

Meaningful Connections

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Russell and Arthur share a love for animals. They give back to the community by delivering newspapers to the local Humane Society weekly, and volunteering their time walking dogs awaiting adoption.

Tara is volunteering at the Belleville YMCA once a week. Tara wears her volunteer t-shirt with pride. Tara assists with supervising children in recreational activities. WAY TO GO, TARA!

Julie is volunteering three afternoons a week at Goodwill in Belleville. Julie is presently responsible to unpack and sort items. Julie's gift to work with clothing has also created a possible new friend with a co-worker.

All the best to you, Julie!

Introducing.....

By Sharon Wright

Plainfield Community Homes is proud to announce the creation of a role entitled "**Meaningful Connector**", a new position within the organization, that began as of April 5, 2004. This position will allow focus to be directed on supporting people to become valued members of the community, and will assist people in meeting their personal outcomes. This role will also allow for cohesive partnerships with area business, clubs, and services, with one central person who will be responsible for assisting the community to build capacity.

With perseverance, and creativity, people have already found success in reaching some of their goals; goals that have been identified in personal plans, and from suggestions from others who care about the person, including family, friends, support staff, and students.

To celebrate with each person their successes and to also share connection ideas with others, a **Meaningful Connections** newsletter will be published as an addition to The Chatter. People who have found connections and roles in the community are encouraged to share as they wish, their news with others by submitting a short description of their new work, volunteer position, or activity. Please call Sharon Wright, 969-7407 ext. 22 or fax 962-6271 for submissions, comments or questions.



New Beginnings

Doug goes to the Armory every Tuesday evening to listen to a bagpipe rehearsal band. Doug loves the bagpipes and this is a wonderful opportunity for him to listen to the music, and meet other people who share his passion.

Lisa has finally connected with the Mix 97 Crew! Lisa visits with her favorite announcers Ingrid and Sean once a month at the radio station. Ingrid and Sean look forward to visiting with Lisa and sharing her monthly gift of homemade goods.

Don't Ever Doubt Yourself

You have so much to offer, so much to give, and so much you deserve to receive in return.

Don't ever doubt that. Keep Positive, concentrate on that which makes you happy, and build yourself up.

Janet A Sullivan

