



# Merry Christmas



## From our Family to Yours!

November 28, 2006

Dear Friends:

Beth lived at home with her parents for most of her life. Her mother took care of both Beth and her father until her dad died. As time passed, it became increasingly difficult for Beth's "Mommy" (that's what Beth called her) to meet all of her needs at home. So, Beth moved into a group home that was fairly near her mother's apartment. "Mommy" was able to go and visit Beth regularly. But this first placement was not exactly what the family wanted.

As a respite care provider for Northwestern Community Services, I had taken care of Beth for several years. I heard about an opening at Pleasant View and told her family about it. Arrangements were made through the CSB Case Manager for Beth to have a trial visit at Mumaw House. She moved here in June, 2003. I was hired by Pleasant View in August, 2003 and have been working with Beth since then. The family has been pleased to find out that caregiver turnover was low. They have liked the fact that Beth can expect to see the same faces each day care for her. They appreciate that Beth can live in a nice house that is kept clean. When they have come to visit Beth, they have enjoyed seeing that she has been well-groomed and happy.

Beth loves to play clapping games with staff members. Once begun, though, one needs to be prepared to do it over and over and over again, because that's what she'll want to do. Then she will start to laugh, so hard sometimes that she'll almost be crying. Beth enjoys watching television, especially game shows. She exhibits displeasure when the commercials interrupt the program, just as anyone else does. Beth loves going for rides, especially on I-81. She likes to watch the tractor-trailer trucks going fast.

*"We had been searching for so long for a place for Beth to go when Mom couldn't take care of her any more. Mumaw House has been the perfect fit for Beth. Pleasant View has been such a blessing to our family. I think our mom died with peace of mind knowing that Beth was in a place where people care, and show concern and commitment to people with mental and physical challenges,"* said Beth's sister.

As we approach Christmas, we think of important people in our lives. It's a time for families to be together and it's a special time to give thanks for our blessings.

**We are blessed to have you in our lives and we are thankful for the difference you have made in the lives of the people we serve.** We ask that you continue to keep our staff and clients in your prayers as we finish this year and start a new one. **With your help, we will continue to do our best to fulfill our mission "to serve people with disabilities".**

Sincerely,

Nancy Cooper  
Program Coordinator, Mumaw House

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## From all of us!

