



# CARE CENTER

## News

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## THE DREAM BEGINS

All it takes is a dream. When you think about it, where would we be without the dreamers, visionaries and can-do-it people? The Church of Christ Care Center started with just a dream, and we have come a long way!

Last year we celebrated our 65th Anniversary from the time our dream began in Ferndale, Michigan, with the care given to just five elderly widows in one house. The mission was launched. Soon, care for the elderly swept through the community and became something many other congregations found to be worthy of financial support.

**THE DREAM CONTINUES:** In May 1977, the first residents moved from the old Romeo nursing home, our brand new Clinton Township location. These past 30 years have seen more than 1.4 million resident days where each resident has been cared for, loved, and nurtured. We are proud to provide nursing home services regardless of what the financial situation or religious affiliation of our resident.

In the 1980's we expanded our care by building 52 senior apartments. We have provided safe, affordable housing in very comfortable surroundings for hundreds of residents who could not have otherwise afforded such an environment in their twilight years.

Assisted Living opened at the Clinton Township location in 2002, and has 96 apartments available, 16 of which are dedicated to residents with Alzheimer's or other dementia-related diseases. Residents typically do not meet strict Medicare criteria for admission and continued stay in a nursing care facility, but yet may have reached a stage in their lives where they can no longer drive and perhaps need assistance with activities of daily living – managing medications, meal preparation.

These 13 acres in Clinton Township see the finest in Christian care offered anywhere in southeast Michigan. We are proud of the continuum of care we are able to provide.

Many times we are asked, "What can I do?" Here are some ideas:

- Monetary gifts are always gratefully received as well as donated items. These gifts are tax deductible. Checks can be made payable to Church of Christ Care Center and mailed to: Church of Christ Care Center, Attn: Business Office, 23575 15 Mile Road, Clinton Township, MI 48035-3108.

- Let your voice be heard by writing or emailing your local State Representative and let them know that the care for senior citizens is important to you. To find your local Michigan representative, visit [http://house.michigan.gov/find\\_a\\_rep.asp](http://house.michigan.gov/find_a_rep.asp) and enter your zip code, or call the Clerk's Office in Lansing directly at 517-373-0135.

- Organize whatever group you are involved with to help us, whether it's a club, Bible class, or group of friends. Volunteer opportunities abound, and ways to serve are endless. Our Volunteer Coordinator, Jeannette Schiele, can be reached at 586-285-7144.

- Lastly, but perhaps most importantly, we ask for your continuing prayers for our residents and their caregivers.

Join us as we continue to look for ways to improve, grow, and dream!

## CHAPLAIN AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST CARE CENTER



While caring for the physical body is important, the spiritual needs of our residents and their families are also vital. We wish to continue our excellence in this area as we seek to **hire a Chaplain** for our campus. From the earliest beginnings of our quest for elder care, we have always sought to show Jesus through our actions. This is especially true with a spiritual leader on our campus.

The Chaplain has the opportunity to minister to campus residents, families, and employees as well as other pastoral duties. This is a part time position with flexible hours. Housing in a single family home on our campus may be negotiable.

If you or someone you know qualify for this position, and would like further information, please contact:

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Fax: 586-791-2475

## SPECIAL PEOPLE, SPECIAL STORIES - BOB AND ANENA



A significant monetary donation has been received by the Church of Christ Care Center from a loving, caring couple who never cared to receive earthly praise. They planned in their estate to give to the cause at the Church of Christ Care Center after they were no longer physically present on this earth. But, even today, their heavenly Father must be so proud.

Bob married Anena on August 31, 1940 at the Lincoln Park Church of Christ, and they were the first couple to do so. While they had no children, love for their Savior abounded, and their love for each other would span six decades of time.

Some called Bob and Anena the "Quiet Giants". Bob was physically tall, 6'2", yet he had sensitive ways about him. He was known for being kind, sweet, and loveable, always smiling, and a good sense of humor. Anena was physically small, but her spirit was tall! She was hospitable, helpful, ministering, and loving. Serving Jesus by serving others was her greatest joy.

Together they helped a fledgling Lincoln Park church when it got started in 1940. They were part of a satellite group of 20 that Lincoln Park sent out to establish the Wyandotte church. That church grew to where it needed a bigger building, and the Bains' helped found the Gateway Church of Christ in 1969. In fact, the church became the Bains' passion, their mutual, life-long project as a married couple.

The good that Bob and Anena sought to accomplish continues even today, and we are so grateful.

*So, as you can see, there are certain people who are very special. The Care Center has been blessed to have friends who truly care about the welfare of the elderly, and we would like to share their story. If you have stories you would like to share, email them to [pjenema@cofccc.org](mailto:pjenema@cofccc.org)*

## HAIR CARE HELP NEEDED

Whether you are a professional or a volunteer, we could use your set of hands to help us weekly, biweekly or monthly. Make a senior feel special by using our Personal Care Room (Beauty Salon), to wash hair or set rollers. This is a special treat which helps our ladies, and our gentlemen, feel and look wonderful!

**Call Jeannette Schiele at 586-285-7144 today.**



*Above: Assisted Living residents enjoying various activities*

## ACTIVITIES AT ASSISTED LIVING

The number of people living in our Assisted Living is growing progressively. We not only host an excellent care-giving staff, which is available 24 hours a day, but we are also proud of our strong Activities Department that keeps our residents entertained, stimulated and happy. There is always something happening in the Activities department:

- Monthly Pizza Party for the residents who have a birthday that month in the Garden Room during normal lunchtime. The residents love the special event.
- Daily spiritual events
- “Dog Gone It” on the last Friday of each month where family members and staff are encouraged to bring in their pet.
- Every Wednesday is Bingo Day.
- There are also many Saturday’s that Activities host different groups who provide prizes, refreshments and play games.
- Saturday matinee and popcorn.
- 2nd Tuesday of each month is a Bingo outing to the Sterling Heights Senior Center.
- Daily exercises

In April, they hosted an exciting fashion show and in May they enjoyed a sentimental “Mother’s Day Tea”. June will bring an outing to Senior Day at Freedom Hill with a busload of our residents attending. We also look forward to this summer’s events: Tiger Baseball Game, Nature Center Visit, and Picnics. You are always welcome to join our events, or to organize an event of your own. For more information on the Assisted Living Activities Department, please contact Linda Brennan, Activities Supervisor at 586-285-6212.



*Above: Senior Housing residents enjoy warmer temperatures.*

*Above: Updating Senior Housing from dark shingled siding to beige vinyl siding.*

## SPRUCING UP SENIOR HOUSING

Renovations are coming this spring to our Senior Housing apartments. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is working with us to help update the building structures such as roofs and siding, along with some updates to the apartments’ furnaces and air conditioning units. Parking improvements will also be done. Please excuse our dust as we make these improvements.

Volunteers are needed to help plant flowers (flowers are provided) and weed flower beds which make our apartments beautiful. These flower beds are appreciated all season long by our residents and visitors alike. Volunteer yourself, organize your youth group, or involve your club or service organization. Please contact Jeannette Schiele, Volunteer Coordinator, at 586-285-7144 if you can lend a hand even for a few hours one day to help.

# Tribute Gifts from July 01, 2006 - April 01, 2007

## *In Memory Of:*

### **Ruth Arnold**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stanger

### **John Axe**

Doris J. Kilgore  
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Mr. and Mrs. Ronald T. Jones

### **Albert Richard King**

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald T. Jones

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### **Bill Rabenau**

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### **Dorothy and Ollie Schick**

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kibler

### **Tina Sparkman**

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### **David Starkey**

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### **Jack Woodhouse**

Doris Addis  
Mr. and Mrs. Dean Clutter

## *Gift Coupon*

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

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

Enclosed is a Gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the following:

The General Charitable Purposes of the Care Center

Electric Bed (\$1000).

Resident Room Furniture (\$250 minimum)

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

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Please send me information about your facilities.

## NEW NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR



Above: Nancy Baggett and Tony Coccia

After six years with the Care Center, three years as the Administrator, Tony Coccia has decided to relocate south to be with his family. When explaining how he feels about his time at the Care Center, Tony explains, "The New Testament book of James speaks of pure religion as providing for the elderly and fatherless, and this position has allowed me to practice that aspect of my faith on a level I would not otherwise have had the opportunity to do. Our elderly deserve our protection, love and respect, and I will always be thankful to God for allowing me the opportunity to serve them in this capacity." We appreciate the many hours of service Tony has given the Care Center and we wish him a happy and prosperous future in Arkansas.

Nancy Baggett, RN, NHA comes to us after working 18 years in the healthcare industry as a nurse and a consultant. Most recently Nancy has been a consultant for the Healthcare Centers at Farmington and also St. Joseph's as well as a Director of Nursing for five years. Nancy focuses her expertise on the clinical areas in order to implement process improvements to better facilitate customer service and clinical excellence. Nancy states, "I look forward to working with the team and growing both intellectually and spiritually. I have an open door policy and welcome

you to come to me with any concerns or ideas." We are happy to have Nancy join us! We encourage you to meet and get to know her.

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## 20TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION – AUGUST 25

Last year we enjoyed such a wonderful evening at our annual fundraising event. We listened to uplifting music from Deeper Still, and laughed with Ernie Harwell. The food, entertainment, setting and entire atmosphere of the event was wonderful. We truly appreciate your support.

Mark your calendar for the 20th Annual Celebration which will be held on Saturday, August 25, 2007 at the Sterling Inn Banquet and Conference Center in Sterling Heights, Michigan. This year we will celebrate "An Endless Summer" with musical entertainment, good food, and good friends. The ticket price will remain the same at \$85.00 per ticket. Plan now to join us at this enjoyable and memorable benefit event.

You can also help sponsor part of our evening, whether it's contributing to the entertainment, food, or decorations. We would gratefully acknowledge your individual sponsorship or company sponsorship. Please contact Mike Serilla, CEO, at 586-285-7121 for more information.

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## WORKING WITH STUDENTS FROM LUTZ SCHOOL



Above: Paul Loftis enjoys setting the table for George Breuhan and Helen Rector.

The hard work and enthusiastic attitude of many new students working on our campus is infectious. As one of our Assisted Living residents said, "I just love how hard these students work! I appreciate them so much."

In the past few months we have teamed up with the Lutz School which is a work based educational program for disabled students providing training to assist in developing appropriate work habits and attitudes.

Lutz School offers specific training in the area of Human Services. This program prepares students for a variety of jobs within a nursing home or similar care facility. Activities are integrated with in-school training and community based experience. Supervised by Lutz staff, students help with the daily routine. Some of the jobs students receive training in are: working in the kitchen, activities area, beauty shop and transporting patients in wheelchairs to and from the dining room for lunch.

By collaborating with the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth - Rehabilitation Services, the school has been able to provide students with individualized training, job coaching, vocational evaluation, job development and work/study support. This component is in addition to established classroom activities. The "School to Work" program received the Governor's "Innovators to Watch" Award, a statewide recognition.

We are proud to offer this community service for individuals striving to obtain experiences and training to promote each student's transition from school to community. Not only is it invaluable training for the students, our residents receive the benefits of having these hard-working and friendly students in our facilities.

Lutz School is located at 19600 Cass Avenue, Clinton Township, MI 48038 (586) 286-0230.



Above: Paul Loftis helps Helen Paszkiewicz onto the elevator.

# Caregiver Support Group

## Church of Christ Care Center

Please join us at the Church of Christ Care Center in Clinton Township for an Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group.

Group meets 2nd Tuesday of each month from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the:

### Church of Christ Assisted Living

23621 15 Mile Rd.  
Garden Room

**Support Groups** provide an opportunity for family members, friends, caregivers and other interested individuals to meet regularly for mutual emotional support and to exchange coping skills with one another in matters relating to Alzheimer's disease.

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