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Anniversary

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Celebrating 65 years of serving our

elderly neighbors in Northwestern Pennsylvania...

65 years of Caring for Life



Presbyterian Homes in the Presbytery of Lake Erie A History of Caring

Since 1943, Presbyterian Homes has carried forth with the noble mission of caring for our brothers and sisters with dignity and love. Through the years, the Presbyterian Homes program of caring has expanded one-by-one into a network of outstanding facilities. In comfortable surroundings, the dedicated staffs of these exceptional homes give gentle, personal tender care to God's aging people. Every day in the homes throughout the network, the self-esteem and dignity of each individual is nurtured and protected. Since the beginning, Presbyterian Homes has made caring for the elderly a matter of human dignity, taking pride in a long tradition of never turning anyone out because of economic reasons. Recognizing the social gospel as the very essence of Christian faith, Presbyterian Homes considers the focus of our work to be greater than just caring for those who can no longer care for themselves. At the heart of that caring is a core set of values, compassion, respect, dignity, and benevolence.

As Presbyterian Homes celebrates our 65th year of providing loving professional care to our older loved ones in Northwestern Pennsylvania, we recognize our dedicated staff of caring professionals, honor our elderly citizens, and invite you to join in our anniversary celebration by participating in one of our special events held throughout this year. We thank you for your volunteer time, ongoing financial support, and commitment to **Caring for Life**.



MISSION

"The mission of Presbyterian Homes is to provide the best care for seniors and older adults in a nurturing, secure, home-like community."

VISION

"The vision of Presbyterian Homes is to be the number one choice of consumers and employees for senior care and services in the counties served by the Presbytery of Lake Erie."

Notes From the President



Yvonne Atkinson

Greetings!

What's up with the Dental donations?

In a month or so we are trialing a dental venture at Manchester Lodge.

The dentist and two assistants will be bringing portable equipment into the home. The dentistry unit will be billing Medicare and Medicaid.

Apparently facilities are getting cited for not offering regular dental care and we need to try to address this issue that has been neglected for too long. They want to

see everyone, even the ones with dentures. Families will be receiving letters to keep them apprised of the service.

Would you like to volunteer?

We have plenty of opportunities at our homes.

- Meet a resident at the hospital and sit with them while they wait to have a test completed.
- Deliver mail
- Assist nursing with refreshing and filling water pitchers for residents
- Help make beds.
- Arts and Crafts
- One on one visits with residents
- Help with Bingo
- Preparing and presenting a lecture
- Bring in your collections and explain how you got into it and explain your collection.
- Wheel residents outside
- Run errands for residents
- Help fold laundry
- End of life companionship

Spring Appeal

Our dental program is about to begin and you can make a difference in the lives of our residents. The Presbyterian Homes Spring Appeal is underway and contributions will be designated to our residents Dental Needs Fund. Your Spring Appeal envelope is included in your newsletter. Please look for the "Tooth" in your envelope and consider making a donation to the Presbyterian Homes **Caring for Life** Spring Appeal in honor or memory of your older loved ones. During Older Americans Month in May, your "Tooth" will be displayed at the facility you designate.

Annually, Presbyterian Homes provides an average of \$500,000 in charitable care for our assisted living residents in need. Gifts of \$250 and more are listed on the Presbyterian Homes **Caring for Life** Donor Wall that is prominently displayed in our facilities. However, your gift of any size is deeply appreciated and will have a great impact.

We're hoping to exhibit a big smile full of "TEETH" on our facility walls this Spring.

Thank you for sharing your blessings with others and making a difference in the lives of our Older Americans.



Mark Your Calendars for these upcoming Presbyterian Homes Events



May is Older Americans Month

This year's theme is "Working Together for Strong, Healthy, and Supportive Communities," which speaks to the opportunities we have to create better care and reinforce healthier societies for all ages.



Presbyterian Homes Fifth Annual Golden Star Award Nominate Your Favorite Older American

During Older Americans Month, Presbyterian Homes honors someone 65 or older for their achievements, contributions to community or the impact they have made as a role model. Here's your chance to nominate your favorite Older American and give them the attention they deserve. Your favorite Older American could be your parent, grandparent, someone who volunteers at a community organization, or just anyone who has made an impression on you. To obtain a nomination form, go to www.presbyhomes.com and click on the Golden Star Award section and print out the form. Or, call the Caring for Life office at 814-868-1257 and we will send one to you. Or, email dziemniak@presbyhomes.com. **Deadline to nominate your favorite Older American is Monday, April 28th.**

Presbyterian Homes Benefit Breakfast Saturday, May 10th



The Golden Star Award winner and nominees will be honored at the Presbyterian Homes Benefit Breakfast hosted by Max & Erma's Restaurant outside the Millcreek Mall on Saturday, May 10th which takes place from 8 - 10 a.m. Plan on joining us as we present the Golden Star Award for 2008. Tickets for this event are \$5 per person and can be purchased at the Presbyterian Homes *Caring for Life* office, 814-868-1257 or any of the Presbyterian Homes facilities. All proceeds benefit the Presbyterian Homes *Caring for Life* Campaign for Benevolent Care & Capital Improvements.

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*Dear Friends and Families
of our residents at
Presbyterian Homes,*

*We hope you enjoy receiving
the **Caring for Life**
newsletter with information
about Presbyterian Homes
and the places where your
loved ones reside. If there
are other people that you
would like to receive
our newsletter, please
let us know and we will be
glad to add them
to our mailing list.*

*Also, to unsubscribe to this
newsletter, call the
Caring for Life office at
814-868-1257 or email:
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Highmark Walk for A Healthy Community

Saturday, June 14, 2008

Presque Isle State Park • Erie, PA

5K Walk and One-Mile Fun Walk, 9 a.m., Registration, 7:45 a.m.

Join us for the third annual Walk for a Healthy Community. Presbyterian Homes is one of 21 participating organizations. **Each organization will receive 100% of all money raised for their organization.** For more information, visit the Presbyterian Homes website homepage at www.presbyhomes.com and click on the Highmark Walk, or call the Presbyterian Homes **Caring for Life** office at 814-868-1257. Please help Presbyterian Homes raise funds for the **Caring for Life** Campaign for Benevolent Care & Capital Improvements in support of our elderly residents by: Participating in the Walk; asking individuals & groups to participate; sponsoring a walker. When you click on the website, be sure you register as a Presbyterian Homes walker.



65th Anniversary **Caring for Life** Golf Tournament

Monday, September 15, 2008

Cross Creek Resort, Titusville, PA. Save the date & plan on joining us once again for a wonderful day on the golf course while we raise funds for **Caring for Life**.

Canada Fall Foliage **Caring for Life** Fundraising Cruise

October 9 - 18, 2008



INCLUDES: • Round trip air from Erie to Newark, NJ • **Nine Nights** accommodations aboard RCCL's Explorer of the Seas • All taxes & port charges • \$250 tax deductible donation to **Caring for Life**. Come on board and join Presbyterian Homes as we travel into Canada during the peak fall foliage season and visit northern Canada's ports of call on this 9-day voyage. Embarking from Cape Liberty, N.J., ports include Sydney & Halifax, Nova Scotia; Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Saguenay River and Quebec. For information, call Diana at the **Caring for Life** office at 814-868-1257 or email dziemniak@presbyhomes.com.

— Jane Lindquist —

Enhancing the Quality of Life for Presbyterian Homes Residents

Pleasantville Presbyterian Church member Jane Lindquist was inspired after reading a recent article in the Presbyterian Homes Planned Giving newsletter. The article had highlighted a story about Presbyterian Homes Board member Rev. Jack Kyle who started The Elderly Nurture Fund with his IRA at the Presbyterian Foundation. The Elderly Nurture Fund is designated for various program activities for Presbyterian Homes residents. Jane was very excited to read about someone else who felt the same way she did about observing many nursing homes residents who “withdraw and go into themselves.”

Jack wanted to improve the quality of life for Presbyterian Homes’ residents and felt that “through more interactive activities the residents would be involved in more relationship building with people and it would draw them out more and bring joy.”



Jane Lindquist and Rev. Jack Kyle talk about The Elderly Nurture Fund and ways to improve the quality of life for Presbyterian Homes residents.

At 89, Jane says, “I have been blessed to be where I am. You think about it. So many people at this age are in nursing homes. I began to realize there are some wonderful people who have done a lot with their lives and I thought that something could be done to find something they would be interested in that would bring them out more.”

So when Jane saw what Jack had done, she wanted to contribute

to that program and sent in a generous donation to The Elderly Nurture Fund. Recently, Jane met with Jack to discuss their ideas further about program activities for the residents and how they might be able to get others to understand the need for involvement.

They invite others to share their ideas about program activities for our residents. If you would like to financially support The Elderly Nurture Fund, please contact the **Caring for Life** office at 814-868-1257 or email dziemniak@presbyhomes.com

Presbyterian Homes Salutes Our Staff With Five or More Years of Service

Corporate Office

- 5 YEARS
- Shaun Headley
 - Carl Waterhouse

- 10 YEARS
- Amanda Clark

- 15 YEARS
- Penny Hart

- 20 YEARS
- Kenny Barner

Emerson Place

- 5 YEARS
- Julie Patterson
 - Pat Mayfield

- 15 YEARS
- Marie Barker

- 25 YEARS
- Sue Dibble

Erie Lodge

- 5 YEARS
- Taralee Rea
 - Paula Arble
 - Sheri Evans
 - Jessica Graham
 - Nancy Perez
 - Dawn Smith

- 10 YEARS
- Susan Lowe

- 15 YEARS
- Gerald Ventrello

- 20 YEARS
- Patricia Wright

- 25 YEARS
- Diane Will
 - M. Jane Crilley

Manchester Lodge

- 5 YEARS
- Jamie Balduf
 - Jennifer Palochak
 - Diane Kuzma
 - Pauline Gadley
 - Betty Skal
 - Cheryl Bebell
 - Kathleen Marino
 - Mark Gaeckle
 - Mary Schultz
 - April Proper

- 10 YEARS
- Judy Sharer
 - Susan Wascak
 - Judith Breiding
 - Elizabeth Kachel

- 15 YEARS
- Elaine Melquist

Oil City

- 5 YEARS
- Patti Smith
 - Sheri Heasley
 - Jacquelyn Roddy
 - Melissa Tidd
 - Nicole Howe
 - Barbara Keltz
 - Patricia Slye

- 10 YEARS
- Megan Davis
 - Betty Fleming
 - Mary Goughler
 - Karen Baugher

- 15 YEARS
- Kelly Jacoby
 - Dawn Daman

- 20 YEARS
- Mary Green
 - Marci Ertola

- 25 YEARS
- Ellen Lee
 - Frances Lamey

Emerson Place Events

Helen Bodamer Wilson Celebrates 100th Birthday

Emerson Place resident Helen Bodamer Wilson celebrated her 100th birthday on February 21, 2008. Helen is a tiny, very agile lady who has resided at the facility since October of 2004.



Born in Franklin, PA, Helen moved to Titusville when she was four years old with her parents and her one sister and three brothers. In her 20s she worked in the office at Universal Cyclops. She married Russell (Bus) Wilson and the couple had one son, Warren Wilson. Her two granddaughters, Ann Wilson of Williamsport and Fay Meyer of New Jersey visit frequently with their husbands and Fay's two children, making sure that Helen doesn't normally go more than a month without a visit from one or both granddaughters.

In past years Helen loved to bowl and continues to enjoy that sport at Emerson Place each Thursday afternoon. She can bowl

with the best of them and still walks up and down the staircase to her room many times each day. She attends all activities and also especially likes games, religious activities and the weekly current events newsfilm. Her mind is keen and so is her sense of humor. She still protests that she is NOT 100 years old but "only" 98 and isn't going to be convinced of anything else.

A big birthday party was held at Emerson Place on Sunday, February 17 with Helen surrounded by friends, family and the staff and residents of Emerson Place. She has been kept pretty busy opening her many birthday cards. Happy Birthday, Helen!

NEW RESIDENT AND FRIEND

On January 31, 2008 the newest resident was admitted to Emerson Place and the facility got a bonus in the bargain. The new resident is Judy Bailey, daughter of resident Agnes Kerr. Judy's faithful friend, "Buttons", an 11 year-old Australian Shepherd dog was admitted at the same time.

Buttons is a gentle, quiet animal already loved by other residents because of her daily visits to Emerson Place when Judy would come to visit her mother. She does not leave Judy's side for a moment except at mealtime when she patiently waits in the living room for Judy to eat her meal.

Every family needs a pet and Buttons is a wonderful addition to our little family at Emerson Place.

Celebrations at Manchester Lodge

Olive Bash celebrates her 105th Birthday

Olive Bash was born on December 27, 1902 in Shelacta, PA. She attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania and became a school teacher and taught in a one room school house. She taught up until she got married. She was unable to keep her job as a teacher because teachers could not be married. She had one daughter named Helen. She later worked as a postmistress. Some of her hobbies were horseback riding and fishing with her husband. She continues to enjoy organ music, sing along and attending birthday parties and entertainment. She visits with her daughter every week. Olive is an amazing woman who has touched many lives. We are blessed to have the privilege of knowing her.



*Queen and King of personal care,
Vera Urraro and Bill Russell*

The residents at Manchester Lodge celebrated Mardi Gras recently. A party was held in the dining room complete with colored beads, music, and cupcakes decorated in the three colors of Mardi Gras, purple, gold and green. The highlight of the party was the crowning of the king and queen. Bill Russell and Vera Urraro were crowned King and Queen of personal care. Robert Hopson and Barb Gifford were crowned King and Queen of the skilled care unit.



Becky Crowe, MPL Activities Director, Pam Weber, Volunteer of the Year, Liz Kachel, MPL Administrator.

ML volunteer of the Year

Pam Weber was awarded Manchester Lodge's Volunteer of the year for 2007. Pam brings her shelties and papillions into the facility on Monday afternoons. "Pam is a wonderful volunteer. The residents look forward to their doggie visits on Mondays," says MPL's activities director Becky Crowe.



*Queen and King of skilled care,
Barb Gifford and Robert Hopson*

Celebrations at Oil City

Oil City 2007 Employee of the Year



*Martha Hoover, Oil City
Administrator, Kelly Jacoby*

Kelly Jacoby

Residents and staff enjoyed many activities at the Oil City facility on Valentine's Day. Have a Heart Day included a breakfast buffet, lunch and supper for the staff with a healthy heart or "red" theme. Each department hosted a game or activity for staff that included prize give-aways, contests, and

drawings. A "Pamper Yourself" gift basket provided by the third floor nursing staff generated a donation of \$129 toward the **Caring for Life** fund.

In addition, the home hosted a Valentine's couple's luncheon for all of their married residents. Homer Wise and Wanda Garbacz, were named King and Queen for 2008. Couples enjoyed an Italian-themed meal complete with wine and their own Valentine cake while being serenaded by violinist Nancy Simpson. Members of the management team assisted the nutritional services staff in serving the residents and their guests with individualized attention.



*Some of our Valentine Day staff servers –
L to R, Tanga Kapp, Donna Fyock,
Curt Fischer, Kathy LaVan*



*Oil City Valentine's
Day King & Queen
Homer Wise and
Wanda Garbacz.*

*Violinist Nancy Simpson,
serenades resident
Andy Futyma and
his wife, Helen.*



Have A Heart Day at Erie Lodge



*Michelle Connor, Lisa Steele and Debbie Brasili get ready to
pack up food collected for the Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry.*

Have a Heart Day took place on Valentine's Day, February 14th. The staff at Erie Lodge wanted to do something for the community and looked for a project that would help others. EPL activities director Lisa Steele called Debbie Brasili and Michelle Connor who volunteer at the Blessed Sacrament Church food pantry. She proposed an idea for staff to collect food for a week and donate it to their food pantry. Debbie replied, "We would love to be a recipient and could really use the help with Easter coming up."

"Blessed Sacrament Church is the umbrella church for catholic residents at Erie Lodge. Eucharistic ministers and the Deacon

come and provide volunteer services so we wanted to give back and help out," said Lisa.

So, for a week, EPL staff brought in food items which revolved around heart healthy eating like cereals, beans, wheat pasta, low sodium soups, etc. One hundred and fifteen items were collected and presented on Valentine's Day. "A lot of things they collected, we don't usually get. It will really enhance what we normally give out," said Michelle. "The food pantry can only supplement family's food budgets." She added, "The winter months are tough so it's nice to have the extra food. The food pantry depends on donations of cash to purchase food. Once Christmas is over, sometimes people forget and donations decrease."

Lisa said, "It was a great project and we were happy to help. It was a way of caring and we wanted to show we had a heart for our community."

Erie Lodge Employee of the Year for 2007



Vel Coffey



Donations and Gifts to the *Caring for Life* Campaign for Benevolent Care and Capital Improvements in 2007

Presbyterian Homes wishes to extend our deepest gratitude to all of our friends who have generously contributed to the *Caring for Life* Campaign in 2007, or who have made memorial gifts, bequests, or general donations throughout the year. With heartfelt appreciation, we recognize these donors for their support to the seniors in our community and shared commitment to the Presbyterian Homes mission of *Caring for Life*.

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People are living longer and the need for benevolent care for our assisted living residents grows increasingly. Each year, Presbyterian Homes underwrites an average of \$500,000 for our residents in need. Our annual donations do not keep pace with this need. With the Presbyterian Homes Legacy Society, our goal is to provide information on how people can make larger current or future planned gifts that will help support the *Caring for Life* program while providing income and/or estate tax benefits.

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