



THE
Beechwood
HOME
NEWS



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Our Story Continues...

(continued from volume 1, issue 1)

The new Beechwood was honored as the nursing home of the month in the McGraw-Hill Magazine, *Modern Nursing Home* of May 1971, for excellence in architectural design and functional planning. Among its features are light switches within reach from a wheel chair, electric-eye doors between lounge and patio, hand rails throughout the entire building, special bathing facilities and safety devices. Each room has its own clothes closet and lavatory and each floor a large lounge area and adjoining nurses station. A well equipped physical therapy room operates five days a week, and an activities room is the center for crafts, occupational therapy, and occasional wiener roasts around a glowing hearth fire. Modern offices, kitchen, dining rooms and laundry complete the interior.

People

The wide diversity in Beechwood residents over the years has shown that chronic disabling disease respect no age, class, or disposition.

Among those forced by disability to abandon their careers are a university professor, and air force veteran, an astronomer with the space administration, several nurses and teachers, a metallurgist, a machinist, an interior designer, a medical student, a professional boxer. Others, handicapped since childhood, have never known a vocation.

In its early period the Home accepted anyone with an incurable disease who could testify to his respectable character, the only exception being those with tuberculosis. It soon proved that the Home could not properly care for patients whose primary diagnoses were heart disease, cancer, and epilepsy, and by 1909 these were directed

elsewhere. Blind applicants were excluded if Clovernook Home could offer them training and rehabilitation. Beechwood has always co-operated closely with Drake and Veterans Hospitals.

Today's residents are chiefly diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, rheumatoid arthritis, diabetes, stroke, birth defects, and Parkinson's disease. There are 42 women and 28 men, with an age span from 25 to 98 years.

Children and Adolescents were among the residents in the days when poliomyelitis was the dread disease of the young. One of the Home's earliest residents was Charles Raynor, a boy of ten when he entered the Home in 1893, mute and paralyzed as a result of polio. He remained until his death 56 years later. The 1893 admission fee of \$100 was the only amount ever paid for his care. At the opposite end of the age spectrum was Frank R. Miller, who was admitted at the venerable age of 104.

There were notables on the roster too, among them John Cleves Symmes Harrison, a great grandson of the ninth president of the United States, General William Henry Harrison, and a great great grandson of John Cleves Symmes, one of the founders of Cincinnati. He was a resident for eighteen years until his death in 1945 at the age of 88. Miss Harriet Webb, identified in early records as a cousin of Abraham Lincoln; entered the first Home in Mt. Auburn and celebrated a thirty-fifth anniversary with the Beechwood family before her death. One of the founders of the Home and its third president, Mrs. Ella N. LeBoutillier, returned as a resident to Beechwood, where she lived for five years until her death.

**For a copy of our history booklet, please contact
Judy Sandquist at JSandquist@beechwoodhome.com
or call her at 513-321-2674.**

The Beechwood Home Presidents Report 2013



It was a wonderful year at The Beechwood Home. As we reflect on the many events of the past year, I wish to thank each of the members of the Board of Trustees for their time, talent and treasure. Many people have given so much to our organization. I also wish to extend my most sincere thanks to our CEO Patti Clark and her fine staff for their outstanding dedication and commitment to the

Home throughout the year. Together as a team, we all strived toward the same common goal of ensuring that the Beechwood Home continues to be a leader in the health care and wellness of adults with incurable, chronic, and disabling conditions, while at the same time, maintaining a home-like, personalized environment for our residents.

During the year, the Long Range Planning Committee continued to look at new avenues to raise funds for The Beechwood Home. Our Friends of Beechwood Annual Campaign, 2013 Annual Sporting Clays, Benevolent Pathway, 2013 Celebratory Evening

– Honoring Rich & Debbie Oliver, and many foundations all helped us reach our financial goals. Our Beechwood Home Foundation continues to support us as well. The Beechwood Home is in great shape!

The fiscal health of the Home continues to be great. Expenses were cut this year, and the overall budget for 2013 had a favorable outcome. Our fund raisers were very successful and enjoyed by all that attended. We continue to receive generous grants, gifts, and donations from many different sources.

In summary, 2013 was a very good year for the Beechwood Home. The Board and the leadership team of the Home worked hard to move Beechwood forward and continue to allow our residents to live in a home-like, resident-centered environment. Again, I wish to thank all of you for your dedication and support. As we look forward to 2014, I know the Beechwood Home will be well served under your thoughtful guidance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adele M. Craft
Board President 2013

A Few Highlights of 2013:



Hosted Senator Shannon Jones here at the Beechwood Home and spent time sharing our uniqueness;



Established multiple relationships with House and Senate Representatives;



Successful 2013 Gala honoring Mr. and Mrs. Richard Oliver at the 21C Museum Hotel;



Third Annual Block Party featuring Soul Pocket;



Third successful Shoot for Beechwood Home at Elk Creek Hunt Club;



Brick's-r-Us dedicated and implemented a program for the Benevolent Pathway, currently 55 bricks have been purchased and dedicated;



From The Desk Of The Development Office

I have always dreamed of working in the medical world. I had a nephew who battled huge challenges and another who faces them daily. The Beechwood Home provides me with the opportunity to live out that dream by serving those who are challenged with debilitating diseases.

As I begin my journey here, I have had the great pleasure of meeting many wonderful people already. The residents and staff have been welcoming and have made me feel right at home! The positive energy that surrounds me each day is an extra benefit.

I have spent most of my career in fundraising and many years in planned giving. I have worked for a religious order of women and for a private high school. Both places have been stepping stones to where I am today.

Giving back, saying thank you, paying it forward – all of these phrases mean the same thing, namely, that we are grateful for what we, or someone we love, has received, and we want to make a difference in someone’s life. How can you do that? Simply add The Beechwood Home to your estate plans. There are many “vehicles” to make that happen and a very easy one is to make a bequest to The Beechwood Home of Cincinnati, Ohio in your will. It costs you nothing during your lifetime, but it will make a huge difference to someone in the future!

I am very happy to talk with you about any gift you may want to make to Beechwood. There are many different types of planned gifts that offer opportunities for you to help provide a high level of care designed to improve the quality of life of our residents.

Come and experience Beechwood! We will welcome you!

Judy Sandquist
Development Officer

CEO’s Report 2013

It is with great pleasure that we present to you the 2nd newsletter. This year we celebrated our 123rd anniversary. Over 123 years ago on Saunders and Bigelow Street, a small group of concerned citizens acted on their heartfelt passion and opened the doors to special Cincinnatians. It is now 2014 and The Beechwood Home, now located on Pogue Avenue, flourishes from its dedicated staff, family, Friends of Beechwood, Board of Trustees, Foundation and others who quietly believe in the Mission, Vision and Core Values. The Beechwood Home continues to be one of two facilities in the United States that specializes in such a unique neurological disease population of residents. Through the efforts of Friends of Beechwood since 1890, this special place has been the home for hundreds of residents with diseases such as Multiple Sclerosis, Huntington’s, Lou Gehrig’s, Cerebral Palsy, Parkinson’s, Stroke, Brain and Spinal Cord injuries and many other rare but debilitating neurological diseases.

Today we continue to meet the needs of families in our community and in other areas of the United States. We continue to be one of two licensed Long Term Care Facilities that are highly populated with young adults, male and female, with a neurological type disease. Over the years we have excelled in state and local surveys, and have maintained a Five Star Rating. We have added services, new activities and experiences for our residents and many of their families. The number of clients that are on our waiting list continues to grow and seldom do we have an empty room for long.

Fiscal year 2013 was another very successful year for The Beechwood Home. 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. The support of our community that started over 123 years ago, our founders, our Board of Trustees, The Beechwood Home Foundation, Friends of Beechwood, Grantors of Foundations, staff and families have allowed us to have a special place in this community to support a need that is very unique.

Patricia A. Clark
Chief Executive Officer

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Did you know that 65% of Americans do NOT have a will! If you are in that category you are missing the opportunity to specify exactly what and to whom you want your assets to go and to decide who would administer your estate. By making a will you would do your family a great service by providing them with a smooth transition.

Preparing a will is not that complicated. It is a legal document that dictates what happens to your estate in the future. It is wise to have an attorney help you write it so that you can be sure that your estate is handled properly. Take the time to learn about the components of a last will and testament and make sure yours is legally viable.

Specific bequests are legacies left to named individuals or causes and are made by designating a specific dollar amount, a particular asset or a fixed percentage of your estate. Speaking of leaving a legacy, the Beechwood Home is a great cause and worthy of becoming a beneficiary of your will. As you have read throughout this newsletter, the Beechwood Home makes an impact on the lives of the residents who live here. They would not be able to live their lives as fully and with the care that they deserve without the help of many. ***You can make a difference.*** While making your estate plans, please think of including the Beechwood Home!

If you have already listed or are interested in more information about leaving The Beechwood Home in your will. Please fill out the form below and mail it to:

**The Beechwood Home
2140 Pogue Avenue
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I would like more information about leaving The Beechwood Home in my will.

Name: _____

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Yes, you really can help make a difference. Your donation to Beechwood Home will give our residents the gift of greater independence and capability to maintain as much independence in their time of disability. Support our mission and make a difference in the lives of those touched by serious illness and disease. Learn more about the ways and means in which you can contribute to our Home by visiting www.BeechwoodHome.org.

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OCTOBER 25th, 2014
at the Cincinnati Country Club

The Beechwood Home's Fall Gala
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Dr. Carl and Mrs. Audre Sedacca



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At Elk Creek Hunt Club

Friday,
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