



# Fretzpark Homes, Inc.'s Newsletter

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Greetings! Can you believe that in a couple of weeks it will be September? That means pumpkins, cold weather and lots of parties. This was our 11<sup>th</sup> year of providing services to individuals with developmental disabilities. As always, it is a pleasure to serve as the CEO, watching not only our individuals served, but our staff as well. FPH administration makes every attempt to promote the well-being of our staff members and find creative ways to boost staff morale. Our amazing HTS staff strive hard to ensure that our individuals are living their best life.

This past year we lost two FPH loved ones, and my heart is very heavy for the loss of them both. Ms. Sherri, was the mother and guardian of Jay, and she loved him so very much. I met Sherri when I first moved to Oklahoma, and worked at ABLE. Jay was in high school and attending their school to work program. Sherri and I then met up again when FPH began serving Jay in a residential setting in 2008. Sherri was very supportive of FPH and all of the staff that have worked with Jay along the way. Sherri was not only an advocate for Jay, but also for his roommates he lived with and all people with developmental disabilities.

Everyone at FPH was deeply saddened by our loss of Preston V. He had a smile that would light up an entire building, and whenever he saw me he lit my heart up inside. Preston loved to attend our holiday party, and of course he never wanted to get out of the pool at our End of Summer Bash. Although Preston was unable to communicate, he never met a stranger. When you saw him, you felt compelled to speak to him. Preston's mother, Tina, was an amazing caregiver to him. In my career, I have never met someone so dedicated to the care, and the growth of a child as Tina. Tina worked with Preston in all areas of his life, with the expectations that he could do all things through learning, love, and motorcycle rides. 😊

As I am reflecting on the lives of these two wonderful human beings, all I can think of is how precious life is, and that one never knows when it will be taken away. It also gives me heart ache that they are no longer with us, but gives me peace knowing they are in a better place and not suffering anymore. Sherri and Preston had a love for life and their families, and it showed!

As fall approaches, please keep a look out for upcoming events. Make sure you have your costume ready for the Halloween Party. You could be the big winner for the best costume. FPH administration always provides a meal for Thanksgiving as not all of our individuals have family homes. Last but not least, the granddaddy of them all, our AMAZING Holiday Party: food, music, photos, door prizes, Santa, and awards. What more could you ask for? I hope to see you there!

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**Fretzpark Homes Night**  
**Come and enjoy FPH Night At The Office The Last Wednesday of Every Month! FPH Night Includes Food, Games, Arts & Crafts, Karaoke Nights, and Birthday Celebrations!**



## JULY

Kathy U. 7/01  
Latoya S. 7/02  
Twana F 7/05  
Oyediran O. 7/22

## AUGUST

Kaemarie C. 7/24  
Godlove A. 7/27  
Hesham H. 7/30  
Frances W. 8/08  
Victor W. 8/20

Anthony G. 8/02  
Catherine P. 8/24  
Patrice J. 8/28

## SEPTEMBER

Adebimpe O. 8/25  
Tracy H. 9/01  
Diane T. 9/09  
Maxine J. 9/10



The "You've Been Busted Program" recognizes staff members being caught performing an excellent job with our clientele. The staff member being recognized will receive a \$50 gift card from Fretzpark Homes showing our gratitude!



## Notes From The Training Coordinator

- **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:** Employees out of compliance with training may be subject to removal from the schedule until all training is completed.
- Employees need to fax or bring a copy of their training certificates and/or In-Service sheets to the office once their training is completed.
- Employees need to make sure that FPH receives an updated copy of their auto insurance once it has been renewed, insurance company has changed, or whenever they get a new vehicle.
- Employees must bring in a copy of their new Driver's License once it has been renewed. Without a current copy on file, employees could be removed from the schedule until this has been taken care of.
- If employees are unable to attend trainings or in-services for any reason, they MUST contact their PC and/or Training Coordinator with at least a twenty-four hour notice OR you will still be charged.

## Into the Fold: The Art and Science of Origami

Guests will not only take in more than a hundred origami pieces and learn about how origami is used in science, but can also try their hands at creating their own unique shapes in the exhibit's hands-on space. "Into the Fold: The Art and Science of Origami" is open through Jan. 13, 2019, and is included with general admission.



- Location: Science Museum Oklahoma
- Address: 2020 Remington Place Oklahoma City, OK
- Phone: (405) 602-6664

## 10 FUN FACTS ABOUT OKLAHOMA

1. Oklahoma City is the largest city in the State of Oklahoma, with a metro population of more than 1.3 million.
2. Oklahoma City was settled by the Land Run of April 22, 1889.
3. Oklahoma City averages more than 300 days of sunshine per year.
4. The world's first installed parking meter was in Oklahoma City, on July 16, 1935.
5. The first shopping cart was invented and used in Oklahoma City at Standard Food Markets in 1937.
6. The state capitol building at 23rd and Lincoln is the only capitol in the nation with a working oil well on its grounds.
7. Oklahoma means "Land of the Red People" in the Choctaw Language.
8. Oklahoma was admitted to the Union on November 16, 1907 as the 46th state.
9. The centerpiece of the Oklahoma City governor's mansion is a swimming pool in the shape of the state of Oklahoma.
10. Oklahoma City is home to more man-made lakes than any other state in America, more than 200 in number.



**Splish Splash**  
JOIN FRETZPARK HOMES FOR OUR  
7TH ANNUAL END OF SUMMER  
POOL PARTY!  
SUNDAY AUGUST 26TH  
6:30 PM TO 9:00 PM

**Pelican Bay**  
1034 S BRYANT AVE  
EDMOND, OK 73034  
RSVP TO SHAY AT 405-521-8232 BY  
AUGUST 23RD

## Party Notes:

**FREE SNOW CONES!!**

**Snack bar will be open for cash purchases.**

**REMEMBER TO APPLY  
YOUR SUNSCREEN!**

**Appropriate Swim Attire is required!**



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Fretzpark Homes is dedicated to providing superior, quality, residential service to people with developmental disabilities and their families.

In attempting to achieve our goal, we offer a variety of opportunities for the individuals to exercise their right as a productive citizen both in the home and community. These opportunities include measurable training in daily living skills, an assortment of community involvement, creative activities within the home, and the chance to give back to the same community that gives to them.

#### This Month's Contributors

Kelly Silla

Amber Caro

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Your generous donations go to help our residents enjoy independent living. Consider making a donation today. Please contact Fretzpark Homes for ways to donate.

#### Making a Difference!

We have a wonderful staff full of amazing individuals. YOU are a huge part in what Fretzpark Homes is all about. Thank you for all that you do!

We're on the Web!  
[fretzpark.org](http://fretzpark.org)

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