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ball bearings into plastic pieces to be used for adjusting car seats. New Horizons has a contract with DaimlerChrysler. Noreen produces 300 units a day. In June, she was named Employee of the Month.

Her day is very structured. "She's up at 6:30 a.m. daily and is driven to her job in Novi," said Gerry. "Staff picks her up at 3 p.m. She comes home, has a snack, does therapy."

Added John, "We're elated over the things they do at Angel's Place for Noreen."

She gets frustrated over her speech, and they have her in a sensory program with music to calm her down, he said.

"It seems to be helping," said Gerry. "Another thing they do is physical therapy. She has special shoes. She works on a thera-

py ball for balance. They are doing so many things for her. The staff follows through. She's taking sign language now, and we have to learn it, too."

Although she had lived more than 40 years with her parents, Noreen adjusted well to Angel's Place, her mother said.

"The house mother, Kathryn, is a lovely person. This gives Noreen more companionship. The three other girls are higher functioning, and that's been an asset to her."

Residents of Angel's Place help out around the house. They set and clear the dinner table, load dishes in the dishwasher and keep their rooms clean.

"Now Noreen can make her bed, vacuum, sweep, do simple tasks she never did at home," said Gerry.

"They are so active Gerry and I can't keep up with them," said John.

Married 52 years, the Martins also attend an annual golf outing at the Birmingham Country Club. This year it raised nearly \$500,000 for Angel's Place. Next month there will be a fashion show benefit at Neiman Marcus.

"These girls are angels," said Gerry. "We try to attend a number of benefits. Angel's Place creates homes for people. When you walk inside, you feel at home. It's a warm feeling. They are so caring it's unbelievable."

"We miss Noreen. It's quiet here without her. But we're just so pleased with Angel's Place. She is well cared for, getting the time and attention she needs. It's given us a contented feeling."

Reservations for the Sept. 29 Angel's Place benefit at Art Van Furniture in Novi may be made by calling 350-2203, Ext. 155.



Up North: Gerry, Noreen and John Martin enjoy a meal in East Tawas, a favorite family vacation spot.

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In Oakland County alone, nearly 300 adults with developmental disabilities are on a waiting list for placement in a home. For persons not in crisis situations, the wait for residential placement is extremely long.

Angels' Place was created in 1992 to respond to the overwhelming need for Christian people centered homes and services for men and women with developmental disabilities. Spiritual development is prioritized at Angels' Place homes.

A non profit tax exempt organization, Angels' Place is governed by a diverse volunteer Board of Directors.

The 33 residents who have chosen Angels' Place for their home have been welcomed indiscriminately. The first home opened in 1994. Angels' Place long range plan is to continue an ongoing expansion of its program.

In 1998 Angels' Place was awarded two grants: one by the trustees of The Krueger Foundation of Troy; the other from The McGregor Fund.

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