



# JVS SPOTLIGHT

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## ADS REOPENS AT ROSSPLAIN



Seated: Michael B, Carolyn M, Margo S, and Gary S. Standing: Mike A, Carol C, and Program Assistant Vanessa B

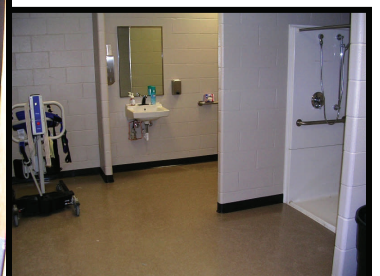
Construction for the new space for the Adult Day Service has finished. All Adult Day Service participants moved in December 28, 2009 into the new, luxurious space at 4300 Rossplain. There is plenty of space for new individuals, and we are adding now!

It includes spacious activity rooms, multiple larger restrooms, larger changing/shower room, spacious kitchen area, and a smaller and quieter rest and chat area. Response from participants and staff have been great!

For more information or to make a referral, please contact Virginia Gilbert, Manager of Senior & Therapeutic Social Recreation Services, at 477-7810 or [vgilbert@jvscinti.org](mailto:vgilbert@jvscinti.org) or Michelle Corliss at 985-0515 or [mcorliss@jvscinti.org](mailto:mcorliss@jvscinti.org).

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## STAFF UPDATES

Pictured below is Paul Schneider, our new YMCA/Day Array Floater. Paul has put his talents to good use already with covering at all of our YMCA's and Enclaves. He also lends a hand in the work center when needed. Paul graduated from Xavier University (where he met his wife) and is a true "West sider". He's a great addition to the team and all our individuals agree!



Victoria Tsiominas (cha-mee-nis) has joined the Job Development team as our new Job Developer. Victoria started with JVS as a part-time Job Coach and has worked with individuals with disabilities for 2 years. She is currently attending classes at UC and her supervisor (Jeff Wesley) states that she is eager and motivated to help individuals find jobs. Go get 'em Victoria!

Jeff Wesley has now become the supervisor of Job Development and Follow Along, alleviating some stress and workload from Chrissy Perkins.

## STAFF REVEALED

Christina Seabolt has been with JVS for a little over 5 years. She is our Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor for the Non-Vocational program on the Westside. She says "one of my goals for the non-vocational program is to create a safe and welcoming environment for consumers to explore self-expression and feel valued for their assets". She truly cares for her individuals and believes she has the best staff helping her out. Christina says she enjoys the challenges of working with a variety of individuals from age to ability levels.

She's currently pursuing a Master's in Communication Science and Disorders from the University of Cincinnati. Christina also volunteers for the Starfire Council & Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Christina is an avid bookworm and says she's currently reading Jane Austen's *Pride & Prejudice*. She's addicted (like a lot of people are) to the television show "Lost" and is a true thrill seeker. Her favorite rollercoaster is Diamondback at Kings Island. One other thing to know about Christina is that her husband David also works for JVS in the Supportive Home program. It's a family affair for the Seabolts!

Christina is a big asset to JVS and individuals she serves have benefited from her love, support, and compassion.



## NICKIE BURLILE WEDS



Nickie Burlile, our supervisor of Enclaves and Day Array programs has tied the knot and now answers to Nickie Haynes. After Thanksgiving, she wed Mike Haynes in a small ceremony of family and friends. Mike & Nickie can now be called the Brady Bunch with each bringing two children into their new family. Please join us in congratulations when you next see Nickie Haynes!

## CONSUMER DIARIES:

### SHERIDA CLARKE



#### My Life

Cerebral Palsy is not hard to live with; it's growing up with your sisters and brother who don't have a disability. They helped me with daily personal needs like getting dressed, taking baths, and eating. Having CP, I have lack of muscle control and spasms. My family didn't always understand why I needed so much assistance at the time. Looking back on the situation, having my disability became a blessing to me because I am willing to teach other individuals about me and not just about my cerebral palsy.

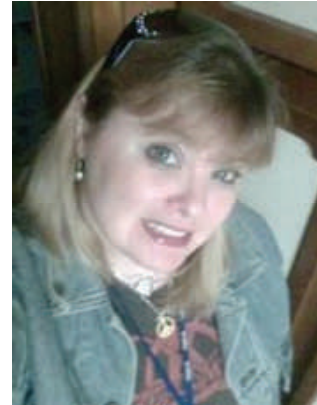
Having Cerebral Palsy is not who I am. It is what I have. Hopefully people will look beyond my disability and see me. Even though my disability is challenging, it is empowering as well. I learned how to do things from a sitting position that people take for granted like sweeping, mopping, and vacuuming. I would not change my life in any way.

My position in life has enhanced my outlook for my future. I am going to have my disability work for me instead of me working for my disability. I will invite people to get involved in my life and understand who I am.

**Sherida took a break from doing consumer diaries, but has started to submit articles once again. We are happy to have her back on board!**

## CONSUMER DIARIES:

### MELONY REASTER



#### Sadness

2009 was a good year, but a very sad year . . . We said goodbye to a lot of great people, from Farrah Fawcett, Brittany Murphy, Patrick Swayze, to the Iconic Michael Jackson. 2009 came in quietly and went out quietly. Some people could not wait for 2009 to be over because of all the sadness that came with it, but it wasn't all bad. Some years are good and some are bad.

2010 came in with a bang, but was quickly sobered by the sad events in Haiti. A massive 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti near the capital of Port-au-Prince on Tuesday, January 12th. Our world was reminded of how fragile we truly are. These poor people did not have much and now they have even less.

100,000 are supposed dead so far, but the death toll is still rising. 300,000 are now living on the streets. The Red Cross and other organizations are racing to help. Rescue teams from all over the world are coming together to help. Hope is strong to find more survivors. The images from Haiti are extremely heartbreaking and it's times like these that remind us just how blessed we are. At the same time, I can't help but feel ashamed.

We take our good lives for granted. When something bad like this happens I pray and ask why is it that some people suffer and some don't. Why is it that I or we can go out and eat whatever we want and then others can't? I feel horrible that I'm blessed or lucky, whatever you want to call it and others suffer!

When I saw the images of starving and hurt people on TV, I thought to myself, Why should I be able to eat and drink, when they can't? I just feel so guilty. The thing that really blows me away is how other people just go about their lives like nothing happened. Maybe I care too much? I feel ashamed and I don't understand it.

We all can do our part to help these people. Whether it be clothes, food, or money. They need our help. There are some many places to make donations and if we all just give a little, they will all receive a lot. Please see [www.shelterboxusa.org](http://www.shelterboxusa.org) or [www.ancor.org](http://www.ancor.org) for how to donate to aid Haitians with disabilities.

#### **DEVOTED JVS VOLUNTEER PASSES**

It is with sadness that we inform you that Herb Crown has passed away. He was a devoted JVS volunteer and benefactor who loved tutoring our consumers. He will be greatly missed, particularly by the consumers for whom he always had a big smile and warm words of encouragement. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time. Funeral services were held at the Weil Funeral Home, on Friday, Jan. 22.



## Jewish Vocational Service

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### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Jewish Vocational Service will be opened for all of February. Please call 985-0515 if you have questions about our programming schedule!

***Our Condolences to the family and friends of :***

***Margaret Brockman***

***All of us at JVS will miss her!***

WE'RE ON THE WEB:

[WWW.JVSCINTI.ORG](http://WWW.JVSCINTI.ORG)

## REFERRAL INFORMATION

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**We are looking for new participants for any of the following:**

***Keith Hammond*** can answer all Work Adjustment/Work Center, Enclaves, Mobile Work Crews, and the YMCA Day Array and student/summer questions at 513-347-1528 or [khammond@jvscinti.org](mailto:khammond@jvscinti.org). He also gives tours of the facility at Rossplain Road. Come see all the new space!!!!

***Virginia Gilbert*** manages the Adult Day Service, West Side Therapeutic Social and Recreation Services, and Supportive Home Service programs. If interested, contact her at 513-347-1585 or [vgilbert@jvscinti.org](mailto:vgilbert@jvscinti.org).

***Chrissy Perkins*** manages Assessment, Evaluation, Academic Services, Job Development, Job Coaching, and Follow-Along services and will respond to queries at 513-347-1511 or [cperkins@jvscinti.org](mailto:cperkins@jvscinti.org).