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## Grand Opening Fund-Raiser with Vinny T's: MARC Receives a Check for \$3,000

Written by: *Regina Ricci*



Vinny T's of Boston has brought their Italian cooking expertise to our Manchester community and with its opening of the restaurant at the Buckland Hills Mall brought a fund-raiser for MARC, Inc. On September 14th, Vinny T's handed a generous check to MARC for \$3000. This donation came from the beverage sales during its four pre-opening training parties held throughout the last week of August.

said Americo Cateni. "We're very excited to be part of the Greater Manchester community and are proud to contribute to vital organizations such as MARC."

Everyone at MARC, Inc. would like to thank Vinny T's for their contribution and welcome them to our community, wishing them luck with their new restaurant venture. We would also like to thank Dennis and Sue for bringing our two organizations together and making this happen.



With the recommendation from Dennis Buden of Dennis Buden Public Relations and Sue O'Connor from the GMCC, Americo Cateni, Paisano Partner for the new Vinny T's of Boston, chose to coordinate this fund-raiser with MARC, Inc. "Vinny T's restaurants are very involved with the communities they serve,"

## An Impressed Mystery Shopper at Shaw's

Written by: *Chris Donald*

Holly Williams, an associate of Shaw's Supermarket in Vernon, was awarded for great customer service by a "mystery shopper." The mystery shopper noticed Holly's excellent customer service skills while waiting in the checkout line on a recent visit to Shaw's.

Holly earned the award on the grounds of providing great customer service to all customers, providing a friendly greeting and a smile while attending to any of their needs. Holly is very happy with the award as it shows her hard work is noticed and appreciated by those who visit the store and that she is a valued employee of Shaw's.

**Congratulations Holly for your Mystery Shopper Award and keep up the great work!!!**



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# United Way's "Day of Caring" Brings Special Visitors to MARC's Senior Center

Written by: Regina Ricci

On September 10th, eleven volunteers from United Health Group came to MARC, Inc. to spend some quality time with our retirees in honor of United Way's "Day of Caring." Our seniors look forward to this day every year, as it is a great time to meet new people and just have a lot of fun.

A full day of entertainment, which included a variety of activities and lots of socializing, was planned for everyone to enjoy. The volunteers began their day with an orientation where they learned a bit about our organization and what we do. After which, they spent some time becoming acquainted with everyone in the Senior Center. Then everyone had fun taking turns bowling and singing karaoke; two of the seniors' favorite activities.

As lunch neared, Sylvia and Connie, two of our seniors, along with Jenny Salcius, one of the volunteers, prepared a beautiful fruit salad that everyone would have later for dessert. For the main entree, everyone enjoyed a variety of dishes from Vinny T's, the new restaurant located at the Buckland Mall, which included veggie lasagna, pasta w/meat sauce, and Farfalle Con Pollo. After lunch, everyone relaxed with some leisure activities and socialization before it was time to go home.

We would like to give a special thank you to Laura Sullivan and all of her volunteers from the United Health Group for spending the day with us and making this such a spectacular day.

### Volunteers:

Joanne Apostolidis, Sue Demettrion, John Erdman, RoseMarie Fellman, Deb Fuller, Deb Hanson, Kate O'Connell, Kat Ponder, Jenny Salciusos, Laura Sullivan, and Jenn Welchman



Written by: Jen Edberg



On the Sunday morning of September 5th, Rachel Alderman and Lauren Phillips, as well as Ken Edberg and I, who are respite staff for MARC, Inc. set out for a fun-filled day at Lake Compounce Amusement Park. This

day was possible through a donation to our Respite Service of admission tickets for the amusement park by Manchester Magazine.

As we drove closer to the park our curiosities loomed on where all the rides were - all we could see was a forest of trees. But after we parked the car and walked through a tunnel and the entrance gates, there lay the best hidden place in town...a wonderland of fun - Lake Compounce.

Our first stop was an exciting ride on the Wildcat rollercoaster. Everyone had a good laugh, or in some cases a good scream. After this thrilling experience, we settled down to eat at the park's Croc Pot Diner where we

# Respite Adventures to Lake Compounce

enjoyed some salads, sandwiches, fries, and sodas. We were then ready to take on some action-packed adventures, riding bumper cars, the ferris wheel, a haunted house ghost hunt, a carousel ride, and a train tour around the lake.

We could not leave Lake Compounce without first watching and participating in a couple of their lakefront shows. Five dancers took the stage for both of the shows and during the first show, we were able to clap and sing along with the performers to music from the 1970's and 1980's. The second show featured skits and songs from popular movies and TV shows, including *Grease*, *James Bond*, and *Laverne and Shirley*.

Time just flew with all the fun and excitement we were having and before we knew it, it was time to go. On the way home we chatted excitedly about our great adventures we had that day at Lake Compounce.



# Classical Sounds of a Violin Fill the Senior Center

Written by: Halima Sudyka

An August 11th surprise visit to the Senior Center was announced after coffee break that day. As the seniors sat around in a circle waiting for the unknown visitor, a young girl named Agnes Kominke, looking not much older than a teenager with her ponytail hairstyle, came strolling in with a violin case in her hand.



When Agnes began to play and beautiful music filled the air, the seniors' faces all lit up with joy and delight. They listened to melodies from *Fiddler of the Roof* and classical music such as the cheerfully vivid sound of *Humoresque*, by Antonin Dvorak and a beautiful legato piece by Robert Schumann, called *Dream*. After each piece, Agnes received a generous applause and she replied with a smile to everyone in the audience. As she played each tune, you could feel the essence of the music touching



your soul and it was a wonderful to see that it appeared to be doing the same with the seniors.

During the second part of the concert, the seniors' were able to test their musical knowledge of some popular American songs. Playing these tunes with the violin, a classical instrument, could have been a challenge for some people to recognize, but not for Connie, Bill, Robert, Katie, and Sylvia. They were quickly able to identify all the tunes she played. Everyone's head was bobbing to the beat of the music as she played a wide variety of popular songs. Agnes ended her concert by playing a few requests and the seniors responded with a round of applause and cheers that could be heard all throughout the halls of MARC. We are very grateful to Agnes for bringing a gift of music to the Senior Center.