

INASMUCH

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"As ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Matthew 25:40



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Enjoying Activities and Service

It is with sustaining love and dedicated service we approach mid year in a spirit of excitement.

We see our landscape suffer from heat and lack of rainfall but our residents remain comfortable and cool. Extended trips and shopping sprees are a source of pleasure for many of our "family members."

We are fortunate to include in our CWBA board, Ethel Jones, George Conway, Ralph Turney; and Larry and Joan Forsting to our advisory committee.

Every member is important in their role as staff, employees, and CWBA members. We strive to provide quality care for God's children who have needs in a "home like setting."

Please come share with us as our "guests." We appreciate your care and prayers.

Vi Weible

President, CWBA

Missouri State Senator Visits CCH

On January 27th, Maria Chappelle-Nadal, our Missouri state senator for the 14th district, visited and toured CCH. During her visit, the senator met several staff



Vi Weible, CWBA President, Senator Maria Chappelle-Nadal, and Suzanne McHargue, CCH resident

members and residents. She was very impressed with the cleanliness of the home, as well as its mission and rich history of the founding of over 100 years ago by a group of very dedicated Christian women, in that she featured CCH in her March 14th legislative column, entitled, "Standing Out: Christian Woman's Benevolent Association" (<http://www.senate.mo.gov/media/12info/chappelle-nadal.Columns.html>).

Since her initial visit in January, Senator Chappelle-Nadal has had lunch with board president, Vi Weible, on a couple of occasions. The senator and Vi both concluded that the senator should increase her presence at CCH and they also discussed the formation of a book club as another good idea for consideration.

Board Announces Need to Raise \$1 Million



Ways to Give

- Join the \$15 a Month Club
- Purchase a \$50 "Tribute Brick"
- Support the Annual Fund
- Make a Planned Gift
- Make an In-Kind Gift
- Volunteer Your Time

At its April 17th meeting, the board announced the need to raise \$1 million dollars within the next year. Although this is a lofty goal, board president Vi Weible asserts that it is attainable. As a 501 (3) (c) nonprofit organization, the Christian Care Home receives funding through Medicare and Medicaid. To supplement the deficit in Medicaid funding, the home is dependent upon charitable donations from individual and corporate donors, as well as grants from foundations and other agencies. There are many ways to help the home reach its goal. One way is to join the \$15 a month club, which was established to help offset the deficit in Medicaid reimbursements, which is about \$20 per Medicaid patient day. For \$180 a year, your gift will help make up for the loss of Medicaid reimbursements. Another way is to participate in our "Tribute Brick" program to honor or pay tribute to a loved one, e.g. "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of." Your gift of \$50 will purchase a 4x8 inch laser-etched brick with up to three lines of type that will be installed in a decorative flower bed adjacent to the front entrance. Another important way to help is via gift planning, such as naming the home as a beneficiary to real estate, stocks, bonds, or other assets. These types of planned gifts can also be beneficial for donors with regard to favorable tax advantages. Contact Greg Porter, Director of Development, at (314) 625-9701 or gporter@christiancarehome.com, for more information about all types of gifts, including tribute, major, planned, and in-kind. Gifts can also be made online at www.christiancarehome.com by clicking on the "Donations" tab and then on the "Donate" button. We accept Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover, as well as PayPal, and no PayPal account is required. Gifts can also be made via check, by sending them to Christian Care Home, 800 Chambers Road, Ferguson, MO 63135.



Worship Brings Joy to Our Residents

When our new facility was constructed, the design team provided a chapel that is very useful for our residents. Moveable seating to intersperse with wheelchairs makes it possible for room arrangements that allow the best use of the space. Our chapel is well lighted and its focus point is a large wooden cross that is outlined by a large circular window.

We were able to build into the walls of the chapel seven stained glass windows previously donated to CWBA. We have a small sound system that makes it much easier to hear for those who have hearing problems.

But, the greatest asset of our Christian Care Home Chapel is the large gathering of Christians who love to sing, pray and study from the Scriptures. We often see someone singing who seldom speaks in their daily routine. After our chaplain starts reciting the Lord's Prayer, he often ceases speaking for a few moments to enjoy the sound of voices uplifted to God. Many of those speaking are generally very quiet throughout a typical day. We find joy in our multiple opportunities each week to gather in the chapel and lift our hearts unto our God!

Volunteer Opportunities Available

Numerous volunteer opportunities abound for individuals, groups, or organizations that are interested in donating their time and talents. People of all ages are encouraged to apply. For example, volunteers are sought to staff our gift shop to fill gaps in the morning and afternoon shifts, as well as to staff the shop during weekday evenings, and on weekends. Our goal is to keep the gift shop open from morning until evening during the week (9 am - 8 pm) and to expand coverage to include the weekends (10 am - 3 pm). There are also many other volunteer opportunities available, such as helping with plant maintenance, which includes weeding and watering. If you are available to help, please contact Greg Porter, Development Director, at either (314) 625-9701 or gporter@christiancarehome.com. Your offer of help is a great way of giving back to the community and you will meet some nice people, as well.

Quality Dining at Christian Care Home

A new method of serving our residents has been implemented in the dining room at CCH. All of the tables in the dining room have been assigned numbers. The dietary staff will pull the diet tickets so that each table will be served in numerical order, 1 through 26. Those residents who choose to come to the dining room at a later time will also be served in the same sequence. The new method will help the dietary staff serve the residents more efficiently. Several methods have been tested in the past, but the current method seems to work the best. However, we are always open to new ideas, so your suggestions are always welcome.

Daffodils from Brightside St. Louis

In early February, CCH was fortunate to be the recipient of 500 daffodil bulbs from Brightside St. Louis, formerly Operation Brightside. The daffodils, consisting of two varieties, were made available to nonprofit organizations for the purpose of being planted on or near the public right-of-ways for beautification. The bulbs were planted by Brett Ross (son of Lynn Ross, Payroll) at the crest of the hill adjacent to the main entrance on Chambers Road. Although the plants will not bloom this year, they will make an impressive display next year. Thanks to Brett for his hard work in planting the 500 bulbs, and to Brightside St. Louis for making them available.

“Thank You” to Fahr Greenhouses for Gift of Ivy

A warm thank you to Pat and Mary Belrose, owners of Fahr Greenhouses, Inc., for donating 30 flats of ivy to the Christian Care Home. Also, many thanks to our faithful volunteer, Wanda Forester, for transporting the ivy to CCH. Despite the heat, the ivy has been planted as a ground cover to help beautify the grounds at CCH. Fahr Greenhouses, Inc., a family owned business in operation since 1950, is located at 18944 St. Albans Road, Wildwood, MO 63038. Their phone and website is 636-458-3991/www.fahrgreenhouse.com. Fahr's services include retail, wholesale, floral design, weddings, and special occasions.



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Spotlight on People

Julia Day Board Member for 40 Years



Julia (Kohl) and Earl Day were married on Thanksgiving Day (November 23) of 1944, after graduating from Buchanan High School in Troy, Missouri. They bought their first home in Flordell Hills in Jennings, Missouri, had two children, Dennis and Daylia Brenda, and became members of the Jennings Christian Church. They later moved to nearby Dellwood, and then to Ferguson, where Julia still resides alone, since Earl's passing six years ago, after 61 years of marriage. While raising her children, Julia worked as a part-time sewing instructor for Sears Roebuck, and later as the Head Cafeteria Cook in the Riverview Gardens School District for ten years, where her children attended school. At age 47, Julia was diagnosed with breast cancer and had a mastectomy. After recovering from her surgery, Julia decided to stop working. Upon her early retirement, Julia was asked to join the board of the Christian Woman's Benevolent Association (CWBA), which she graciously accepted. Julia says that serving on the board as a volunteer was something that she wanted to do instead of working for money.

At 87 years of age, Julia Day is the longest tenured member of the CWBA board, having served 40 years. During her lengthy service on the board, she has seen many changes and much progress. Julia's late husband, Earl, also liked coming to the home with her to attend church and to work in the gift shop. Julia said that Earl loved the "older people" and she does too! Julia says that she doesn't regret giving up one of her part-time jobs and donating her time and some money to a good cause. She sums it all up by saying that her work on the board has been a blessing to her and her many friends. And, that's probably why she's still serving on the board today.

"Thank You" to Our Generous Donors

We wish to thank the following generous donors for their support. Your continuing financial support enables the Christian Care Home to continue its mission of serving the underprivileged.

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Wish List

Irrigation system; Landscaping (including grass, sod, ground cover); upgraded computer system for 14 units; food warming cart to accommodate 50 trays; bird feeders