# THE COMPANION Holiday Happenings

The holidays are a time of appreciation and thanks. We all enjoy spending time with family and friends during the holiday season. At Bona Vista Programs, we serve 1,000 children and adults on a daily basis through a variety of programs each and every day.

To some people we are a resource in the community, a place to provide meaningful support to individuals with disabilities, or the only family some individuals have in their lives. No matter how we come into one's life, we strive to provide the best possible service to those we serve, disability or no disability. We couldn't provide the quality services without well trained



and committed staff or without support from the community. That's where you can help!

When looking through our "Holiday Happenings" edition of the Companion, please know that any donation made to Bona Vista is used for local individuals! Everyone deserves a meaningful life and with the support of people like you, we can make that happen.

## Bona Vista's Annual We Care Tree Auction



Bona Vista staff are eager to help during the We Care season. Bona Vista, for many years, has decorated a tree at the annual We Care Tree Staff also volunteers at Auction. additional We Care events and the annual telethon. This year, Bona Vista Barbie Party was the tree theme. Staff

formed a committee and held internal fundraising events such as bake sales, walking taco lunches, a pancake breakfast and Jeans Days in an effort to raise funds to purchase the decorations and toys for our tree. This year, the tree raised \$2,100 for We Care, a tremendous success! Bona Vista also donated change collected by preschool classrooms and staff. The classroom that collected the most change received a popsicle party!



### Preschool Prepares for Thanksgiving

Children in the Keys for Kids Preschool Program at Peru enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday by making crafts and hats to wear. When several of the children were asked what they were most thankful for they had the following answers, Mom and Dad, grandparents and baby sister or brothers. Some mentioned being thankful for their toys too!



Keys For Kids Preschool is an innovative program specially designed to help unlock your child's possibilities. We provide half and full day programs to children two to six years of age with or without special needs.

#### Halloween Party

Every year staff and clients enjoy a Halloween party. We have a DJ and food for everyone to enjoy! This year, staff and clients enjoyed dressing up, dancing to music and enjoying yummy food. Individuals enjoy themselves after they have gone to Bona Vista Industries for work, Habilitation Services or Community Connections for the day. All of these programs are provided to adult individuals with disabilities as a day program option. Several individuals utilize more than one program.





Bona Vista is unique as we can provide multiple day program options to individuals with disabilities. Some of the programs we offer are Community Connections, a day program for adults with severe and profound disabilities. Supported Living Services provides residential support in the home of the client served. WorkForce

Diversity provides employment services to individuals, as well as provides

employers with prescreened candidates seeking jobs and can assist with the training at no cost to the employer. Bona Vista Industries provides vocational and life experiences in an integrated industrial setting through sub-contract services and group habilitation.



#### Christmas Holiday Dance

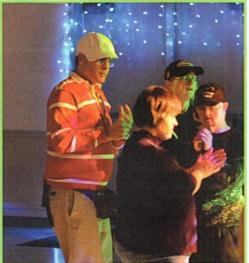
Over 100 staff and clients enjoyed the holidays together at a holiday dance. This year's dance took place at the UAW 685. Clients, staff and family members had a blast!

Clients also helped United Way by holding a canned food drive. Clients collected several cans to help benefit local food pantries in Howard County.









## Veteran's Day Celebration

Students in the Keys For Kids Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness programs in Peru celebrated Veteran's Day with USA flags donated by the VFW of Miami County. Students participated in several activities throughout the day in an effort to honor and celebrate our Veterans. Kindergarten Readiness is dedicated to providing a fun and educational, highly academic environment for children to learn and prepare for Kindergarten.







P.S. All donations made to and P.S. All donations made to and Bona Vista are tax deductible and benefit local individuals.



Mr. and Mrs. Max Hinkle donated an office building located at 1800 -1804 S. Plate St. to Bona Vista Programs. Max is the President of Rowtronics. Bona Vista will utilize the

building to showcase Adapt-Abilities equipment and products, create a training center for our Personal Services program and to expand early childhood services.

Scott Pitcher, of Fortune Management, graciously helped Bona Vista acquire the building in addition, assumed closing costs related to the building.

Adapt-Abilities helps individuals with making their home or business handicap accessible, or with general contracting services. Personal Services, our newest program, is a division of Bona Vista that helps support individuals in his or her home with non-medical care, such as housekeeping, bathing, toileting, or attendant care. Early Childhood Services is a division of Bona Vista that serves children ages 2 through 6 with half and full day options for preschool, day care and Kindergarten Readiness programs.

Darby Staff,

Thank you for all the delicious food and the pictures at the Christmas party Saturday.

You did a wonderful job juggling the mountains of food and eight residents.

Thank you too, for being so kind and supportive to the residents. It's a little easier to let others care for J.R. when those caregivers are you!

Love. Ron and Sherry

