



# News from Linden

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## All About Linden Ave

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### LINDEN AVE NEWSLETTER

The Wilderness room was the recipient of a wonderful gift of time talent and art. Cheryl Saxby, Beth Hoppe, Monique Weir and Desiree Tarnell designed and erected this fabulous tree. They are a crafting group. These ladies get together and make quilts, wedding flowers and other crafts. They came up with this tree to go with the new Wilderness theme. The overall opinion of everyone that sees it is, "WOW"!!! Stop by the room and check it out! Thank-you, Ladies! It's awesome!



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### Consumer Highlight: Sharmiki B. & Fred P.



### Welcome!!

Sharmiki & Fred are both new members of the K-2 room. Sharmiki is a force to be reckoned with! She already has been involved in many award winning art projects and the development of the Linden Ave "Rock Band".

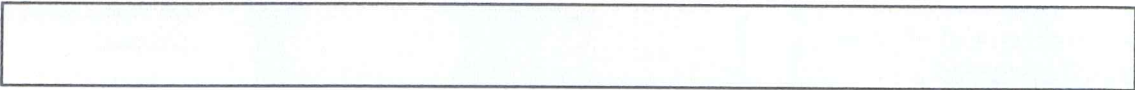
Fred has distinguished himself as a kind & thoughtful soul. He sees the good in everyone and has been busy building new friendships! We are so happy to have you both at Linden Ave!



# Toys for Tots campaign was a huge success!



The consumers of P.A.I. are all about giving back to the community. Our philosophy has always been that everyone is able to make a contribution. Everyone at Linden is expected to work hard and to be part of their room spirit and team effort. This year they decided that they would like to collect money for children that may not have much. The Maui room decided that they would collect money for Toys for Tots. Each day they collected from staff, families, visitors and vendors. Their theme was "We need your Change to make a change!!"



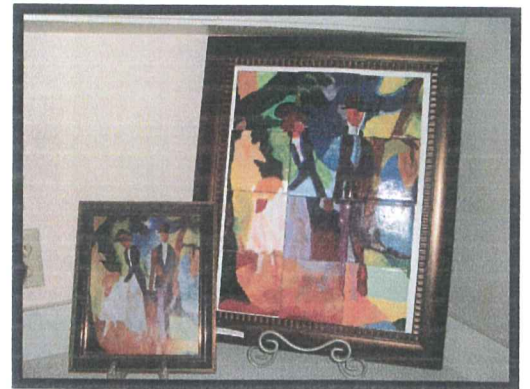
## Toys cont.

We are happy to report they were very successful! Their efforts meant that they collected over \$82.00. They went shopping for the toys and delivered them to one of the stations. Thank-you to the Maui Room for your great idea! Pictured above are Sue T., Megan Thompson Instructor, & Lynn M. Pictured to the right are Greta N, and David B.



# August Mackie...PAI style

For this art project, each room was given 2 of 12 4"x4" tiles. They were also given a grid of the original painting and the color scheme. It is then up to the room to try to match the original as closely as possible so when they are all put together they look somewhat like the original. The original is the small picture on the left, the large picture is the tiles from the rooms combined to make..... our rendition of the original. Fabulous!





## Dobie is immortalized



Dobie, the therapy dog and Rich Bartel, his dad, have been coming to PAI now for over 100 visits. Here you see Dobie has been immortalized in one of our more adventurous art projects. Each room selected an art piece and then did their rendition in seeds and edible products. Our inspiration was from the seed lady at the State Fair. K-2 took the honors in this contest. Thank-you Dobie and Rich for your service to PAI!

*"... Giving people the resources they need..."*

## New Door Name Plates for each room!

K-2 also took top honors in this last art project. In this project each room got a shadow box that they designed to reflect their interests and hobbies. This simple yet elegant design shows the K-2 folks are all about music sports and outings! Nice job, guys!!!



*That's what PAI is all about!*

## The Rock Band: established by Sharmiki



Sharmiki, Trina and Tikisha all worked hard to practice and set up for the first performance of the "Rock Band". This performance included many artists who sang, danced and did instrumentals for the going away party for Dani Otto. Watch for the "PAI" song to hit the waves. Titled: "PAI." "We love each other. We're all friends. We love to come together. That's where the fun begins!"



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## Things in the news

Be sure to check out the Phoenix Alternatives web site. It has all the happenings from all of the sites. Check it out at:

[www.phoenixalternatives.org](http://www.phoenixalternatives.org)

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If you have anything you want us to report about give us a call.

We are happy to report that while we are still holding our breath...we have had a fairly healthy winter. We believe that our holding firm to the philosophy that if you are sick... you stay home has greatly reduced the spread of colds and flu! This has meant that consumers and staff have had a better and healthier season. Knock wood! Thank-you to everyone who has been hyper vigilant about watching over our precious charges! Spring is on the way! I have seen a robin already!

If this healthy streak continues we will resume our volunteering in the schools this spring.

Some of you may have noticed that you had difficulty getting through to us via fax and phone. We are happy to report that we think we have the problem fixed. Thank-you for your patience.

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