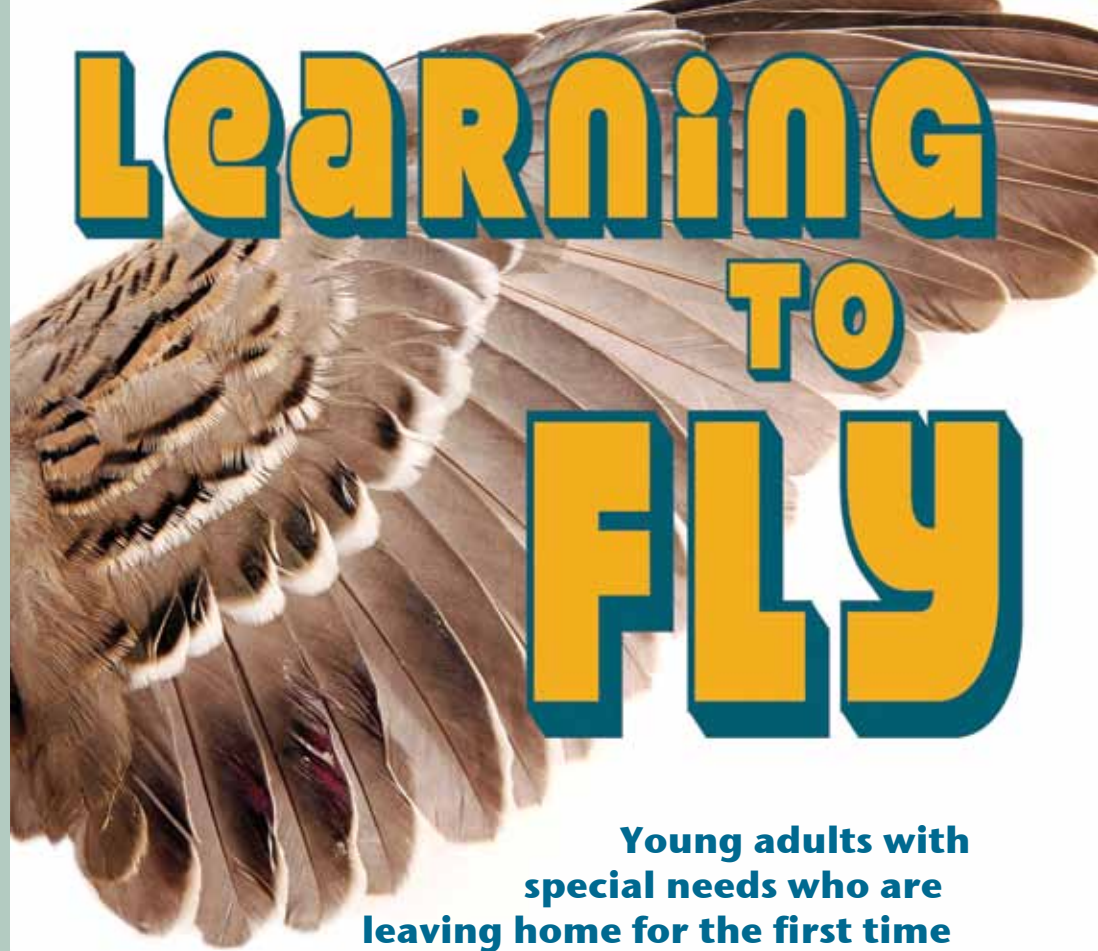
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# LEARNING TO FLY

**Young adults with special needs who are leaving home for the first time find a supportive environment at The Ranch, where new opportunities allow them to test their wings.**

Kids leaving home for the first time create worry for parents. Will they eat properly? Will they be safe? Will they make friends and be successful?

Parents of adults with cognitive challenges worry even more, often putting off the time when the child is allowed to leave their care.

“The good news is that adults with cognitive challenges are much more capable of living away from home than many parents realize,” said Brian Haddock, director of The Ranch. “Time and again, we see adult children move from their family home to The Ranch and begin to develop new skills, new interests and new friends—all to the great surprise and delight of their families.”

The combination of the enhanced level of supervision provided at The Ranch, along with a wide range of training opportunities, creates a college-like experience.

“Dormitory living at The Ranch

is an ideal way to allow a loved one with special needs learn to fly on their own,” said Haddock. Ranch residents learn within a safe, structured environment, yet they still have the same social and training opportunities provided to all residents.

“Some adults may live at The Ranch on a permanent basis because it provides the level of supervision, support and interaction that they require,” said Will Hoermann, director of admissions.

For others, The Ranch can be a great starting point to sharpen social skills, laundry/housekeeping skills, personal hygiene skills and more. It provides a chance to venture out and transition into adulthood.”

“The Ranch offers many advantages for adults leaving home for the first time,” said Haddock, “and parents should definitely take a look at what we have to offer.”

# MICHAEL'S WINGS

George and Barbara Taylor had looked at several different care alternatives by the time their son, Michael, decided on The Ranch. Inattentive staff, lackluster living conditions, and boredom among the resident populations encouraged them to keep looking.

When Michael graduated from high school in 2002, they visited Marbridge and decided "this is IT!" A move to Minnesota kept them from making the commitment at that time, but in August, 2009, Michael began a life of his own at The Ranch's Cox Cottage.

Cox Cottage offers an in-between step for residents whose independent living skills exceed the starting levels found among residents living in the dorms, yet don't reach the level of residents living in The Village semi-independent cottages.

"We really like the three different levels of care at Marbridge," said Mrs. Taylor. "We especially like the fact that there's

always someone around to help."

"Michael has made great improvements in his daily living skills. He's also opened up a lot more, talking and interacting with others," said his resident trainer, April Smith.

"Since moving to Marbridge, he's always positive," said Mrs. Taylor. "He loves his job and his boss, Coach Shelley, and we've seen a big difference in his appetite—he will eat a wider variety of foods now."

As Michael settled into his new life at Marbridge, his parents began to relax.

"When we took him back after his first visit home, he skipped off and had to be called back and reminded to say good-bye!" said Mrs. Taylor. "I expected to cry my eyes out, but when I got into the car, I remember breathing a sigh of relief. Marbridge is the best, and that's why Michael is there."

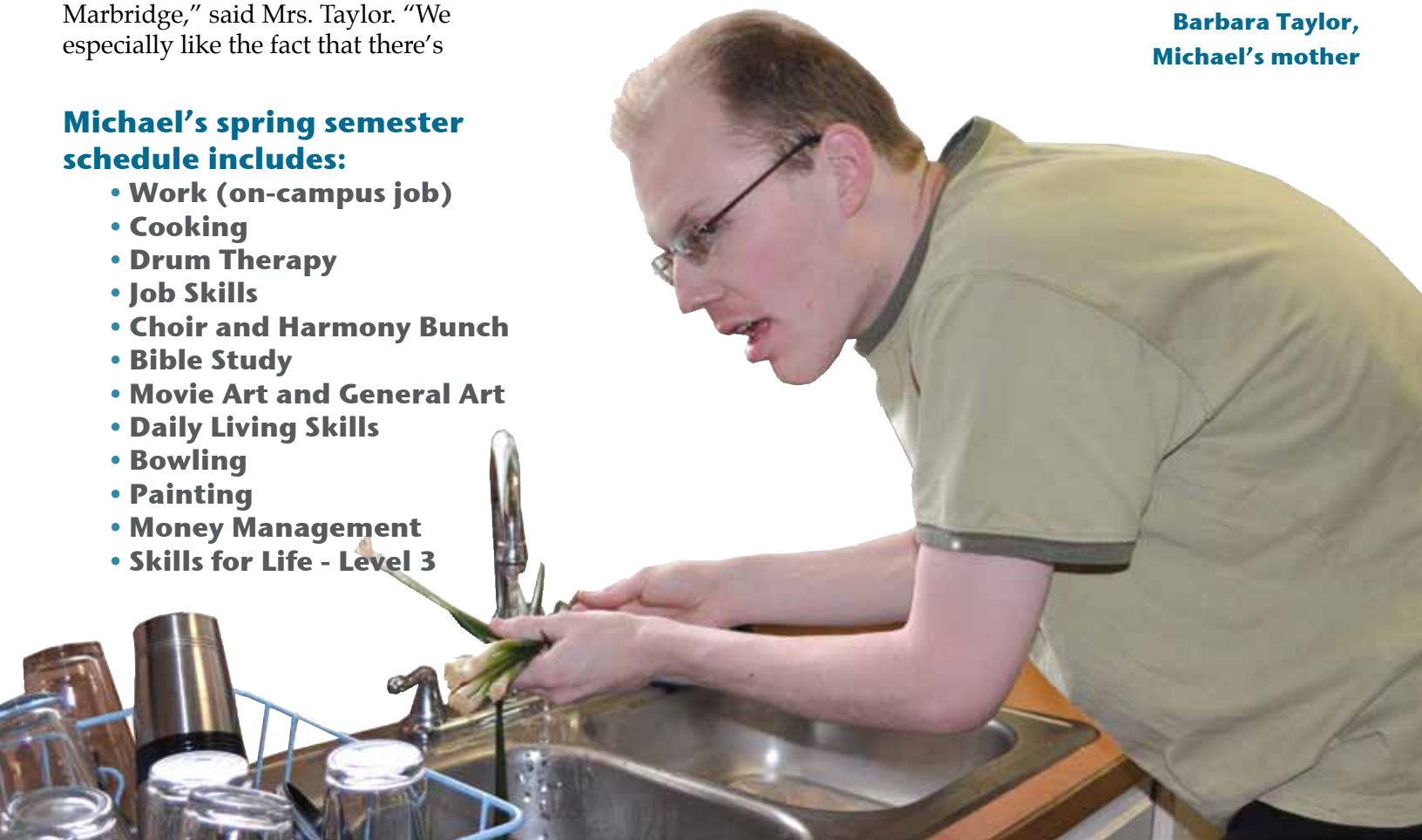


**Because the staff is very cognizant of any changes and are well aware of his needs, the transition has been really smooth, and any problems or hiccups have been solved in a timely manner. I feel like whatever he needs, they'll work to get it for him. They've gone the extra mile for Michael.**

**Barbara Taylor,  
Michael's mother**

## Michael's spring semester schedule includes:

- **Work (on-campus job)**
- **Cooking**
- **Drum Therapy**
- **Job Skills**
- **Choir and Harmony Bunch**
- **Bible Study**
- **Movie Art and General Art**
- **Daily Living Skills**
- **Bowling**
- **Painting**
- **Money Management**
- **Skills for Life - Level 3**



# KRISTEN'S WINGS



**I like going to all my classes, and I like the greenhouse where I get to do gardening.**

**I like to work on email and email my parents and tell them what's up. I like my job in the Winters Dorm bussing tables.**

**Kristen Carswell**

"We are humbled by the niceness of Texans," said Linnea Carswell, as she summed up her family's experience in finding Marbridge. She and her husband, Courtney, said the thing that struck them most on their first visit was the kindness of the staff at Marbridge.

"I would encourage other parents to consider that others are fully capable of taking care of your special needs loved one. You can allow other people to love your child. We are not the only ones that can love them," she said.

For the Carswells, this statement represents a seismic shift in attitude. Before finding Marbridge, the couple had plans to build a house for Kristen and hire a caretaker. Kristen worked in the family's business and that kept her busy. But she didn't have a social life. She had acquaintances at work, but did not belong to a social group.

Finding Marbridge opened her parents' eyes to new possibilities.

"Our attitudes changed from 'sending her away' to 'offering her new opportunities.'  
"We are pleased,

really pleased, that the transition to The Ranch has gone as well as it has," said Mrs. Carswell. "Kristen has accomplished many things we wanted for her—making friends; learning to live independent of us; and establishing her own life."

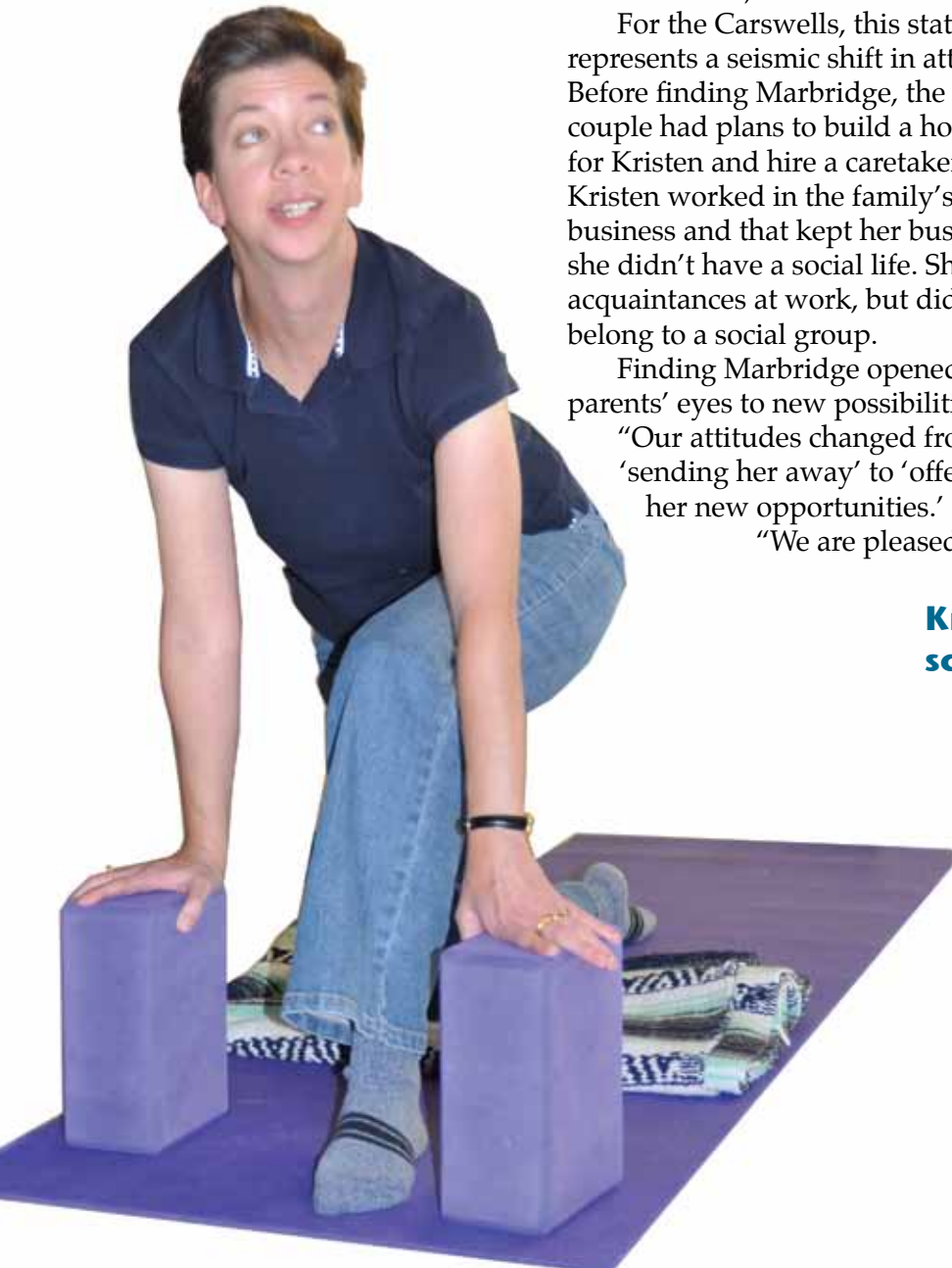


**The process of leaving home is the same as other children leaving. Usually they call home a lot at first, and as they have more going on, they call less. The conversations change, too. They begin to talk of things that are going on in their new life, rather than home. Kristen's transition was complete when she began referring to Marbridge as home.**

**Linnea Carswell,  
Kristen's mother**

## **Kristen's spring semester schedule includes:**

- Work (on-campus job)
- Ceramics
- Movie Art & Animal Planet
- Job Skills
- Choir
- Yoga
- Skills for Life Level 2
- Horticulture Therapy
- Email & Letter Writing Skills
- Daily Living Skills
- Group Therapy
- Bowling
- Academic Skills Improvement
- Ladies Hygiene





**“We’re so proud of him! Marbridge has enabled Cody to do things for himself and pursue his own destiny.”**

**Judie Gustafson,  
Cody’s mother**



When Paul and Judie Gustafson lived in Austin from 1984 to 1995, their house was down the road from Marbridge.

“I had driven by, but never visited,” said Mrs. Gustafson. Now she wishes she had.

The couple’s interest in Marbridge was re-kindled when friends—the Fischer family—moved their son, David, to The Ranch in April, 2009. Cody moved to The Ranch five months later.

“I wish we’d done this three years ago,” said Mrs. Gustafson. “Cody is very, very happy and very pleased with himself.”

Cody has good reasons to be pleased. Initially, he moved into the Winters Dorm. At the time, he needed assistance with laundry and personal chores, like room cleaning. Under Daily Living Skills training, Cody progressed rapidly, and in December, Ranch Director Brian Haddock recommended Cody move to Cox Cottage, The Ranch’s transitional cottage. Here he can develop additional skills that can qualify him for living in the semi-independent cottages at The Village.

Cody has also made progress in other areas. He has a job now on the landscaping crew and works five days a week. He plays basketball two days each week and is making healthier choices in both food and lifestyle. As a result, he has dropped 25 pounds since August.

“I think being with peers and having a schedule has inspired him to do the best he can,” said Mrs. Gustafson.

“He’s improved in his grooming and shaving and now takes pride in his appearance. Marbridge has given Cody a chance to be a leader. He hasn’t had many chances in his life to be a leader.”

**Cody’s spring semester schedule includes:**

- **Work (on-campus job)**
- **Drama**
- **Cardio Training**
- **Academic Skills Improvement**
- **Job Skills**
- **Cooking**
- **Bowling & Basketball**
- **Skills for Life—Level 2**
- **Men’s Health & Hygiene**

**Welcome New Ranch Residents!**

**They’re beginning the transition to A Whole New Life!**



**David Behrman** moved into the Senior Dorm on the Ranch in November. He loves sports, bowling, swimming, miniature golf, taking walks and making new friends. We also welcome his father, Mr. David Behrman, to the Villa.



**Barrett Minor** moved to the Ranch after graduating from high school in Monroe, LA. Barrett enjoys art, television, basketball, fishing and bowling.



**Kyle Gaeta** moved to the Ranch in October. He graduated from Notre Dame School in Dallas in 2008. He enjoys swimming, watching

movies, riding his bike and bowling. His goals at Marbridge include playing basketball and learning to ride horses. Kyle also loves to attend church and sing in the choir.



**Daniel Stevenson** moved into the Ranch in January. He is a former summer camper and enjoys watching sports, listening

to music, fishing, bowling, and traveling with his family. He was a member of his Highland Park High School (Dallas) junior varsity swim team and received job skills training at Walnut Place, a nursing home in the Dallas area.

# Transformation



*Steve Larson, director of The Villa, stands in the living room of the Bridges Home.*

**Renovations to the Bridges Home will provide a new model of care in a home-like environment**

Marbridge took a giant leap into the future of nursing home care in February when it began a \$386,000 project to turn the Bridges Home into a facility that embraces a bold new concept in elder care. By June, renovations will turn the residence into a six-bed nursing and rehabilitation facility inspired by the Green House Concept.

By 2050, one in five people in the U.S. will be 65 years or older. If these persons need nursing home care, attitude studies show they want care that is clearly different than what is provided today. The Green House Concept was developed by William Thomas, MD, to provide a home-like alternative to institutional nursing homes with the intention of improving the quality of life for residents. Green Houses are ideally designed for seven to ten people and incorporate rooms typical in homes.

"Increasingly, the elderly want to remain residing in a home-like atmosphere that allows them to

make decisions they are accustomed to—including when to get up, when to eat, when to bathe and when to go to bed," said Steve Larson, director of The Villa, Marbridge's skilled nursing and rehabilitative center.

"Various providers, consumers and advocates believe that cultural transformation is needed to give these individuals what they want."

When Marbridge founders Ed and Marge Bridges built the 3,200 square foot residence that abuts The Villa, they intended it to one day be converted into a care facility. The one-level home was remodeled in 2007 and features three bedrooms, a chef's kitchen, an indoor swimming pool and a spacious, three-car garage.

"There's an obvious need for an expansion of nursing home beds in the southwest Austin area, and with our capacity averaging 100 percent, it's been difficult to meet those needs because we are always full,"

said Larson.

That makes now the right time to complete the transformation of the Bridges Home into a home-like care facility.

"It will be an upscale, transitional rehab facility where we will be able to meet patients' therapy needs and enable them to return to their own homes," said Larson.

The kitchen and laundry rooms will provide occupational therapy settings and the three-car garage will be transformed into a 1,200-square-foot rehab room, which will triple the amount of space currently available for rehab at The Villa.

"We expect demand for this facility and the rehab services to be very high," said Larson. "It should remain at 100 percent occupancy all the time."

## Hippo therapy brings new meaning to

# RIDING INTO THE SUNSET



The Villa at Marbridge offers a comprehensive range of occupational and physical therapy, and now hippo (meaning *horse*) therapy has been added to help residents increase balance, core strength and muscle tone.

“The horse differs from any other therapy because of the sideways movement,” said Jennifer Micyk, director of MBS Rehab Services, a therapy service provider for The Villa. Micyk and Melisa Arnette, another MBS therapist, are both certified in hippo therapy.

In January, they started resident John Goodman on a regimen of hippo therapy.

“It’s a wonderful program,” he said, as he was being helped onto his horse.

“The residents get very excited about hippo therapy,” said Donna Davis, director of nursing at The Villa. “Many have never been on a horse.”

Residents in therapy typically combine gym-based therapy with the hippo therapy until they reach a set goal. Results are generally positive.

“No other therapy can mimic a horse,” said Micyk.

*Attendants keep a close hold on resident John Goodman during a recent hippo therapy session. John’s gait had been growing weak, so a regimen of hippo therapy was prescribed to help him build strength and improve his balance.*



**Hippo therapy may be combined with other therapies offered at The Villa. Rehabilitation services help ensure well being and are available to all Marbridge residents.**

### ACTIVITIES of DAILY LIVING

**Goal:** To train to maximize functional independence with activities of daily living (dressing, grooming, toileting, bathing and home-community management skills).

### APHASIA/COGNITIVE

**Goal:** To reduce frustration by facilitating comprehension and addressing communication needs and improving socialization.

### BED MOBILITY

**Goal:** To decrease dependence on caregiver, assist with personal care and increase ability to reposition self to relieve pressure.

### DYSPHAGIA

**Goal:** To improve quality of life by identifying appropriate diet consistency for safe eating, strengthening swallow mechanism and decreasing the potential for aspiration.

### GAIT TRAINING

**Goal:** To achieve safe ambulation throughout the facility and/or home and community as appropriate.

### REHAB DINING

**Goal:** To increase patients’ self-feeding independence using adaptive equipment/techniques while working with trained staff.

### RESTORATIVE PROGRAM

The Restorative Program allows for weekly monitoring of residents by the restorative and therapy staff after discharge from skilled therapy.

### RESTRAINT REDUCTION & WHEELCHAIR POSITIONING

**Goal:** To improve safety of residents by using the most effective, least restrictive restraint; increase sitting tolerance and reduce risk for skin breakdown.

### SPLINTING/CONTRACTURE MANAGEMENT

**Goal:** To prevent contractures, preserve skin integrity, joint protection and range of motion of joints for hygiene.

### LEISURE GROUP

**Goal:** To engage residents who are unable to participate in established leisure activities.

## Mr. Birthday— John Paul Gough



Staff members at Marbridge may not be able to count on friends or loved ones to remember their birthday, but they know that resident John Paul Gough will not forget. A few days before each staff members' birthday, John Paul faithfully delivers a birthday card, signed many times over, that tells that person, "Happy Birthday!" from John Paul.

"It's a special treat that we all look forward to receiving," said Mary Jane Powers, Ranch assistant director.



Mary Jane Powers, Ranch assistant director, is delighted to be the latest staff member to receive a card from John Paul in honor of her birthday.

## Despite the downturn in the economy, 2009 was a great year for resident employment.

Many new residents are enjoying campus jobs—a first-time job experience for most of them. Ten residents succeeded in landing jobs in the competitive community workplace, and we are very proud of them!

Marbridge is always looking for new opportunities and new business partners within the Austin employment marketplace. For more information, please contact Claire Ripoll, our employment coordinator, at 512-282-1144, ext. 1059, or [cripoll@marbridge.org](mailto:cripoll@marbridge.org).

### New Hires - On Campus



**Matt Jachimczyk** began working in food prep in the Ranch dietary department in October.



**Kevin Vogt** took a position as busser in the Village dietary department in November.



**Kevin McCutchon** is now working at the Villa as a grocery stocker.



**Michael Taylor** is pleased to be employed as a housekeeper in the Ranch gym.



**Mark Hennelly** was hired as a busser in the Ranch dietary department.



**Daniel Stevenson** is working as a laundry aide.



**Sarah Shepherd** is a volunteer worker at Menchaca Elementary School as a lunch room aide and office assistant. They love having her help.

### New Hires - Off Campus

### On the Move



**John Hunter** and **Cody Gustafson** transferred from the Ranch dietary department to the landscape crew.



**Ronnie Farrell** moved from the Village to the Villa dietary department. **Ben Martin** moved from Village dishwasher to busser.



## Recognitions



**Gregg Long** celebrated his retirement in January with a party organized by staff. He began working for Marbridge in 1968 when he moved here and has helped in many areas, including the old dairy operation. Over the years, Gregg has done farm work, hauled hay, assisted in constructing fences and buildings and mowed grass. He said his least favorite job in all those years was “slopping the hogs.” He has been a valued employee of Marbridge and is looking forward to taking a more leisurely pace in his retirement. However, Gregg still plans to be on the equestrian team. Congratulations, Gregg!



**Jordan Bell** and **Robert Ackerman** were honored in December for their two years of service at Barton Creek Country Club. Good job, guys!

**Frank Richardson** and **Ken Holfus** recently celebrated their 6th Anniversary at Austin Task, Inc. Way to go!



**Kristen Carswell** takes pride in her work and is a great employee in the Ranch dietary department. The staff there love having her on board. Nice job!



**Obi Ebode** is now working as a laundry aide, and his supervisor, Johnny Trevino, says he is a star employee! Very impressive!



**Alex Cohen** has been working for HEB grocery store for two years now. Her supervisor says she is an outstanding employee and customers love to see her in the store. Wow!



**Michael Monaco** is doing an excellent job as a dishwasher for the Village dining room. Keep up the good work, Michael!



**Jaime Reyes** is a reliable employee and went above and beyond during the Christmas holidays to help out. Thanks, Jaime!

## Project SEARCH Update

**Brooke Duren** started off her first internship rotation with a bang. She was matched with a position in Food Services



at Seton Medical Center Austin and did an amazing job. During her rotation, she began by prepping the silverware and lining patient trays, but quickly moved to the patient food line. On the food line, she was responsible for checking order tickets, determining the required diet of the patient, and matching the correct drink with the meal. This required quick thinking and a fast pace, which turned out to be no problem for Brooke. She was a great contributor to the Food Services team, and we look forward to seeing what she can do in her next rotation.



**Bryan Barnett** had the opportunity to test out a new department for his first internship rotation. He was matched

with a position in the Telemetry department of Seton Medical Center Austin. His daily tasks included checking both occupied and unoccupied patient rooms for properly functioning equipment, changing out sharps boxes on the floor and supplying items like blood pressure cuffs to the rooms. In all, Bryan was responsible for the equipment in 64 patient rooms, and he performed his tasks with a high level of efficiency and thoroughness. Supervisors on the floor remarked that Bryan’s time there was the best their floor had functioned in their memory! Way to go, Bryan!

# 2009

## Volunteer Recognition & Appreciation

Many thanks to all our individual and family volunteers! You make a difference!

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**Individuals and entire families help by coaching our Special Olympics athletes, serving as one-on-one mentors, assisting with shopping trips and helping care for the horses in our Equine Therapy Program. In total, volunteers donated 13,500 hours of service to Marbridge residents in 2009, greatly enriching their lives in countless ways.**



### Thank you!

# Current Volunteer Opportunities

## Greenhouse Care

### Ideal Time Commitment:

Weekly: Tues., Wed. or Thurs.

### Area of Involvement:

Horticultural Therapy Center

**Role:** We are in need of assistance with weeding and general care for plants in our main greenhouse.

## Grocery Shopping & Cooking Mentor

### Ideal Time Commitment:

Weekly: Thursday afternoons

### Area of Involvement:

The Village  
**Role:** Many of our Village residents cook their own meals. Volunteers are needed to assist them at the grocery store once a week and help them with meal planning and learning new recipes.

## Personal Mentor

### Ideal Time Commitment:

8 to 10 hours per month

### Area of Involvement:

Campus-wide  
**Role:** Mentors work with one resident and commit to spending time each week or every other week with the resident to act as a positive role model. Volunteer mentors may assist with fun town trips to movies, restaurants, shopping, sport events and other leisure activities.

## Equine Assistance

### Ideal Commitment:

Mon. 8:30am & 10am

Tues. 1pm

Wed 10am

### Area of Involvement:

Equine Therapy at the stables

**Role:** If you enjoy working with horses and don't mind getting dirty, please come out to help with our growing equine therapy program. Guide our residents as they learn the basics of horsemanship through proper grooming and riding.

## Friday Afternoon Group Activities:

### Ideal Commitment:

One Friday of each month

**Role:** We are looking for volunteer groups to host a monthly activity on our campus between 1 and 4pm.

Anything from seasonal crafts to group games would be a great addition to our weekend schedule. Give us a call if you might be interested. All ideas are welcome!

## Group volunteers help in many ways!



### St. Michael's Catholic Academy

More than 100 students volunteer a full morning of service twice during their senior year, completing 15 different projects in 2009 alone. On a typical visit, students remove six garbage bags full of weeds, wash four shuttle buses, assemble 240 gift bags, clean and dust 24 workout machines and help 30 Villa residents practice their balloon volleyball skills.

### Marbridge Parents & Family Association

The MPFA members organized a variety of activities during semester breaks in 2009, which provides vital planning time for staff and instructors. A MPFA-sponsored bingo event attracted 34 residents, each of whom won a prize. A rousing game of MPFA-sponsored kickball gave 22 residents an opportunity to exercise and hone their athletic skills.



### Chapel concerts by various groups

Residents flock to the chapel when special guests arrive! In 2009, a variety of groups performed 17 different concerts, representing nine distinct musical styles! Professional musicians graciously donate their time and talents to enrich the lives of our residents.

### Capitol Area Games for Life

Volunteers from Hays High School, Akins High School and Manchaca Baptist Church's "Girls Interact" group provide invaluable assistance, enabling Villa residents to participate for the 9th year by meeting the required 1:1 ratio of helper-to-resident. Our resident participants, the oldest of whom was 91 and the youngest 21, brought home 30 medals!



## Many thanks to all our group volunteers!

**Volunteer groups brought joy and laughter through special events, entertainment and visits. They also helped by completing many important service projects!**

National Charity League  
Akins High School Interact  
Dripping Springs NHS  
Rockin' Chairettes  
HSTE Hays High School  
St. Michael's School Seniors  
St. Theresa's School 8th Graders  
Hays County ISD Life Skills  
Texas Wranglers  
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Buda Elementary 3rd Graders  
Austin Area Home Schoolers  
Bowie HS Theatre  
Oak Leaves  
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Iron Cactus  
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Come Drum for Fun  
St. Catherine of Siena Church

2009

# Donor Recognition & Appreciation

Your gifts make a difference  
in the lives of Marbridge residents!

## Memorials

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Marbridge Parents & Families Association

The Marbridge Parent and Family Association (MPFA) begins the year with a new slate of officers: Peter Hubbell, president; Donna MacKinney, vice-president; Suzanne Leyden, secretary; Lana Levins, treasurer; and a dedicated group of volunteers. Our work begins with the directory of residents and family after we have completed our membership drive. The residents love the idea of having their picture and friends in a directory in what some refer to as the "Yearbook." New MPFA member's residents will be added along with updated parent information. We will be mailing membership applications with the March tuition statements. Please update those email addresses since this is the fastest way to keep in touch. If you do not use email, we will continue to use regular mail.

Many of our members live out of the area and are unable to volunteer on campus, but your support allows us to publish the "Yearbook" and sponsor spring and fall break activities, the Picture Frame program, Fall Fest, Christmas costumes and AV upgrades and participate in annual Open House. We have many other exciting activities planned and need your continued support.

We hold local meetings on the Marbridge campus and you are invited to join us. We will post our scheduled meeting dates and encourage you to meet with us when your schedule permits.

Peter Hubbell  
President, MPFA

Congratulations  
to our newest

# PREMIER EMPLOYEES



*Christine Ash, far right, was recognized as the Premier Employee of 2009. Presenting the award, from left: Scott McAvoy, vice president of operations; James Stacey, president; and Sally Fletcher, director of The Village. Christine received a \$250 check for her distinguished job performance and work ethic.*

## PREMIER EMPLOYEE OF 2009

### Christine Ash, resident trainer, The Village

Christine was recognized as a Premier Employee in June, and was chosen as the Premier Employee of 2009 at the annual Christmas Program in December. Christine has made a positive impact on The Village through her attentiveness, compassion and resourcefulness with our residents. She is always resident-focused and initiates and completes her work based on what would be in the best interest of the residents. She provides ideas and suggestions for improving our procedures and systems, and shows great talent in many areas, from computers to sewing. Christine is always pitching in outside of her job description, and she has become an integral part of The Village team.



### Felix Sibrian, grounds keeper, Facilities

Felix is one of the landscape crew's most dependable employees and can be counted on whenever and wherever needed. He takes great initiative in his work to make sure that the landscaping always looks great. His care and thoroughness are evident in every project he takes on, and he consistently goes above and beyond what is asked of him. Moreover, Felix brings a positive attitude to his work, making it a joy to work with someone who is so humble and who displays a genuinely gracious attitude. His outlook is contagious, and he always has a smile for both residents and staff.



### Nancy McBride, housekeeper, The Ranch

Nancy works tirelessly her entire shift and rarely takes time off. She demonstrates great flexibility as she calmly attends to clean-ups that require immediate attention. She has a great understanding of the importance of her role in providing services for residents that they are unable to complete themselves. Nancy is also a team player who substitutes in laundry when needed. She is truly one of the many unsung heroes of Marbridge, toiling away to ensure that our residents live in a clean and sanitary environment.



### Shelley Trader, resident trainer, The Ranch

Shelley's considerable background experience and talents make her a detail-oriented perfectionist who can handle a project from start to finish. She has taken the lead to routinely set up extra activities with residents who do not participate in sports, making sure they are engaged and active in a variety of options. Shelley is a team player who routinely volunteers to help out coworkers by filling shifts for requested time off. Moreover, she will usually volunteer without being asked. Shelley brings initiative, competency and dependability to her job, all highly commendable character traits that make her a Premier Employee.



### Claire Odom, worksite leader, Training & Education

As a worksite leader for Project SEARCH, Claire has displayed outstanding professionalism and the utmost commitment to assisting residents in their intern training at Seton Hospital. She is dependable and has shown great initiative in taking on new projects, including the research of grants that may provide potential funding for the program. Claire also has substituted for instructors on campus. Her determination is remarkable, and she demonstrates daily that she has great faith in the residents and their individual abilities, talents and skills. Claire is a tremendous role model and an outstanding representative for Marbridge.

## Premier Employees, continued



**Donna Davis, director of nursing, The Villa**

Donna is very compassionate in providing care and visiting with residents. She is often seen visiting with them in her office and demonstrates good skills in building a rapport with each one. Donna is dependable and loyal and works diligently, often taking on tedious and difficult jobs with no complaints. Her work ethic is commendable, as Donna always demonstrates enthusiasm toward whatever duty she tackles. Donna is also thorough in her responsibilities and can be counted on to always do the right thing when it comes to delivering quality care and quality of life to our residents.



**Stacie Morgan, resident trainer/driver, The Village**

Stacie is punctual, loyal and patient. She goes above and beyond for all the residents and does not hesitate to provide one-on-one retraining or assistance with goal-specific areas on a daily basis. She is accessible and willing to complete any task she is asked to tackle, though often she has already demonstrated her incredible initiative and gets things done before they are even requested. Stacie sets a great example for other staff and has assisted in training many new staff. She is a vital asset to our first shift crew—her pleasant attitude and light-hearted approach sets her apart.



**Rosa Ethridge, certified nurse aide, The Villa**

Rosa demonstrates gentleness and attentiveness when providing care to our residents. She is always patient and respectful when addressing each resident's needs. Rosa is an employee who demonstrates a sincere caring heart for each resident.



**Reagan Taylor, resident trainer/driver, The Village**

Reagan has been a positive addition to our weekend team at The Village. She is attentive and compassionate toward our residents' needs, and she is also flexible and resourceful in the creative ways she keeps residents active throughout the weekend. Reagan has utilized the many artistic and musical activities and events offered in Austin to expose residents to group community outings in a way that many residents would not otherwise be willing or able to do. Her work for our residents and our team has been invaluable.

## THREE STAFF MEMBERS MARK 5 YEARS OF SERVICE



**Steve Larson**  
Director  
The Villa

Steve has used his extensive experience and education in nursing home administration to improve daily operations at the Villa and maintain an average capacity of 100%, which contributes greatly to the financial health of Marbridge. He has built an excellent team at the Villa and has set a standard for both professional and compassionate care of the residents. Steve recently completed a master's degree in Healthcare Administration. His passion for eldercare and his administrative skills make him a tremendous asset to Marbridge.



**Susan Hallam**  
Certified Dietary Manager  
Certified Food Protection  
Professional  
The Villa

Susan was hired as the food service supervisor and, in an effort to increase her knowledge and skills, she earned her Certified Dietary Manager/Certified Food Protection Professional licenses. Susan works closely with our dietician and the interdisciplinary care plan team to ensure the Villa residents receive high quality meals. She also coordinates and helps plan menus and generates the production sheets and recipe books for the entire campus. Susan was recognized as a Premier Employee in 2007.



**Hector Gonzalez**  
Certified Nurse Aide  
The Villa

Hector has been a consistently reliable team member. He is well liked by all his co-workers and managers. His easy-going personality and consistent willingness to help when asked have made him a favorite of many. Hector has an excellent rapport with all of the residents as well. He takes great pride in improving their quality of life on a daily basis.



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Resident Obie Ebede learns how  
to email his family in the U.S. and Nigeria.

Marbridge provides a safe, loving community where adult residents with cognitive challenges can achieve their full potential through *Abilities Centered Training* with the opportunity for lifetime care. Marbridge provides a broad spectrum of services designed to meet each individual's specific needs through three distinct communities—The Village, the Ranch and the Villa—each providing a different level of lifestyle support, guidance and supervision.

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