

## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SPOTLIGHT

# BON HOMIE ADULT DAY CENTER

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Bon Homie Adult Day Center enthusiastically celebrates 25 years of caring for the elderly, disabled and intellectually challenged individuals in the community. Through the years I have had the privilege to meet, care for and befriend so many special individuals and their families. When reflecting on the last 25 years many things come to mind. My relationships with the clients and their families is the most rewarding; to have the opportunity each day to make a difference in their lives is a privilege. Earning the trust of the parents is priceless.

I will never forget one of my first clients; a very large statured man, with big round, warm eyes, slightly hunched over sporting a bib, nonverbal but very expressive. At 22 years old, and armed with a newly issued degree in Long Term Care Administration, I had second thoughts about my chosen profession. Not to worry, within an hour he had won my heart. This giant was a real teddy bear. If all future clients were as friendly and social as Willie, I was confident I could succeed.

Tom was a very friendly and intelligent man. I remember all the in-depth discussions we had over the current events occurring in the world at the time. Tom was a gentleman of Irish descent who had a stroke and came to our center because his wife worked. He could talk the bark off a tree. Always upbeat and engaging he would entertain client and staff alike with his quick, witty humor, and friendly personality. He celebrated each holiday and you could always count on him to dress up for St. Patty's day and Halloween.



One of the most interesting clients we served was Mike C. Mike was a quiet man that really kept to himself. His daughter had mentioned he had an interest in working with wood and after doing some smaller creative projects, he moved on to doll house kits. Not the snap together, easy assembly variety; he tackled the all wood, unpainted, 1000+ piece by piece glue together kind. Mike would get a kit, lay everything out on his improvised workbench and go to work. Three or so months later, Mike would unveil his creation; truly works to be proud of. They were so good, all agreed to raffle them off to help offset the cost of the next doll house project Mike would tackle. Each successive house was larger and more elaborate than the predecessor.

If you drop by Bon Homie early in the morning, you will be greeted enthusiastically by Regina, a very happy, and pleasant, upbeat young woman. She has been part of our morning crew for over twenty years and knows the words to every song that comes on the radio. Regina is one of three clients that have been attending our program for over 20 years.

I would be remiss not to recognize the roll that all our employees, past and present, play in making the family function. These are special people who make it work, day after day with grace and competence. With their efforts at direct care, motivational attitudes, capacity to execute, and all-around ability to adapt to any task or situation, we have made Bon Homie, located at 470 North Lewis Road in Limerick, one of the foremost recognized Adult Day Care center in the tri-county area.

I would also like to mention the role the county offices of Aging and Behavioral Health/Developmentally Disabled play in helping us to succeed, as well as some of the supports coordination offices. No matter when or how many times I reach out to them through phone calls or email, they are always responsive and accommodating. They offer encouragement, support and direction with new requirements and mandates that are consistently coming down from the state and it has benefited Bon Homie's growth and ability to adapt and thrive.



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