

## Happenings

March 2014

### From the Executive Director, Susan DiStefano

After working at Hosanna for 4 years, I have truly come to understand what a unique place our facility is. We serve a very specific group of individuals who have physical disabilities, but desire to live as independently as possible. The residents and their families choose Hosanna because it affords them the peace of mind to know someone is always here and available to help if needed. Additionally, we are a community of individuals who live, work and play together, so no one feels alone or isolated. In fact, we consider ourselves family. Because we are a nonprofit, families recognize we are able to provide an outstanding facility and services for an affordable price tag. Many of the residents we serve are often in transition, moving either up or down on the independent living scale. Some have been on their own, but now need a community, while others have been living at home and are now ready for more independence. The residents living here generally follow one of two paths. One, they are recovering from an accident or stroke and need time for therapy, for vocational rehabilitation training, and for developing confidence in every day living skills. After a time, they are able to move out and live independently. Two, they have been living independently, but now want to live in a community with the safety net it provides. These residents often remain here until they are no longer able to live independently within the constructs of Hosanna and move in to assisted living or nursing home facilities. The result is that we have had a positive impact on MANY lives over the years. Because we are in a constant flux, we generally have openings for new residents on a regular basis. We sometimes find it challenging to get the word out about what Hosanna is and what we do. We are currently working to educate the community about Hosanna in an effort to raise awareness of our facility and who we serve. YOU can help by spreading the word. Tell your friends, relatives or anyone who might need our services now or in the future. I am also available to come speak to your church, civic club, class, etc. to tell people about all the great things that are happening here. Help us to help those families who are struggling with the care of a disabled loved-one. We are here, we want to help, so help us get the word out!

Thanks to our neighborhood Hixson businesses: Left- residents have a great time at the **Popcorn Pantry**. Right- **Formosa Restaurant** helps us celebrate Chinese New Year with delicious food!



**Independent, and on the GO!!**



We asked....and you answered! Our brand new bus was delivered this Fall, and later outfitted with custom decals by Board Member Steve Sherman. Thank you to all those who made the purchase of this bus possible: Oliver & Ceceila Crary, Frank & Beverley Groves, Dee & Judy Hillberry, Margaret Hubbuch, Steele & Marcy Jones, Osborne Foundation, Preston Family Foundation, Penny Ross, David & Patricia Shaw, Sherman / Hsu Family Foundation, and the Windgate Charitable Foundation. And thank you to Grady Matthews, one of our Carta Care-a-Van drivers, who did some training with our staff.

**That's ENTERTAINMENT!** Whether it's going out to eat or to the movies, playing cards or shooting pool, attending a concert, or just taking a walk downtown, our residents are always ready for a good time! In the last few months, we've had some great entertainment here in our own living room. January brought us Jerry White, right, a wonderful magician and all around great guy. February saw Jamison Dean, below right, brave the Big Snow Storm to entertain us with his review of music from the past few decades for a wonderful Valentine celebration. Finally, in March, we welcomed the ladies of the Washboard Band, below left, complete with ukuleles, kazoos, and Gertrude, a red-haired "broom bass."



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