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

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Pearl and Everett Gilmour Skilled Nursing Facility

Elizabeth Church Campus, Binghamton, NY
Elizabeth Church Manor Skilled Nursing Facility
Manor House (independent living)
St. Louise Manor (residential living, assisted living, adult care)

Tunkhannock Campus, Tunkhannock, PA
Offers assisted living and personal care

Hilltop Campus, Johnson City, NY
James G. Johnston Skilled Nursing Facility
The Highlands (independent living)
Grand Care Children's Center
Also offers adult care and assisted living.

Wesley Village Campus, Pittston, PA
Anderson Personal Care Facility
Brooks Estates (independent living)
Myers Manor (independent living)
Partridge-Tippett Skilled Nursing Facility

United Methodist Homes Celebrates National Nursing Home Week

National Nursing Home Week, established by the American Health Care Association (AHCA) in 1967, was celebrated nationwide from May 11-17, 2008. According to the AHCA, National Nursing Home Week is an opportunity for the profession and individual nursing homes to bring into focus their residents who mean so much to the community and their families, as well as caregivers who give so much of themselves to help others.

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

The Doris L. Patrick Campus celebrated with activities throughout the week. Events included trivia on Monday, Wii games in the Cinema Room on Tuesday, a make-your-own sundae day on Wednesday, a staff recognition lunch and gift presentation on Thursday, and a Friday talent show for residents featuring performances by resident family members and staff.

Elizabeth Church Campus

The Activities Department on the Elizabeth Church Campus sponsored a free Family Fun Day on May 10 for the children and grandchildren of campus staff and residents. The event featured the Ross Park Zoomobile, a craft booth, a midway with games and prizes, as well as face-painting, a petting zoo, a juggler, and lunch. The event was staffed by employees and volunteers.

Hilltop Campus

The Hilltop Campus offered a full slate of activities for residents and staff throughout the week. The campus selected the theme of "Laughter is the Best Medicine," and kicked off their silly celebrations with mismatched clothes day on Monday, along with "bowling for laughs" for staff and residents. Tuesday was pajama day, and also included a cooking demonstration by Assistant Dining Services Director Bob Yacuzzo with assistance from Grand Care Children's Center kids. Wednesday was silly hat day, and featured clown visits. Thursday was "dress in your favorite ice cream color" day, and of course included an ice cream social. On Thursday evening, Homes staff members presented a talent show for residents. Friday featured silly stories



St. Louise Manor Case Manager Angela Nunez enjoyed the Elizabeth Church Campus family fun day with her husband Rafael and their daughter Mia, 2.



Emcee Jack Bates, Risk and Safety Manager, (left) interacts with Human Resources Director and pianist Brian Sasina during the Hilltop Campus' talent show.

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Administrative Editorial

Arthur B. Gordon, United Methodist Homes Board Chairman



In conjunction with our annual celebration of National Nursing Home Week in May, I would like to take

this opportunity to reflect on our caring staff members and the pivotal role they play at each United Methodist Homes campus.

An excellent staff truly focused on the needs of each resident forms the backbone of our organization. Many family members who write notes of thanks highlight the fact that staff cared for the family's loved one as though he or she were the staff member's own mother

or father. What a high compliment, and what measure of comfort this provides to resident family members who live at a distance! Only individuals who have service to others as part of their personal core values can offer the type of care that puts both residents and their loved ones at ease. Excerpts from two recent letters exemplify this:

"I would like to express a sincere thank you for the great care you provided to my aunt. You should be very proud of your staff as they were always professional and efficient, but more than that, patient and loving. Every single member of the second floor staff was fabulous and went beyond their job descriptions."

"Thank you for all the kindness and care you gave to our loved one and our family. You helped make his last year more comforting. It takes special people to care for our older loved ones – and you go above and beyond caring...you show love and respect. Thank you so much to the staff."

As I have written before in this forum, caring for seniors requires hard work and special skills, and it is not work that can be done by everyone. I am grateful for the genuine compassion our employees always show, and believe that United Methodist Homes is blessed to have such wonderful employees who believe wholeheartedly in our mission and ministry.

Thomas Receives Wilbur A. Myers Certified Nurse Aide Award and Scholarship



Wesley Village's Lindsey Thomas, CNA, was named the 2008 recipient of the Wilbur A. Myers Certified Nurse Aide Award at a May 9 dinner. She was also awarded the Wilbur A. Myers Scholarship, which is presented annually to a nursing employee interested in continuing his or her nursing education. Thomas received a medal commemorating the award, and her name will be inscribed on a perpetual plaque on display in the Partridge-Tippett Nursing Facility Lobby. She will begin full-time in the nursing program at Luzerne County Community College in September.

Thomas has a long history with Wesley Village, first visiting as a six-year-old to sing Christmas carols with her Brownie troop. She continued volunteering as a teen, and began working at Wesley Village in 2004, completing the nurse's aide training course soon after.

Said Wesley Village Director of Nursing Patt Vitale, RN, "Although many people become nurses, only a select few truly possess a love for nursing. I believe Lindsey is one of these few. I am sure she will become a registered nurse Mr. Myers would have been proud of."

The Wilbur A. Myers Certified Nurse Aide Award and the Wilbur A. Myers Scholarship were instituted in 1993 by a trust established by Myers for the benefit of Wesley Village's skilled nursing employees. Myers was a prominent Wilkes-Barre area businessman whose wife was a Wesley Village resident. Myers believed his wife received exceptional care at Wesley, and he wished to offer recognition and advancement opportunities for staff by creating a trust that funds both the award and half the cost of the scholarship winner's registered nursing courses (the Homes pays for the other half). The certified nurse aide award winner is selected by a vote of peers; the scholarship recipient is selected by supervisors. The Myers' Trust also instituted a fund that supplies a floral arrangement to each Partridge-Tippett Nursing Facility resident on his or her birthday.

Congratulations, Lindsey!



Wesley Village Administrator John Lopatka (left) and Director of Nursing Patt Vitale, RN, presented Lindsey Thomas, CNA, with the Wilbur A. Myers Certified Nurse Aide Award and scholarship.

United Methodist Night at the Ballpark

United Methodist Night at the Ballpark is scheduled for Thursday, June 26, at NYSEG Stadium in Binghamton. The game begins at 7:05 PM.

According to United Methodist Homes Board member Ken Summers, the event's organizer, "Half of the ticket proceeds will benefit the hunger-ending mission of the Society of St. Andrew and the United Methodist Men's Upper Room prayer ministry. I'd love to fill the stadium with United Methodists and friends. I hope all Wyoming Conference churches and related agencies will make an effort to participate."

For more information or to reserve tickets, call Ken Summers at (607) 770-7314 or email him at theosum@webtv.net.

Staff Announcements



Malene Fralick

Malene Fralick has been named Director of the Licensed Agency at St. Louise Manor. In

this position, she will be in charge of daily functions, assessments for resident care and providing direction to personal care and home health aides. She comes to this position from United Methodist Homes' Elizabeth Church Manor, where she was the Unit 2 Manager.

Fralick earned her associate's degree from Corning Community College in Corning, NY. She has been in the nursing field for 40 years, and entered the long-term care field from acute care five years ago after a long career at United Health Services in Binghamton, NY.



Gina Rapp, RN

Gina Rapp, RN, has joined the Doris L. Patrick Campus as the Assistant Director of Nursing

for the Pearl and Everett Gilmour Health Care Facility. She comes to United Methodist Homes from Kimball Medical Center in Toms River, NJ, where she was an infection control practitioner.

Rapp earned her associate's degree in nursing from Bucks County Community College in Newtown, PA, and is pursuing her bachelor's degree in nursing from Kean University in Union, NJ. She is certified in infection control, and is a member of the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology and the Organization of Nurse Executives of New Jersey.



Kat Stoudt, RN

Kat Stoudt, RN, has been named Director of the Licensed Agency and Assisted Living

Program at the Hilltop Campus. In this role, her primary responsibilities include overseeing the day-to-day activities, safety, and quality of life for independent, assisted living and adult care residents. Stoudt has been with the Homes for two years, most recently as the Skilled Nursing Unit Manager at Hilltop's James G. Johnston Skilled Nursing Facility.

Stoudt earned her associate's degree in nursing from Broome Community College in Binghamton, NY. She has a background in cardiac, emergency, and trauma/critical care nursing, and has extensive experience in the acute- and long-term care fields.

Wesley Village Recognizes Long-Time Service

The Wesley Village Campus honored staff for 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service at a recognition dinner on April 24 at the East Mountain Inn in Wilkes-Barre, PA. President & CEO Keith Chadwick, Wesley Village Administrator John Lopatka, Director of Nursing Patt Vitale, Board Vice-Chairman Warren Watkins, and Director of Food Services Martha Wright each addressed the attendees, who represented a total of 300 years of service to United Methodist Homes.

Said Lopatka, "The number of employees with this much longevity in our industry is truly remarkable. It is their caring spirit, dedication and hard work that have made Wesley Village a success. On behalf of the United Methodist Homes, the Wesley Village Management Team, and most of all, our residents, I would like to thank these long-time staff members for their years of valuable service. I am extremely proud to have the opportunity to work with each and every one of them."

Congratulations to the following staff members for their long-time service:

30 Years

Donna Casey,
Administrative Assistant

25 Years

Gloria Mattioli, CNA
Sharon McAdarra,
Housekeeper
Charlotte Pace, RN

20 Years

Beth Barnic, Receptionist
Phyllis DePrimo, Dietary Aide
Theresa Fahley, LPN
Mary Lou Langdon, Nurse Mgr.
Marie Maida, CNA
Kathleen Micklasavage, RN
Patricia Tanski, Restorative Aide

15 Years

Bonnie Bidwell, Dietary Aide
Diane Policare, PCA
Barbara Rodola, Business
Office
Justine Silvi, PCA

Pictured at the event are (seated left to right) Kate Micklasavage, RN; Charlotte Pace, RN; Marie Maida, Nurse Aide; Gloria Mattioli, CNA; Pat Tanksi, Restorative Aide; (standing left to right) John Lopatka, Administrator; Bonnie Bidwell, Dietary Aide; Barb Rodola, Business Office; Beth Barnic, Receptionist; Mary Lou Langdon, Nurse Manager; Donna Casey, Administrative Assistant; Warren Watkins, Board Vice-Chairman; and Keith Chadwick, President & CEO.



Nursing Home Week

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with Rev. Lea Harding, and a staff and resident volleyball competition.

Wesley Village Campus

In keeping with this year's Love is Ageless theme, the Wesley Village Campus celebrated Nursing Home Week with a love story movie day and a wedding album sharing event. Residents and staff also enjoyed 1960s day, root beer floats, bingo, and a Disney-themed party.

Shorts

The Elizabeth Church Campus is pleased to introduce a new initiative called "The Successful Visit," which provides information, techniques and tools to help provide a quality experience for both visitor and resident. The packets are designed for residents with memory impairment, but can be used by frequent visitors who run out of stimulating discussion topics. Packets include conversation starter ideas, reminiscence materials, trivia questions, picture books, TV sports schedules, playing cards, and more. Packets are available in the main Elizabeth Church Manor lobby.

Two students from Dr. Steve Call's American History class at Broome Community College recently interviewed three Elizabeth Church Campus residents about their life experiences. Ann English, Loraine Holcomb and Phyllis Krager shared stories about the attack on Pearl Harbor, immigrating to England to avoid persecution by the Nazis, and waiting for sweethearts to return home from the war.

In early May, James G. Johnston Nursing Home residents set up their patio with items they purchased with funds raised from their sales throughout the year. On May 8, Hilltop residents enjoyed a tour of the Sacred Heart Ukrainian Church in Castle Creek. Hilltop celebrated Mother's Day on May 11 with performances by David Hores and Frank and Gene, and on May 22, Hilltop residents competed in volleyball at the Sunshine Olympics.

Tobacco-Free Initiative Update

As announced in the January 2008 issue of *Seasons*, United Methodist Homes campuses will go tobacco-free on July 1, 2008. As of that date, no tobacco use of any kind will be permitted inside or outside any Homes facilities. The change will apply to staff, residents and visitors alike, and includes personal vehicles parked on Homes property, buildings, parking lots and sidewalks.

United Methodist Homes is providing smoking cessation support to interested employees. The Wesley Village Campus recently hosted InterMountain Medical Group family practitioner Mark Puffenberger, MD, who gave a presentation on topics such as the effects of smoking, the addictive qualities of tobacco, the health benefits of quitting, medication options and more. Sessions are being planned for United Methodist Homes' New York campuses.

Employees may also obtain a "Your Quit Kit" folder from any United Methodist Homes' Human Resources office. The kit includes reference and support materials from the American Cancer Society and other organizations. Those wishing to cease tobacco usage have a wide range of options, including counseling, support groups, medication and more. To request a "Your Quit Kit" folder or for more information about tobacco cessation, contact the Human Resources representative in your facility.

The Hilltop Campus honored its volunteers with a recognition dinner on May 1, during National Volunteer Week. Each volunteer received a certificate and flowers, and door prizes were awarded. Casey Korchynsky, Volunteer Coordinator at Binghamton University's Anderson Center, spoke about the history and benefits of volunteering. Special thanks from Volunteer Coordinator Vicky Benarick go out to Hilltop Human Resources Director Brian Sasina, who played the piano; Dining Services staff Ed Glavich, Tom Nunn, Bob Yacuzzo and Maria Brooks for their help and a wonderful meal; and to Assistant Administrator Mary Anne Carasea for overseeing the volunteers throughout her many years of service here at United Methodist Homes.

Staff on the Elizabeth Church Campus bid a fond farewell to Elizabeth Church Campus Dietary Manager Noah Davis, who departed at the end of May to become the administrator-in-training at the Veterans' Home in Oxford, NY.

Thanks to Hilltop Wellness Director Vinni Wingell, Hilltop Activity Staff, Rev. Lea Harding, and the Hilltop residents who compiled the "Your Quit Kit" folders for use by United Methodist Homes staff interested in tobacco cessation.

On April 19, Tunkhannock Campus residents enjoyed a visit from the Endless Mountains Rabbit Club to help celebrate the arrival of spring. Club members brought in several rabbits for residents to hold and pet.

United Methodist Homes was a patron-level sponsor of the Broome County Council of Churches' 2008 Lives of Commitment Breakfast, held May 9 at the Binghamton Regency Hotel. The annual event honors three outstanding volunteers with the Council's Faith in Action program. United Methodist Homes President & CEO Keith Chadwick and Director of Marketing/Communications Public Relations Sarah Soden were both members of the event's Signature Committee, Chadwick as the chairperson of the Financial Underwriting Subcommittee and Soden as a member of the Public Relations Subcommittee. Chadwick is scheduled to be the keynote speaker at next year's breakfast.

Members of the Southern Tier Young Professionals spent time at the Elizabeth Church Campus on May 3, providing assistance with spring yardwork such as flowerbed preparation and planting.



Weed and Read at Elizabeth Church Manor

At 10 AM on Wednesdays in June, July and August, children ages 4-10 and their parents are invited to United Methodist Homes' Elizabeth Church Manor, 863 Front Street in Binghamton, for the Weed and Read Program. Participants can weed, water and pick flowers in the campus' garden, and then stay for a short story reading.

**For more information, call
(607) 722-3463, extension 229.**

iCOMET is Coming!

While Halley's Comet only comes around once every 76 years, iCOMET at United Methodist Homes will come around six times before the end of 2008! Phase I of the COMET software implementation will begin at Hilltop's James G. Johnston Nursing Facility on July 1, followed by Elizabeth Church Manor on August 1, the Doris L. Patrick Campus on September 1, non-skilled nursing facilities in New York (Hilltop, Sunset Heights, Highlands, St. Louise Manor, and Manor House) on October 1, the Wesley Village Campus on November 1, and the Tunkhannock Campus on December 1.

Approximately eight weeks prior to each facility/campus go-live date, iCOMET Clinical Project Coordinator Janine Savage will schedule an implementation planning meeting with key facility individuals. At that time, campus "super-users" (staff members comfortable with the software who can help co-workers over rough spots) will be identified, facility staff responsibilities will be outlined and training schedules will be developed.

According to Savage, "Several factors were taken into consideration when the implementation timeline was developed including, but not limited to, the status of current software systems, the implementation team's experiences with the software to date, the MDS [minimum data set] changes for Section S in New York on October 1, the MDS 3.0 implementation schedule, and financial system transition issues. The goal for 2008 is to replace RCS [resident care system] with the iCOMET software and to replace the UNIX financial software for related billing and accounts receivable functions."

iCOMET users at each campus will be well-supported during the go-live period, both by facility super-users and United Methodist Homes' clinical informaticists, who will be on-site to assist as well. A space-related theme "will hopefully provide some fun and levity during the learning process and launch celebrations," said Savage.

Good luck to staff on each campus as they approach the countdown to blastoff!



Members of the iCOMET implementation team met at the Corporate Office in mid-May to further solidify programming details. Pausing for a photo during a break are (seated, left to right) Quality Management Director Jill Murray, Lintech's Chief Software Architect Doron Gutkind, Financial Data Manager Patty Juriga, Vice-President of Clinical Operations and Corporate Compliance Officer Janine Savage, RN, RAC-CT; (standing, first row) Assistant Chief Financial Officer Gary Gardner, Director of Revenue Receipts and Trust Accounting Betsy Kosick, Programmer Mary Cron, Controller Sal LaMantia, (standing, back row) Clinical Informaticists Heather Morgan, RN, RAC-CT, and Amy Miller, RD.

United Methodist Sponsors Table at Memory Makers Gala



Pictured at the gala are (seated left to right): Gayle Breuilly, President & CEO Keith Chadwick, Gail Chadwick, Vice-President of Clinical Operations and Corporate Compliance Officer Janine Savage, RN, RAC-CT; standing: Assistant President & Chief Operating Officer Gary Breuilly, Bryan Knight, Director of Marketing/Communications/Public Relations Sarah Soden, and Todd Savage.

On May 16, four United Methodist Homes staff members and their guests attended the Alzheimer's Association's Southern Tier Memory Makers Gala at The McKinley in Endicott, NY. The Homes sponsored a table at the formal event, which honored John Fitzsimmons, CEO of Granite Capital Holdings Inc., and Master Hidy Ochiai, karate instructor and author. Following dinner and the awards ceremony, attendees danced to the music of the Mason Warrington Orchestra.

Ancillary Medical Supply Tracking Change

As of June 1, staff will no longer need to track the usage of labeled supplies. Patient-specific supplies (enteral-urological, tracheostomy, ostomy, and wound care) will now be pre-packaged and shipped to each campus by Buffalo Hospital Supply. For more information, call (607) 775-6400, extension 302.

Wesley Village Names Personal Care Aide of the Year

Joanne Cousin, PCA, was recently named Wesley Village's Personal Care Aide of the Year. Cousin was selected for the honor by her peers on all three shifts. She received a certificate and a dozen roses at a morning ceremony attended by her co-workers.

Nominations included comments such as, "Joanne is steady and dependable," "She is willing to lend a helping hand with a special touch," "She is dedicated and steps up to the plate for residents and her coworkers," and "Joanne is consistently reliable and always willing to go above and beyond." Cousin has worked at Wesley Village for five years.

According to Personal Care Director Janie Schneider, "It is one thing to be recognized by your supervisors, but I think it's even more special to be appreciated and saluted by your peers. All of our employees deserve to be recognized for the caring and devotion they bring every day to Wesley Village. Special congratulations to Joanne on being voted Wesley Village's PCA of the Year!"

Congratulations, Joanne!



Personal Care Director Janie Schneider (left) and Midnight Shift Nursing Supervisor Tracey Syreika, LPN (right), with PCA of the Year Joanne Cousin.

Volunteers Honored at Doris L. Patrick Campus

On April 23, the Doris L. Patrick Campus hosted a tea party to honor its volunteers for their service. As part of National Volunteer Week (April 27-May 3), volunteers were recognized for collectively donating more than 716 hours in 2007. Thanks to volunteers Harriet Carpenter, Deb Ecker, Doris Fahy, Joyce Guhl, Amber Harrison, Maryanne Ross and Nancy Simerl. Special thanks also go to volunteers from the Valley Heights Christian Academy, located just down the street from campus, and the RSVP organization in Norwich. Pictured at the event are (left to right) Activities and Volunteers Director Kate Conant, and volunteers Skylar Edwards, Hilary Halberg, Shane Dorr, Monica Ingraham and Deb Ecker.



Job Shadowing at United Methodist Homes

In late April and early May, staff in the United Methodist Homes Corporate Office and the Health Information Management Office on the Elizabeth Church Campus hosted Broome Community College (BCC) students for multi-day job shadowing experiences.

At the Elizabeth Church Campus, Broome Community College health information management students Agnesa Samarsky and Cari Slater completed a two-week clinical practicum with Health Information Coordinator Patti Griffin to get a feel for the real-world application of their major. They completed a chart audit using an audit tool created by Unit 3 Secretary Tessie King, auditing 40 charts to make sure that information about allergies, advance directives and other details were complete and consistent. Said Griffin, "Both participants said the experience was wonderful. We learned we were the only clinical site that provided students with an opportunity to complete a project and present their findings in morning report on their last day here." Said Jane Hlopko, MA, RHIA, Chair of the BCC Health Information Technology Program, "We are extremely grateful for the willingness of our clinical sites to host students for this important component of their education. It is especially rewarding to see many program graduates like Patti who are now clinical supervisors for us and are willing to give their time to the Health Information Technology Program at the College."

At the Corporate Office, Broome Community College student Brittany White had the opportunity to learn about various aspects of the long-term care industry, and gain a greater understanding of the organization's management and corporate structure. White shadowed staff in their job tasks and had the chance to attend the Greater Binghamton Chamber Business Show. The following staff spent time with White: Chief Operating Officer Gary Breuilly, President & CEO Keith Chadwick, Assistant Accounting Analyst Mike Hadlick, Director of Revenue Receipts and Trust Accounting Betsy Kosick, Quality Management Director Jill Murray, Accounts Payable Coordinator Lisa Nickerson, Purchasing Coordinator Dianne Paige (White's mother), and Marketing and Public Relations Director Sarah Soden.

"United Methodist Homes staff members are always willing to provide real-life workplace experiences for the next generation of caregivers and leaders. Shadowing and internships can help current students make decisions about their 'fit' with a certain job role, and as a community organization we're committed to making those opportunities available," said President & CEO Keith D. Chadwick.

Letters of Appreciation

To the Hilltop Campus

My husband and I would like to thank the entire Hilltop staff for the wonderful care they have provided to my in-laws, who have lived there since 1996. They have progressed through all the levels of care, and we have always been impressed with the caring way the staff interacts with residents and provides support for families. Aaron Ampula has worked with us the entire time and has always been helpful. My mother-in-law passed away recently. I was sitting with her, and though we are pretty sure she didn't know who was there, the nurses came in and talked with her and touched her. At the end of the day shift, several of them dropped in to tell her they would see her tomorrow. This was incredibly kind. At one point, I went to the nurses' station to ask if I could move a painting from my mother-in-law's room to my father-in-law's. Within twenty minutes, someone from maintenance was there to move it. This meant so much to us. There were any number of these instances of kindness all week. I am afraid I did not get the names of all who helped, but special thanks to Tammy, LeAnn, Sabrina and Ann.

To the Tunkhannock Campus

Our family would like you to know how much we appreciate all the many ways you and your staff helped us when our loved one was a resident at Tunkhannock Manor. It is such a great home away from home. Everyone was always so considerate and helpful. We have fond memories of all of you and we will always tell all our friends what a wonderful place the Methodist Homes are. We hope to visit again soon.

To the Elizabeth Church Campus

Thanks to Noah Davis in Dietary for your help with my parents' 61st anniversary party. The room looked lovely, and we were very pleased to have friends and family there to share their celebration. Cathy Patak deserves special recognition for her efforts. She worked hard to make sure that everything was just right. What a pleasure it was to have their party at St. Louise Manor!

To the Wesley Village Campus from Brooks Estates Residents

Thanks to Plant Operations Director Jerry Sulkoski for your assistance with our recent request to use a Wesley Village bus for our handicapped Brooks Estates residents to attend the Shrine Circus in Kingston. You have always been so helpful in making our events successful. We especially enjoyed Scott Ryan, who was assigned to chauffeur us. He was delightful. In addition to being an excellent driver, he had a sense of humor that perked up everyone riding the bus. Over the years, your staff, especially Jack Orlando, has always been so helpful and caring in helping us board the bus and making sure all the safety regulations are followed. Thank you.

To the Grand Care Children's Center

Thanks to Lisa and Betsie! We wanted to thank you for everything you both do for our child every day. The two of you are super teachers and work well together. We consider ourselves blessed and lucky to have found Grand Care – we are so very happy with everything and everyone!

May Employees of the Month Recognized

Doris L. Patrick and Elizabeth Church Campuses Honor Staff



Darlene Foulds

Darlene Foulds, a Laundry Aide at the Pearl and Everett Gilmour Health Care Facility, was named the Doris L. Patrick Campus' May Employee of the Month. According

to Director of Plant Operations Edward Conley, "Darlene is a dependable and dedicated employee. She is always willing to help with residents, and is very detailed-oriented. Darlene is a stabilizing influence on her fellow employees and she is dedicated to United Methodist Homes."



Malene Fralick, RN

Malene Fralick, RN, Elizabeth Church Manor's Unit 2 Manager, was selected as the Elizabeth Church Campus' Employee of the Month for May. She has been consistently

recognized in the campus' Shining Star program since its inception in December. Two recent Shining Star nominations read, "Malene is dedicated to residents and staff alike. She is compassionate, giving and understanding. When Malene found out that one of her residents had taught piano and played the organ, she and a few other dedicated staff members got together and put an unused organ in the resident's room. She played for hours, and her joy spilled over to the other residents who gathered around her room to listen. Malene's thoughtfulness and compassion have touched many people. She is an asset to the campus many times over!" and "Malene is one of, if not THE, greatest nurses I have ever met or worked with. Her gentleness, concern, compassion and dedication astound me time and time again."

Congratulations, Malene and Darlene!

Elizabeth Church Campus Community Garage Sale

9 AM to 4 PM, Friday, June 6 (rain date June 13), lunch available!

Proceeds benefit Southern Tier Memory Walk 2008 - Help the Homes reach its fundraising goal by donating items or shopping at the sale! Item donations (no clothing or linens, please) will be accepted from 9 AM to 8:30 PM in the main Elizabeth Church Manor lobby until June 4.

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Abbreviations

DLP – Doris L. Patrick Campus, Norwich, NY
ECC – Elizabeth Church Campus, Binghamton, NY
JGJ – James G. Johnston Skilled Nursing Facility, Johnson City, NY
SLM – St. Louise Manor, Binghamton, NY
UMH – United Methodist Homes
WV – Wesley Village Campus, Pittston, PA

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Mother's Day Tea and Apron Fashion Show

More than 25 St. Louise Manor residents enjoyed a Mother's Day tea and apron fashion show on May 6. Employees modeled more than 40 different aprons of various styles (bib, half, bistro, pinafore, holiday and more) loaned by staff and residents, while St. Louise Manor Activity Leader Karen Mayer shared stories about aprons and their many uses. Thanks to models Betty Bock, Aide, St. Louise Manor; Noah Davis, Elizabeth Church Campus Dietary Manager; Teresa Felter, Director of Sales; Andrea Fynboe, Volunteer; Kim Garey, St. Louise Manor Director; Doreen MacDonald, LPN, St. Louise Manor; Mayer; Angela Nunez, St. Louise Manor Case Manager; Cathy Patak, Elizabeth Church Campus Dining Room Supervisor; Sarah Soden, Marketing and Public Relations Director; and Rosemarie VanKuren, Elizabeth Church Campus Administrative Assistant.



Pictured above (left to right) are Garey, Patak, Felter, VanKuren, Nunez and MacDonald.

Red Cross Tea Party Held at Tunkhannock Campus



Representatives from the American Red Cross of Wyoming County, based in Wilkes-Barre, PA, hosted a tea party for Tunkhannock Campus residents on May 5. Red Cross staff members Lea Ann Phinney and Amber Young (wearing mid-twentieth century Red Cross uniforms) served refreshments and presented a slide show highlighting the World War II era. At the conclusion of the presentation, residents were invited to share their stories of Red Cross involvement and the war. Facing the camera are residents Marion DeGraw and Alma Nichols, Phinney and Young, and resident Kathryn Wilkinson.