



UNITED METHODIST HOMES

# Seasons

A NEWSLETTER FOR STAFF, RESIDENTS & FRIENDS OF UNITED METHODIST HOMES

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## Save the date!

St. Louise Manor will host an international-themed "June Fling" for St. Louise residents and their adult family members. 7-9 PM on Thursday, June 10. Music by Cobblestone Crossing.

RSVP to Linda at (607) 724-4000 by 4 PM on June 9.

**Doris L. Patrick Campus, Norwich, NY**  
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**Elizabeth Church Campus, Binghamton, NY**  
Manor House (independent living)  
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**Hilltop Campus, Johnson City, NY**  
The Highlands (independent living)  
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VanGorden Manor (independent living)  
Hilltop Manor West (adult care, assisted living)  
James G. Johnston Memorial Nursing Home (skilled nursing, short-term rehabilitation, respite care)

**Tunkhannock Campus, Tunkhannock, PA**  
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Anderson Personal Care Facility (personal care)  
Partridge-Tippett Nursing Facility (skilled nursing, short-term rehabilitation)

## National Nursing Home Week Celebrations

National Nursing Home Week was celebrated across the United States from May 10-14, 2010. Established by the American Health Care Association (AHCA) in 1967, the annual event is an opportunity for the long-term care field and individual nursing homes to celebrate their staff and residents and the programs and services long-term care communities provide throughout the year.

United Methodist Homes' campuses celebrated with a wide variety of activities – read on to learn more about events at each location! *Editor's Note: The Tunkhannock Campus is a personal care facility and as such did not celebrate National Nursing Home Week.*

### Doris L. Patrick Campus

Residents and staff celebrated Nursing Home Week and National Nurses Week in conjunction, with a wide variety of activities for both groups. Tuesday featured sundaes for all staff and t-shirt tie-dyeing for residents, Wednesday was a staff appreciation luncheon and a craft activity and entertainer for residents, Thursday included a nursing department appreciation luncheon, and the week concluded with a cocktail party with entertainment.

### Elizabeth Church Campus

The Elizabeth Church Campus celebrated National Nursing Home Week with a staff picnic, which was held inside due to inclement weather. The week concluded with popcorn day on Friday, with mountains of popcorn for residents and staff to enjoy.



Relief Cook/Cook Assistant Jessica Blackman (left) prepared to serve lunch to Unit Managers Dan Ohl, RN (center), and Robert Stone, RN (right).



Administrator Vicky Morabito, Assistant Administrator/Human Resources Director Marie Woody and Director of Nursing Donna Bendzel dished up a plate for Social Services Director JoAnn Kunkle.



Assistant Dietary Manager Bobby Yacuzzo grilled burgers and hot dogs with supervision from Carolinda Hendrickson, RN.

## Administrative Editorial

Keith D. Chadwick, President & CEO



Aaron Copland's 1954 opera, "The Tender Land," includes the song "The Promise of Living." Its lyrics say:

*The promise of living with hope and thanksgiving  
Is born of our loving our friends and our labor.  
The promise of growing with faith and with knowing  
Is born of our sharing our love with our neighbor.  
The promise of living, the promise of growing  
Is born of our singing in joy and thanksgiving.*

It is our goal that all United Methodist Homes' residents feel "the promise of living" throughout their time with us. Modern continuing-care retirement communities (CCRCs) are not about warehousing our elderly, but about enriching their lives and being enriched by them. The medical, spiritual and social programs at each of our campuses help residents to function at their highest possible levels while providing the opportunity for them to share the fruits and knowledge of their

lifetime experiences, and give them the opportunity to have fabulous new experiences as well. Some residents pick up old pursuits again, others learn new skills or hobbies that open fresh doors. And a wide variety of events and activities throughout the year enables residents to continue as vital parts of the communities they live in – interacting with students of all ages, providing volunteer services and fundraising for causes in which they believe.

One of United Methodist Homes' primary values focuses on helping residents live full, independent and dignified lives – living and growing in richness of experience, faith and community. We are proud to offer such excellent care and programs at each of our campuses, delivered and facilitated by dedicated, compassionate staff. If you haven't already, I invite you to experience "the promise of living and the promise of growing" at a United Methodist Homes campus. We delight in adding another singer to our choir of life well-lived.

## Elizabeth Church Campus Honors Staff Service

The Elizabeth Church Campus celebrated staff service anniversaries with a recognition dinner on April 14 in the dining room at St. Louise Manor. United Methodist Homes President and CEO Keith Chadwick and Elizabeth Church Campus Administrator Vicky Morabito each addressed the honorees, highlighting how much the organization values their long service. Department heads each said a few words about staff members being recognized. Each honoree received a corsage or boutonniere, a certificate of service and a pin or catalog from which to select a gift.

Said Morabito, "The dinner gives us the opportunity to not only honor our employees for significant milestones in their careers at United Methodist Homes, but also to say thank you to the family and friends who support them in their careers. Working in long-term care is never a nine-to-five job, and we appreciate the dedication of our staff and the support they receive from their loved ones."



*Pausing for a photo at the recognition event are (seated, left to right) Eleanor Johnson and Lee Ann Hettig and (standing, left to right) Donna Talcott, Jackalyn Morrison, Diana Husnay, Sabra Ray, Tisha Brigham, Dawn Back, Muriel Doolittle, Patricia Gregg, Vicki Swan, Ted Hissin and Alice Cooper.*

### Congratulations to the honorees, including:

#### 25 Years

Muriel Doolittle, CNA

#### 20 Years

Tisha Brigham, CNA

Alice Cooper, Diet Technician

#### 15 Years

Diana Husnay, Activity Director

Jackalyn Morrison, LPN

Vicki Swan, CNA

Donna Talcott, CNA

#### 10 Years

Cindy Ardis, CNA

Dawn Back, HHA

Patricia Gregg, HHA

Lee Ann Hettig, Laundry Assistant

#### 5 Years

Linda Cady, LPN

Eileen Ellsworth, Housekeeper

Ted Hissin, Dietary Assistant

Eleanor Johnson, Activity Leader

Agnes Lado, PCA

Sabra Ray, CNA

Ellen Roberts, LPN

Rocky Trevorah, Plant Operations Assistant

Christina Wallan, CNA

## Homes Establishes Privacy Committee

United Methodist Homes recently formed a Privacy Committee for the purpose of considering research proposals. Made up of staff from a wide variety of disciplines and representing all five campuses and the Corporate Office, the 12-member group will review all proposals for research involving residents or resident data.

The Privacy Committee will consider whether a particular proposal benefits Homes residents or the body of long-term care knowledge in general. If this criterion is satisfied, the committee will subsequently determine the study's feasibility (including cost to the organization, staff time, etc.), scope, timeframe and sustainability potential.

Said Janine Savage, RN, RAC-CT, CHC, United Methodist Homes' Vice-President of Operations and the Corporate Compliance Officer, "We're pleased to partner with local and regional educational institutions, hospitals and researchers to participate in research that reveals information about trends, prevalence and other clinically significant details that can positively impact our approach to care."

While the Homes does not participate in experimental research, in which some participants receive new medication or treatment and others receive a placebo, the committee will consider retrospective studies, which analyze deidentified stored data from past or current residents, and prospective studies, which look forward in time and involve current residents.

Committee members include Dr. Leslie Distin (Board member), Technical Support Specialist Louise Monico, Vice-President of Operations and Corporate Compliance Officer Janine Savage, RN, RAC-CT, CHC; Director of Reimbursement/Privacy Officer Lou Shiber, Director of Marketing and Public Relations Sarah Soden (Corporate Office), Continuous Quality Improvement Coordinator Kate Conant (Doris L. Patrick Campus), Dietitian Natalie Nicholas, RD, and Social Worker Angela Nunez (Elizabeth Church Campus), Social Work Director Aaron Ampula, Staff Development/Infection Control Coordinator Denise Johnson, RN; Assistant Administrator Colleen Marascia (Hilltop Campus), Assistant Administrator Danielle Janeski and Director of Nursing Patt Vitale, RN (Wesley Village Campus).

*Note to staff: If you receive a research proposal, please direct it to Privacy Committee Chairperson Savage by email or interoffice mail so that all opportunities can be tracked, even if there is no interest in participation.*

## Resident Financial Services Department Reorganized

United Methodist Homes recently reorganized its Resident Financial Services department in order to better serve residents and families. Four full-time and one part-time temporary staff member (who will manage Pearl and Everett Gilmour Health Care Facility billing until the sale) remain based at the Corporate Office, under the supervision of Resident Financial Services Director Jill Murray.

Resident Financial Services staff manage the entire resident accounts receivable process, including creating and mailing bills, submitting and resubmitting claims as necessary, reviewing and researching outstanding balances, processing refunds, assisting residents with the Medicaid application and re-certification process and more. However, roles have been modified to align responsibilities by campus. On April 26, staff took a bus trip to the two Broome County campuses to meet staff and tour the facilities for which they manage billing. They will be visiting the other campuses in the near future.

Some staff members may be familiar to residents and family members; others are new to the United Methodist Homes team. The reference chart below is provided to help you reach the staff member who can best assist you with your billing questions.

### Meet the Staff



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**Brian Grant**  
Resident Accounts Representative for the Hilltop Campus  
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**Jill Murray**  
Resident Financial Services Director



**National Nursing Home Week Celebrations** *Continued from page 1*

**Hilltop Campus**

The theme for Hilltop's 2010 Nursing Home Week celebrations focused on fundraising in support of local animal shelters. Residents baked homemade dog biscuits for sale, and also collected newspapers, pet food and treats. Throughout the week, residents were treated to animal-themed events, including a visit from a mini-horse, a demonstration by a dog trainer, and a May 12 dog parade. On Thursday, there was a luncheon for nursing staff. The week concluded with an ice cream social and a presentation of all the funds raised to a representative from the Front Street Dog Shelter.



*James G. Johnston Memorial Nursing Home resident Clayton Grace (left) rolled out dog treat dough with help from volunteer Judi Tokos.*



*Activity Director Faye Clark showed off her bichon frise Sadie to James G. Johnston Memorial Nursing Home resident Camilla Bennett during the dog parade.*

See more photos of the dog parade on our Facebook Page! 

**Wesley Village Campus**

Wesley Village's theme for Nursing Home Week was "Fruits of the Spirit," with each day represented by a different fruit, including strawberry, pineapple, peach, apple and banana. Coordinating activities included a strawberry shortcake social, baking apple turnovers, a banana split social and more. Everyone who dressed in fruit-appropriate colors for each day became eligible to win a fruit basket at the end of the week.



*Partridge-Tippett Nursing Facility resident Mary Pompino (center) with her friend Gene Lispi (left) and her nephew Judge Arthur Dalessandro, retired.*

*Activity Aides Rita Dructor and Jean Lewis (standing) served strawberry shortcake to Partridge-Tippett Nursing Facility residents (and sisters!) Rose DeAlba and Mary Francis.*

**Changes Coming to Resident Data Collection Tool**

In the fall of 2010, the federal government is scheduled to roll out significant changes to the MDS (minimum data set), the information collected about each resident upon admission and at intervals throughout his or her stay. The MDS forms the clinical basis for each resident's assessment and care planning, and is also related to reimbursement for Medicare and Medicaid.

The current tool, which is widely considered to be clinically outdated, is based completely on staff assessment, not allowing for individualized answers or input from the resident or family members.

According to United Methodist Homes' Vice-President of Operations and Corporate Compliance Officer Janine Savage, RN, RAC-CT, CHC, "The new version, called MDS 3.0, takes the resident and family into consideration, giving them voice in the process. MDS 3.0 is evidence-based, improves accuracy and reliability, requires an interdisciplinary approach, and will enable better reporting and standardization of quality measure indicators."

In April, Savage attended a national MDS 3.0 train-the-trainer conference in Baltimore. Sponsored by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the program taught key individuals from long-term care organizations across the country how to complete the new MDS 3.0 tool and how to teach others to do so. Savage will in turn train several other staff, who will fan out to train facility employees.

Clinical Informatics staff are in the process of revising and updating clinical documentation and processes to be consistent with MDS 3.0 concepts.

## Shorts

On April 21, Elizabeth Church Manor Social Services Director JoAnn Kunkle and Elizabeth Church Manor social work intern Nathan Studgeon attended an educational event for field supervisors and interns at the Binghamton University Downtown Center. The interactive sessions focused on professional identity, the multiple roles played by social workers, relationship development and how obstacles can lead to self-awareness and growth.

During Occupational Therapy Month in April, therapy staff at the Pearl and Everett Gilmour Health Care Facility on the Doris L. Patrick Campus prepared "OT Challenges" for other staff to try each week. Challenges included grip strength (winners were Unit III Manager Dan Ohl, RN, and Mindy Ryan, CNA), a balance and adaptive equipment challenge (winner was Activity Director Danielle Giordano), a stereognosis (the ability to perceive an object's form using only

the sense of touch) challenge (winners were Activity Aide Donna Farnham and Administrator Mary Lou Faust) and a fine-motor coordination challenge (Farnham won this as well). All winners received a certificate for lunch provided by the kitchen.

On May 7, an October glory maple tree was planted on the Wesley Village Campus in memory of Anderson Personal Care Facility Food Service Director Anita Rinaldi, who passed away on March 16. She would have celebrated her thirtieth service anniversary with United Methodist Homes this year.

Special thanks to the Southern Tier Young Professionals, family members and staff who worked at a garden clean-up day on the Elizabeth Church Campus in April.

Members of the Chenango Valley High School Key Club recently visited Elizabeth Church Manor to help residents

make dog treats. The Key Club has volunteered on campus for eight years in a variety of capacities, including crafts, bingo, cooking, fundraisers, fashion shows and more.

Elizabeth Church Manor recently received a donation from a deceased resident's sister directed for use in the facility's gardens. According to Elizabeth Church Manor Social Services Director JoAnn Kunkle, "The resident's sister recognized how important a beautiful, growing environment was to her sister and wanted to ensure that the garden will continue to be lovely and comforting to future residents and families." The donation has made possible the purchase of a wisteria, a Harry Lauder's walking stick tree and a red azalea, which will be planted in the hummingbird garden. A vintage iron fence, complete with trellis and a hand-worked iron garden gate, will also be installed in the resident's memory.

## Mother's Day Tea and Fashion Show at St. Louise

On May 5, St. Louise Manor residents and loved ones enjoyed a Mother's Day tea and private fashion show featuring resident and staff models! The nine models each showed off two looks – one casual and one dressier outfit – selected from the Christopher & Banks clothing store in the Oakdale Mall. Each model visited the store in advance to choose her outfits, and any purchases made while selecting clothing for the show were offered at a "model" discount.

While event attendees enjoyed tea and fancy cookies, a Christopher & Banks staff member introduced each model with a personal description and an overview of her outfit while a guitarist played in the background.

Resident models included Marge Kozik, Doreen Lee and Pauline Majors, and staff models included Receptionist Linda Debnar, Beautician Donna Rusin, Marketing and Public Relations Director Sarah Soden, Administrative Assistant Rosemarie VanKuren and Human Resources Assistant Laura Volk. Personal Assistant Mary Hoyt also strutted her stuff on the runway.

Thanks to Christopher & Banks staff, including shopkeeper Cynthia Byrne, full-time assistant shopkeeper Maria Gray and part-time assistant shopkeeper Theresa Hayes, for making the event possible!

*Editor's Note: Check out more great photos from this event on United Methodist Homes' Facebook Page! Search for us on Facebook, or go to [www.unitedmethodisthomes.org](http://www.unitedmethodisthomes.org) and click on the Facebook icon.*




*Administrative Assistant Rosemarie VanKuren, Receptionist Linda Debnar, Beautician Donna Rusin, and Human Resources Assistant Laura Volk posed backstage before hitting the runway.*



## Wesley Village Annual Spring Brunch



On April 18, Wesley Village welcomed 450 people to its annual spring brunch. Attendees enjoyed fresh waffles, custom-made omelets, meat from the carving station, plus a wide selection of other food and desserts. Shown at the event are (from left) Assistant Administrator Danielle Janeski, Partridge-Tippett Nursing Facility resident Joyce Berrettini and Brooks Estates resident and United Methodist Homes Board member Calli Berg.

Editor's Note: See additional photos from this event on United Methodist Homes' Facebook Page!

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## Mother's Day at the Tunkhannock Campus



On May 7, members of the Tunkhannock Seventh-Day Adventist Church brought gift bags for all of the Tunkhannock Campus' female residents in honor of Mother's Day. The gift bags contained items such as tissues, notepads, hand sanitizers, bookmarks and pencils. The church has done this good deed for both Mother's and Father's Day for the past several years. Resident Madaline Keeble (seated) holds one of the baskets brought by church members Betty Savickas (left) and Barbara Oney (right).

## Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at Hilltop



On April 29, the Hilltop Campus hosted a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association's Southern Tier Memory Walk, of which United Methodist Homes is the presenting sponsor. A lunch and dinner sitting plus a silent auction for a wide variety of goods and services netted \$2,208 for the cause. Staff members provided baked goods for the dessert table, and so many items were contributed that there were enough leftovers to host a bake sale the next day! Highlands resident volunteer Jane Glassman (left) and Assistant Administrator Colleen Marascia are shown working the dessert table during the lunch sitting. Thank you to everyone who planned, worked at and attended the event.

Special thanks to departments that created baskets, including Activities; Adult Care, Assisted Living and Licensed Home Health Care (Westside); Dietary, Grand Care, Highlands, Nurse Management, Rehabilitation and Social Work. Activity Leader Misty Harpur donated movie tickets and LPN Supervisor Barb Moughan and husband Robert donated a gift certificate to The Galley Restaurant and Bar. The following businesses also donated items for the auction: Artifex Tattoo, The Bagel Factory, the Binghamton Mets, Broome Pump, Brothers Two, Chenango Gymnastics, Cliff Galusha Painting, Coldstone Creamery, Cyber Café West, Hair It Is, Hiawatha Golf Course, Jumping Jungle, Leap of Faith Dance Studio, Lickety Split Ice Cream, Mead Westvaco, Midway Lanes, Mirarchi's Pizza, Nick's Hair Design, Northside Automotive, One Up Fitness, Phil's Chicken House, Red Oak Restaurant, Ross Park Zoo, Skate Estate, Somethin' Sweet Gourmet, Sweet's Candy Shoppe, and Tom's Coffee, Cards & Gifts.

Editor's Note: Check out more pictures from this event on United Methodist Homes' Facebook Page!

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## Now That's a Show and Tell Exhibit!



On April 23, Grand Care Children's Center preschool room student AJ brought in a whopper of a show and tell exhibit – two live alpacas! AJ's parents, Anthony and Patty Mancini, own AM/PM Alpaca Haven in Owego, NY, which has a herd of 11 animals, with five babies expected this spring. Children from all classes were able to step outside to meet and greet alpacas Teya and Timmy, and to feel alpaca wool fiber. AJ, 3, is shown getting a kiss from Teya.

## Nursing Students Present Mini-Health Fair at Wesley Village



To fulfill their community health project requirement, nursing students from Luzerne County Community College presented a mini-health fair for Wesley Village Campus staff on April 6. Titled "Health Habits for Health Care Workers," it included displays relating to exercise, stress management and nutrition. Staff who completed a stress management survey were eligible for a drawing for a prize basket that included healthy treats, nutrition books, a pedometer and more – congratulations to winner Joanna Pechal, LPN. Students came to campus with course instructor Susan Koronkiewicz, RN, MSN. Shown with their displays are (kneeling, left to right) Rachel Alexander and Lori Piazza, and (standing, left to right) Matt Levandowski, Eileen Diaz, Lindsey Thomas, Colin Weale, Theresa Tavaris, Angela Delucca and Matt Lupico. Thomas and Tavaris are both current Wesley Village employees.

## Recognition Luncheon for Tunkhannock Volunteers



On April 27, 19 Tunkhannock Campus volunteers were honored with a thank-you luncheon. Each volunteer was presented with a tote bag to thank them for their service to the Tunkhannock Campus and its residents. Volunteers provide a wide range of services, including pet visits, music programs, assistance with worship activities such as Bible study and rosary, and much more. Pictured following the luncheon are (front row, left to right) volunteer Brenda Hunting and resident Helen Green, and (back row, left to right), United Methodist Homes Board member Jan McCabe, Assistant Administrator/Director of Nursing Michele Garey, RN; volunteer Mary Arcuri (18 years of service!), and resident Marion DeGraw.

## Hands-On Training for Students

For the third year, Elizabeth Church Campus Health Information Management Coordinator Patricia Griffin, RHIT, is taking part in educating the next generation of health information management students from Broome Community College, which is located next door to the Elizabeth Church Campus.

Beginning on March 29, three students – April Bingel, Jamie Crans and Kirsten Griffin (no relation) – from the health information technology program at Broome Community College interned individually with Griffin for two weeks each. Each student spent six and a half hours on campus daily learning about the practical application of health information management. According to Griffin, the students' time on campus



Broome Community College Kirsten Griffin at work during her health information management externship at the Elizabeth Church Campus.

is not spent purely in an observational mode – all complete projects and present their findings at a morning staff meeting.

Griffin, herself a graduate of Broome Community College's Health Information Technology program, can attest to the power of real-world experience: "Nurses and physicians have long had the benefit of hands-on training. Now, health information management students are

enjoying that same advantage. It makes a big difference for a student to experience day-to-day duties in the long-term care setting, and to see how the health information management staff work in conjunction with all of the other disciplines."

## Third Annual United Methodist Night at the Ballpark

**6:35 PM, Thurs., June 24**  
**NYSEG Stadium in Binghamton**

Tickets are \$9 each, and a portion of ticket proceeds benefit charitable missions of the United Methodist Men. For more information or to reserve tickets, call Ken Summers at (607) 770-7314 or email him at [theosum@webtv.net](mailto:theosum@webtv.net).

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## Native American Program Comes to Tunkhannock Campus

On April 28, Frances Slocum State Park Environmental Educator Kathy Kelchner visited the Tunkhannock Campus to present a program of Native American folklore. She brought along several different types of drums and musical instruments which residents were able to try out while she told stories focused on animals and nature, each with a moral. Frances Slocum was a young girl abducted from her parents' home near Wilkes-Barre by Lenape Indians in 1778. The park was named for her as it is believed that the first night after her kidnapping was spent under a rock ledge along Abraham Creek, within the boundaries of the current park. She never returned to her Quaker family, and lived with the Miami Indians in Indiana until her death at age 74. Shown with Kelchner (center) after the presentation are residents William Parsons (left) and Michael Vadella (right).



## It's For the Birds!



Five Broome Community College students recently visited Elizabeth Church Manor to help with several projects, including making bird feeders and cooking traditional Central American foods for the residents. The group also performed a rousing dance program, featuring music and authentic costumes from each of their countries, including the Dominican Republic, El Salvador and Guatemala. Thank you to Ana Acosta, Jennifer Ozoria and Juan Villa of the Dominican Republic, Melvin Lara of El Salvador and William Orellana of Guatemala. Shown hard at work on the birdfeeders are Elizabeth Church Manor residents (seated) Terry Cain and Nancy Howard with (standing from left) Acosta, Ozoria and Villa.

## Monday, Tuesday, BEACH DAY...

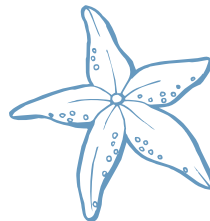
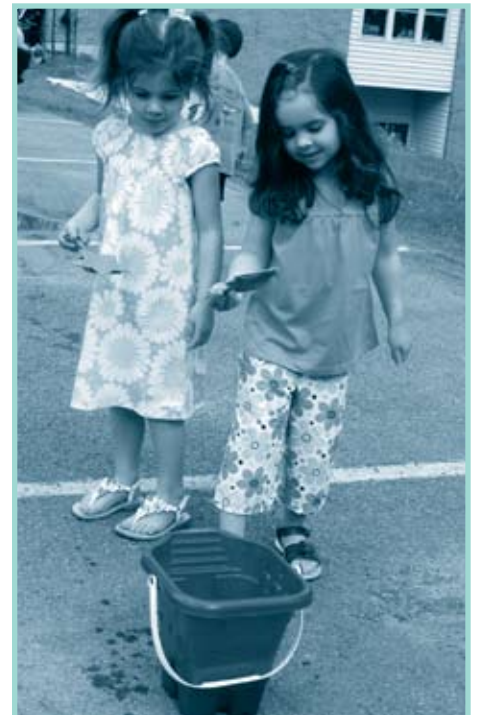


The Hilltop Campus is nowhere near the ocean, but on May 5, residents, staff and Grand Care kids went to the beach for the day with beach-themed celebrations and activities.



Staff participated in a fruit relay race, which involved two teams of four people each. With fruit between their knees, each person had to move forward to tag the next teammate without losing their fruit. Registered Nurse Assessment Coordinator Laura Kostyshak, RN, (with an apple between her knees) reaches out to tag Administrator Jerry Halbert (with a cantaloupe between his knees).

Kids at the Grand Care Children's Center enjoyed a variety of sand and water games and toys set up in the Center's parking lot. Four-year-olds Kaydence (left) and Mia, right, both of the pre-school room, played a starfish-moving game.





## Letters of Appreciation

### To the Doris L. Patrick Campus

Thank you for the loving care you gave to my loved one. I would like to thank Robin for her kindness and going out of her way to help me, and also Deb and Ursula. We also appreciate all others who were so kind and understanding.

### To the Elizabeth Church Campus

To all caregivers, friends and everyone else at St. Louise Manor, our family would like to thank you for your kind, loving care of our loved one while she was a resident at St. Louise. You all helped make her life happier while she lived there. We so appreciate all you did for her.

### To the Doris L. Patrick Campus from a short-term rehabilitation resident

I enjoyed my stay at Gilmour. The view was beautiful to see when you looked out the window. The nurses were helpful and understanding and there when you needed them. The physical therapy staff were helpful in the exercises they get you to do, and I liked that there were dogs in the facility – they help you to feel joy. Thanks also to the activity staff – I enjoyed playing bingo. The doctor was understanding and helped with any pain. I enjoyed my stay at Gilmour. Thank you so much.

## Apartments Available at Grace View Manor

Grace View Manor, located on the Doris L. Patrick Campus in Norwich, currently has one-bedroom and studio independent living apartments available, including one handicapped-accessible studio. The apartments are available to adults age 62 and older who meet certain Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income specifications – \$19,400 annually per individual or \$22,150 per couple. Subsidized rents are based on residents' incomes. Grace View Manor is convenient to the city of Norwich – it is located on a bus route, and scheduled facility van transport is also available.

Some current residents recently commented on what makes Grace View Manor an ideal setting for them. Said Shirley Locke, "I am happy I made the decision to move to Grace View. I feel very secure and enjoy the people here. The sunroom, the library and the community room add to the enjoyment." Claude and Harriett Carpenter added, "Grace View Manor has been our home for over seven years. It is nice not to have to mow grass, shovel snow, or worry about home repairs. Our building is situated on a hill overlooking the beautiful countryside of Chenango County. We are in a nice location with doctors and the hospital close by, and stores and churches are not too far away."

For more information, an application or a tour, call (607) 337-1014. Saturday and Sunday tours are available.

### To the Hilltop Campus from a resident

Thank you to the Plant Operations staff for the great work they did in replacing my carpet. Even with moving all my furniture, everything went smoothly and all the work was nicely done. I can now wear my white slipper socks and they are not dirty. It is so nice to have a clean and nice-looking room! Thanks again.

### To the Hilltop Campus

Thank you to all the caregivers in Unit 1 at the James G. Johnston Memorial Nursing Home. Your sympathy card touched our hearts. We know that you not only cared *for* mom, but also cared *about* her. For that, we are deeply thankful.

## Wesley Village Names Personal Care Aide of the Year

At the May 5 Wesley Village nursing dinner, PCA Alicia Daro was named Personal Care Aide of the Year. She was selected for the honor by residents and her coworkers on all three shifts.

Daro joined United Methodist Homes in November 2008, fulfilling a life-long dream to work at Wesley Village inspired by childhood visits to two relatives who lived on campus.

According to Personal Care Administrator Janie Schneider, Daro is "kind, compassionate, reliable and always willing to lend a hand." Daro is currently pursuing her registered nursing degree.

Daro received a certificate and a rose bouquet. Congratulations, Alicia!

The June issue of *Seasons* will feature photos and information about other awards presented at the dinner.



Wesley Village Administrator John Lopatka and Personal Care Administrator Janie Schneider presented Alicia Daro (right) with the Personal Care Aide of the Year Award.

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## *Who Knew Salad Dressing Could Be This Exciting?*

The SUN Unit on the Hilltop Campus went all-out for Salad Dressing Week during the last week of April. Yes, you read that right – Salad Dressing Week. A designated dressing gave each day a theme – Caesar, ranch, Thousand Island, bleu cheese and French. Daily activities were themed based on the dressing of the day, and included toga tying, rodeo roping, a discussion on bluebirds, and French manicures! Activity Leader (and good sport) Chris Rash served as a very large calf for a roping attempt by resident Mary Holowack.



## *A Hare-Raising Visit*



On April 19, Tunkhannock Campus residents and family members enjoyed a visit from four members (ages nine to 12) of the Tunkhannock-based Endless Mountains Community 4-H Club and 12 of the club members' rabbits. Everyone was able to pet and hold the rabbits and learn about different breeds of rabbits and how they are shown at local fairs. Tunkhannock Campus resident Pauline Davis is shown snuggling one of the fluffy visitors.