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ParkVIEWS

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SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM PARKVIEW

2024 has been another great year for Parkview. It has been a busy year, filled with many fun trips to local festivals, beaches, and museums. Much time has also been spent relaxing on the porch as well, and just soaking up all that life has to offer. We are all ending the year in good health and are so thankful for all that we have been blessed with. **We live in a caring and generous community and enjoy being a part of Zeeland very much.** God has been so good to Parkview! As the holiday season approaches, we are looking forward to time spent with our friends and family, good cups of hot cocoa, and celebrating holidays with those we love. We would like to thank you all for your prayers and support, and we hope you have a wonderful 2025. Thank you for sharing in our joy and our mission!



Parkview Cook



MEET JACKY Our New Cook

We have been so blessed to have Jacky Bedrosian, a very talented cook, at Parkview since 2021. Jacky is a very kind and giving person who shows her love to the residents through the delicious food she makes. From baklava to homemade pizza, Jacky makes everything a delectable and exciting dining experience. Here is Jacky's story of coming to Parkview:

My name is Jacky Bedrosian, and my journey to Parkview began on a rainy day in 2021. I had a booth at the Zeeland Farmers Market, where I typically baked the day before. On one particular day, I prepared seven challahs, fifty bread rolls, and three sourdough loaves. Just as I finished baking, I received an email informing me that the market was canceled due to heavy rain expected to last for two more days.

Unsure of what to do with all the bread, I turned to the Lord for guidance. He inspired me to take the bread to Parkview. When I arrived, Kate answered the door. I asked if I could donate the bread, and she welcomed the offer, explaining that it came at the perfect time since they were renovating the kitchen and couldn't use the oven. I prayed in gratitude for the rain that led me to this moment.

Before I left, I handed Kate my card. A week later, I was offered a position as the cook at Parkview. That rainy day turned into a blessing I never expected, and I find immense joy in cooking for the residents, seeing Jesus in their faces as we share that joy together; I feel truly blessed that they enjoy my food.

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New Day Program

Parkview has been very blessed to be able to offer part-time day programming to our residents who need this service. The day program takes place two days each week on Mondays and Thursdays. Our staff, Katherine Duffrin, does a wonderful job of finding creative and engaging projects to work on both at Parkview and in the community. Katherine said, "The day

program consists of many different activities, both inside and outside of the home. Weather permitting, we explore nature parks, zoos, and take walks or go for bike rides downtown Zeeland. During the winter or on rainy days, we often make seasonal crafts, cards for loved ones, see movies at the theatre and explore local museums. Erin, one of the residents who attends the program, said: "I like staying home with Grant. And I like hanging out with my favorite Grant and Katherine. I like to help Zach and Emma with shopping. I like doing crafts and going to the zoo. I saw the butterfly exhibit at Meijer Gardens. I loved seeing the butterflies." Kaitlin is a resident who also enjoys attending the program. She said that she loves to go downtown and see what everyone in the community is up to.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



2025 Clay Shoot | April 19, 2025 | Blendon Pines

Call or text Terry Boerman 616-886-8299 if you are interested in sponsoring or shooting.

Resident Highlights



MEET ERIN Parkview Resident

Erin is one of the residents who has lived at Parkview the longest. She has lived in the home for the past 16 years! She is a very caring and social person. Erin is always willing to help where needed. This summer, she worked alongside some of our volunteers with a painting project. Erin said, "One of my favorite weekends was when we painted that railing. We had my favorite dental hygienist Laurie over to paint the railing! I like making Parkview better period!" Erin is also an incredibly thoughtful friend. One of our other residents, Keith, will be celebrating his birthday soon. Erin said, "I can't wait to buy my friend Keith a birthday gift." She likes to buy people gifts, especially for birthdays and when they don't feel very well. She also shows her love to others by making homemade cards and creating playlists for them to listen to. Erin also enjoys working in the Parkview garden and sharing the fruits of her labor with friends and neighbors. Her favorite foods are pizza and big salads, and she has a great sense of humor. She will find a way to make you laugh even when mistakes are made or if she isn't in the best mood. We are so thankful that Erin chose to share her life with us here at Parkview. She brings so much fun and personality to our home!



MEET KAITLIN Parkview Resident

Kaitlin has lived at Parkview for the past 7 years. She is such a calming presence in the home, who is always willing to listen to your problems. She is often an ear for others and loves just sitting with you if you need a friend. Kaitlin loves going downtown and shopping in our little town. Her favorite stores are Out of the Box for crosswords and stuffed toys. She likes the gift section at Bunte's, and their sodas. Kaitlin also enjoys biking, and loves to ride to her favorite thrift store, Paradise Bound. You never know what treasures you might find! Kaitlin also loves attending the NEXT program and Benjamin's Hope. She said, "My favorite part of Bens hope is the new paper" - Kaitlin loves to show us every article she works on. She shines with pride as we pass the paper around and staff helps folks read the paper. Kaitlin is also excellent at encouraging the entire group to go out together on adventures in the community. Ice cream and taco salads are her favorite foods, and Christmas is her favorite holiday. She loves cat jokes and treating her friends out for meals. We are also incredibly thankful that Kaitlin chose to live with us here at Parkview. Her humor and compassion for others is infectious!

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT PARKVIEW

Three residents have recently moved to other care facilities due to increased care needs thus we have seen a reduction in financial income AND some of our church sponsors have decreased and/or stopped their support. With increased costs for daily living and experiences, Parkview continues to strive to provide a healthy and wholesome experience for our residents.

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