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Their Stories: Stories from our boys

In the following story the name of the boy has been changed to protect his identity)

Bob's Story

Bob had moved a lot in life. He went from foster home to foster home until he and his sister ended up being adopted by a Pennsylvania family. Problems arose that forced Bob to live away from the home. He came to Zerby Gap Familyworks to work on these problems and improve his relationship with his family.

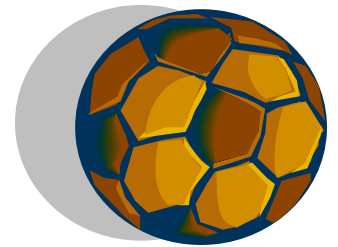
When Bob first arrived at Zerby Gap Familyworks he had difficulty fitting in and

making friends.

While at Zerby Gap Familyworks, Bob participated in many local school activities including sports and weekend dances. He made multiple friends and even bought a class ring. He thrived socially and became a role model for other boys at Zerby Gap Familyworks.

In December of 2006, Bob graduated from Zerby Gap Familyworks.

Bob moved to Stepping Stone, a facility that helps young adults transition to living inde-



pendently. This program, located in State College, works with Bob teaching him how to find a job, manage money, and make the right choices about his future.

The staff at Zerby Gap Familyworks wish Bob the best of luck in his future endeavors.

Zerby Gap Familyworks Wish List:

- Pool Sticks
- Socks (all boy sizes)
- Boxers (all sizes)
- Shower Shoes (flip flops)
- Dice and hourglass timers (for board games)
- Craft supplies (car models, building sets)
- A new RISK game
- Outdoor sports items

Gallery of Activities and Crafts



Community Service



Mask Made by Zerby Gap Boy



Sign up for the 7th annual **On The Field** tournament, September 21st, 2007, at the Hillendale Hunt Club in Tyrone, Pennsylvania. Awards are presented to team champion, lady champion and individuals. A 4-person team registration is \$1100 or \$275 per person. Banquet tickets and other sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, please contact Jenn Daniels at the Youth Service Bureau's main office! 814-237-5731. All proceeds from **On The Field** help to maintain Zerby Gap Familyworks' high-quality programming.

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Joy Gentry

Joy, the Zerby Gap Familyworks (ZGF) Program Manager had been working at ZGF for 6 Years. She has seen many changes take place at ZGF.

Staff Profile of the Month: Farewell Joy Gentry

Starting off working as a Residential Counselor Joy quickly progressed to the position of Program Manager. Her hard work and dedication was apparent in the smooth running of the house and the constant flow of official paperwork to our supporting agencies.

Joy was the first recipient of the Sara Buffington Award, an award for exceptional selfless

service to the house and the boys that reside there. The award is given in honor of Sara Buffington the Director of the house for approximately 5 years.

Joy was always quick to volunteer to help counseling staff on duty. She also made herself available to any of the boys that had a question about their future in the Zerby Gap

Familyworks program. She ensured that the boys' safety and rights were well maintained by updating any paperwork and procedures needed to comply with state and local regulations.

The staff at Zerby Gap Familyworks are thankful to have met and worked with Joy. We wish her the best at her new job.

Thank You!

Thank you to all our supporters. A special thanks to the United Way Day of Caring Volunteers who painted the hallways and offices at Zerby Gap Familyworks. Another special thanks to all of you who took the energy and time to make this past Christmas a special one for our boys. A big thanks to the Barrickman's for donating new gym equipment to our facility.