

PUTNAM RENOVATIONS

Through the generous support of the Putnam Family, we were able to complete renovations on our Putnam Home this summer.

The renovations tackled almost every inch of the house. New flooring, a brand new kitchen, enlarged windows, and improved lighting were all installed. Fresh paint went up and new bunkbeds were made. The difference is amazing!

OUT WITH THE OLD!



ALL FINISHED!



PROGRESS...



OUT AND ABOUT

At Eagle Village we try to prepare the kids in our care for life after Eagle Village. Part of this involves therapy work and teaching coping mechanisms, but another aspect is preparing the kids to be a part of their larger community.

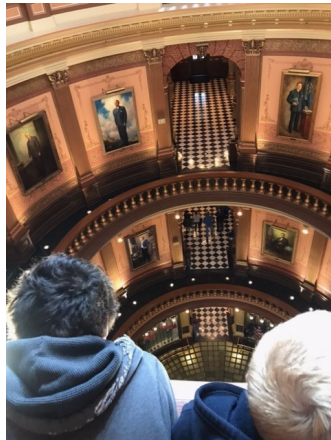
Through volunteer work, field trips, college tours, and new experiences we hope to introduce the kids to enough situations that they are not only prepared for what they might come across, but also comfortable.

These opportunities, as well as many others, help to give our kids something so important -- confidence. The confidence to know they CAN be a part of the world and that they have value to add to the world as well.



OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS OUR STUDENTS HAVE...

- Presented in front of large groups at the Elk Rapids Church, Mt. Pleasant Luncheon, and Midland Breakfast
- Taken field trips to the zoo and our state capital
- Volunteered for the Rotary Club of Big Rapids and at a local food distribution site
- Challenged themselves during Quest, a wilderness trip we use during therapy



A NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

It has been a full year since Eagle Village relaunched the on-campus Ashmun School with the new Lighthouse Academy education system and the difference has been astonishing.

A partnership with Lighthouse Academy, a charter school out of Grand Rapids, developed in the summer of 2016 when our President and CEO, Cathey Prudhomme, wanted to try a new system for educating the kids staying with us during the school year.

“The kids we serve have been through abuse, trauma, and very difficult pasts,” says Prudhomme. “We knew we needed to meet them where they were emotionally AND in terms of their education. We looked at our options and decided to move away from a computer-based mode of learning in favor of real classrooms with instructors the kids could interact with.”

Students are now following a traditional school format. They change classes at the end of the hour, interact with other kids, have lockers and books, take a wide variety of classes, and learn how to be successful in an actual school setting. This training in appropriate behaviors at a “real school” allows our students to have a higher likelihood of success when they leave Eagle Village and return to public school.

“The results of this school year make it very clear to us that we made the right decision,” says Prudhomme. “We have seen such improvements in our kids and the quality of their education. The kids prefer it too. They like being able to switch classes, have variety in their day, get up and move, have some interaction with people.... This is a much better solution for all of the kids we work with.”

One of the greatest achievements since switching school models have been the graduations. For the first time in Eagle Village history, on-campus residents have been able to graduate from high school and receive their diplomas!



Since September 2016, we have had 4 teenagers complete their education!



FURTHERING EDUCATION

We are thankful for the amazing school staff that have poured into our kids. They are committed to offering the best education and environment possible in order to help these students be successful.

The Dow Chemical Foundation stepped forward this summer to honor the staff’s commitment by sponsoring two of Eagle Village Ashmun School’s teachers to attend the Smithsonian Summer Institute. One math and one science teacher spent five days in Washington, DC to learn how to make interdisciplinary connections between the subjects covered in school. The teachers participated in discussions, experimented with new digital tools for classrooms, and learned how to expand student engagement with their studies.

“I was constantly aware of how unique and awesome the experience was at the Smithsonian,” said John Pierce, one of the teachers selected for the Dow sponsored trip. “We met with nearly 20 different leading scientists and researchers during our week there, toured the behind-the-scenes collections and processes at the museum, and got multiple daily hands-on experiences with the guidance of experts. It was truly incredible.”

Thank you to the Dow Chemical Foundation for providing this opportunity!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

FAMILY CHALLENGE WEEKEND

Changing family dynamics and teaching healthy communication on October 27-29.

Call 231-832-7298 to register.
\$400 per family, all lodging and meals included.

YOUTH CHALLENGE WEEKEND

For teens with behavioral or emotional challenges, providing parents with a weekend respite. The November 10-12 weekend will focus on trust.

Call 231-832-7298 to register.
\$200 per participant, all lodging and meals included.

 Follow us on FACEBOOK for more events!



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NEW PROGRAM LAUNCHING!

After months of hard work we are ready to launch our new Assessment Center! Formerly the Intervention Center, the Assessment Center will serve boys and girls ages 8-17 who suffer from mental health and behavioral issues. This 30-90 day program will evaluate educational, medical and emotional needs with a full bio-psycho-social assessment and trauma screening. Each child will leave with a prescribed course of action that will help stabilize them in their home environment as quickly as possible. We look forward to serving new kids & families through the Assessment Center starting this fall!

To learn more, contact our Director of Admissions, Joe Wentworth at

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