

Elder Help Holiday Party

12/18/04 Site Visit

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I attended the Elder Help holiday party at Wilamalane on 12/18/04. I was accompanied by the Elder Help senior I visit. On entering the party room we were greeted by volunteers and harp music. The hall was festively decorated and filled with Elder Help volunteers and seniors. Eight S&DS staff, as well as, members of a Girl Scout troop made all feel welcome. The food was wonderful and the gift bags given to the seniors were much appreciated. Below is a summary of the party written by Amy Raven, the program's coordinator, for the Elder Help newsletter.

Holiday Party a Success!

We had **such** a good time! For those of you who were able to attend – thank you for bringing your senior friend, thank you for your help, and for making it such fun! For those who couldn't get there – I hope you can, next year, because it is just a **BLAST!**

Some special thank-you's go to the following people:

For helping in the kitchen: Laurie Cracraft, Robin Illers, Debbie Brockmann, Norma Landy and Ramona Summers. For bringing such a GREAT cake, which she made and decorated herself, Allison Kramer! For baking cookies for the gift bags, Anne Bowman. For making lemon bread for the gift bags, Janie Halmrast. For delivering bags to seniors not able to attend, Kathy Lenker. Omar Nelson again took great photos (I'll be sending them out to you soon, for you and your senior), and Evelyn Trumbaugh's piano playing and carol-leading was wonderful as always! We appreciated Donna Mast's harp playing as well. And the girls in Harriet Behm's Girl Scout troop were very helpful and fun to have there. And then the STAFF were just great – thanks to Lorrie Graves, Anna Marie Koski, Kim Kaufman, Joan Taylor and JoAnn Coker, for all you did! And then the STAFF was just great – thanks to Lorrie Graves, Anna Marie Koski, Kim Kaufman, Joan Taylor and JoAnn Coker, for all you did!

The new site, Willamalene Adult Activity Center, was a good choice, since we had the most people in attendance EVER at an Elder Help Holiday Party. There were about 90 people in all, present.

Last but not least, thanks to the following local merchants who made donations of gift certificates, used in our drawing: Bed, Bath and Beyond

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Café Paradiso

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