



Won't You Be Our Neighbor?

Dear Friend,

Mr. Rogers taught us the importance of empathy, kindness, and neighbors - *"All we're ever asked to do in this life is to treat our neighbor—especially our neighbor who is in need—exactly as we would hope to be treated ourselves."*

We understand the importance of neighbors, community, and the belief that home is more than a physical place, but also a feeling of safety, comfort, and belonging. We strive for all our residents to feel safe, comfortable, and included, so they can live their best lives. It's been proven time and time again that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) live longer and healthier lives—physically, mentally, and emotionally—when they are included in society and given chances to live fully and as independently as possible.

At PCH, we feel privileged to contribute to this, but since we've been here for more than 50 years, it can be easy to miss the stories, people, and neighbors of days gone by. We have relished opportunities to meet our neighbors, residents, families, caretakers, and hear their stories.

In March, we set up a free lemonade stand for any passers-by or visitors, like a mother visiting her son who moved in last year. She enthusiastically shared

how much he's flourishing now, enjoying his independence and making friends with his housemates and neighbors.

Our neighbors are invaluable—as are you! PCH succeeds in building communities for adults with IDD because of our wonderful community of neighbors, supporters, donors, organizations, and volunteers.

We are most grateful for YOU!

Warmly,
Matt Elmore
Executive Director



A BEAUTIFUL DAY

We recently welcomed spring with lemonade and friendly chats!

One neighbor shared her son received necessary physical therapy at our indoor, therapeutic pool 20 years ago, and now he's a Notre Dame college student. It was incredible to hear the lasting impact of our center and reminds us just how vital an accessible and inclusive community center is for people of all ages.

[Learn more about the Community Center](#)



DECK THE HOUSE

One of the original PCH homes recently received a brand-new wraparound deck and ramp, replacing the previous, aging structure.

For added strength and longevity, most of the deck is made of durable composite material. Thank you, [MDR Build LLC](#) for this excellent work. The six residents who call this home can enjoy their outdoor space for years to come!



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

April is National Volunteer Month. Like most nonprofits, PCH deeply appreciates our volunteers.

Whether you get your hands dirty with yard work, help our events shine, or spread cheer with caroling—thank you!

Would you like to volunteer? Learn more at pchstl.org/volunteer or click on the button below

[Volunteer Interest Form](#)

Golf Tournament Last Call

Do NOT miss your chance to meet us at **The Courses at Forest Park** for the PCH golf tournament! Enjoy a day on the links with friends and colleagues in a competitive, yet friendly, round of golf.

Funds raised from this event support the housing needs of Missourians with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Only a handful of spots left—make this view yours on Tuesday, May 6!



[Register Now!](#)

SISTER, SISTER

To celebrate National Sibling Day last week, we spent a little time with two incredible sisters and PCH residents, Susie and Kelly. While they live in different homes, they're only a short walk from each other. When Susie came to visit Kelly at her place, it was clear how close these two are. Susie especially loves spending time in Kelly's room, surrounded by personal touches—like her plushie hammock and framed Star Trek poster.

A heartfelt thank you to Susie and Kelly for being such amazing models and sisters. We'd also like to express our gratitude to our friends at [St. Louis Arc](#) for coordinating this visit and providing such exceptional care for these wonderful women. We're so grateful to see our residents thrive in their forever homes!



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