

Caught in the Act!

Property: Misty Ridge Terrace

Management Company: Pennsylvania Interfaith Community Programs

Service Coordinator: Rachael Stine

Project description: Each summer, the Supportive Services Coordinator transports residents to three different campuses for a visit – Shippensburg University, Gettysburg College, and Harrisburg Area Community College – Gettysburg Campus. The tours include presentations about admissions and financial aid, a tour of the campus, lunch provided by the school, and a Q & A session with school representatives. The schools also typically provide the attendees with a small school-themed gift. These tours are open to any resident at the property, no matter their age. Transportation is first come, first serve. Others are encouraged to meet at the campus.

Three residents have enrolled at Shippensburg University after attending the tour, two recent high school graduates and one single mother. In the past, the average age of attendees is 12-14 years old. The tours have a positive impact on the youth as they are young enough to make changes in their educational habits which would help them make the transition to college. The tours promote the furthering of education to residents, improving their chances of obtaining sustainable occupations. They also have improved the relationships and camaraderie between the children who attend. The attendees have a great time bonding and learning on the tours, and share their experiences with other young residents. The students that have attended the tours in the past have also shown academic improvement and improved attitudes regarding school.

