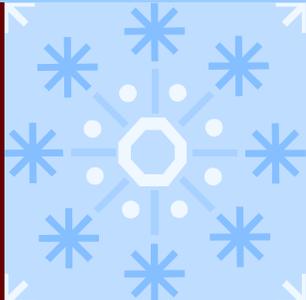


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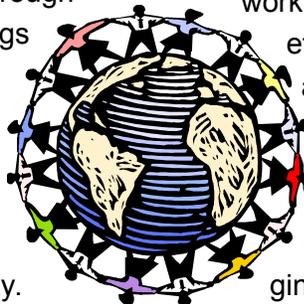
Starr Vision



It's hard to believe that we're already approaching the end of the first quarter of 2003. The past two

months have been filled with activity in our community; new opportunities and new challenges have already been evident as the close of winter draws near.

The Positive Youth Development Initiative is gaining steam with aggressive plans underway that will engage all of our friends and partners throughout the community. Meetings have been held and/or are planned that promise to coordinate efforts to improve conditions for children, youth and families in the metropolitan community.



We excitedly anticipate new levels of cooperation and partnership with the new administrations in the offices of Governor Jennifer Granholm and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. We further look forward to a continued friendship and partnership with the dynamic administration of Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

The changes in the office of the Wayne County Department of Community Justice offer new opportunities that we look forward to sharing. We welcome the new director and his administration and

offer our continued support and cooperation to the WCDCJ as we strive to better serve the children, youth and families of Wayne County.

As President of StarrVista I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the friends and partners that we've had the pleasure of working with in the past. I would also like to encourage everyone in our community to dismiss any past differences so that we may begin working together in a collaborative effort that will positively affect all of us.

The Care Management Organization structure is exciting and represents a new beginning for our children and youth. More importantly we have the ability to improve our environment and positively impact our future... our children and young people. We look forward to maximizing the opportunities available and working with everyone else in the community that shares our desire to see "a better tomorrow for the children of today."

Always for Children and Families,

Michael E. Williams
President, StarrVista

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Youth Spotlight



From left: Kamau Ayinde, Lisha D. and Lisha's aunt, Alice Blanton.

The Agency's business is invested in the lives of the children and families we serve. Our spotlight this month shines on Lisha D., whose worker is Kamau Ayinde. Lisha came into StarrVista's care in April of 2002 and during that time has been compliant with her program.

Lisha currently is placed with Starr Commonwealth's Supervised Independent Living program and is in the 10th grade at

Cooley High School. Prior to attending Cooley she attended Clara B. Ford High School where she maintained a 4.0 grade point average.

Lisha's hobbies are reading, singing, dancing, volleyball, basketball, and football.

Lisha is a remarkable young woman, and we congratulate her on her achievements.



Employee Spotlight—The Man Behind the Name



Anemashaun Bomani, whose name means “generous noble warrior”, has been a Youth

Investment Counselor for StarrVista since April 2001.

With a Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, Bomani, as he is commonly known, has been in the field of social work since 1979.

Prior to coming to StarrVista, Bomani worked at the Burton Center (currently known as Eliot

Center) for fifteen years and with the YMCA for six years as an urban services counselor. Bomani expressed that the difference in working at StarrVista compared to his previous experience with youth is more involvement with the youths' lives.

When asked why he chose the field social work, Bomani explained that in the past friends would generally tell him their problems. He found that the more he listened, the more they talked. Ultimately, social work chose him. Bomani advises

young social work professionals to become community activists.

Among his achievements, Bomani considers his greatest accomplishment to be the enlightenment of others with an African-centered world view. Bomani's favorite quote: *It's better to direct a change in your life, than to continuously go through changes – Gil-Scot Heron.*



StarrVista Bids a Fond Farewell.



Theron Beaver and Shawn Bateman say goodbye to each other after a long business association.

On February 21st, staff gathered to wish, Wayne County Liaison, LaShawnda (Shawn) Bateman a fond farewell as she continues her professional career with Blanche Kelso Bruce Academy.

During her more than two years of employment with StarrVista, Shawn who was hired as a Youth Liaison, successfully completed her Bachelor's degree last year and was promoted to the position she now vacates. Securing a Master's degree in Special Education is one

of Shawn's long-term goals. Shawn said she would miss everyone and offered the following advice to StarrVista youth: obtain a good education and you will succeed in life. We wish Shawn the best of luck in all of her future endeavors. She will be truly missed.

For Your Good Health—Open Enrollment for Health Care

As an Agency committed to the health and well being of its employees and their families, StarrVista has expanded the benefit options available to you. There are now two (2) medical coverage options available to you and your family through the StarrVista employee benefit program during the month of February. Each of the options offer a comprehensive level of coverage that will protect you from financial hardship should you incur a substantial bill as a result of a covered illness or accident.

Both plans are Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO) that utilizes a network of doctors. As a member you select a Primary Care Physician (PCP) from the network. Your PCP will then coordinate every aspect of your healthcare and may refer you to specialists when necessary. **The two new health care providers that will service StarrVista employees beginning March 1, 2003 are Care Choices and M Care.**

StarrVista will now offer voluntary dental insurance through Aetna. You'll have a choice in the type of coverage you want. If you choose the DMO, you will be able to choose an Aetna Dentist within the DMO network that will allow greater benefits at a lower cost to you.

For greater freedom of choice, you can elect the PPO benefit that allows you to choose any dentist. **Aetna Dental service will also be available to StarrVista employees beginning March 1, 2003.**

For more information or detail about any of the new health plans, please contact Human Resources Manager, Gwen Shannon.

Spirit of Detroit Award Winner—Novella White

At the January 29, 2003 Detroit City Council meeting, Novella White was presented with the Spirit of Detroit Award for her efforts toward the Saturday, November 23, 2003 Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway fund raiser hosted by Kay Everett. Novella has been a part of the StarrVista staff since May 2002. As well as her involvement with the Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway fund raiser, Novella is an active member of the National Association of Black Accountants and with her church Union Grace Missionary Baptist. Those in attendance were Council President, Maryann Mahaffey; City Council members Kenneth Cockrel, Jr.; President Pro TEM, Kay Everett; Sheila Cockrel; Alonzo Bates; and Barbara Rose Collins. Congratulations, Novella.



New Employee

Ms. Lisa Gabler joined the StarrVista team as Youth Investment Counselor on February 3, 2003. Ms. Gabler was formerly employed with the Macomb Intermediate School District. She received a BA degree in Sociology from Wayne State University. Lisa enjoys working with children with disabilities and participating in charity functions for just about any cause. Her many interests include: dancing, bowling, skiing, softball, rollerblading, and during the summer -- hanging out at the beach as often as possible. She is also fluent in sign language. Welcome!

FAMOUS COUPLES From A to Z

In honor of Valentine's Day, we'd like to challenge you to match up these famous couples.

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|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| a. | Adam | a. | Delilah |
| b. | Ricky | b. | Sally |
| c. | Ken | c. | Peggy Bundy |
| d. | Aristotle | d. | Whitney |
| e. | Clark Kent | e. | Wilma |
| f. | Dagwood | f. | Bonnie |
| g. | Burt | g. | Tina |
| h. | Sam Malone | h. | Ginger Rogers |
| i. | Mork | i. | Lucy |
| j. | Samson | j. | Elizabeth |
| k. | Fred Flintstone | k. | Cleopatra |
| l. | Harry | l. | Florida Evans |
| m. | Sonny | m. | Brittany |
| n. | David Arquette | n. | Weezie |
| o. | Antony | o. | Eve |
| p. | James | p. | Jackie O. |
| q. | Justin | q. | Claire Huxtable |
| r. | George | r. | Eva |
| s. | Bobby | s. | Diane |
| t. | Fred Astaire | t. | Mindy |
| u. | Clyde | u. | Courtney Cox |
| v. | Cliff | v. | Loni |
| w. | Adolf | w. | Barbie |
| x. | Richard Burton | x. | Cher |
| y. | Ike | y. | Blondie |
| z. | Al | z. | Lois Lane |

Little Known Love Facts

- ♥ Ladies, can you see yourself wearing a wig with tresses eight feet long? In Copenhagen, Denmark, brides rent it for weddings.
- ♥ It's reported that more than 10,000 marriages a year now are directly traceable to romances which begin during coffee breaks.
- ♥ The longest kiss listed in the Guinness Book of World Records lasted an incredible 417 hours.
- ♥ Experts insist that the average person falls in love seven times before marriage.

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Employee Activities Committee to Meet

The Employee Activities Committee will meet February 28, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. in the Center Conference Room. The committee will be setting the calendar for the year at that time. Anyone interested in joining the committee or if you have any suggestions for events for the year, please contact Gwen Shannon or Barbara Douglass. Your suggestions are important to us, so please submit them before the 28th.

Recipe Corner

In our hectic, busy lives we are always searching for ways to make life easier. I found this recipe on-line at www.tastycrockpotrecipes.net. Any crockpot recipe you can think of this sight has it. Bon Appetite!

Herbed Pork Roast with White Wine

by Corrine Bridges

3 1/2-4 lb. pork roast
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1 can chicken broth
1/2 cup white wine
1 tablespoon rosemary
1 tsp crushed red pepper
1 tablespoon soy

Make slits on top of pork roast than add garlic. Brown pork roast, while pork roast is browning, add the can of chicken broth and white wine to your slow cooker. Place the pork roast on top of the broth and add the rosemary, red pepper and soy sauce. Cover and cook on high for one hour and turn to low and cook for 6-7 hours.