

The Rainbow Village Voice

Providing Neighborhood Homes for People with Developmental Disabilities

Winter 2011–2012

Growing In 2011

Rainbow Village has had a very busy year. In addition to purchasing and renovating five new homes since last December, allowing us to house 15 more people with developmental disabilities, Rainbow Village formed the Young Professionals Committee, organized four successful events raising over \$185,000, said goodbye to a long-time employee, and hired one new employee. We would like to thank everyone who made a difference this year and in all the years since 1967.



St. Peters



Spanish Lake



St. Louis City



Maryland Heights



Oakville

Walk Run 'n Roll for Rainbow Village



**Walk
Run 'n Roll**

For People with Developmental Disabilities

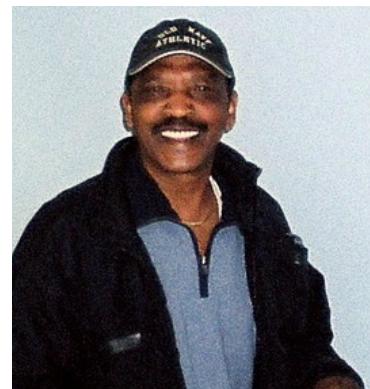
Rainbow Village and seven other local organizations with similar missions are coming together to raise awareness and money for people with developmental disabilities. The 8th annual Walk Run 'n Roll will be an amazing event and Rainbow Village would like you to join us on **Saturday, May 5, 2012**, at **Creve Coeur Park**. This fun-filled event includes activities for people of all abilities and all ages. You can show your support for individuals and families facing obstacles everyday by participating, volunteering, and/or raising money. Contact us for more information.

TOGETHER WE CAN ALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES!

Rainbow Village is looking for handy helpers to do a variety of activities to help with the upkeep our 56 homes. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jessica at 314.567.1522 ext. 209 or at jgraham@rbvstl.org.

In Memory of John Taylor

In September, the world lost John Taylor (1936–2011), a great man who provided Rainbow Village with so many years of wonderful service. Our organization would like to express the sadness we have felt since his passing. John was a friend to all and always had a smile on his face. His positive attitude and willingness to help others with anything they needed was heartwarming and made John the incredible person he was. His presence around our building is and always will be greatly missed.



Annual Rainbow Events

In April, more than 300 people attended our 15th annual dinner and auction, Somewhere Over the Rainbow, at the Saint Louis Marriott West. The event raised over \$110,000 and that money allowed Rainbow Village to expand our services in the community. Our 16th annual dinner and auction will again take place at the Marriott West on Friday, April 27, 2012.

In May, over 1,500 people attended Walk Run 'n Roll and the event raised more than \$164,000 for Rainbow Village and nine other area organizations. The 8th annual Walk Run 'n Roll for People with Developmental Disabilities will take place on Saturday, May 5, 2012, at the Tremayne Shelter in Creve Coeur Memorial Park.

In September, Chip In For Rainbow Village, our 2nd annual golf tournament, took place at WingHaven Country Club. Proceeds helped pay part of the down payment for our 55th house, giving four individuals with developmental disabilities a place to call home. Our 3rd annual golf tournament will take place on Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at WingHaven.

In October, our Young Professionals Committee (YPC) held their first fundraising event, a trivia night. Money raised allowed Rainbow Village to make renovations, including installing ramps and new flooring, to our newly purchased home in South County. Stay tuned for future YPC events.

Meet Jerry MARRS



Jerry joined Rainbow Village as Accounting/HR Manager in June of 2011. After graduating from the University of Missouri-St. Louis with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration, Jerry became a CPA in 1999. His experience includes corporate and non-profit accounting. He has worked in the non-profit sector for over 10 years and some of his time was spent at Catholic Charities of St. Louis and Beyond Housing.

When asked about his job, Jerry said, "It is great to be a part of the team at Rainbow Village. The people who work here can take satisfaction from the essential service they provide to the community. I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of this agency."

Jerry and his wife, Reggie, live in Ferguson and both are proud members of the UMSL Alumni Association. They enjoy the quiet community, the local holiday celebrations, and the farmers market.

Visit our updated website at www.rbvstl.org. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Mike Rea, Director of Development and Community Relations, at mrea@rbvstl.org or at 314.567.1522 ext. 207.