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EAST PALESTINE "CORNER STORE"

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The much anticipated Corner Store opened for business on August 13, 2015. The new store is located at 110 N. Market Street in East Palestine, across from the Dollar General. The newest business enterprise in East Palestine had been closely monitored by East Palestine residents and future shoppers for several months prior to its opening. The store has great storefront visibility with two windows on North Market (the main street through downtown) and one window on Rebecca Street.

The opening followed nearly six months of remodeling of the first floor of the former LaBate building. Threshold purchased the building in 2009. The idea of creating a small department store-like business was born in December of 2014. Bennett Construction of Rogers was the contractor who worked with architect Douglas Sipp and Threshold Director Larry Duck to create the renovation plans. The store operation features re-sale of new and/or slightly used items acquired through garage sales, auctions and donations. Items for sale include small furniture, sportswear, children toys, bikes and games, household décor and housewares, tools, jewelry and crafts.

One unique feature of the store operation is that Threshold opened the store in association with the Humane Society of Columbiana County. The HSCC places items for sale on the shelves alongside the Threshold items. HSCC sale items are tagged with their own "yellow" tag and the Corner Store items are on white tags. Threshold runs all the sales through its cash register and sends HSCC a check for its sales receipts on a monthly basis. HSCC proceeds support their mission of shelter care and adoption services for homeless animals.

The store had a large crowd on its opening day on August 13th with local Chamber of Commerce officials present along with representatives from State of Ohio DD organizations and the local County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The volume of sales from the first 7 weeks of operation shows the program is a success. Customers are very pleased with the quality and variety of goods at very reasonable prices, says Patti Mesmer, Store Manager.

Executive Director Larry Duck says the real goal of the store though is to create a work setting and enterprise in which our adult clients at Threshold can be employed in a job setting where they interact with the public and not be just limited to a sheltered day program. Threshold clients work on the first floor store setting as store clerks while others work in roles including stockroom inventory, cleaning and preparing items brought in for sale as well as pickup and delivery of donations and purchases.

As we approach the Fall and Holiday season, we are looking forward to continued success of this new approach to community employment. Store hours are :

Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM



ON THE MOVE ... Threshold Clients at Home, In the Community and Traveling

What a Difference a Year Makes

Last Year at this time Larry Jenrett, and Frank and Walter Andre visited Ocean City, Maryland, and though they enjoyed themselves, that trip was rainy, cold and windy.



The three men returned again this year to enjoy **beautiful weather**. They had a great time as you can see by the pictures. Frank enjoyed the boat ride to see the horses and Walter liked the horses the best. He even purchased a jigsaw puzzle to put together as a reminder of the beautiful horses he saw.



Larry's favorite part of the trip was time spent on the beach and walking along the shore. Tom Helton joined the other guys on the trip this year and loved his hotel room view from the balcony. All four men want to return again ...it is just that lovely there!



Margaret Murphy enjoys feeding a squirrel outside her apartment in East Liverpool. She keeps a bag of peanuts in her walker just in case the squirrel is there when she is outside.



Michael Taylor pictured enjoying some outings with his direct support staff Ernest Peachy. They recently attended an East Liverpool Potters volleyball game and Men's prayer meeting at Casa d Emanuel.

Michael also enjoys the opportunity to go out to eat.

#1 Fan!

Friday, September 25, 2015 was a great day for Jeff Holtzman and one he won't soon forget ... complete with fireworks!



Early in the day, Jeff had a special invitation to attend the Beaver Local School Pep Rally where he was presented with a hat and honored as the "Beavers" #1 fan!



Later, Jeff Holtzman, nicknamed "Mad Dog", pictured here enjoyed the Beaver Local Beavers football game and fireworks concluding the days events. It doesn't get much better than this. Many thanks to everyone involved in making this a wonderful and memorable day for Jeff.

Settling In

Everett Halstead has recently moved to Threshold home 4 in Lisbon where he is settling in and enjoying an apartment space of his very own and he loves it! In fact he has been quoted as saying, it's "about time I got my own place". We are so pleased that Everett is so happy with his new setting and is tickled to welcome guests to "his place".



IMPROVEMENTS

There is always constant upkeep and maintenance involved when you own a home and it is no different with the homes of our Threshold clients. It is a full time job keeping up. Some of the more recent, bigger improvements and changes that have been made, have made life a little easier and safer.

- Home 2 in East Palestine, a ramp was added to the back of their home to assist clients when they come and go and added an element of safety as well.
- Home 4 has had a lot of work done on their homes septic system..
- Home 7 in New Waterford, there's been a lot of time and energy spent to create a new bus turn around that benefits clients and drivers as well.
- Improvements are being made to the fire escape on the second floor of the ODO workshop building.
- In addition, Threshold is in the process of buying two new much needed buses for transporting our clients to day programs , events etc...

Adult Day Services

Guilford Lake State Park Outing

All of the clients and staff from the Adult Day Services shut down on Friday August 14 and spent the day picnicking at Guilford Lake State Park.



We reserved the pavilion off of Tee-garden Road and enjoyed our day off of work. We did fun activities such as corn hole, going for walks around the lake, and group activities under the pavilion.



Everyone expressed great interest to go back and have a picnic by the lake again.

Adult Day Services



We've extended our day program by offering jobs at Threshold's Retail Corner Store. Our clients get a chance to interact and assist the public with their shopping experience.

So far, it has been a big success and has been received very well by the public. (Cover story update.)



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Threshold Car Care Detail Shop

The crew from the detail shop took a well deserved break when Supervisor, Teresa Howard took them and spent the day at the Rogers Sale. Staff split the group and off they went exploring until they all met up in the sale restaurant for a good fish dinner.

And what trip to the sale wouldn't be complete without the famous Mennonite donuts which were bought for all the guys to enjoy.

Each of the guys took spending money and bought things like movies, wallets, hats, socks and Art even bought an old radio that works well. Richard and Lundy managed to maneuver around the large crowds of people alright and everyone had a good time. Thanks Teresa.



They all said they enjoy going to the Roger Sale outing each year and are already looking forward to next years trip.