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GROWTH AT THE ASSISTED LIVING

At the strategic planning session held last fall, it was determined that in order to remain competitive in the Assisted Living market place and to help fill the apartments it was necessary to add to our current three levels of care. There is a group of people who do not need nursing care as much as they need assistance with activities of daily living due to Alzheimer's Disease and other cognitive impairments. These people were falling through the crack between our Assisted Living and the Nursing Home. It was decided that a portion of the Assisted Living facility be dedicated to the specific care of those needing assistance due to memory deficits.

After consulting with the Alzheimer's Association and an Interior Designer, the east two wings of the second floor were chosen to be the Memory Care Unit. Minimal physical changes will be required such as painting, decorating and the removal of a portion of one wall.

A few residents will need to be relocated that do not need the depth of care that will be offered in this area. The Assisted Living department heads have been meeting with the CEO weekly for the past three months planning for all aspects of this specialized care. Our program of care will have to be shown to the state licensing officer for approval. This annual visit is due at any time now.

The targeted date for opening this Memory Care Unit is May 1, 2006.

An open house is scheduled for April 29 and 30 from 1 pm to 4:30 pm to feature this new area of operation. We invite you to be a part of the unveiling of this new level of care at the Assisted Living. For more specific information about the care offered at the Assisted Living, and especially in the Memory Care Unit, please contact Fran Russell at (586) 791-2470 extension 2002.



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SUPERBOWL SPIRIT

There is nothing quite like friendly competition. During the week before Superbowl XL, the staff of the Assisted Living facility took on the identity of Seattle Seahawks while the staff of the Nursing Home became the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The object: Show the best spirit for your team by decorations, clothing, and enthusiasm.

What was at stake: The losing team would have to cook hotdogs for the other facility, and would obtain bragging rights.

An independent panel judged both facilities on Friday, February 3, 2006. And the winner was ... the Pittsburgh Steelers by a narrow margin!

While the staff enjoyed fun and teamwork, the residents not only participated but also greatly enjoyed the frivolity of Superbowl Week.



EXPANDED CARE COMING SOON TO NURSING HOME

The Church of Christ Care Center is currently applying for Medicare certification. This new scope of coverage will allow us to serve a broader group of individuals needing skilled care. We will continue to keep all of our 130-beds certified for Medicaid as well. Having dual-certification will bring the services we offer to an optimal level.

In preparation for this change in service, our staff has undergone various training sessions. Training will continue so that the care given will be nothing less than the best.

Physical and Occupational Therapy space has been designated and office space has been renovated in anticipation of the Medicare services that will be offered. We are excited to announce the upcoming changes that will help so many individuals during a very difficult period in their lives.

Your help is needed as well. Without contributions from people like you, the Care Center would not be able to reach out to those in need. Please consider giving to our very worthy cause of meeting the special needs of the aged with special care.

If you have any questions regarding admission into the Nursing Home, please contact Pattye Garrison, Director of Admissions, at 586-791-2470 ext. 1022.



WE ARE ON THE WEB

Have you visited our website yet? It has all the news and information you need about the Assisted Living, Senior Housing and the Nursing Home. Brochures are available as well as a list of upcoming events. You can even make a donation on-line. Check it out today at either www.cofccc.org or www.churchofchristcarecenter.org

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PERSONNEL CHANGES

The positions are the same, only the names and faces are changed. Many changes have taken place in the last few months. After ten and a half years of service as Chaplain and Public Relations Director, Jerry Starling retired and returned to Florida to help with his aging parents. David Walker accepted that position which he had held in the past. John Axe also retired and moved to Florida from his position in the Social Service Department at the Nursing Home and as Service Coordinator at the Senior Housing. Jeannette Schiele is the Volunteer Coordinator and Service Coordinator. Though retired from the Lake Shore School district where she was in charge of the school buses, she brings her coordinating skills to her new position. Tricia Beasley, a Social Worker, is now assisting Marilyn Parks in the Social Services Department. Erika Rummel is our new MDS Coordinator. Marilyn Stewart, while not new, becomes the first Quality Manager. Pattye Garrison is the new Admissions Director and is doing some marketing with hospitals and other agencies.



Back Row (left to right) David Walker, Pattye Garrison, Trisha Beasley, Erika Rummel, Marilyn Stewart. Front Row (left to right) Fran Russell, Lori DeBoer, Jerry Berger (not pictured: Jeannette Schiele).

Jerry Berger is our Director of Finance. In early November of 2005 he joined us as head of the team in the business office. Most recently he had been a Financial Consultant, but previously he had twenty years of experience as a CPA involved in Hospital Finance Administration. This knowledge will be a great asset to the growth of our facilities.

In December of last year, Genie Rawson left her position as Director of Nursing at the Nursing Home and Lori DeBoer took on that role. She has some background with the Church of Christ having grown up at the Waterford Church of Christ as the daughter of William O'Neall. Lori is a Registered Nurse and is also licensed as a Nursing Home Administrator. She has been in long-term care for over twelve years as both Administrator and Director of Nursing. She has much experience with skilled care and Medicare requirements that will be most helpful to us as proceed with our application for Medicare certification.

On January 16, 2006, Fran Russell joined us to be the Assisted Living Director. She has many years of experience in long-term care working up through the ranks to Nursing Home Administrator. Her last place of employment was at a facility which was totally dedicated to the care of residents with Alzheimer's Disease and other memory impairments. This experience will benefit us as we dedicate part of the Assisted Living to that type of care.

We appreciate the good work of all of our past employees, and we welcome our new team members as we strive to serve the aged in our community.



Lori Deboer, Nursing Director at Nursing Home



Fran Russell, Assisted Living Director



Jerry Berger, Director of Finance

RENOVATIONS COMPLETED AT THE SENIOR HOUSING

The residents of the Senior Housing have looked forward to a refreshed atmosphere in their community center for months. Their displacement to other areas in both the Nursing Home and Assisted Living while the renovations took place seemed to take years. The calendar did change and in February the doors reopened to a fresh new meeting place. The old natural fireplace received a gas log insert. The carpeted floor that forever seemed to need cleaning (especially after a potluck meal) was replaced with easily cleaned slate flooring. The kitchen was refurbished with new countertops, cabinets and appliances. A portion of the area that was being used as office space was made into a permanent office with the addition of a wall and a door for the new Service Coordinator, Jeannette Schiele. These seniors are now back in familiar territory and are very pleased with the "extreme makeover". For more information about the Senior Housing please contact Barbara Langford at (586) 791-2470 extension 1043.



65th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The 19th Annual Steak and Corn Roast has moved venues this year to the Sterling Inn Banquet and Conference Center located at 15 Mile and Van Dyke in Sterling Heights.

We will highlight the rich 65 years of history since the Home for the Aged began in 1941.

Mark your calendar for **September 9, 2006** at 6:00 pm. Our speaker is scheduled to be none other than Ernie Harwell, the former voice of the Detroit Tigers. Tickets this year will only be \$85 each.

Since seating is limited, if you would like to be on a waiting list for tickets which will be available to the general public on July 15, 2006, please call David Walker, Public Relations Director and Chaplain, at 586-791-2470 ext. 1032.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED VOLUNTEERS - GREEN THUMBS

Spring has sprung. Tulips and Crocuses are appearing. Can gardening time be far behind? It is not too early to call Jeannette Schiele and volunteer to be responsible for a flower garden. We will provide the plants if you will prepare the garden, plant it and look after it throughout the season. Help beautify our surroundings for our residents and visitors. Call Jeannette at (586) 791-2470 extension 1044.

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION SESSIONS OFFERED



Last October we kicked off a monthly program that was designed to educate the public on subjects that would be pertinent to seniors. These meetings are held at our Assisted Living facility. We are continuing these monthly seminars throughout this coming year. We will be discussing such things as: Nutrition for Seniors, How to select a Nursing Home, Seniors and Drugs, Hospice Care, Advanced Directives, Alzheimer's Disease, Long-term Care Insurance and others. The speakers come from various agencies in the community that can lend their expertise to us. This also allows us to let them know who we are and what we offer to the community. If you are interested in future topics and times, or if you have a suggestion of a topic of interest, please contact David Walker at (586) 792-2470 extension 1032 or check the website at www.cofccc.org.

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