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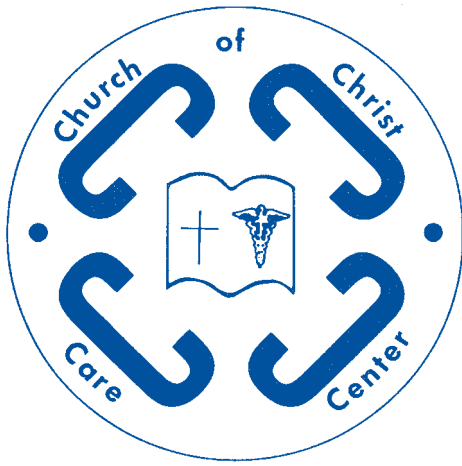
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**TO OUR SPECIAL FRIENDS:**

**GRAND OPENING COMMEMORATIVE  
ORNAMENT**

At the end of last year, we offered an opportunity to contribute to an Assisted Living Endowment Fund through purchase of a beautiful, gold-plated ornament (pictured here) celebrating the Grand Opening of the Assisted Living Facility. These exquisite ornaments are still available for a minimum donation of \$50.00. For an additional \$15.00, you can have engraving on the back (up to 30 characters and spaces). Several did this in memory of a loved one or as a gift.





# CARE CENTER

## News

Fall 2002

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## ASSISTED LIVING GRAND OPENING

More than 100 people gathered to celebrate the Grand Opening of our long-awaited Assisted Living facility on July 28. Our first resident, Nola Tucker, cut the ribbon with the assistance of the President of our Board of Directors, Jim Langford.

Mrs. Tucker was one of our original donors when she and more than 800 others helped purchase the original property in Ferndale back in the early 1940's. Nola had also been a resident in our Senior Housing Apartments for several years.



The first floor of the three floors in this building is now full, and the second floor is filling at a steady pace.

## THANK YOU

We appreciate the generosity of our supporters. In September we sent a letter requesting contributions to help make up for the shortfall in our Medicaid reimbursements. The response is gratifying. We thank all who gave.

Almost 150 people have given or pledged more than \$25,000 so far. This is very helpful, but there is still a deficiency in Medicaid receipts for the past 12 months. If you have not yet donated before the end of the year is a good time to give.

## NEW BEDS

In the previous edition of this newsletter, we mentioned we are working to replace the 25-year old beds in the Nursing Center. By doing this throughout the entire building, we will be able to have standard parts for bed repair and maintenance. We have ordered the first installment of these with donations from several contributors, most of whom are resident family members. We still need more new beds. The cost of a bed is c. \$350.00 and a mattress is c. \$100.00. Those who donate enough to cover the cost of a bed will have a plaque put on the bed identifying you as the donor or honoring a person of your choice. We greatly appreciate all gifts for new beds, as do our residents.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP AT ASSISTED LIVING

With more and more residents in the building, activities there are picking up. Since August, we have had a weekly worship service in the Assisted Living building chapel. This is in addition to the 3:00 PM service we have always had in the Nursing Center. Jerry Starling, our chaplain, or a visiting congregation leads this service at 3:30 PM each Sunday. Mr. Starling also conducts a weekly Bible Study for residents on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM. As always, visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend worship at either facility.

## WINDOW WASHING

A big “thank you” goes to the Northeast Church of Christ teen group for volunteering to wash windows in the Nursing Center. Because of you, our residents days (and rooms) are a little brighter!

## SURVEY RESULTS

Our job is becoming more and more difficult with the continuous attacks on the Long Term Care industry by the mass media, ever increasing regulations and funding challenges. However, your prayers and support, coupled with the hard work and dedication of our mission driven

staff, enable us to provide the best care possible. This is evidenced by our annual, unannounced, survey conducted by the State from October 7-10. We received only two minor citations (compared to a state average of about fifteen per survey), which do not require a return visit by the surveyors.

To celebrate this, we had an all-staff barbecue on October 23 to show our appreciation for a job well done



## TRICK OR TREAT

On Halloween, “Trick or Treat Monsters” in costume visited residents at the Assisted Living facility. These were children of staff, family members, and others invited for the occasion. The residents gave candy to the children as they went door to door up and down the halls. The residents enjoyed this visit. Several of them got into the spirit of the occasion with costumes of their own.

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

We would like to recognize Mike Valcke. As part of his Eagle Scout Project, Mike organized a crew of more than 20 people, and led them in painting both sides of more than 500 feet of fencing between our property and the school behind us. His crew also swept our main parking lot and the curb edges of approximately one-quarter mile of our main driveway.

Mike also donated a handsome “wishing well” for our senior citizens with a plaque reading ‘Wishes Can Come True.’

Because of his hard work and generosity, our facility continues to enjoy a comfortable, well-maintained appearance. Thank you, Mike, for your hard work!





## EMPLOYEE GROUP FUND RAISING

About a dozen employees of the Nursing Home teamed together in a Walk-a-thon for the Diabetes Foundation. Team Captain, Ann Henk, said they raised more than \$600.00, had a lot of fun, and helped a worthy cause. This is typical of the “doing things for others” attitude found on our staff.

### SENIOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT REVIEW

Earlier this year the State conducted the 2002 HUD Management Review of our Senior Housing Apartments. We are happy to announce that we passed with flying colors. We are proud of this facility and have been told by State officials that ours is one of the premier independent living facilities in the area. Even more important, we are glad that our residents there frequently tell us how much they love the spacious apartments and the park-like atmosphere of the grounds.

### I GOT CAUGHT CARING

Each month we recognize staff members for service “above and beyond” duty. Other employees, resident family members, or visitors to our facility make the nominations. A reception for staff follows, in which we recognize the winning nominees. Winners receive a small gift, along with a certificate - and the right to park for a week in a space for recipients of the “I Got Caught Caring” award. The October winners were Sharon Lipps, Kathy Prano, Toni Bialk, and Tari Thompson.

### ESTATE PLANS

We encourage you to include the Care Center in your estate plan. If you have questions about the best way to do this, call Jerry Starling at 586-285-7132. He will help you find answers to your questions. You can leave bequests for us to use at our discretion, or designate a specific purpose (such as the Assisted Living Endowment Fund). We encourage you to talk with Mr. Starling or our administrator about gifts for specific purposes to make sure we can use a gift in the way you propose.

### STEAK & CORN ROAST 2002

Thank you to all the supporters and volunteers who made this year’s Steak & Corn Roast a success. The weather was great, the steaks were delectable, and the entertainment kept our toes tapping. We sold almost 400 tickets and enjoyed a wonderful evening of fellowship and camaraderie. It was truly an uplifting event. Mark your calendar now for next year’s Steak & Corn Roast on August 23, 2003.



## BECAUSE I CARE, I WANT TO HELP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Steve, God has blessed me this year, so I would like to help the Care Center in the following way.**

Here is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to use as you see fit for the good of your residents.

With God’s continued blessing on me and my family, I will contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, or per \_\_\_\_\_, until \_\_\_\_\_.

I am enclosing \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Commemorative Ornaments (minimum of \$50.00 each). I understand this will go to the Assisted Living Endowment Fund. (Note: for engraving, please enclose \$65.00 minimum per ornament. Give engraving instructions on a separate paper, 30 characters & spaces maximum.)

( I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for:  New Beds.  Assisted Living Endowment. Other \_\_\_\_\_ )

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