

A FORMAL AFFAIR



Josh Lindsey helps Betsy Bailets with her corsage.



(left to right) Betsy Bailets, Josh Lindsey, Ellen Hartman, Elizabeth Smith, Bob Kuhn, Steven Hartman, Jessica Teague pose for one of many pictures before the Spring Formal on April 19th.

April 19th was a beautiful spring day with bright sunshine and a warm breeze. The stars, however, came out that night. That evening, the residents of Sarah Kathryn's House and their special friends attended the Bell Socialization Spring Formal at St. James Lutheran in West York. This was truly an event of great magnitude for our three residents and their close friends—new dresses, shoes, corsages, makeup, special hairstyles... Our residents do live like princesses—but they don't have an opportunity like this every day! This was one of those memorable events where the participants had JOY written all across their faces. What a time they had. All that was missing were glass slippers and a pumpkin carriage.

Would you like Jessica and Friends Community to make a presentation during Sunday School, Sunday Worship or Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting? We would be pleased to present the ministry of Jessica and Friends Community and opportunities for local churches to minister to those with developmental disabilities and their families. Call 747-9000 to schedule a date and time.

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Given by:
Ruth Ann Bailets
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SAVE THE DATE

September 17, 2005
Jessica and Friends Community Fest
John Rudy Park • 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

• food, fun and fellowship • see the enclosed flyer for details

As required by the PA Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act, a copy of the official registration and financial information for Jessica and Friends Community may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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We are His Vessels...

“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us...” (2 Corinthians 4:7 KJV) Whether or not we speak in King James language—earthen vessels—or in more modern terms like the New International Version—jars of clay—God displays His incredible power through our frail bodies and human weaknesses. “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Ephesians 2:10 NIV). He has an eternal plan for each of us—a perfect plan—and He molds and shapes us throughout our life according to His plan, so that we can honor Him and be a blessing to others. This truth was taught in a marvelous way to all who attended the monthly Jessica and Friends Community Worship Service on April 8th. Rick Oldhouser taught everyone in dramatic fashion as he worked, shaped, and molded his jar of clay, thus creating a very real picture of how our Lord works with us as we journey through life. Rick is a wonderful storyteller and kept everyone in rapt attention as he explained God’s marvelous work in each of our lives. Rick’s verse for the evening, Isaiah 64:8, pulled everything together, “Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.” Afterward, worship attendees participated in several workshop opportunities that enabled them to experiment with the gifts the Lord has given to them. Activities included creative movement, sign language, molding their own pottery, and playing the drums. The monthly community worship has become a special event in the lives of those who faithfully attend. Worship, fellowship, and food—who could ask for more? The Jessica and Friends Community Worship Services will continue through the summer on June 10, July 8, and August 12. All services will be held at Trinity Life Center at 16 South Charles Street in Dallastown and begin at 7:00 PM. Please join us—we would enjoy worshipping and fellowshiping with you and your family. Directions to Trinity Life Center: (From York) Follow South Queen Street (Rt. 74 South) to Dallastown. Turn right onto Charles Street. Trinity Life Center is on the right, approximately 1 block off of South Queen Street.



Rick Oldhouser molds and shapes his masterpiece.



Rick Oldhouser uses his potter's wheel to explain how God works in our lives.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Jessica and Friends Community is a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and the Bureau of Charitable Organizations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania offering residential services, training in daily living skills, and social services to adults with developmental disabilities.

The mission of Jessica and Friends Community is to respond to the needs of those with developmental disabilities along with their families who desire a Christian program.

Jessica and Friends Community affirms the worth of each person who is developmentally disabled and strives to be a catalyst for their inclusion in the local community and local Body of Christ.

Jessica and Friends Community provides Christ-centered support and services to strengthen each and all persons while enabling them to attain their full potential.

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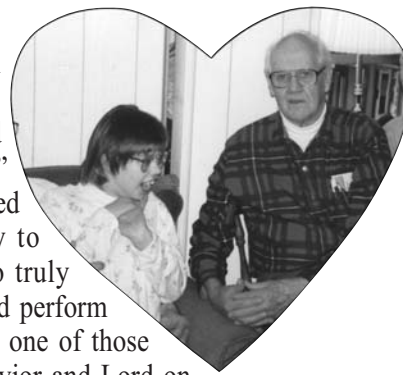
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A Chosen Vessel...

I'd like to revisit the verse from Ephesians used in the article on the front cover: "...we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do..." (Ephesians 2:10) Occasionally in life we are privileged to experience someone whom God uses mightily to enrich and bless the lives of others, someone who truly understands what it means to be God's workman and perform good works in our midst. Pastor Robert Teague was one of those special servants. Pastor Teague went home to his Savior and Lord on May 3rd. In life and in death, he displayed the grace and mercy of his precious savior to others and in so doing, introduced many to the Lord Jesus Christ. Pastor Teague ministered to residents and staff of Jessica and Friends Community in many ways, but always with a kind and gentle demeanor that exemplified Jesus Christ. Our staff recall times when he would stop by Sarah Kathryn's House to see his granddaughter Jessica, bring in the mail, or just to remind them that they are someone special. What I've learned recently is that Pastor Teague did that everywhere he went—always reminding people that they are special in God's sight—and in his. He truly saw the world (and people) through God's eyes. What an example for all of us. Jessica and Friends Community and those associated with this ministry have been truly blessed by the life and example of Pastor Teague. It is obvious that many of our friends were as well as evidenced by the outpouring of memorial gifts to Jessica and Friends Community in honor of his granddaughter Jessica and to honor his memory. Memorial Gifts have been received from the following (through May 31):

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

D.L. Moody once said, "Many of us want to do GREAT THINGS FOR THE LORD, but only a few of us want to do small things for the Lord." I know in my heart that it is those small things that ultimately add up to great things for the Lord. Initially, my office was in a small corner of the dining room in our first home located at 137 West Crestlyn Drive. Several times a week, Grandpa Teague, as many of the staff of Sarah Kathryn's House so fondly called him, would stop by with our mail. With his contagious smile, Pastor Teague always had an encouraging word and a new way to share the story of salvation and God's love with us. He touched our lives in so many ways by his small but continual gestures of love.

In the Respite & Residential Habilitation services Jessica and Friends Community provides, we also seek to touch lives in small ways. Accomplishments like learning a new skill such as sorting laundry, changing the sheets, cooking a favorite recipe, learning to make a simple purchase, following a budget, utilizing coupons, or even learning how to apply makeup are all small things. But small accomplishments like these for the individuals we serve in Residential Habilitation bring them a GREAT sense of worth and value. This is evident in their beaming faces, their victory dances and the "high fives" we receive. We have seen tremendous growth since March 2004 when we began in-home services to families and individuals. Our desire is to continue to grow; yet, continue to work closely with families and individuals with disabilities to accomplish the "small things," one person at a time. We are greatly honored to play a small part in the lives of these individuals. Father, as I plan my day, direct my steps so that I may see the small things you would have me do today. (Proverbs 16:9)



Richard & Karen Eckard learned about fire safety during a trip to the fire station with Jessica and Friends Community staff person Hope McCleaf and her husband Brian.

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INTRODUCING

Susan Kimball joined the staff of Jessica and Friends Community in April as Direct Care Support Staff and brings a true servant's heart for ministry. Susan lives in Dover, has been married to Scott for 20 years, and is blessed with 5 children and 7 grandchildren. Susan attends Stillmeadow Church of the Nazarene and leads Bible studies in her home. She has previous work experience with York Visiting Nurse Association, provides private respite care, and served as Camp Director for Grace Fellowship. She ministers to others by preparing meals and sharing the gospel with them. Susan is currently taking a biblical counseling course for women from the American Association of Christian Counselors.

Gifts of Appreciated Assets

If you would like to help Jessica and Friends Community but you are not sure where you could get the money, you may have an asset that can be contributed, and in the process, save you taxes. Here's how. If you own land, stock, mutual funds, or another asset that has appreciated since you bought it and if it were to be sold, you would have to pay capital gains tax on the increases in value, however, if it were given to Jessica and Friends Community, you would avoid paying the capital gains tax and you would receive a charitable deduction for the fair market value of the gift. Let's say the stock

was bought for \$1,000 and today it is worth \$10,000. If you sell it, you will pay capital gains on the \$9,000 of appreciation or \$1,350 (assuming a 15% capital gains tax). If this asset were gifted to Jessica and Friends Community, you not only save on the tax liability, but receive an income tax deduction for the market value. If you are in the 28% federal tax bracket, you would get a deduction of \$2,800 in our example. You can also give to Jessica and Friends Community through your will, gift annuities, and other options of planned giving. Questions? Call Ted Witman at 717-747-9000.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP UPDATE

Our next meeting is the annual Parent Support Group Picnic. We will once again meet for an afternoon of fellowship at the home of Steve and Mary Jones on Sunday, June 26th. Come and spend time with other families and friends in the pool or under the pavilion before we enjoy dinner together at approximately 5:00 PM.

Contact Paulette Teague at (717) 569-6997 or Paulette_Teague@hotmail.com with any questions regarding this great day to spend with others associated with Jessica and Friends Community.

MATCHING GIFTS

Your company may match your contribution to Jessica & Friends Community. Check with your company's human resource office to find out how to double the money you give to Jessica & Friends Community.

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