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# Providence Chapel dedication recognizes those who make it possible

n a sunny Saturday in January, about 100 people gathered in the new Providence Chapel to celebrate and dedicate the special space. In addition to area religious leaders, Providence Point residents and other donors who have made the project possible were in attendance. President & CEO Al Allison, Jr. acknowledged the group for their accomplishment.

"This chapel, an invaluable asset of our faith-based heritage, was once just an idea sketched on paper. Today, it stands as a brick and mortar reminder of what can be achieved when it is done for the glory of God."

Since public financing is not permitted for construction or endowment of places of worship, Baptist Homes Foundation initiated the private fundraising campaign for the Chapel. The campaign kicked off with the acquisition of the historic windows, donated by Larry & Mardi Jackley, who acquired them from a 2014 auction at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church. Donations and grants by many generous organizations and caring friends ensued.

More than \$2 million has already been committed to the Providence Chapel project, thanks in part to residents, Board Members and several grant

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Alvin W. Allison, Jr. President & CEO Baptist Homes Society

# The roots of our faith are evident

he start of a new year always brings a sense of hope and anticipation. This year, as many new initiatives and projects at Baptist Homes Society begin to take shape, that sensation seems even more profound.

Construction of Providence Chapel is complete (see cover story); the new space for worship is a beautiful addition to the campus. The campaign, which included endowment of the Baptist Homes Society chaplaincy program, continues to progress. If you would like to support the Chapel and our effort to build the endowment for our chaplaincy program, please contact Erin Engel at the Foundation office. Your gift will help to ensure that our faith-based programming is available to our residents in perpetuity.

Other Phase II improvements continue to move ahead as well. Interest in Hamilton Tower is strong and reservations are

# A message from the President

growing. Financing and construction plans are in the works; Phase II depositors have begun to finalize their selections and are discussing their plans for moving. The anticipation is palpable. Many of the Phase II depositors are already taking advantage of pre-construction benefits; they use the fitness center, visit us for Fob Fridays (see page 5) and join their future neighbors for special events and outings. Like them, we are anxious to reach our pre-construction goal of being 70 percent reserved. We are very close. If you've been considering moving to Providence Point and haven't reserved your Hamilton Tower home yet, now is the time.

Providence Home Care has also been established. In collaboration with Gallagher Home Care, we have created our own home care company. I have always seen this as a natural accompaniment to the care and services we already offer. Many of our residents take advantage of added services by contracting through various home care agencies. By offering our own home care company, we can provide that added service more conveniently, and more closely manage the quality of the care our residents receive.

Late last year, Baptist Senior
Services created another new
business entity called Baptist
Management Services. Baptist
Homes Society has long been
known for its accomplished,
experienced staff and management.
The knowledge and leadership skills
we can offer to other organizations

are a valuable resource. Baptist Management Services offers expertise to other area senior service providers, thereby improving quality and ensuring compassionate care for more seniors than ever.

Throughout these pages, there is other good news. Think spring... and golf, news of our outstanding staff and the care they provide on a daily basis, the kind words and generous gifts you give.

We have so much to be grateful for and even more to look forward to in 2018. With God's continued blessings, and your faithful and prayerful support, we will continue to fulfill our mission.

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# **Providence Chapel dedication ceremony**

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makers, including the Allegheny Foundation, Henry L. Hillman Foundation, Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation. Industrial Scientific Foundation and the George H. Campbell, Lillian S. Campbell & Mary S. Campbell Foundation. Baptist Homes Foundation (BHF) seeks another \$1.5 million to endow



Mardi and Larry Jackley, in front of the three historic windows they donated for the chapel.

the chaplaincy program on both campuses (see below).

Providence Chapel is part of a Phase II expansion at Providence Point, which consists of several improvements to the current campus, including a new 70-unit apartment residence, reconfigured dining and lounge areas, and added activity and meeting spaces.

> Providence Chapel will now be the primary site for religious services of all denominations and will be available for appropriate resident activities, campus gatherings, and other events.

> For more information about BHF's Campaign to Build and **Endow Providence Chapel** and Chaplaincy Program, please contact Baptist Homes

Foundation at 412.489.3260 or at www.bhf.plannedgiving.org. \*



(above) Marlene and Robert Patton by the newly designed window dedicated in their honor.

# The campaign continues

s "God had his hand in Aeverything that has gone on at Baptist Homes Society, the providence of God continues to work through the construction of this Chapel," stated President & CEO Al Allison, Jr. during the Providence Chapel dedication ceremony. Now that the Chapel is built, the campaign to endow the

Baptist Homes Society chaplaincy program for both campuses continues, so that we can meet the spiritual needs of all entrusted to our care in perpetuity.

We are working to endow the chaplaincy program and the maintenance of our two chapels. Some of our Providence Point residents have made irrevocable

pledges of some or all of their entry fee for this Campaign. Two such residents were Leroy and Judy Snyder who said, "This [option] gave us a way to glorify the LORD now and provide a chapel for those who would benefit from having it today."

Other ways to give include Charitable IRA Rollovers and named fund opportunities. We have taken steps to reserve space on our donor recognition boards for friends who assist us with this critical need. For information, please visit www.bhf.plannedgiving. org or call the Foundation office at 412,489,3260.

# **Our mission**

Our mission is to provide the highest quality of living for all those we serve, while uplifting one person at a time.

#### **Our vision**

Our vision is that seniors in our community will experience the most fulfilling life possible.

#### **Our values**

Our values represent the philosophy that guides our organization. These values are Faith. Benevolence, Service, Ethics, and Wellness.

# Join us for the 25th annual day of golf and giving

## REGISTRATION FORM Check all that apply: SPONSOR PACKAGES: **SOLD** Double Eagle Sponsor (\$15,000) \_\_\_ Eagle Sponsor (\$10,000) Birdie Sponsor (\$5,000) Dinner Sponsor (\$3,500) Lunch Sponsor (\$2,500) **SOLD** Hole-In-One Sponsor (\$1,500) \_\_\_ Tee Sponsor (\$250) GOLF OPTIONS: Golf Foursome (\$1,500) Golf Individual (\$500) DINNER AND PROGRAM OPTIONS: Dinner Only (\$150 per person) Full Page Program Ad (\$1,000) Half Page Program Ad (\$500) RAFFLE TICKETS: \_\_\_ Tickets at \$10 each TOTAL REMITTED: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: Phone: E-Mail: Check enclosed (Payable to Baptist Homes Foundation) Please bill me Please charge my: VISA/MasterCard/Discover/AmExpress Expiration Date: CV# Name on credit card: Please complete and return the registration form to: Baptist Homes Foundation, 489 Castle Shannon Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15234, or FAX to (412) 572-8253, or register and pay online at www.baptisthomessociety.org www.bhf.plannedgiving.org No refunds for cancellations due to adverse weather conditions.



#### Baptist Homes Foundation invites you to the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Invitational on Monday, May 21 at Allegheny Country Club.

he Charity Golf Invitational is a day to spread goodwill while enjoying great golf, fun and food, including lunch, on-course beverages, and dinner. Guests may also participate in a silent auction, raffles and on-course skill contests, such as hit the green and hole-in-one.

Proceeds from the Golf Invitational benefit the Baptist Homes Society Samaritan Fund for Resident Assistance. This fund enables Baptist Homes Society to continue its legacy of caring for residents who have depleted their assets through no fault of their own.

One way to support this cause is by becoming an event sponsor. Sponsorships range from Double Eagle (\$15,000) to on-course tee sign opportunities (\$250). Already, Transport U and Spectrum Consultants Inc. have signed on to be major sponsors, and Bobby Rahal Automotive Group® has once again agreed to be the hole-in-one sponsor. Some sponsorships include golf foursomes, advertising and prize donations. Those who do not wish to golf are invited to the country club for dinner, and should select the "Dinner Only" option on the registration form.

Baptist Homes Foundation invites you to join us as a sponsor, a donor or to play golf. Please use the form on the left to register. For more information, go to www.bhf.plannedgiving.org. You may also call the Foundation office at 412.489.3260 to request an invitation in the mail.

# **Providence Point expansion plans continue**

n addition to dedicating Providence Chapel in January, other portions of Providence Point's Phase II expansion continue to move forward. Plans for the new Hamilton Tower have been finalized. More than 45 of the 70 apartments have been reserved. Future residents have selected floor plans, chosen their flooring and finishes, and are now waiting for construction to begin. In the meantime, these future residents are already beginning to enjoy the benefits of being part of the Providence Point community.

Those who have made their 10 percent deposit are invited to attend events, use the pool, spa, and fitness center and participate in special get togethers.

One of those 'get togethers' is called "Fob Friday." Future residents are entitled to \$100 per month in discretionary dollars which is provided on a fob. The money can be spent at Providence Point for things like dining, salon services and other amenities or events. Fob Fridays are informal luncheons for soon-to-be residents so that they can meet future neighbors and make plans for move-in day.

The architects for the project have been on campus as well. In September, they introduced the modifications they made to the Cameron floor plan in response to suggestions made by current and future residents. A den was added to



(l to r) Michael Sanzotti, Jessie Santini, and Craig Kimmel provide an architectural update for Phase II depositors.

four of the Cameron floor plans in Hamilton Tower to accommodate people who were looking for an added space for a home office, a hobby room or guest room.

Now known informally as the "Cameron D," the floor plan includes a den attached to the living room. The pocket door allows it to serve as an extension of the living room or as a quiet, private space. And, like all apartments in the building, the Cameron D offers a beautiful, airy, flexible floor plan. It has plenty of closet space, a laundry area, and a large balcony, too.

Architects also met with the Hamilton Tower depositors to answer questions and provide

information about the building.

Engineer, Michael J. Sanzotti, RCDD, whose design experience includes the integration of low voltage and telecommunications systems for senior living, Architect Craig P. Kimmel, AIA, LEED AP, with 28 years of experience as a project manager with a particular focus on large-scale senior living projects and Interior Designer Jessie Santini, IIDA, LEED AP BD+C addressed building floor plans and details.

The architects explained some of the features that were designed specifically for older adults. For instance, up and down lighting in the kitchen, walk-in showers, cabinetry with pull-out drawers and easy door pulls, lower accessible shelving and seating, even the height of the wall plugs (22" from the floor), is designed to help people stay in their homes as they age.

If you would like more information about the Phase II expansion at Providence Point, please contact the marketing office at 412,489,3550. \*



*Seated (l to r) are David and Lorraine Weaver,* Iris and Robert Fark, and Bill Blankenship. Standing are Raymond and Barbara Parry, Anne Frank and Claudia Scheibel.

# What's new at

# HOMES

Live gracefully.



The Baptist Homes Auxiliary Luncheon is a festive event that supports the Samaritan Fund for Resident Assistance, as this photo from last year's luncheon shows. At this year's luncheon in May, there will be a special recognition of the Auxiliary's 75 years of service to the organization.

### **Auxiliary celebrates 75th year**

Then the Baptist Homes **V** Auxiliary was established in 1943, the women volunteers took on tasks like mending socks and hanging curtains. Today, this amazing group of volunteers raises funds to support the Samaritan Fund for Resident Assistance through various effective fundraising events. The group also generously supported the construction of Providence Chapel, purchased a sound sysem for the Baptist Homes Activity Room, and has contributed to other projects to benefit Baptist Homes residents.

The Auxiliary continues to help engage residents, staff and volunteers. This year, the Auxiliary will celebrate its 75th year of service to Baptist Homes. The Auxiliary will again hold its annual luncheon on May 8, 2018 in the Baptist Homes Dining Room, a fundraiser for the Samaritan Fund. For more information about the event, contact Cathy at 412.341.2953 or email wal5464@verizon.net.

#### For the birds

Residents made a trip to the National Aviary in the fall and



were treated to a special educational session to meet a baby flamingo. The show stealers, however, may have been the penguins, who indulged residents, including **Fran Lackner** (above), with many antics and tricks.



George Pappas shows the locks he had trimmed for two good causes.

#### A cut for two causes

arly on a Monday, Baptist Homes maintenance worker George Pappas waited in the BH Cuts & Curls salon for someone to cut his hair. The shop isn't usually open on Mondays, and certainly not at 7:00am, but today was not any Monday. George had agreed to sacrifice his flowing locks to Wigs for Kids and the Samaritan Fund for Resident Assistance. Any BH employee who made a new gift of \$1 or more to the Samaritan Fund, or who signed up via payroll deduction was entered to win a chance to cut George's hair in the salon.



(left) Baptist Homes staff and residents had fun posing for Christmas selfies. From left, Stephanie Elder, John Mainarich, Tracie Winniewicz, and Toni Pietrone. (right) Mt. Lebanon Village members enjoy a holiday luncheon.

Thanks to George, eight employees either made a new gift or increased their support, and his cut locks are on their way to help a child.

# Holiday season and some selfie fun

The Christmas spirit was again alive and well as Baptist Homes celebrated the holidays. This year, the fun included a selfie camera service that residents and staff enjoyed using. Visiting families, residents and neighbors, staff and volunteers laughed, tried on costumes and got souvenir photos to share with each other. The Home for the Holidays event included carolers, and cookies and punch.

# **Residents with style**

Baptist Homes Society's fashionable ladies were a big hit at the third annual Baptist Homes Society Senior Health & Wellness

Fashion show models (l to r) included Pat Miyamoto, Sue Helm, Barbara Conrad, Nancy Laitta, Marlene Smithers, Lila Stahl, Mary Lou Glaid, Terri Snavely, Jean Blanchard, and Jinny Cochrane. Fair held in September at the Galleria of Mt. Lebanon. More than 450 people attended the event to enjoy entertainment that featured more than 80 exhibitors. Attendees received ideas and information on health and wellness. The fair was also a great opportunity to let the world see our amazing residents. In addition to the Pittsburgh PALS barbershop quartet and a performance by the Providence Point Chime Choir, ten women from Baptist Manor and Providence Point modeled fashions provided by the Galleria merchants.



Mark your calendar now for the 4th Annual BHS Health & Wellness Fair which will be held on September 18, 2018.

# Lunch for a village

In December, Baptist Homes opened its doors and kitchen for Mt. Lebanon Village to hold its annual member Christmas Lunch in the Chapel. About 25 people enjoyed a delicious lunch and chance to get out on a cold day.

Mt. Lebanon Village is a local nonprofit organization that helps older adults remain safely in their homes by offering services such as transportation, shopping and companionship.





Where active seniors and a vibrant lifestyle create a unique living experience.



(left) Benny Benack leads the conga line with Edward Jew, Vonnie Marshall, Harry Rydstrom, and Stan Over. (below) Dining staff joined dinner guests in a line dance.

# Dinner dance brings folks to their feet

Providence Point residents enjoy all sorts of events, and when they want to try something new, they take it upon themselves to get it done (with help from the full-time events coordinator). Such was the case last year when Harry Rydstrom wanted to hold a dinner dance. One year later, Providence Point has now held three dinner dances—all to sell-out crowds.

At the most recent one, Benny Benack, John Burgh and Lisa Bliel provided music. **Dr. Edward Jew** and **Bobbie Budd** danced the tango, staff joined residents for some line dancing, and at one point, a conga line snaked its way through the Chartiers Room.

Topped off with a carved prime rib dinner buffet, the evening was exceptional.

# **New dining options**

If it's Wednesday, and you're not in Providence Point's Washington Room, you may be missing out on a petite menu of innovative culinary creations. The three-course dinner at a pre-set price includes courses like Beet Terrine Salad, Scallops with Fried Grits, and Apple Beignet with Maple Balsamic Glaze. Every week there is a unique menu, which includes suggested wine pairings for the perfect meal.

Since starting the new menu in January, Wednesdays in the Washington Room has become a popular dining option.



Kathleen Dougherty, Carolyn Westerhoff, and Carol Ammons greet guests of the EAF Home Tour.

# Home tour brings neighbors together

reated by residents as a fundraiser for the Employee Appreciation Fund (EAF), the EAF Home Tour has become a popular event. Eight Providence Point residences were selected with emphasis on showcasing their variety and style. Vera Jane Cornes and Carolyn Westerhoff, chairs of the event this year, were very pleased with the enthusiastic participation, raising nearly \$3,000 for the EAF and getting to know their neighbors a little better.



Items from the petite menu were on display, and ready to tempt guests at Wednesday in the Washington Room.

# Resident appreciation is informative and fun

Providence Point residents regularly open their homes for tours, volunteer to help with marketing events, and serve on the Resident Council Marketing Committee. To thank them for their service, the Providence Point marketing team sets aside a day to have fun, mix and mingle, and report the latest information about their marketing efforts.

This year, marketing counselors selected a historic theme for the event, with a trivia game involving facts from the Whiskey Rebellion era. Staff dressed as Dolly Madison, Martha Washington, and Abigail Adams offered hints, and residents quickly guessed the identities of the



(left) Barb Dull, Bob Kocent, Claudia Scheibel, Al Allison, Anne Frank and Eileen Moore brought historical figures to life at the annual Resident Appreciation

historic figures and enjoyed the entertainment. But the biggest laughter and applause came when Executive Director **Bob Kocent** and

BHS President & CEO **Al Allison**, **Jr.** took the stage dressed as Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton.

## **EAF** breaks record again

The 2017 Employee Appreciation Fund (EAF) campaign had another record-breaking year. A combination of residents, family members and friends collectively contributed \$293,473— nearly \$33,000 more than 2016!

EAF Committee Chair, **Carl Schrock**, stated, "This success is a testament to the dedication and

value of the employees that serve us every day."

Since Pennsylvania law prohibits employees from accepting gratuities, this campaign was created as a way to monetarily recognize our employees' exceptional service.

Family, friends, residents and others can honor or acknowledge staff and departments through

contributions to the EAF. The 2017 EAF Committee, (at left) Carl Schrock (Chair), Harry Rydstrom, Fran Gargotta, Vera Jane Cornes, and Carolyn Westerhoff, worked tirelessly to increase awareness of, and participation in, the EAF campaign.



# Bring a friend to lunch

In recent months, the Providence Point marketing team has called on local celebrities and entertainers to add variety and fun to some of its informational lunches. Speakers like Gene Collier, and entertainers like Johnny Angel (above with Helen DiCarlo, Rosemary Ober and Judith Del Re) have participated in the lunches and, while our staff explain what a great place Providence Point is, they help us show just how special Pittsburgh is, too.



# Milestones and news



President & CEO Al Allison, Jr. with former Baptist Homes Executive Director Bernie Erb.

In early February, residents and staff gathered in the Activity Room at Baptist Homes to wish Executive Director **Bernie Erb** a fulfilling retirement and thanked him for his years of service.

Following an extensive search and interview process, **Sharon** 



Sharon Silkroski

Silkroski, the Healthcare Administrator at Providence Point, was named the new Executive Director at Baptist Homes.

Due to that internal movement, Jerry Pannell was promoted from the position of Providence Point Director of Nursing to Administrator of Healthcare.



Jerry Pannell

BHS President & CEO Al

Allison, Jr. stated, "I believe these appointments will be very positive for our organization. Sharon and Jerry have done an outstanding job in their past positions and we are looking forward to their continued leadership."

In 2017, the Baptist Homes Society/ Baptist Senior Services (BHS/BSS) Board of Directors elected

Jeff Tindall as Chair, Erin
Stinner as Vice Chair, Larry
Jackley, Treasurer and Frank
Petrich, Secretary. All members
of the Board of Directors were
encouraged to participate in
the annual Board Retreat in
the fall. The educational and
informational event provided the

Board with the opportunity to welcome new member **Donna Kell** and recognized **Jan Wenzel** for his eight years of service and the instrumental role he played in strategically preparing the organization for its current expansion.

The Baptist Homes Foundation Board elected **James Frantz** as Chair, with **Kathy Stewart**, Vice Chair, **Cathy Luck**, Treasurer, and **Becky Surma**, Secretary.

Also welcomed during the Board Retreat were the members elected to the Baptist Homes Foundation Board—Mary Jo Corsetti, Catherine Grant, and Ed John.

Baptist Homes Society is grateful for the guidance and many contributions made by the members of both of its Board of Directors. Their leadership and vision are invaluable.



Members of the BHS/BSS and Baptist Homes Foundation boards met at the annual retreat. (front)

Karen Timko, Erin Stinner, Cathy Luck, James Frantz, Dr. Julia Wilcox, Mary Jo Corsetti;

(back row) Ed John, Dr. Joseph Angelelli, Frank Petrich, Richard Caruso, Jeff Tindall, Catherine Grant,

Larry Jackley, Dale Killmeyer, Donna Kell, Jack Owen, Kathy Stewart and Brian Gongaware.

# **Recognition atop Mt. Washington**

In August, more than 150 guests attended Baptist Homes Foundation's (BHF) Donor Recognition Luncheon at LeMont Restaurant in Mt. Washington.

This event honors
President's Circle and
Samaritan Society giving club
members who made leadership
level gifts during the previous
fiscal year, pledged a qualifying
amount for a campaign, or
have included Baptist Homes
Foundation in their estate plan.



Many Providence Point residents who have given generously to BHF attended the luncheon.

The President's Circle recognizes donors who make contributions of \$1,000 or more in a calendar year. Samaritan Society members support our mission by making BHF the beneficiary of an estate-related commitment such as a bequest, appreciated securities,

real estate, life insurance, a charitable gift annuity or trust.

Guests learned about past legacy gifts that helped shape Baptist Homes Society's history and about current needs and giving opportunities. As Baptist Homes Society President & CEO Alvin W. Allison, Jr. said, "We are here to say 'thank you,' and to celebrate your extraordinary, selfless, and ongoing support of the mission and the ministry of Baptist Homes Society."

The event was underwritten by an anonymous friend. For more information on the President's Circle or Samaritan Society, please contact the Foundation offices at 412.489.3260. ✓

# **FREE Continuing Education Classes for Spring 2018**

s a community service and as a way to express our gratitude to the many caregivers who provide compassionate service to area seniors, Baptist Homes Society offers free continuing education classes. Please join us for these valuable programs. All are approved as two-credit Continuing Education activities for SWs and RNs. They are free and include dinner. Tours of Providence Point or Baptist Homes are available prior to the program, too. Please let us know if you are interested when you call or email to RSVP.

Contact Sue Lauer at 412.350.9654 or slauer@baptisthomes.org

#### **Telephone Death Investigation**

presented by Joseph T. Dominick, DNP, MSN, RN

# Wednesday, March 21, 2018 Baptist Homes

Registration 4:00 PM Presentation 4:30 to 6:30 PM

Learn the nine basic steps of a telephone death investigation and the information that is needed when reporting a death. Understand the rationale behind the questions asked in a death investigation so that you can demonstrate an elevated level of confidence when reporting a death to the Coroner or medical examiner.

# Long-Term Care: Legal & Financial Solutions for Families

presented by Colin A. Morgan, Esq. Elder law Attorney at Julian Gray Associates

#### Wednesday, May 23, 2018 Baptist Homes

Registration 4:00 PM Presentation 4:30 to 6:30 PM

Understand the various ways to finance long-term care through resources such as home care assistance, Medical Assistance, and through the Department of Veterans Affairs. Develop a better understanding of the documentation required in planning for long-term care and review financing options.

#### **Medical Cannabis in PA**

presented by
Patrick K. Nightingale, Esq. and
Heather Shuker, PA Medical Cannabis Society

Tuesday, April 24, 2018
Providence Point
Registration 4:00 PM
Presentation 4:30 to 6:30 PM

Following a brief history of the role of cannabis in the U.S., we will discuss the struggle for legalization and where the medical cannabis program stands today. Learn the who, what and where of qualifying to obtain medical cannabis. The program will end with a Q & A session.

### **Antimicrobial Stewardship**

presented by Kathleen Toth, RPh

Clinical Coordinator for HealthDirect Pharmacy Services-

# Tuesday, June 19, 2018 Providence Point

Registration 4:00 PM Presentation 4:30 to 6:30 PM

In this overview, we discuss the history and use of antibiotics and some new strategies designed to improve the use of antimicrobial medications with the goal of enhancing patient health outcomes, reducing resistance to antibiotics, and decreasing unnecessary costs.

# Congratulations and thank you to our MVPs

#### **MONTHLY MVPS AT BAPTIST HOMES**



Florence Harencame July 2017



Henry Mulenga August 2017



Shawn Stack September 2017



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Dawn Gray Barb Megela November 2017 December 2017



Sally Makstutis January 2018

#### MONTHLY MVPS AT PROVIDENCE POINT



Chuck Jones July 2017



Greta Watkins August 2017



Tanner Lacher September 2017



Emmanuel Chibuokem October 2017





Zac Melnick November 2017



Marv Ann Belden December 2017



Jessica Higgs January 2018

Full-time staff members selected as monthly MVPs are awarded eight hours of PTO, a \$50 bonus payment, and a reserved parking space. They are also eligible to be selected as the MVP of the Year.

The Employee Recognition Committee does a wonderful job of recognizing peers and building awareness of the important role that every employee at Baptist Homes Society has in meeting our mission.



The ERC also plans regular activities for staff. Ranging from picnics to tailgates, monthly ERC events promote camaraderie and teamwork, and provide an opportunity to show appreciation for the staff's dedication and hard work.

members who volunteer their time to

accept and review the nominations made by fellow employees, oversees

this program.

In addition to the MVP program, the ERC coordinates and plans an annual recognition event in which staff celebrate excellence, honor the vear's MVPs and select an MVP of the Year.

This year's annual Employee Recognition Dinner takes place on March 10, 2018.

Congratulations to our 2017 MVPs and thank you to all staff for their commitment to the mission and vision of Baptist Homes Society. 🤘

# Your words tell our story

aptist Homes Society relies on Dthe generosity of our friends, family and others to ensure that our legacy of benevolence and quality care continues. Your contributions to the Samaritan Fund for Resident Assistance, the Employee Appreciation Fund, and other named funds are gratefully appreciated.

Often, when donations are received, they are accompanied by letters, notes and other kind words and compliments.

There is no greater gift than the knowledge that we are meeting our residents' needs and fulfilling our mission of providing the highest quality of care.

An excerpt from a recent

note shows us that we are making a difference for residents and their families, and working to meet our mission every day.

We are proud to share this with you and want to thank you for placing your trust in us. 🕊

"Please accept this contribution to the Employee Appreciation Fund. The bricks and landscaping, et. al, are important but the key asset of Providence Point is the staff. You should be pleased with the healthcare unit and therapy. They made a difference for me."

"My mother arrived in your Nursing Care Unit for rehab following a hospitalization. After several weeks, my family realized that she could not return to her home and would need Personal Care. We researched several places, but we just had a feeling that Baptist Homes would be the best place for her. My family and I could not be more pleased and grateful for the care she has had, is having, and hopefully will continue to receive.

We sincerely hope that Baptist Homes will continue to always maintain its culture of excellence in its care for the elderly and outreach to their families. You have something very special and I want you all to know of our thankfulness and praise."



Sept. 18, 2018 at The Galleria of Mt. Lebanon

1500 Washington Road • Mt. Lebanon

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

More than 80 vendors, entertainment and giveaways.

Save the date and join us for this free event to help you LIVE WELL!

For more information, or to learn how you can be an exhibitor at this event, call Sue Lauer at 412.350.9654



# **Snee-Reinhardt Charitable Foundation** Grant

nee-Reinhardt Charitable Foundation awarded Baptist Homes Foundation a grant to purchase three new vital sign monitors and stands. These machines will monitor the vital signs of our residents in a more effective and immediate manner, improve the staff's time management and automatically update resident medical records, eliminating the need for manual collection and recording of the data. For our residents, this new technology will also improve the comfort level while vital signs are being taken. 💃



# **Bishop Zubik** celebrates Mass

n February 10, 2018, Bishop David Zubik celebrated the first Catholic Mass in Providence Point's new chapel. Concelebrated with Father Richard Infante of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Bishop Zubik said special prayers for the sick, and complimented the beautiful new place for worship and prayer. See a short video of his visit on our Facebook page. 🤸

# **Baptist Homes Foundation Gifts**

ifts to Baptist Homes Foundation are listed —on the following pages. People give for many reasons, whether in honor or in memory of a loved one, to thank a resident, a staff member or volunteer, and to show appreciation for any number of reasons. Listed here, are gifts to the Samaritan Fund for Resident Assistance, the Providence Chapel Capital Campaign, and the Employee Appreciation Fund.

Since its founding in 1910, Baptist Homes Society has been dedicated to providing care for individuals who lack the financial means to do so. The ability to provide charitable and uncompensated care to meet resident needs is always a challenge, yet thanks to the many people listed on the following pages, this legacy remains at the core of our mission and vision.

While the Samaritan Fund remains our principal

focus, we also address capital and program needs to enhance the lives of those entrusted to our care.

The Employee Appreciation Fund was created in response to another need. Since Pennsylvania law prohibits Baptist Homes Society employees from accepting gratuities as a token of appreciation for the services they provide, our Board of Directors established the Employee Appreciation Fund. All contributions to this fund are shared equally among staff on both campuses during the holiday season based on job classification and length of service. This fund allows families, residents and colleagues to show their appreciation and supports the commitment to excellence of our hardworking staff.

We thank you and appreciate your support. \*



# Gifts in Honor

# Baptist Homes Foundation • July 1, 2017 through December 30, 2017

#### All Baptist Homes and **Providence Point Residents**

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Miller

#### All Baptist Homes Staff Ms. Lillian A. Haenel

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Baptist Homes Society (BHS) continually strives toward its vision that seniors in our community will experience the most fulfilling life possible.

That vision reaches well beyond the walls of our Scott Township and Mt. Lebanon campuses. Our outreach efforts range from hosting free continuing education programs for healthcare professionals to providing wellness presentations in area senior community centers to hosting a Wellness Fair.

Providing benevolent care is also a core value. BHS has never asked anyone to leave because their funds were depleted through no fault of their own. This care is part of our legacy, and is as important today as it was 108 years ago, when the organization was founded.

Baptist Homes Society offers flu vaccines, pneumonia shots and health screenings to hundreds of area seniors.

Every day, we rely on a large roster of volunteers. This includes the BHS/BSS Board of Directors as well as the Baptist
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Baptist Manor and Providence Point, give hundreds of hours of service to benefit residents of our Healthcare Centers.

Every year, we summarize our

value to the larger community by publishing a Community Benefit Report. For the sake of reporting, everything is given a monetary value, but often, the services represented here are truly invaluable.

In fiscal year 2016-2017, it is estimated that Baptist Homes Society, through its donors, volunteers and staff, contributed \$5,193,781 to the community.

We are grateful to everyone who makes this possible, and we look forward to continuing this legacy of care and working toward our vision.

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# **Employee Scholarship**

iller Consulting, a local development firm, has informed Baptist Homes Foundation that it will underwrite up to two dining services employee scholarships in 2018. The grant will provide up to \$2,000 in assistance for PRN dining employees seeking to continue their education.

Dr. Jan and Jeanette Smith have endowed the scholarship, through a planned gift, but individual donors are providing the annual grants until the endowment takes effect.

The scholarship application process for the 2017-2018 fiscal year has ended. Dining services staff may begin applying for the 2018-2019 scholarship in the Fall.