## DARE TO DREAM



Everyone meet Cheryl! Cheryl has lived with us almost a year and has one of the most creative minds I have ever came in touch with! This past month has been a little rough for Cheryl and we noticed she was down and wasn't participating in a lot of our activities, so we wanted to change that.

In Parker Place, once a month we do shopping trips and we like to give our residents a chance to pick where they want to go and look for items for their rooms to make it feel more like home, or even gifts for the great-grandchildren. Cheryl had been asking me for a while to look up a second hand store in the area, and it just so happened we had one in Parkersburg and one in Grundy Center. Well Cheryl wanted to go to the one in Grundy Center because there was some history behind the decision. Cheryl's grand-parents lived in Grundy Center her whole life, and so did she and her siblings, and their grandmother and mother would always take them shopping in the second hand stores, as she told me "more for your dollar", she was defiantly a bargain shopper! One day it was gloomy, and rainy and none of the other residents wanted to do anything that day, so I decided it was a perfect day to take Cheryl to Grundy, I told her to get ready and we were going to take off. Her eyes lit up!! We drove around town and she showed me where they grew up and then I let her pick whatever place she wanted to go. After our trip, we could tell Cheryl was getting back to herself and started participating more, and even smiling more!