

## BIG NEWS! New Day Services Program!

STEPS has been state-certified to have a Day Services Program!

Through STEPS Day Services Program, our consumers are presented with a wide array of invaluable educational, social, vocational and life skill opportunities. These foster individual independence and productivity while enhancing each person's overall quality of life.

Please contact your SSA if you are interested in participating in this exciting program.



**The STEPS Day Services Program includes:**

- Personal Care
- Recreation and Leisure
- Skill Reinforcement
- Medication Administration
- Self-Determination
- Community Inclusion



- Cooking Group
- Animal Care
- Nutritional Awareness
- Exercise Group
- Themed Crafts
- Community Events
- Daily Calendar of Events
- Book Club
- Computer Assistance
- Sports Days
- Sensory Stimulation
- Vocational Options



**From the desk of Barry...**

This winter, STEPS celebrates its five year anniversary!

We've been blessed to become part of your lives and we hope you've noticed how our agency uniquely values each individual.

Our agency is small by design, we focus on excellent client and family communication, and pride ourselves on quality staff training and gentle teaching support.

We have a bright and exciting future ahead of us as we continue our excellent services and add a new day support services program!

Happy New Year  
Everyone!

## "One person's trash is another man's treasure!" Help fill our new space!

We wanted to find a location for our new Day Services program that also could house our administrative offices.

We were lucky enough to find an excellent location in downtown Fremont. It is an old movie theater and is an beautiful and exciting new home for us!

In order to get this program up and running, we need your help!

What items do you have that could be donated?

**Our new address:**  
**220 South Front St**  
**Suite 1**  
**Fremont, OH 43420**

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- ★ We are in the need of the ★  
★ following, gently-used items: ★
- ★ -games -tables ★
  - ★ -couches -Lamps ★
  - ★ -chairs -Pool table ★
  - ★ -recliner -Ping Pong ★
  - ★ -puzzles -easy books ★
  - ★ -movies/DVDs ★
  - ★ -craft supplies ★
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STEPS to Open Doors!

## STEPS Annual Christmas Party!

Our STEPS family had a wonderful time celebrating the season together at Misty Meadows for our annual Holiday Party!

A special thanks to all who made the event possible, including our cooks, photographer, D.J., staff, and numerous volunteers.

Here are just a few pictures from the party:



### About Us

STEPS is a unique supported living provider agency that was founded in 2005. STEPS (Supports to Enhance Personal Skills) focuses on the needs of individual clients so that, step by step, an individual's personal skills are enhanced. We believe in quality, personal care. We have an experienced and caring staff who are trained to focus on education, community inclusion, and family involvement.

### Philosophy Statement

We believe that the best way to serve our consumers is to remain a small and professional organization that focuses on the importance of communication and quality of services. We feel that it is essential to have clear, ongoing communication with individual consumers, their parents, guardians and members of the support team.

We support our consumers in their continuous growth through education in daily living, social skills, community awareness and in their right to make informed choices and decisions concerning their future. It is our philosophy to assist our consumers in community inclusion. We believe our clients should not just live in the community but feel that they are truly part of the community.

As advocates, we believe that we have a responsibility to positively influence barriers and obstacles that may limit the quality of our consumers' lives.

## Consumer Spotlight



Susie Arriago

*When asked about her staff, she said  
"I like them all  
because they treat me nice!"*

Susie has achieved some great personal goals this past year and we are excited for her.

Susie lives with two other ladies in Fremont. She enjoys listening to music, bowling on her Wii, playing Candyland and UNO. Her two favorite shows that she won't miss for anything are *Wheel of Fortune* and *The Andy Griffith Show*.

Susie likes to eat at restaurants. She especially loves: *Granny's Kitchen*, *Mendoza's*, and *Burger King*. She also enjoys getting her hair done. And, "my favorite color is green!"

She loves spending time with her family. She has 7 sisters and 2 brothers. Susie has been to Texas twice to visit her mom and two of her sisters.