

# The Charter House Journal

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## Members Meet With Sen. Gretchen Whitmer

Senator Whitmer was kind and accommodating towards us during our meeting with her. We met her at her office on August 7th, 2013.

Senator Whitmer seemed astute and compassionate at the same time. She listened attentively as we shared our Evidence Based Practice information about how club-houses impact and change for the better, peoples' lives. Present was Julie T., Ruth P., Gary L., and myself, Nicole W.

We shared with her to "Remember us when you think about cutting the budget, for persons who have a mental illness.

Senator Whitmer talked a little bit about Medicaid expansion and said she hopes that there is a vote on August 27th, when the legislature returns from summer break.



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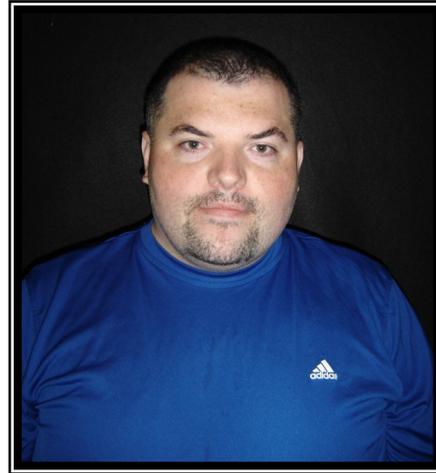
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### New Member (Kevin E.)

Kevin lives in Okemos, MI. Kevin enjoys watching videos on YouTube in his spare time. He listens to New Age and Country music. To stay active, Kevin likes to play Frisbee and go walking. Kevin has travelled to Jamaica. Kevin has been attending Charter House for about 2 months and says that he likes that people are friendly and he feels accepted. Kevin has attended MSU and LCC. Welcome to Charter House, Kevin!



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### New Member (Karen H.)

Karen was born in Lansing, MI. She graduated from Everett High School and attended community college in St. Petersburg, FL. Karen has two children, a son and a daughter. Karen enjoys reading, exercising, and volunteering. She enjoys watching tennis and baseball, her favorite team being the Detroit Tigers and her favorite tennis players being Maria Sharapova and Roger Federer. Karen enjoys listening to rock, pop, and Motown music. Welcome Karen!



## My Dog Bryn (Ryan S.)

Bryn was my dog. He was a Corgi...Queen Elizabeth has a bunch of them. Bryn was big for a Corgi and he always slept by the end of the bed. One time he was barking at a turkey outside, the turkey flew toward the window and scared him. Bryn didn't like storms or alarms and when he got scared, he would run into a corner

and tremble. He loved cheese and dog treat peanut butter, but he did not like taking his pills. My brother and I went to MSU to walk the dog. I remember when I had to hold him down at the veterinarian, so the vet could trim his nails.

I miss my dog.



## New Member, New Job (Karen H.)

My name is Karen Hazard. I attend Charter House twice a week. This program has given me some good socialization, which is something I enjoy.

Just recently I have been given a work schedule. I am very thankful to the staff.

My job is at Transitions North. I have been able to secure a position as a file clerk. This has taught me that accuracy is crucial and quantity is less important.

Thank you to all that have made me feel important and acceptable.

## Meet Aaron

Aaron has no pets. The last book he read was *The Wonder of Being* by Jeff Foster. Aaron likes to cook for other people rather than just for himself. He likes really good pizza. Aaron is an only child. He enjoys watching basketball and tennis. This summer Aaron went camping with some friends of his. They

cooked together, practiced yoga and meditation; they went hiking and kept a great fire going. He has visited Canada and Jamaica. Aaron likes a variety of authentic ethnic foods, including Indian, Thai, and Irish foods, but he LOVES ice cream. Aaron would not like to be famous, he states, "being

famous looks like a hassle." Aaron would like to visit Greece. When asked which fictional character he would like to be, Aaron responded, "Being Superman would be pretty sweet."

We welcome Aaron to Charter House.

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## Employment News

From January to July 2013, Charter House members had worked 3500 hours and have earned \$29,000.

Some of our new TE positions include:

- Shaw Hall MSU
- Panera Bread Co.
- Riverside Bicycle
- Woody's Oasis
- Salvation Army

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