



## HELP SENIORS PROGRAM OPENS

HELP Seniors Program consumer Martha M. is an active, engaging woman who has worked in hotels and restaurants, loves music and her cat "Lisa" and has a smile for anyone. Martha, like many HELP consumers who have reached a certain age, wanted to retire from working and enjoy a change of pace and the companionship of her peers.

The HELP Seniors Program is designed for exactly that purpose. Opened on January 2nd, the HELP Seniors Program provides daytime support based on the needs and preferences of older adults who have developmental disabilities. The community based activities and outings are just the thing for seniors like Martha who are looking for a small, active group of friends in a club-like setting. Located in the beautiful Lakefront Community Center in Euclid, this new program was made possible with HELP's selection by the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) to assume operation of their existing Euclid Seniors Program.

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*Martha M. shared her infectious happiness with everyone at the HELP Adult Day Program St. Patrick's Day Party!*

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HELP Foundation empowers individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through residential, day support, vocational, and summer education programs to choose services and opportunities as respected and valued members of the community.

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S *Report*



Daniel J. Rice  
*Executive Director*

HELP Foundation's year has gotten off to a great start! I'd like to mention right off the bat that March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and we are all so grateful for your awareness and support for the children and adults that we are truly honored to serve!

Thanks to the hard work of our staff, I am very proud to share with you that on the first business day of 2013 the new HELP Seniors Program opened to serve 23 senior citizens who have developmental disabilities. We were very grateful to have been chosen by our partners at the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) to assume operation of the program which they had begun some years before. This is the lead story of this issue, so I won't go into detail about this excellent program here, please take the time to read about it!

I'm going to back up just a bit to look at the end of 2012 so that I can recall with fondness last year's HELP Holiday Party, an event I cherish and look forward to each December. If you have come to one of these annual events you know how much fun is had by our consumers and the entire HELP family, what a party!

Coming back to 2013 we had another great party on March 2nd with the first ever HELP Night at the Races event! Our 200 guests enjoyed food, refreshments, raffle prizes, and the thrill of wagering on horse races all to raise \$10,000 to support our mission! Thank you to all of you who came out for the event and made it all possible, we're considering making this an annual event, so stay tuned!

Please mark your calendar for the 2013 Annual Meeting scheduled for May 30th at the HELP Adult Day Program in Euclid. This year we are very pleased to have CCBDD Superintendent Kelly Connor Petty as our guest speaker. We will also be featuring tours of our Day Program as well as shuttle service to tour the nearby Seniors Program before and after the meeting.

Also, if you're a golfer you'll be pleased to know that the 2013 HELP Golf Outing is Monday, August 26th at the beautiful Elyria Country Club! This is a rare chance to play a premier private course – a quick trip down 480 from Cleveland. Information on registration is coming soon!

Thank you again for your continued friendship and support of the people we are honored to serve; your contributions and compassion make a very real difference in their lives!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. Rice".

Daniel J. Rice  
*Executive Director*

# HELP NIGHT AT THE RACES FUNDRAISER!

On Saturday March 2nd, 200 guests enjoyed dinner, drinks, wagering and fun at the first HELP Night at the Races event! We've never done an event like this before and it was a great success, raising \$10,000 to support the work we do. Thanks to everyone who attended and especially our generous sponsors and donors for making this all possible. We're already being asked if this will become an annual event. Keep an eye out for more information on that!



Raffle baskets, sideboards, and betting on the races, so many ways that our guests went home winners!



HELP Day Program consumers created thank you cards for each of our guests with a horse racing theme.



HELP Trustee and event Co-Chair Heather Stakich presents Lorenzo and Amber with their winnings from the evening's grand finale: the "Auction Race!"

Thanks to our Night at the Races Sponsors!



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# HELP Holiday Party 2012!

ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER FABULOUS PARTY!  
DANCING, DINNER, HOLIDAY CHEER, AND  
GREAT TIMES WITH NEW FRIENDS AND OLD!



## LEROY NEIMAN ART PRINT RAFFLE!

Mike and Nicki Cancelliere have donated two beautiful LeRoy Neiman prints to support HELP's mission through a raffle!

The winning ticket will be drawn at this year's HELP Golf Outing held at the scenic Elyria Country Club on August 26th. Winners need not be present at time of drawing.

See these gorgeous, signed, gallery framed prints and purchase tickets by visiting our website [www.helpfoundationinc.org](http://www.helpfoundationinc.org) or call 216.432.4810 x329.



*Sean was overjoyed to have a new football from Santa!*



*Yvez visited with Santa sharing his hopes for a good year.*

## Nottingham Santa Visit!

As they have for many years, our dear friends at the Eaton Family Credit Union visited the Nottingham Home to celebrate Christmas with dinner and fellowship. Santa Claus was the surprise guest of the event, bringing presents and great joy for everyone!

## WALTER ZBOROWSKY PRESENTED LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

In a heartfelt ceremony Walter Zborowsky, HELP's Executive Director Emeritus, was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Association of Social Workers Ohio Chapter. This award recognizes Walter's lifetime of compassionate care and passionate leadership for the rights of people who have developmental disabilities.



## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARTY AT HELP ADULT DAY PROGRAM!

The HELP Adult Day Program and the new HELP Seniors Program celebrated Saint Patrick's Day a little early on Friday March 15th! Consumers, staff, friends, and guests enjoyed a wonderful lunch of home-cooked corned beef and cabbage with all the trimmings, as well as green ginger ale! Irish music and dancing followed in the festive atmosphere enhanced with decorations for the holiday made by program participants.



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# HELP U SHRED WINS EUCLID BLUESTONE AWARD!

HELP U Shred, the HELP Foundation vocational training program, won the prestigious Bluestone Award from the Euclid Chamber of Commerce as Organization of the Year! Presented at the Euclid Chamber's Taste of Euclid event the award recognizes HELP U Shred's contributions to the community and commitment to providing quality service to customers, and the women and men who are learning important workplace skills and behaviors.



*Tami Honkala, Chief Program Officer, and Rohn Hess, Day Support Director, were presented with the Bluestone Award by the Euclid Chamber of Commerce and Euclid City Officials.*



## HELP Seniors Program Opens *continued from page 1*

Martha and the other older adults who participate in the Seniors Program enjoy a wide range of activities in the center and out in the community. Being located in the same building as the Euclid Senior Center provides our clients with many opportunities to participate in shared programming and events. Just as all HELP daytime programs, the Seniors Program staff engages participants in enjoyable outings to local classes, restaurants, and attractions.



If you know an older person who has developmental disabilities who is looking for a different type of daytime programming, we'd love to meet them! Please contact Rohn Hess, Day Support Director, at 216.372.9117 or [rhess@helpfoundationinc.org](mailto:rhess@helpfoundationinc.org)

*Arts & Crafts are one of the many activities that encourage expression and conversation on the busy Seniors Program schedule.*



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**HELP** *Annual Meeting*

**Thursday, May 30th**  
 4:30pm – 6:00pm

Guest Speaker: Kelly Connor Petty, Superintendent & CEO, CCBDD  
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*Golf Outing*  
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