



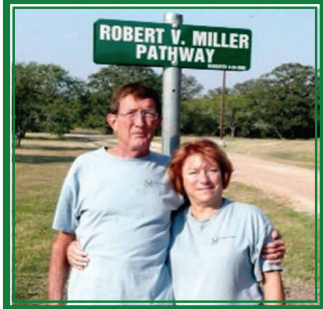
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The Founder's Message



Welcome to RVM Trailways!

This is the first edition of our Newsletter. We hope you enjoy keeping up with all the exciting happenings taking place for adults with disabilities because of the Robert V. Miller Fund.

In this special Holiday Edition we are celebrating what Robert's memory has been able to do in the lives of others. We celebrate 9 camps/retreats/"GetAways" in which more than 200 individuals have participated over the past three years. We celebrate camper reunions and a brand new program of monthly social recreational experiences that are maintaining relationships for nearly 100 individuals. We celebrate the families and caregivers who have had some times for respite. We celebrate our volunteers and donors, faithful advisors, and families who have supported our mission during the challenges we have faced.

And we are ever so thankful in this special holiday season to give thanks for these blessings.

We wish you and yours the very best of the season your tradition brings to you for your celebrations and memories. We hope for the new year and hope that you will continue to support those who will have an opportunity next year because you care.

Sharon and Jerry Miller

"Art and Spirit" Campers



Thank you
for making our retreat possible.
We had a wonderful weekend
of exploring nature, art,
and new friendships.



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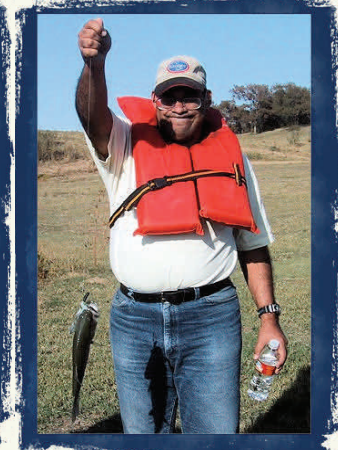
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“Art and Spirit”

On September 9th twenty-one adult artists with developmental disabilities participated in the Imagine Art’s program gathered in Gonzales. They were gathered at the camp site for the mission to get to know each other better, share their incredible skills and Abilities through pictorial journaling, collage, music, prayer, fishing, smores, swimming, walking and much more.



*“I caught
 a fish.
 This is the
 first time I
 ever caught
 a fish.
 I wish my
 parents
 could see.”*



*“When
 is the
 next
 camp.”*



**RVM
 Fund Founders,
 Sharon and Jerry
 Miller**
 were there to
 volunteer
 and to witness the
 impact of connection
 opportunities.

**Gerald H. and Sharon Miller
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Gifts from the Heart

Wayne Eller and Steve Pratt are men with very large hearts. They have helped at many outings and at this one they treated everyone to a complete dinner. Wayne and Steve bought and cooked the entire meal from main course to dessert. This gift enabled 30 people to, enjoy fellowship, dinner and social interaction. The Robert V. Miller Fund was able to use the money saved for additional activities.

Peer Socials are Launched

Monthly peer socials for mature and young adults with severe mental illnesses were launched in February, 2010. These socials have proven to be the connection needed and enjoyed by adults living in conditions of social isolation. Two "Get-Aways" took place in April and November in Gonzales, Texas. The Boy Scout volunteer leaders provided meaningful activities and connections for 40 adults while at the same time respite was available to families and other caregivers.

RVM Trailways would love to include you to receive our Quarterly email. Please send us your E-mail address at rvmcamp@austin.rr.com then you can watch and join our progress.

INVITATION TO PROVIDERS CONTINUES



2011 applications for providers are currently being considered. If your organization seeks discussion about becoming a weeklong residential camp, specialized long weekend, multi-day retreat or social connection please contact us at rvmcamp@austin.rr.com.

Robert V. Miller Fund

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This relationship assures financial accountability to donors and IRS compliance.

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Mission

- Serving the needs of adults and caregivers
- Developing skills through fun, friends and support
- Building relationships and life experiences



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Thank you Michele Krugel, Editor