

CELEBRATING JUBILEE'S FIRST 40 YEARS

JUBILEE FIRST DECADE: 1978-88

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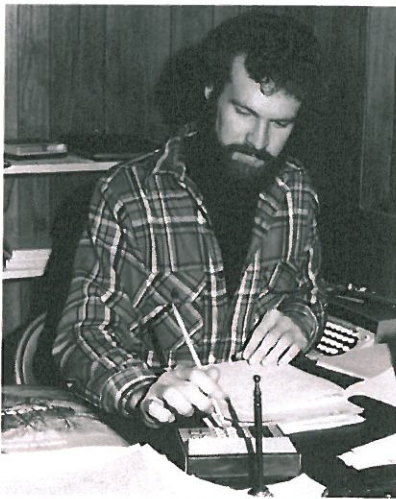
As Jubilee Association of Maryland approaches its 40th anniversary, we are acknowledging the growth and legacy of our organization. Jubilee was started by and continues to be affiliated with Hyattsville Mennonite Church. Beginning with only one group home serving seven adults, Jubilee has gradually grown to serve 138 adults with intellectual and other developmental disabilities in over 70 locations in Montgomery County.

Jubilee started with one group home and an office in a shed behind the Sandy Ridge Road home in 1978. We have some individuals who have been with us since the beginning



Painting by Jane Caha 2012

and we want to take the time to share their experiences with you.



Tim Wiens worked in the shed, Jubilee's original office, for the first 10 years.

Jubilee's Maintenance Team uses the shed for its office today.

Brian's brother, John Lyman, along with their mother Dorothy, helped Brian select and move into Jubilee's first group home in 1979. Don, Chris and Carolyn Lyman have all served on the Jubilee Foundation Board at various times. The Lymans have loved being part of the Jubilee family ever since. Brian loves being a part of a safe and secure environment where he is loved unconditionally and can be himself. When first looking for services for Brian, they wanted something where he would be accepted and cared for. **"Brian was one of the first residents in his home and he still lives there 40 years later,"** John stated.

humanity of all people and treat them equally and with the utmost respect, regardless of their level of disability or role in relationship to the agency.

What stood out about Jubilee to the Lyman family is the value of respect and human dignity. All those associated with Jubilee recognize the basic



John, Brian, and Carolyn Lyman at a Jubilee Cookout



Below, a painting by Jane Caha of the house at Sandy Ridge Road, Jubilee's first house.

John Lyman remembers when Jubilee's office was just a shed in a backyard. He didn't expect the organization to grow as much as it has. The growth of Jubilee continues to inspire everyone. John states that Jubilee has always been great with their communication and very respectful when discussing any issues related to the people they serve. The newsletters that they send out regularly are very helpful and keep the family up to date on everything.