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The Beechwood Home Ghost and Goblin Gala Held on October 26, 2019

Dr. Robert and Mrs. Julia Heidt, Jr., and The Heidt Family Foundation were honored at the annual Ghost and Goblin Gala on October 26, 2019.



Dr. and Mrs. Heidt, along with their son Robert “Chip” Heidt III, are strong supporters of The Beechwood Home’s mission. Chip is a member of The Beechwood Home Board of Trustees and The Beechwood Home Foundation, he serves as the Treasurer of the

Board, is on the Development Committee and is board liaison to the Young Leaders Group. The Heidt Family Foundation recently donated a majestic 600-gallon saltwater aquarium, built right into the living room at The Beechwood Home, where residents enjoy watching the aquatic life, identifying all the fish weaving in and out of the coral, and observing the feeding-time frenzy.

The honorable Brad Wenstrup honored Chip Heidt via video for his outstanding military service and his work and dedication to The Beechwood Home. A flag was flown over the Capitol in his honor and was presented to him at the Gala by fellow veteran Mr. William Baechtold.

It was a lovely evening, filled with fun, dancing and music provided by Soul Pocket. The major sponsors were The Heidt Family Foundation, the H.C.S. Foundation, The Oliver Family Foundation, Dr. Thomas and Mrs. Ellen Seward and Bahl & Gaynor, Inc.



Chip and Gigi Heidt

Letter from the Board Chair



Bill Baechtold

I am pleased to report that 2019 was another solid, successful year for The Beechwood Home. We held our resident census at nearly 100% throughout the year. This along with an increase in the Medicaid daily rate contributed to a very solid year financially.

After battling continual wet weather, we were pleased to open our 3 Season Porch in September. This was met with strong approval by our residents. While fundraising support for this project has been good, additional support to close the cost gap will be greatly appreciated.

While our fundraising efforts and our grant writing are vital to the support of our annual needs, our overriding focus in the future needs to be increasing our endowment. Beechwood is blessed to have such a meaningful endowment. As a result of our predecessors' foresight, we are so fortunate and should make redoubling of this effort a top priority. Your help with these endeavors will make all the difference for Beechwood's future.

My term as chair will conclude with the Board's January meeting, and I am very pleased to be turning the gavel over to Sam Bortz whose energy on behalf of Beechwood has been outstanding.

Farewell to Board Members

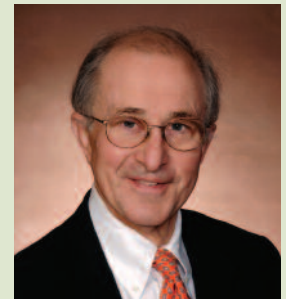
We are grateful to Adele Craft, Igor Dumbadze and Cindi Flick who have served their terms on The Beechwood Home Board of Trustees.

Adele Craft began her board membership with Beechwood in 2008 and was board president from 2012-2013. She was a member of the Executive, Development (Chair), Personnel, and Nominating Committees. She was also a member-at-large and will continue as a member of the Beechwood Home Foundation Board.



Adele Craft

Dr. Igor Dumbadze began his term on the board in 2008. He was a member of the Admissions/Ethics Committee, where his medical expertise was invaluable, and he was also on the Development Committee.



Dr. Igor Dumbadze



Cindi Flick

Cindi Flick also began her board membership in 2008. She was chair of the Finance Committee and also chaired the Audit Review Committee. Cindi served as the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees from 2011 to 2019.

We thank these board members for their expertise, time and commitment to the mission of The Beechwood Home. They will be missed!

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Keeping Up With Susan

By Judy Sandquist



Susan Koller

Most of us have seen the movie *The Sound of Music* and remember the character of Maria. Well, Susan, a resident of The Beechwood Home, reminds me of Maria. She has boundless energy and is unstoppable. This fun-loving young woman was born in Dayton, Ohio. Her mother is from Ireland and her father is from Dayton, but they met while working in Kenya, Africa. She has two brothers. Susan spent part of her life with her family in Saudi Arabia, and she has friends all over the globe.

With two degrees, Susan has a resume that goes on and on. She holds a master's in public administration and a Bachelor of Arts in mass communications. Susan was enrolled in Cincinnati Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities Program as a self-advocate trainee. She volunteered at Children's Medical Center in Dayton, and she is currently on the Board of Disability Rights of Ohio in Columbus and has spoken in front of congressional and

state staffers. Her work in Columbus is dear to her heart because it enables her to speak on behalf of others with disabilities who do not have a support system like hers. Her dedication has also allowed her to work pro bono for other non-profit organizations.

Susan has cerebral palsy. She came to Beechwood because she wants to feel settled as her family ages. At Beechwood she finds so much to do, which is exactly what she was looking for. Beechwood gives her the opportunity to take courses, make new friends, go to movies and help her gain more independence. She finds the staff to be very supportive and helpful. If you visit Beechwood you will see her buzzing around in her wheelchair, going from one place to another and talking to everyone. She goes out often and has plenty of visitors. Susan loves Winston, Beechwood's service dog, and she is often seen with him. She has her own dog and visits him on the weekends.

Back to our analogy, if you think Mother Superior had a hard time with Maria, I would imagine she would have had an equally hard time keeping track of Susan!

Employee of the Year



Vanessa Burdine was named the 2019 Employee of the Year. She was chosen from 12 Employees of the Month by residents.

Congratulations Vanessa!

Save the Dates



**Grand Opening of
the Completed Porch
At The Beechwood Home
Friday, June 5, 2020**



**2020 Annual
Sporting Clay Event
At Sycamore Gun Club
Friday, June 12, 2020**

The Beechwood Home

**GHOST
AND
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Saturday, October 24, 2020