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DRIVE ONE HOME for Jacob's Village!

**Friday, May 13, 2011
See inside for details!**

Wish List

1. Gas grill
2. METS transportation passes for residents (\$5/ride)
3. Folding chairs (8)
4. Heavy duty paper cutter
5. Volunteer crews to maintain landscape beds

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**JACOB'S VILLAGE:
A PLACE TO CALL HOME!**



COMING SOON! NEW RESIDENTIAL OPTIONS AT JV

In March, the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) awarded Jacob's Village \$1.18 million in HOME and CDBG funds to help address a critical housing need in the state of Indiana.

Statewide and in our own community,

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there is a shortage of accessible, affordable housing for seniors and people with disabilities. This housing need is especially critical for people who live in rural settings and who want to "age in place."

The mission at Jacob's Village has been to assist people with special needs to live as independently as possible. With its experience in developing accessible housing, and in response to the need in our surrounding community, JV is initiating Phase II of its Master Plan.

The goal of this next phase of development is to offer our senior and disabled neighbors in western Vanderburgh and Posey counties a quality, affordable housing option that is "close to home."

JV's small Phase I neighborhood opened in October 2004 and includes

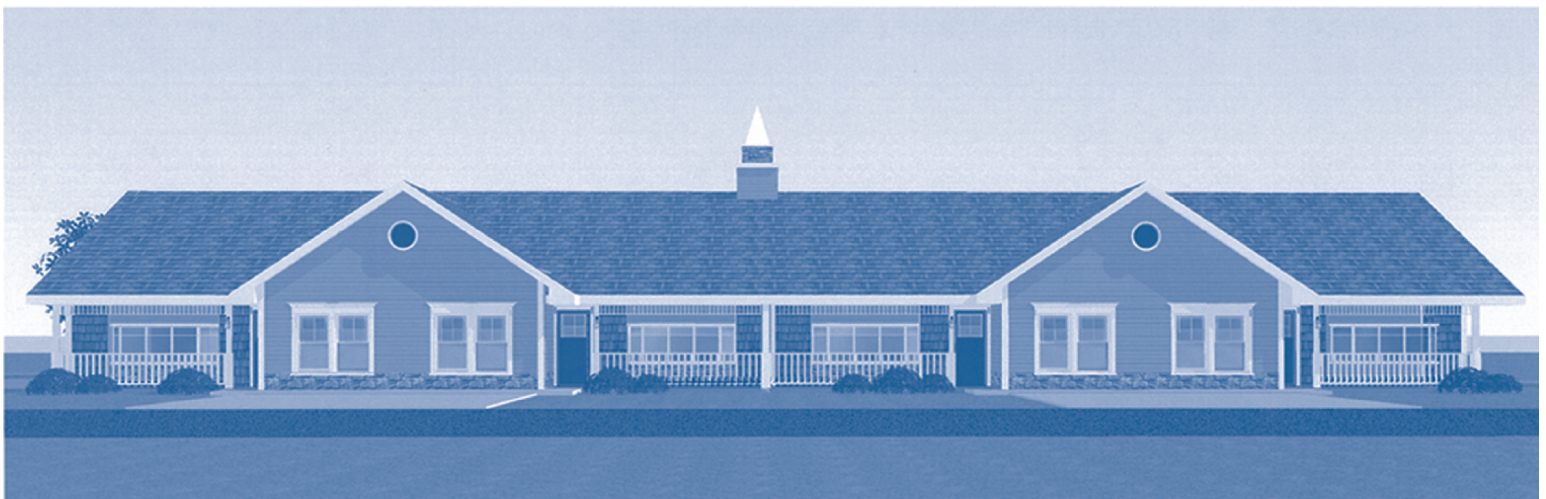
fully accessible ranch-style homes, a range of programs and services tailored to current disabled residents, award-winning landscaped yards and grounds, and a handicap-accessible nature trail and meditation garden.

Phase II will offer 12 attractive, ground level, one- and two-bedroom apartments designed for energy efficiency, safety, low maintenance, and accessibility.

These apartments will have private entrances, nearby parking, universal design features, and many modern amenities.

To foster a sense of community and encourage healthy lifestyles, the development will have interconnecting

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An elevation of the apartments that will be part of Phase II of the Jacob's Village Master Plan. The development will offer 12 universal-design one- and two-bedroom apartments allowing western Vanderburgh and Posey County neighbors an "age-in-place" housing option. Construction is expected to begin later this year.

FROM THE DESK OF *Cheryl Kuchna*

PRESIDENT & CEO, JACOB'S VILLAGE



JV PARTNERS WITH IHCD TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS AGE IN PLACE

Do you know someone with a mobility impairment whose home presents barriers to independent living? Do you know someone with a medical condition that prevents them from being able to climb stairs to get to an upstairs bedroom? Do you know of an elderly person who has a hard time keeping up a home they have lived in all their life? So do we. And we want to do something to help.

Since opening in 2004, Jacob's Village has helped address the daily living needs of adults with functional disabilities by providing a safe, accessible and supportive living environment. Along the way, we have learned that our community needs more.

Market research carried out in the past few years clearly shows that the 2-county area surrounding Jacob's Village (western Vanderburgh and Posey counties) lacks affordable, accessible housing options for elderly and disabled adults. Further, we have learned that our elderly and disabled neighbors who live in rural parts of our community do not want to relocate to an urban setting to find livable housing alternatives. They would much rather stay in familiar surroundings, near friends and family, their churches, and in the "country" setting they have always enjoyed.

So who advocates for these neighbors of ours? A key priority of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCD) is to provide funding for housing developments that are dedicated to helping seniors and disabled adults age in place. In March, Jacob's Village received a \$1.18 million award from IHCD to partner with them to help address this critical housing need in our community.

The new apartment development at Jacob's Village (earlier article) is a reflection of our commitment to help all our neighbors with *special needs*, whether due to aging or disability, find an accessible, livable, sustainable neighborhood community that they can call home. If you would like to learn more, or know of someone who might be interested in these apartments, please call our office (963-5198).

We look forward to seeing this new project get underway later this year!

On behalf of those we serve,

Cheryl Kuchna



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pedestrian walkways, lots of green space, and areas for community gardens and recreation.

Construction is expected to begin later this year, with apartments ready for new tenants by mid-2012. Soon after, we hope to secure funding to develop a multi-purpose community center that would house programs and services for residents of the neighborhood.

We're excited about this new development and invite our friends to stay in touch with its progress!

JACOB'S VILLAGE WELCOMES NEW RESIDENT DIANA

In February, Jacob's Village welcomed its newest resident.

Diana is living in the Rebecca Way Ladies Home and, according to her sister, Dodie Vanhooser, Diana is loving it.

"She has just flowered since she's been [at Jacob's Village]," Dodie said.

Diana is getting to know the other ladies at JV and often eats dinner with them.

During the day, Diana goes to the Evansville ARC Center where she attends their training program. The program teaches life skills like cooking, literacy and navigation (such as reading street signs). She began her training in February, shortly after moving in to JV and Dodie said Diana thoroughly enjoys the program.

When she isn't busy training or socializing, Diana enjoys crocheting and rug hooking.



Diana in her new bedroom at Jacob's Village, beautifully decorated by sister Dodie.

She is also a weaver. As children, the sisters spent summers in Cape Cod with their aunt who was a master weaver, and she taught the young girls her art.

On Sundays, Diana can be found attending Our Redeemer Lutheran Church with Dodie and her husband. They enjoy brunch with friends after the services.

As a guardian, how does Dodie feel about the Jacob's Village experience? "We could not be more pleased," Dodie said.

With the partnership between Bethesda Lutheran Communities and Jacob's Village, Diana's residency became, as Dodie said, "a dream come true."

"BLC was a delight to work with," Dodie said. "The transition they helped choreograph was seamless."

Dodie and Diana's brother and his wife are also very happy with Diana's new home and lifestyle. They are comforted by the safe and supportive environment JV provides.

Welcome to the Jacob's Village family, Diana!



EASTER ACTIVITIES WITH GOOD SHEPHERD STUDENTS



Blogging from the Village

By A. Scott Huck

For the fourth year, the fifth-grade class, two teachers, and three parent volunteers from Good Shepherd Catholic School from Evansville have provided the residents of Jacob's Village with an Easter activity.

The teachers prepared the students for an interactive/hands-on/reality-based classroom on the JV grounds

and they are always very generous with their time, talents, and treasures.

Along with decorating bulletin boards, playing games, handing out a craft item for all to make, and an Easter bucket full of goodies, the fifty boys and girls interacted, talked with, and listened to the residents. Before the morning ended, Mike led the class on a tour down the JV Nature Trail.

A good time is always had by all. We have built up strong and reciprocating partnerships with schools and we are very blessed to



Good Shepherd fifth-grade students on the JV Nature Trail.

have them as our good neighbors. Stay online; next time around, you'll hear about St. Joseph Catholic School's eighth-grade class and their Halloween activity.