



a letter to say

Thank You!

Hello Mr. Amick,

Happy Holidays! I hope this email finds you well and enjoying the holiday season. At this time of year, when everyone is so busy getting ready for the upcoming holidays, I wanted to be sure to make the time to send you this letter to recognize and thank Jen Ruane for giving back to the individuals at Life-Skills, Inc.

About a month or so ago, Jen mentioned to me that she wanted to "give back" for her birthday this year by giving a holiday party to the individuals and staff at the Morris Street Day Hab. So, on December 20, Jen's actual birthday, Jen spent the day (as well as many other days planning, shopping, preparing) cooking all of the food for about 40 individuals. Jen's feast included stuffed chicken breast, macaroni and cheese, potato salad, baked ham, vegetable medley, and squash. Dessert included brownies, cupcakes, cookies, and a beautiful birthday cake and ice cream for Jen secretly provided by her caring staff! Jen also coordinated with Rich Allaire and his friend Rich to bring their guitars and equipment to sing holiday songs during the party. It was so nice to see the individuals singing along and maybe a few dancing, too. In a coordinated effort, the room was festively decorated to make this celebration as special as possible. All in all, the holiday party was a huge success bringing smiles and joy to all who attended. In addition, Rich Allaire also continued his yearly tradition of donating gifts for each and every individual at the day hab!

I also want to recognize Jen's amazing, caring, hard-working, and dedicated staff who put in so much of their time to help with the celebration, as well as caring for my son and the other 3 amazing men in the Hillside house. Ken only gives 110% while always wearing a smile on his face, and Nelson does the same while showing his caring and nurturing side in everything he does. I cannot say enough about all of the staff at Hillside. They are exceptional people who truly care about the individuals.

In closing, thank you to Life-Skills, Inc. for giving my son Chris a wonderful home on Hillside Ave filled with genuine caring, loving staff. Thank you, Jen, for always putting others first and loving the guys as you do! Thank you to your staff who you expect nothing but the best from each and every day!

This is the season for giving, and Jen and the staff give of themselves every day for the care of the men at Hillside. I hope you will share this with the Board. Thank you for all you do for Life-Skills, Inc.!

Sincerely,

Sue Haughey

(Chris A.'s mom)

