

# Care Center News

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## Goodwill Begins with Me



**D**o you consider yourself a philanthropist? Philanthropists are not necessarily highly educated, mega-rich, or well spoken individuals. They are just regular people, like us, who are motivated and willing to make the world a better place.

A philanthropist is a person who practices goodwill for the betterment of humanity by charitable aid or donations. This is a person who **does more than just talk** about what is needed; this is a person who **takes action**.

**Helping others is a lot like helping yourself**

We would all agree, the world needs more philanthropists. Our country needs them, our state needs them, and our local communities need them.

The most vulnerable populations, like the elderly, cannot always be their own advocates for the comfort, support, and dignity they need. Seniors need other people who are willing to see their needs, and take action to meet those needs.

Matthew 5:16 says, “Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven.”

Each of us has a God-given talent. Society values those who use their special talent—whether it be the use of their brains, arms, hands, legs, or mouths, or even money to provide for those in need. Our residents have given a lifetime of hard work and they are worthy of our time and energy.

And who, exactly, is supposed to do this work?

Us. That means you. And me. Together.

Each of us has the ability to be a philanthropist *if* we choose to be. Let us all work together to make the world a brighter, better place.

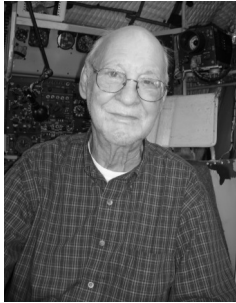
Call Jeannette Schiele, Volunteer Coordinator, at 586-285-7144 **today** to become active. There is also a coupon inside for monetary gifts.

### What's New?

- Same newsletter, new look
- Gazebo donated
- Care Center Employee helps troops in Iraq
- **Free** Workshop on January 15, 2008

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**Howard Weiss sits in the cockpit**

## Road trip to Selfridge

This past September, our residents—some of whom are veterans—had the opportunity to tour Selfridge Air National Guard base.

Everyone was able to tour the museum and view video footage of various inventions and aircrafts.

Residents were actually able to board different aircraft and sit in pilot seats and tour larger airplanes.



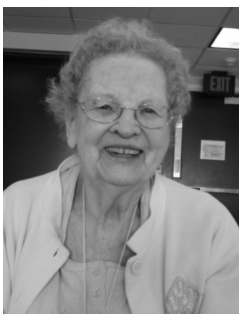
**Large group enjoys visiting Selfridge Air National Guard**

Everyone in attendance was awed by seeing this equipment up close and personal.

Some veterans were introspective and some were even emotional while touring Selfridge.

Memories are hard to speak of for some, but each person was able to honor those who have served our country in the military.

In November, Veterans Day was also celebrated with movies and discussions at Assisted Living. We truly appreciate our heroes.



## Parties, Fun, and Friends

Halloween is always a highlight of the year. More than 200 people attended the resident's Halloween party.

On October 31, the residents and staff at Assisted Living dressed in a Disney theme with a Mickey Mouse Club as well as 101 Dalmatians in attendance. Humor abounded during this fun and entertaining holiday.



## Gazebo donated to nursing home

In October, a brand new 12-foot white vinyl gazebo was delivered to the Church of Christ Care Center nursing home main entrance.

This gazebo is easily accessible to our residents and their families, and will provide a beautiful place to sit and visit outside during warmer temperatures.

This gazebo was made possible through Dorothy Gilley, a long-time Care Center supporter, and her family, in memory of Austin Gilley. Dorothy and Austin Gilley had been married for 61 years when Austin passed away earlier this year.

*“I am honored and glad to be able to do this for the residents at the Care Center.”*

Mrs. Gilley explains, “I am honored and glad to be able to do this for the residents at the Care Center. Austin touched so many people’s lives, and I hope this gazebo will help others remember the good he did.”

On behalf of those who will enjoy this generous gift and wonderful memorial for years to come, Thank You Gilley family!



Austin Gilley



Gilley family donates gazebo in loving memory of Austin Gilley



Austin and Dorothy Gilley

## Special Thank You

Special thank you to the **Ridge Road Church of Christ** who provided baked goods in November as a special fundraiser! Also, for decades, the **Walled Lake Church of Christ** has hosted a Pie Social at the Care Center. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated!

## Halloween Fun



Residents enjoyed seeing staff dressed up in “The Wizard of Oz” costumes.



## Senior Housing



**New windows at Senior Housing**



**Roofing renovation at Senior Housing**

## Renovations continue at Senior Housing

Major renovations continue at senior housing thanks to refinancing efforts with HUD. This huge project includes upgrades to roofs, sidewalks, furnaces, hot water tanks, entry doors, lever locks, screen doors, windows, trim, siding, carpeting, dryer vents, and linoleum.

We anticipate having all 52 apartments completely updated by October 2008.

We have also had to remove 18 Emerald Ash trees because of disease, and we hope to replace these trees in the spring. If you would like to help us replace these trees, please contact Patti Jenema at 586-285-7125 or [pjenema@cofccc.org](mailto:pjenema@cofccc.org).

## Special People, Special Stories

### Employee helps Iraqi Troops



**Michelle Schroll with her son, Jeremy**

Michelle Schroll may be a lot of things, but selfish is not one of them.

We are proud to have Michelle working in the Care Center Dietary department. But, work does not stop once she leaves her paid position at the nursing home.

In October 2006, Michelle's son, Jeremy, was attending college when the Army Reserves notified him that he would be sent to Iraq.

After he left, Michelle wanted to do whatever she could to help her son, and the other soldiers, so she began sending care packages to Iraq. Once she realized how much the items from home were appreciated by the troops, she was on a mission of her own. She began sending items to every soldier in Iraq that she could.



**Belts in multiple sizes and colors which are for sale to support Iraqi troops**

At home, Michelle is busy creatively making belts out of pop can tabs as well as Army Angels out of paper clips. She sells these items to buy more non-perishable items and raise money for postage.

When asked why she does it, Michelle explains, "Soldiers need to laugh, too. They need something to break up their day."

So, Michelle continues to send all kinds of non-perishable items to Iraq.

Even though Michelle's son has since returned, safe and sound, she says, "I hope to do this for the troops until they all come home."

If you would like to help, please email her: [troop454belts@yahoo.com](mailto:troop454belts@yahoo.com)

**Gifts from September 15, 2007 through November 12, 2007**

***In Loving Memory Of:***

**LEE BARNES**

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Adamski  
 Ms. Helen Benninger  
 Ms. Linda Leitz  
 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Miller  
 Ms. Mary Anne Sarver

**SYLVIA BUCKLAND**

Mr. Charles Buckland

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 Mrs. Dorothy Gilley  
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 Mr. and Mrs. Martin Melton  
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**AUSTIN GILLEY**

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*Yes, I want to be involved!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 to be used for the following:

- General Charitable Purposes
- Replace Trees on Campus
- Electric Bed
- Nursing Home Wii Video Game System
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Acknowledge to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please send me information about your facilities

Where the special needs of the aged are met with special care.

**Free  
Seminar**

The Church of Christ Care Center is pleased to present a FREE Educational Workshop. The **Alzheimer's Association** will be with us to discuss:

“The Facts About Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias”

Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Time: 6:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Place: Church of Christ Assisted Living  
3rd Floor, Programs Room  
23621 15 Mile Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48035



All are welcome! No registration required. Contact Patti Jenema if you have questions at 586-285-7125 or [pjenema@cofccc.org](mailto:pjenema@cofccc.org)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! From Your Friends at:

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