



Traverse House

June 2026 Newsletter

Social Recreation



Above: Members enjoying some Moomers Ice Cream

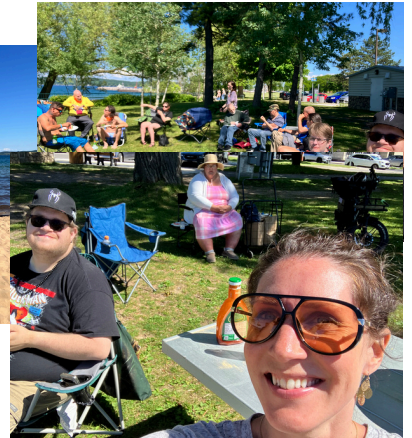
Below: Members playing bingo on Juneteenth



Sleeping Bear Dunes



Picnic at the Beach!



Love is In the Air



Congratulations and best wishes to members Carrie and Jim, who just got married at the end of May!

Wellness

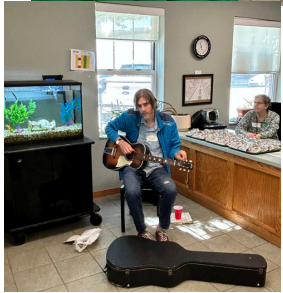
In continuation of our action plan that was developed and centered around wellness, a survey just went out to members for learn what wellness topics interest them. Next step is to bring back wellness meetings on a weekly basis!



30 Year Anniversary



What a wonderful turnout we had for our 30 Year Anniversary celebration. Community members and clubhouse members really enjoyed this opportunity to mingle and share our experiences. Special shoutout to our member crafters, who had things available for purchase and fundraising, and to our speakers who shared their mental health journey.



Employment



Each year, Clubhouse Michigan celebrates our wonderful employers from across the state who employ our member colleagues. This year, Traverse House nominated and provided an award to our employment partner- Plato's Closet. We developed a relationship with their store manager, Jeff, in May 2025 during an open house event at our Clubhouse. In learning about the Clubhouse program, Jeff immediately offered opportunities to partner in employment. By July 2025, we had developed a new Transitional Employment Placement for a retail position for our Clubhouse.

Over the past year, Jeff has employed 2 of our members in Transitional and Supported employment placements.

We honored Plato's Closet for the opportunities they provided members, but also the encouragement and support for our members working in their positions. Jeff and his team are compassionate, accommodating, and fun! Members enjoy the work, but also the culture at Plato's Closet.

Representative Betsy Coffia also joined the Employment Celebration in Lansing to speak about the importance of employers like Plato's Closet in the Grand Traverse community and supporting adults with mental illness in their employment journeys. She assisted with presenting the award to Jeff and his team.



Directors Corner

PARK WITH US FOR CHERRY FESTIVAL

Each year, Traverse House and Club Cadillac work diligently to prepare for our annual Cherry Festival Fundraiser. This year, the fundraiser will begin on July 4th and run through July 11th.

July 4th-8am-8pm

July 5- 8am-8pm

July 6-July 10th- 4pm-7pm

July 11th- 8am-8pm

Our Clubhouse program operations are funded by Medicaid dollars, however, our fundraised dollars allow us to provide so much more needed supports to the colleagues of Traverse House. All of the money raised is allocated to support items such as; education scholarships for enrichment classes or college, employment needs like new shoes for work or clothing, housing supports like rental payment or a storage unit bill, YMCA monthly gym scholarships, and gas cards for members who drive to and from Clubhouse to participate. We also use these funds to support our social program, decreasing the out-of-pocket cost for members who wish to participate.

One of the most important items that these funds are used for is covering the cost for member colleagues to attend in state and out of state training and conference events. Members are able to connect with other Clubhouses and their members during these conferences, participate in workshops, and many Traverse House members have been involved in presenting during these conferences.

Without our annual fundraiser, we would have no ability to offer these important opportunities to our colleagues. Thank you in advance for your support this year!



Our Staff



Holly B. (pictured left) has been on staff for 18.5 years. Clubhouse has shown her that recovery is possible. She starts each day with a smile and some say she has found her niche here. She enjoys the comradery and the light heartedness of the job. When not at work, she enjoys gardening, thrift shopping, rock hounding and crafting pins. Her goal is to expand housing resources and building community relationships surrounding housing to meet the housing needs for the members.

Cheryl A (pictured right) is a staff person here. She's been here 15 years. This position has broadened her horizons. Traveling to conferences and trainings has made her feel most welcome. She also looks forward to seeing members here each day. She enjoys country roads and watching nature and wildlife. Her goals are to continue expanding opportunities in culinary. She is interested in pursuing working with the clubhouse faculty.

Transitional Employment

Culinary Statistics



Doug B started as our new greeter placement at Northern Lakes Community Mental Health this month. Way to go Doug!



Jayna and Joe started their new positions with our brand new employer, Precise Cleaning LLC. This position was created for us as Cleaning Support Technicians, which primarily assists with linen and laundry cleaning and organizing. Good job Jayna and Joe learning this brand new TE position!



Statistics 2026

Number of times the Pantry was utilized:
265

Number of Meals Served:
422

Upcoming Activities

June Social Recreation

7/4 Ice Cream Social 1:30pm-2:30pm

7/4-7/11 Cherry Festival Fund Raising

7/16 Beach Day Celebration 2:00pm-6:00pm

7/23 Dairy Lodge 12:15pm

7/29 Fishing w/ Chazz 3:00pm-5:00pm

Committee Meetings

Born to Read

7/1 7:00am-11:00am

Purchasing

TBD 8:30-9:30

Food Coalition

7/9 9-10:30am

Education Committee

7/14 11:00am

Community Awareness

7/30 8:30am

Wellness Wednesday

Every Wednesday starting 7/15

Employment Readiness

Every Friday 8:30-9:30

Member Statistics:

Active Members: 73

Average Daily attendance: 28

Employment Statistics:

Number of Members Employed: 23

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