

CARE CENTER

News

Fall 2005

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New Orleans Families At Care Center

In mid-September Macomb County called to see if we could provide housing for any Katrina evacuees. Since we have two small houses on property adjacent to our campus, we offered to prepare these for occupancy.

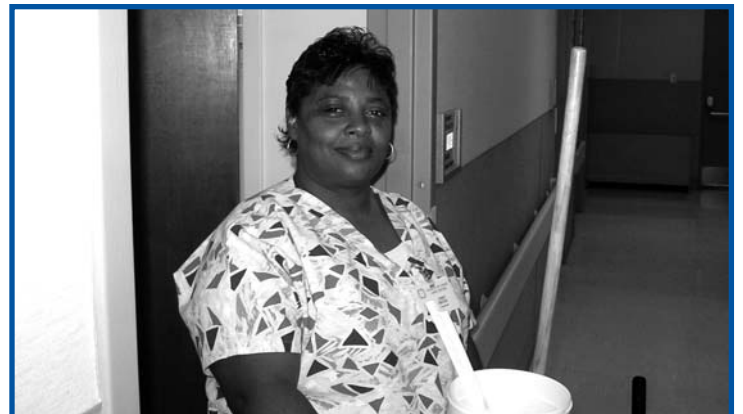
On October 5, the first family group, a brother & sister with her 2 little boys (5 & 4) arrived. On October 10, their mother & step-father plus 2 teens moved into our other house. They all came from New Orleans via Houston to Detroit (where there is another son & daughter). Another son and his family traveled with the group, but is finding housing elsewhere.

The Care Center is providing free rent & utilities (except for telephone & cable TV) for up to 9 months. The Northeast Church of Christ helped to purchase some mattresses and

warm clothing. Care Center staff, friends, and supporting churches pitched in to donate the rest of the furniture needed for the two houses. From 80 - 100 people helped in this.

The mother of the 2 little boys is a Certified Nursing Assistant. She will be applying for work at our Nursing Home. Her mother has already accepted a housekeeping position with our nursing home.

This is another example of how "Caring with our hands is our job, but caring with our hearts is our life" really works. Care in the hearts of our staff led them to generously give to this extended family in need. The Care Center staff will "adopt" these family units for our Christmas program as well.



**Leave a Legacy and Make a Difference for Those Who Come After:
Remember the Care Center in Your Will.**

Corn Roast Recap



August 27 about 300 people gathered to enjoy our 18th annual "Steak & Corn Roast." Pictured here are Mike Serilla, our CEO, and Charles Thornbro, long-time supporter. They entered the spirit of our theme: The Golden Age of the Silver Rails by dressing as railroad workers.

For the 2nd year in a row, we dodged a weather bullet, as we had a downpour earlier in the day, but clear weather at Corn Roast Time. Because of this, we are scheduling next year's event to be indoors at the Sterling Inn, 15 Mile & Van Dyke in Sterling Heights, MI on September 9, 2006. Mark that date, and plan now to attend and enjoy the same festive atmosphere and fine fellowship.

At that time we will also celebrate the 65th anniversary of Detroit area churches of Christ deciding to raise money for a home for indigent widows. The Church of Christ Care Center today is the result of that decision made May 21, 1941.

Tribute Gifts from June 1 - October 19, 2005

In Memory Of:

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 Please accept this gift of \$ _____ as my end-of-year offering to help care for your residents.
 In Memory or In Honor of _____
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NOVEMBER 2005

DEAR FRIEND OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST CARE CENTER,

Fred* spends most of his time in bed. Three & a half years ago he was a weight-lifter, a hard-driving business man and world traveler. Then, he was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), which, as he says, "turns your muscles to mush." As the disease progressed, he had home care several times per week. Then, after another stint in the hospital, he went to an assisted living chain in Troy. After 11 months there, he was told he needed nursing home care and came to our nursing facility. "I wish I had known about this place before I went to Troy," he said. Though he's only been with us a short time, he is settling into the routine here, and our staff is learning his particular needs - one of which is that he can sit up only for a short time before tiring so much he must return to bed.

That's why I'm proud to serve on the board of the Church of Christ Care Center. I get to know of the differences we make in people's lives every day. We can't give Fred* a cure - but we can give him at least a little comfort. Many of our resident's minds have turned to mush. With Fred* it is his muscle mass he is losing. In either case, a great deal of tender loving care is needed.

We are able to give this care because of the support of our friends.

As we come to the end of 2005, we have had a year of transition - and we continue to face challenges. The world we do business in is changing rapidly and we must adjust to continue to be able to offer the care that has made us what we are.

To continue to build on our past reputation and to add to it, we need your help. Please return the enclosed envelope with your generous tax-deductible donation. It will help us to continue to make a difference in the lives of people like Fred.*

Sincerely yours,

*Not his real name.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Langford".

Jim Langford
Past President, Board of Directors

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23561 Fifteen Mile Road

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Marriages Honored At Care Center

Twenty-five couples were honored at the Church of Christ Care Center on Wednesday, October 12. David Walker, assisted living manager, read Scripture and Jerry Starling, chaplain, made remarks. Carl Schinnerer, retired Lutheran minister and resident at our assisted living facility, led a prayer.

The Macomb Daily covered the story with a front page article (with color picture above the fold) of Sigurd (age 100) & Thelma Hagen (age 96), both resident in our nursing center.. Because of this story, a limousine company called to offer them a limo and lunch on their anniversary on October 27. After a scenic drive down Jefferson Avenue, they ate at a restaurant on Lake St. Clair.

Three of the twenty-five couples have both spouses living on our campus. The others have one spouse with us and the other spouse living elsewhere.



Sigurd & Thelma Hagen - One of 25 Honored Couples

Jerry Starling said these couples are examples of what "going all the way" really means - for they have gone through life together and are still making it work, even when things have not always been peaches and cream. What an example for all

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