



# VILLAGE OF PROGRESS

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE • 1969-2019



## Director's Note:

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Village of Progress.

Believe it or not, fifty years of continuous nonprofit service is much more difficult than one might imagine. The journal, *Nonprofit Quarterly*, reported that the average life expectancy of a nonprofit is only six to nine years. Indeed, only about 16% of all nonprofits ever make it to the age of fifty.

But the Village of Progress has done more than survive to fifty; it has thrived.

In 1968 it was Robert Brooks, one of the Village of Progress' founding board members, who launched the successful 708 initiative in Ogle County to help fund services for people with developmental disabilities and mental illness. It is no coincidence, then, that the Village of Progress was founded at that time to stand in the forefront of providing those services.

Over the years the Village has grown in the scope and nature of the services offered. In its infancy, the Village provided day care to children with developmental disabilities – something that neither Illinois nor the federal government provided. (Special education wasn't created until passage of the Education for the Handicapped Act in 1975).

The Village broke new ground in the 1970s when it built its current training center. It's believed that the Village was the first nonprofit workshop in Illinois to share a building with a manufacturing company (Caron International).

Over the years the Village reached out beyond its four walls. In 1975 we launched the Village Cleaning Service as a way of providing competitive, integrated employment to those with disabilities. The Yellow Bird also launched that year, a cooperative effort with the local seniors group. The project acted as both a storefront for Village-produced goods and a location for seniors to meet and socialize. In 1980 the Yellow Bird transitioned into the Rock River Center, which remains a vibrant part of the community.

Since its inception the Village has always looked first toward entrepreneurial activities whenever possible. That mindset has continued into the present with the opening of the Village Bakery in 2017.

The Village of Progress Foundation, created in 1990, has been a strong partner in helping to advance the Village's mission. In 2014 the Foundation launched the Attendance Grant Program. These grants are awarded annually to individuals who are on the Illinois waiting list for disabilities-related services but have not yet received them because of state underfunding.

## THE VILLAGE VIEW

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## Director's Note continued:

At present, the Village of Progress serves the needs of over 90 men and women in Ogle County. Its board of directors, like its staff, are diverse, talented, and dedicated to the Village's mission. From just about any standard, the Village of Progress' 50 years of work in the county can be considered a major achievement.

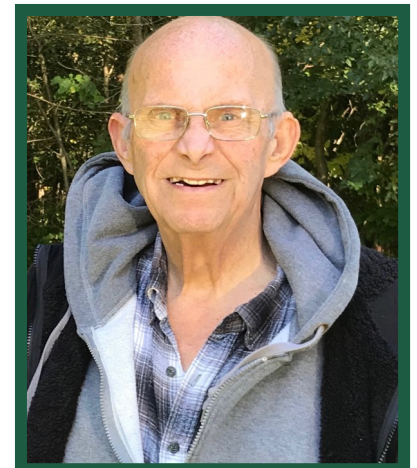
And it is no understatement to say we couldn't have done it without you. Through your financial giving, donated talents, and support in so many other ways, you have made this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary possible. Thank you.

Brion Brooks, Executive Director

## Duane John Herrmann

Duane John Herrmann served on the Village of Progress Board of Directors for twenty-six years and The Village of Progress Foundation Board for over five years. Duane was always willing to help out at the Village, constantly volunteering for any project or event. Duane was very proud to be a second-generation board member following in his father, John Herrmann, footsteps who served on the Village of Progress Board of Directors for thirty years and on the Village of Progress Foundation Board for nine years

Duane was born December 12, 1948 in Rochelle, the son of John and Arlene (Sweger) Herrmann. Married to his loving wife, Phyllis (Brown) February 13, 1971 in Rochelle. Duane graduated from Rochelle High School in 1967 and then attended Milton College. He was employed at Caron International in Rochelle for 28 years and then at Turtle & Hughes in Freeport until retiring in 2011. In addition to his commitment at the Village, he was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Oregon, Oregon Knights of Columbus Council 1092 & 4th Degree Assembly 1702, Oregon Lions Club, former member of the Oregon School Board. He enjoyed wood-working, community volunteering and spending time with family and friends. Duane will be missed and always loved by his wife, Phyllis of Oregon; children, Brett (Brenda) Herrmann of Rochelle and Erin (Mike Mueller) Herrmann of Oregon; grandchildren: Kristopher Herrmann, Zack Levan and Nicole, Tyler & Colton Herrmann; 3 great grandchildren; brother, Richard (Sue) Herrmann of Clinton, Iowa; and sisters, Kathi (Doug) Lieving and Andrea Fletcher, both of Rochelle. Predeceased by his parents, infant daughter Jamie and brother-in-law, John Fletcher. Memorials in Duane's name may be made to the Village of Progress, Oregon.



## Polar Plunge 2019

On Saturday, March 2nd these three brave folks from the Village of Progress (Jason Roinas, Jeremy Reynolds, and Jacob Werner) took the Polar Plunge to raise money for Special Olympics. The plunge took place at Olson Lake in Rock Cut State Park in Rockford.



## 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Card Contest

We held our 45<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Card Contest, open to entries from all the men and women that attend the Village. For the last 24 years Hub Printing, Rochelle, has awarded certificates of participation and a small cash prize to all entrants. Hub also prints each year's winning card for use as both the Hub Printing and the Village of Progress Christmas cards.

This year's judges included Dawn Todd of the Village and Chris Haas of Hub Printing along with his wife, Lisa. They looked at twenty-two entries before selecting a design by Matthew Spurbeck of Stillman Valley for the 2018 winning entry. Jason Roinas was awarded second place honors and Sam Guzzardo's card received third place recognition.



2018 Christmas Card Contest Participants & Judges

## Visitors Please Sign - In Office

Starting immediately, all visitors who will be going beyond the administrative offices will be required to wear a lanyard with a "VOP Visitor" badge. In addition, we'll be placing a sign inside the south entrance directing visitors to check in with the receptionist. Don't stop visiting - just please remember to check in. It is for everyone's safety.



### IMPORTANT DATES

AT

### THE VILLAGE OF PROGRESS

### THE JOHN HERRMANN GOLF PLAY DAY

JULY 8, 2019

### 50 YEARS OF SERVICE CELEBRATION

AUGUST 28, 2019

1:00 — 2:30

### TOSOC

### TOUR OF SCENIC OGLE COUNTY

SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

### CYCLING EVENT AT THE VILLAGE

### ANNUAL BANQUET

OCTOBER 16, 2019

### ST MARY'S LEARNING CENTER IN OREGON



## Sensory Awareness

The Village of Progress is excited about our new sensory area. The lights are dimmed and the lava projector is on. You may hear quiet soothing nature sounds or soft music. You can bounce on a ball, lie back with your feet up or sit in any pose most comfortable to you. Would you like a hand or a foot message? How about scented lotion for your hands? Each individual can make choices on how to enjoy a few minutes of peace & relaxation.



Two to three people in at a time creates a mini quiet zone, and we've seen and heard some amazing results. Our space is very flexible and as we move forward we are experimenting quite a bit. We are learning that what is soothing to one may not be to another, but we are constantly trying new ideas. For some of our individuals, who are non-verbal this is

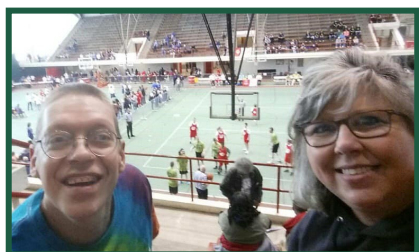
clearly a benefit. We can visually see the body relax – and that is so rewarding. Staff involved can see an immediate difference in someone's comfort.

So far we have a list of 20 participants. When folks are asked "Who would like to go for sensory awareness?" Hands are raised, voices speak up and some begin to walk over and take staff's hand. This is clearly an enjoyable, positive experience.



## Looking ahead at Special Olympics

- **May 4th - Spring Games held at Harlem H.S. in Rockford, IL**
- **June 7th thru 9th - State Summer Games in Bloomington, IL**
- **August 17th thru 18th - Regional Bowling in DeKalb, IL**



### **BASKETBALL SKILL COMPETITION**

Congratulations to Tony for winning a third place medal at the State Special Olympic games in Bloomington, IL.

**Special Olympic Support Group Meeting**

**May 25, 2019 at 9:00am**

**The Village Bakery in Downtown Oregon**

# Village of Progress, The Village Bakery & Oregon Park District Partner to Offer Classes

In our ongoing effort to integrate the community and our agency on shared experiences, both The Village Bakery and Village of Progress are partnering with the Oregon Park District to offer fun seasonal projects for children and their parents. Check out the classes and join in the fun. Register at the park district. Classes are held at the Village of Progress and The Village Bakery.

## VILLAGE OF PROGRESS CREATIVE EXPRESSION - K thru 3RD WITH ADULT

Allow your child to express their creativity and create projects out of recycled materials with the men and women at the Village of Progress. Kids will be working alongside our staff and people with developmental disabilities to create a seasonal project that can be used to decorate your home. Each participant must be accompanied by an adult. Fee \$6/\$7 NR

6/26 – Summer Fun — 12:30-2:00

## THE VILLAGE BAKERY CLASS - PRE K thru 3RD WITH AN ADULT

Join The Village Bakery and their talented staff for an exciting decorating experience. Each participant must be accompanied by an adult. Don't miss this amazing experience to take home some memories. Everyone takes home a box of baked goods.

Fee: \$16/\$19 NR

May 10<sup>th</sup> Mother Day Treats — 3:30-5:00

June 14<sup>th</sup> Father Day Treats — 3:30-5:00

July 10<sup>th</sup> Summer Fun - 9:30 – 11:00



**Breakfast Sandwiches and Salads  
expand the menu!**

**New Summer Hours:**

**Monday - Friday 6am - 7pm**

**Saturday & Sunday 7am - 4pm**

**Open House at The Village Bakery**

**April 26 & 27 9am - 2pm**

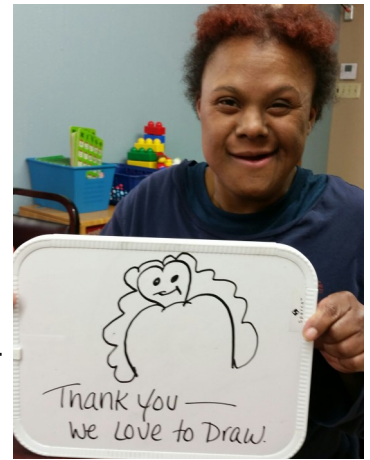
**August 23 & 24 9am - 2pm**

**November 8 & 9 9am - 2pm**

**Gorgeous Additional Seating Added -  
Thank you for your help Roger Cain.**

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## Congratulations & Welcome Back

Angie Martin-Bakener (our Residential Liaison at the VOP) and her husband Jonathan Bakener welcomed a beautiful daughter (Vivian Taylor Bakener) to their family on 12-26-2018. Angie returned to the Village full time March 18th.



# 50th Anniversary

“Celebrating our Progress”

WEDNESDAY

August 28, 2019

1:00pm - 2:30pm Open House

1:30 Unveiling

**Public is encouraged  
to attend**

The Village is funded in part by the Ogle  
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