

FALL 2010

HEARTBEAT

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Rehabilitation Services continue to expand at *The GreenFields*

When GreenField Health & Rehabilitation Center (GHRC) opened in the fall of 1998, the rehabilitation department was responsible for helping residents achieve their highest level of potential, whether they were long-term care residents or short-term patients who needed a little extra help before they were able to be discharged home. At that time, one of the many advantages of “rehabbing” at The GreenFields was the ability to experience the benefits of aquatic therapy in its 94-degree, full-sized pool. Over the years, the department has expanded both physically and in terms of services provided. Additional services include outpatient therapy, women’s health, pain management, sports clinics, and community wellness programs, to mention just a few.

In 2009, GreenField Health & Rehabilitation Center became a Falls Prevention Center as part of the WNY Falls Prevention “Step up to Stop Falls” Collaborative.



The GreenFields’ program is unique in that it not only provides help for individuals, it also provides education and training for professionals so they can more easily identify and help older adults at risk for falls. This spring, presenters from Learning Partners and The GreenFields Outpatient Clinic held two free seminars designed to help individuals predict and prevent disastrous falls for themselves or a loved one. More than 65 individuals participated in the seminar and were given the opportunity to test themselves and learn ways to prevent potentially disastrous falls.



A new piece of equipment in the Outpatient Clinic has been getting rave reviews from nearly everyone who has experienced it. It’s called a True Stretch machine, and it is a gift from members of our very active Niagara Lutheran Health System Guild. The True Stretch is designed to allow an individual to stretch at his or her own pace using guidelines provided and under the supervision of a trained therapist.



NLHS Dir. of Rehabilitation, Dawn Rezak, evaluates Cass Ketten’s balance at the falls prevention seminar this spring.

ENTRYWAY MAKEOVER BRIGHTENS THE DAY at *Niagara Lutheran Home & Rehabilitation Center*



When the trucks pulled up and workers got out carrying shovels and saws, everyone at Niagara Lutheran Home & Rehabilitation Center (NLHRC) was curious. But, soon it was obvious that there was going to be a makeover of the Hager Street entrance to the facility. A new wrought iron fence was put in last fall and trees were removed to make it possible for the grass to grow. Shrubs and plants were also thinned out and new ones planted. Once the colorful geraniums and petunias were planted this spring, it all took shape. Walking up to the building now, with its lush green lawn and colorful flowers, gives you a feeling of warmth and welcome before you even open the door.

“ We’re so glad we chose *The GreenFields*. It’s the people and the programs that make the difference! ”
- Pat & Bill Lacy (mornings on *Classic Hits! 104.1 radio*)

Caring ~ Heart & Soul

MELBA Y. SEIBOLD



A true heroine and special friend of Niagara Lutheran

A life filled with giving to others has ended with the passing of Niagara Lutheran's dear friend Melba Y. Seibold, 95, at St. Joseph's Hospital on Wednesday, August 11. Melba began her twenty-year teaching career at Cleveland Hill Elementary and is known by many as the heroine who saved several children during the tragic Cleveland Hill Elementary School fire in 1954.

Melba's mission of service to the elderly began while her husband, Richard, was a resident of the Niagara Lutheran Home & Rehabilitation Center in Buffalo nearly thirty years ago. Initially she provided music for worship services and special holiday programs. Over the years, she served as organist and worship music director for all the affiliates of the Niagara Lutheran Health System. She also designed a music therapy program specifically for dementia residents. Donation of her time and talents is only part of Melba's story. She contributed the first major gift to the Niagara Lutheran Health Foundation and to expansion projects at The GreenFields, as well as countless other items which enhance the quality of life for residents and staff. For years, during the summer months, Melba hosted busloads of residents at picnics and sing-a-longs in the "chalet" she had especially built at her home.



NEW YORK STATE BUDGET IMPACTS HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

As this newsletter goes to press, New York State has just passed its 2010 budget, which includes cuts that could be disastrous for health care providers like the Niagara Lutheran Health System (NLHS). As things stand, it is likely there will be approximately \$1 billion in health care provider taxes and cuts — on top of nearly \$4 billion in cuts already enacted over the last 2 years. These cuts would be devastating to Niagara Lutheran and the communities we serve.

In January 2010, we finally received our Medicaid reimbursement rates, which were effective back to April 2009. The overall annual impact of these rates was a *decrease* in income of \$371,750. The cuts have just kept coming. In his 2010-2011 executive budget the Governor originally proposed cutting an additional \$400 million in long-term care funding, of which \$140.2 million would be from nursing homes like Niagara Lutheran Home & Rehabilitation Center and GreenField Health & Rehabilitation Center. The new budget incorporated many of these cuts, which will be added to the cuts we already received going back to April 2009. When added together, the overall impact of these changes is estimated to *decrease* our income by \$687,750.

The New York Association of Homes & Services for the Aging (NYAHSA), of which we are a member, has incorporated a grass-roots effort called "*Partners in Quality - Families and Friends*" which allows everyday people to be heard by lawmakers in Albany. All you need is a compassionate heart and internet access. To get involved, you can visit their website at www.NYAHSA.org or www.respectnyseniors.org. Please help by sending emails and letters to your state representatives.

Rest assured, we are financially stable, but we have to keep in mind that these cuts will affect reimbursement rates for a large number of our residents, most notably, more than 85% of our city campus population. Several nursing homes in Western New York have already closed because of the reimbursement shortfall situation. If this pattern continues, it could be disastrous for many of the elderly in Western New York.

We bid a fond farewell to BILL HENKE



Bill Henke &
Jurgen Arndt,
President/CEO

In 1966, ten years after the Niagara Lutheran Home opened its doors, Bill Henke became one of the first members of the Niagara Lutheran Home's Board of Directors. When the Niagara Lutheran Health Foundation was founded in 1987, Mr. Henke rose to the challenge then as well. For nearly 45 years he was a pillar of the Niagara Lutheran Health System and an exemplary example of its mission, *Caring ~ Heart & Soul*.

One of Bill's most notable contributions was helping to acquire the Mang farm in Lancaster upon which The GreenFields Continuing Care Community is built. We will greatly miss Bill, and his light will continue to shine through the works of the Niagara Lutheran Health System.



Trustee of the Year

Gerald C. Saxe was recognized with a Trustee of the Year Award from the New York Association of

Homes & Services for the Aging (NYAHSA) for having "served unselfishly and with distinction on the board of trustees and . . . demonstrated a significant contribution of time and effort toward the betterment of their not-for-profit facility and its residents."



Foundation



HEARTBEAT

NIAGARA LUTHERAN HEALTH FOUNDATION

“Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder which you do not require is needed by others.”

The Niagara Lutheran Health Foundation exists because costs to care for our residents and maintain and expand our Health System facilities are constantly increasing. Funds raised by the Foundation help to improve the quality of life for our residents and the work environment for our caregivers by contributing toward the expansion of our facilities and the purchase of necessary equipment, programs, and furnishings. Gifts to the Foundation offset reimbursement underpayments and assist us in caring for those who can no longer care for themselves. The Foundation wishes to express our sincere appreciation to the many individuals and organizations for their extraordinary support of our mission and vision.

2010 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Niagara Lutheran's 2010 *Leadership Council* campaign is focused on raising funds for the installation of an automated fire protection sprinkler system in the Niagara Lutheran Home & Rehabilitation Center (NLHRC) in Buffalo, which will greatly increase the chances of survival for our residents, visiting family members, staff, and volunteers in case of fire.



Every one of the 18 worst nursing home fires since 1970 happened in a nursing home without a sprinkler system, and those fires killed more than 200 people. To date, there has never been a multiple-fatality fire in a nursing home with a sprinkler system. Experts say that sprinkler systems are the single most effective fire protection step long-term care facilities can take, decreasing the chance of fire-related deaths by 82%. Unfortunately, such protection comes at a high price, as the cost of installing a sprinkler system in NLHRC will be over \$900,000.

NLHRC has been caring for Buffalo's elderly and infirm who need end-of-life care, skilled nursing, and rehabilitation since 1956. This mission of service could come to an end unless we install a sprinkler system, because such systems will likely be federally-mandated for all nursing homes in years to come. Without sprinklers, the future of one of the last high-quality senior care options in the city would be in jeopardy, and 173 residents could lose their home.

Niagara Lutheran's *Leadership Council* consists of a group of caring, generous people who help our residents by making annual gifts of \$500 or more. For information on how you can help keep our residents safe and secure, please contact the Foundation at 716-886-4377 or via e-mail at: Foundation@NiagaraLutheran.org.



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Our *Legacies for Life* planned giving program recognizes generous friends who have given a planned gift through provisions in a will, trust, insurance policy, individual retirement plan, or the like. *Legacies for Life* provides an excellent opportunity for you to leave a legacy of your own, while also enabling us to continue our mission of caring for those in need. This program now includes 70 deceased members and 82 living benefactors.

We would be very pleased to work with you to arrange a planned gift that best suits your interests. For more information, please call the Niagara Lutheran Health Foundation at 716-886-4377, or e-mail us at Foundation@NiagaraLutheran.org.



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“The day mom passed away, the entire staff went way beyond their job descriptions, showing my sister, brother, and me every possible kindness. “Caring - Heart & Soul” became a beautiful reality which we shall never forget. We offer your staff our heartfelt gratitude.”

- Sandy Villa, Buffalo, NY

GUILD MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS - ALWAYS GIVING

At a time when everyone is stretching their budget to the max, the never-ending generosity of our Guild members and volunteers never ceases to amaze. In only a year the Guild, through its major fund raisers (the Spring Fling craft sale, Fall Fun Fair, June luncheon, and Christmas celebration) and other events and promotions, was able to collect enough money to buy the True Stretch equipment for the GreenField Health & Rehabilitation Center (GHRC) Outpatient Therapy Clinic in addition to helping with planting and repairing Hirsch-Kamin Park on our city campus. Not only do Guild members give through the Guild, many also give by joining our ranks of on-site volunteers.

Our volunteers range in age from 16 to 95 and come from all walks of life, each sharing their heart in their own way. Some volunteers transport residents to various venues, including worship services and to appointments. Others visit and share their interests. All of them are important to the well-being of residents, and their efforts are appreciated more than they can imagine. If you'd like to learn more about being a Guild member or volunteering, contact Vivian Cosentino at 886-4377 or vcosentino@NiagaraLutheran.org.



Marilyn Thomson has volunteered her services as manager of GHRC's gift shop since the health center opened in 1998. Each year proceeds from the gift shop are donated to the Guild to assist residents.



Playing the Wii at GHRC.

Elvis (Terry Buchwald) at the GreenFields Summer Concert Series.



UB students help with bingo at Lutheran Church Home (LCH).



Dancing at one of the summer picnics.



GHRC residents visit the Buffalo marina.



The wheelchair garden at NLHRC.

Volunteers and Staff Honored

Exceptional staff members and volunteers were recognized at the annual WNYAHSA (Western New York Association of Homes and Services for the Aging) banquet.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Judith Hardie	NLHRC
Jackie Mikoley	LCH
Jim Kozlowski	GHRC
Marion Kosieracki	GreenField Manor/Court

EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Lynae Parker-Scott	NLHRC
Ethel Bobo	LCH
Isaac Wulf	GHRC
John Fiorella	GreenField Manor/Court

SCHOLARSHIPS

Veronica Criswell	LCH
Chyniqua Johnson	GreenField Manor/Court



Employees of the Year (L to R): John Fiorella, Ethel Bobo, Lynae Parker-Scott, Isaac Wulf



Scholarship: Veronica Criswell (LCH)



Volunteers of the Year (Front Row): Marion Kosieracki (L to R): Jackie Mikoley, Jim Kozlowski, Judith Hardie



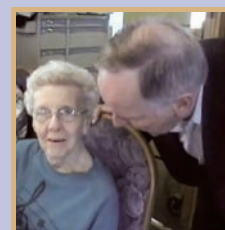
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- ✓ **YOUTUBE:** Our most recent foray into the world of technology has been on YouTube. We have our own channel at www.Youtube.com/NiagaraLutheran where you can currently view a video tour of Lutheran Church Home with Bill Lacy of WHTT FM 104.1 radio as well as an interview with our Niagara Lutheran Health System Guild President, Florence Doran, about the importance of volunteering in her life.



Bill Lacy joined a few residents for lunch during the video taping.

SERVING THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF OUR RESIDENTS



Installation of CA, Ron Peters at NLHRC. L to R: Ron Peters, George Lewis, Gracie Ford, & Rev. Allen Griep.

In 2009 the first Chaplain Assistants (CAs) were installed to serve residents of the various affiliates of the Niagara Lutheran Health System, making it possible to meet the spiritual needs of more residents than ever before. The program was so successful for both residents and the Chaplain Assistants, that in 2010 five additional individuals were installed in the position and are now serving in various ways. The newest Chaplain Assistants are: Gracie Ford (NLHRC), Ron Peters (NLHRC), Cheryl Parr (LCH), June Grier (GHRC), and GreenField Manor resident, Anna Piatko (GreenField Manor/Court). All nine CAs recently met to evaluate their experiences and discuss ways to

enhance their positive impact on residents. In every case, the CA noted that he or she feels they are receiving much more than they are giving.

It isn't just the CAs who impact the spiritual lives of residents. During the year, more than 100 individuals, representing the major Christian faiths - from priests and pastors to Roman Catholic eucharistic ministers and lay people - were honored for their contributions at a special dinner at GreenField Manor. It is an inspiration to see so many people committed to spreading the Gospel and comforting others in need through their efforts in our social ministry programs.



Bonnie Gentner shared her experience as a CA and Rev. Michael Blackwell thanked everyone on behalf of the NLHS Pastoral Care Committee at the Pastoral Care Thank You Dinner.



The NLHS Guild's Dash's Receipts Program

The NLHS Guild participates in Dash's Market's register receipt program and has received more than \$1,000 from receipts they collected and turned in earlier this year. Money earned was given to the Niagara Lutheran Health Foundation to be used for the benefit of residents and for helping to restore the city campus' Hirsch-Kamin Park.

You can help! Please send your Dash's receipts to the Guild by mailing them to: NLHS Guild - 64 Hager Street - Buffalo, NY 14208 or leave them at any facility's front desk. Thank You! ~NLHS Guild members

“I like to think God rewarded my Dad for his good life by letting him spend his last days at the Niagara Lutheran Home.”

~ Margie Rieske, Seekonk, MA



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The GreenFields Tour of Homes

Saturday, September 11, 2010
12:00 - 3:00 p.m. at GreenField Manor
5953 Broadway, Lancaster, NY (716) 684-8400

Holiday Bazaar & Afternoon of Home Parties at The GreenFields

Saturday, November 13, 2010
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at GreenField Manor
5953 Broadway, Lancaster, NY (716) 684-8400

NLHS GUILD Meetings

Thursday, October 21 11:30 am at NLHRC
Fall Fun Fair & making Christmas Favors for residents

Thursday, November 18 11:30 am at GF MANOR
Program: Apron Stories with Ms. Willie Nantka

Thursday, December 9 12:00 pm at
St. Mark's Lutheran Church - 576 Delaware Rd, Kenmore
Christmas Celebration & Fund Raiser

*RSVP to Florence Doran at 836-6803
if you'd like to attend any of the NLHS Guild functions.*

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Soul**

Our mission is to provide for the physical,
social, and spiritual needs of the individuals
we serve, in a Christian environment.