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125 Years Strong

How do you thank so many committed people who had the courage and the compassion to embark on opening a residential home 125 years ago for people with “incurable” diseases. The first president of the home summarized it by saying: “*All we had with which to commence such a great work was faith and three hundred dollars.*”

In today’s world that would be unthinkable, laughable even. But in this case, faith gave them strength and trust. The good people who had the conviction to take on this huge undertaking were not going to fail. Their perseverance and belief in the cause prevailed. They knew that making a home for people with neurological diseases was such a great need that they would not allow themselves to do anything but succeed. They experienced setbacks, fire, and the Depression, but nothing stopped them.

Today, the commitment to *The Home for Incurables* which is now called *The Beechwood Home* is as strong as it was 125 years ago. A day doesn’t go by when dedicated volunteers, board members, and friends of



Beechwood roam the halls. The staff is as devoted now as they were back in 1890. They continue to bring joy, comfort and love to our residents. They are a part of the Beechwood family. The loyalty to our residents is strong and constant.

We are grateful to all those who came before us and to those presently safeguarding The Beechwood Home and securing the tradition of excellence for the next 125 years.

If you are interested in a copy of The Beechwood Home history, please contact Judy Sandquist at jsandquist@beechwoodhome.com



From The Desk Of The CEO...

The fiscal year 2014 was a very successful year for The Beechwood Home despite the many insurance, regulatory and reimbursement changes. We know that our accomplishments would not be possible without the brave families that allow us to be part of their extended family and journey through the next chapter of their lives.

As we celebrate 125 years we are so grateful for the support of our community that started those many years ago - our founders, our Board of Trustees, The Beechwood Home Foundation, Friends of Beechwood, Grantors of Foundations, staff and families who have allowed us to have a special place in this community to support a need that is unique.



The Beechwood Home Presidents Report 2014

The year 2014 was a good year at The Beechwood Home. As the President of the Board of Trustees, I had the honor to witness many successes, work alongside a committed Board, an outstanding CEO and many talented staff members. Most importantly, I had the privilege to attend many functions at the Home and get to know some of our enjoyable residents.

We had a successful Shoot for The Beechwood Home which was held at Elk Creek Hunt Club; Our Annual Block Party was entertaining for all who attended; Our Ghost and Goblin Gala, honoring Audre and Carl Sedacca, was a fun and prosperous evening; the Friends of Beechwood annual giving fund was extremely effective.

Fiscally, The Beechwood Home is very sound. In spite of Medicaid challenges, we are in good fiscal health. Through the support and dedication of many friends and benefactors we have been successful in our fundraising efforts. We continue to benefit from generous grants, gifts and donations. We could not be more grateful for the support from so many. Thank you.

As we enter our 125th year, we know we will have another great year. The Beechwood Home continues to strive to be home-like and a resident centered environment as it has from the very beginning. Thank you for your continued support of Beechwood.

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She will be missed, but not forgotten.



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Resident's Corner

The Helper

By Katie Murphy

Brad became a member of the Beechwood Family in 2008 from Bellevue, Kentucky. At first impression, Brad was a very quiet and reserved individual and kept to himself. The staff and residents tried for weeks to get Brad to come out of his room and engage with no success. Upon coming to Beechwood, Brad was very good friends with Marcia Fancher, the 3rd floor unit manager who had introduced Brad to the Home. Marcia also struggled to get Brad to participate in life at Beechwood. Then one day Brad decided to join an activity and since then he has never looked back. Wow! Who knew that this quiet individual was such a charismatic guy who had so much to offer!

As weeks went by, Brad soon became known as “the helper” around the facility. Brad was seen all over the floors helping transport residents to meals and activities. He transported residents to their therapy and made sure they were on time for their PT appointments.



Not only seen, Brad was also heard around the facility due to his completely contagious, loud and spirited laugh. He would have the PT department roaring with laughter on any given day.

As the staff and residents got to know Brad, we found out about a hidden talent, the gift of a country music voice. Brad was a lead singer in a local country band in Kentucky with a few of his buddies called “Raising Kane”. Brad’s singing abilities are beyond just good, they are wonderful.

Brad also enjoys outdoor activities such as camping, fishing and boating.

Brad attended Bellevue High School and graduated from Centre College with a degree in Accounting. Brad worked for Burkhardt’s Department Store and Carlisle Construction as a Comptroller.

Brad is a proud father of two sons, Kyle and Kris and has two grandchildren, a granddaughter named Kennedy and a grandson named Bodie.

When I asked Brad what his favorite activity is here at Beechwood, he answered, “I especially enjoy being able to assist the residents with day to day things!”

Volunteer Connection

Volunteers are Love in Motion

By Rose Stertz and Megan Randolph

On any given Thursday evening you will find Chuck Patterson leading an informal group of residents in what we fondly call “Conversations with Chuck”. These ‘conversations’ are bible readings and discussions that gave root over 30 years ago.

In the 80’s Chuck’s college friend, entered Beechwood Home at a very young age. Chuck began visiting him and many of the residents regularly. One resident, in particular, quickly befriended Chuck; he lovingly refers to her as a ‘one-person welcoming committee’. This particular resident would point to her bible and ask him to read it to her, which he did. A special relationship was born. Though his college friend passed away in 1993, Chuck kept visiting the Beechwood residents until he was transferred out of town. Upon his return to Cincinnati in 1995 he felt the calling to return to The Beechwood Home where he quickly reconnected with his other dear friend. Their Bible readings and discussions continued. Over time other residents began to join in on the discussions . . . “Conversations with Chuck”, a gathering of residents for prayer and talk, took flight.

Chuck’s wife, Venice, accompanies him, when she’s not busy with any of their three children and seven grandchildren.

When asked why he volunteers at Beechwood, he said, “It’s all about encouraging one another in our faith in Christ. I am encouraged as much as, or more than, the residents through these visits”.

Thank you, Chuck, for your caring, dedication and spiritual leadership. Our residents’ lives are truly enhanced because of your presence in their lives. God bless you in your vocation.



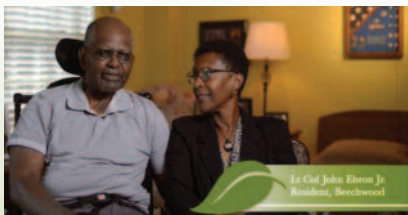
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The residents and staff at The Beechwood Home value our wonderful volunteers. We are pleased to welcome the following new volunteers to Beechwood:

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Please check out our brief video that explains why it is so important to support the Beechwood Home. Go to www.BeechwoodHome.org and click on the link.

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The Beechwood Home's Fall Gala
Honoring
Mr. and Mrs. David and Sara Osborn

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