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SAINT PAUL'S CHAPEL FUND THANK YOU! BECAUSE OF YOU, WE REACHED OUR GOAL!

By: Maureen Rizzo, Director of Development

It brings me both pride and happiness to formally announce the completion of the Saint Paul's Chapel at Ball Pavilion fundraiser. Tireless efforts and contributions have resulted in this extremely successful accomplishment. Our new Chapel will serve as a sacred space for many but will also be an inspiring reminder of those who continually support our mission.

As a non-profit organization we are often faced with various obstacles that require creative fundraising strategies and proactive planning. The support of Brevillier Village from our community has been truly REMARKABLE! Every minute shared by our volunteers and each dollar invested truly make a noticeable difference in our ability to continually provide quality services to our seniors. Maintaining our reputation as Erie's Choice for Senior Community and providing exceptional care to our residents is something we take very seriously, and simply could not do without your support.

The achievement of meeting our Chapel Fundraising goal is a historical milestone for Brevillier Village, one that maintains our consistent timeline and supporting our philanthropic mission. On behalf of our residents and all of Brevillier Village, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you. 🌿

BREVILLIER VILLAGE WILL SOON OFFER OUT PATIENT THERAPY

By: Michele Latzo, Director of Rehabilitation Services

The rehabilitation therapists are anxiously awaiting the opening of our new treatment area. The addition going up near the main entrance of Ball Pavilion will soon be home to our new and improved therapy department. We estimate the opening to be sometime in the next couple of months. In addition to providing services to our long term and short term rehab residents at Ball Pavilion, we will be able to provide outpatient physical, occupational, and speech therapy to individuals who are living in the community. These include our short term rehab residents who have returned home but still may need some additional therapy. Look for more information and announcements in upcoming additions of the Brevillier View. 🌿



PHILOSOPHY

Continuing a quality not-for-profit outreach of the Episcopal Church, we are dedicated staff and volunteer care givers who serve older adults with dignity and respect.

Adopted by Brevillier Village March 14, 2013

MISSION

Through uncompromising attention to body, mind, and spirit, Brevillier Village meets housing and health care needs in a home-like atmosphere.

Adopted by Brevillier Village March 17, 1993



Evelyn Lamb with her family and a citation celebrating her 101st from Representative Pat Harkins.



COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMS AT BREVILLIER VILLAGE

LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

As we have recently weathered another government shutdown, it is fresh in our minds there are essential and non-essential government employees. To explain the difference would take way more than my allotted space and at the risk of getting political, why do we have non-essential government employees anyhow?

With that being said, you may be asking yourself, what is the difference between the essential and non-essential Brevillier employees? However, the answer is quite simple, all Brevillier employees are essential. Each person that wears a Brevillier name badge has essential duties that, either directly or indirectly, affect the lives of those we serve. The healthcare field is complex. Regulations drive us to maintain staffing levels and have administrative employees to document our care and everything we do. The regulatory environment is such that it takes us away from what's essential to the lives of our residents but these duties become essential to the reimbursement process. Today's healthcare environment continuously forces us to do more with less, seek efficiency with technology and invent new ways of providing quality care to those that entrust their lives to us. In order to provide the quality of life our residents depend on, we must also supplement our days with caring volunteers.

Our Volunteers are essential. The Brevillier Volunteers have the amazing opportunity to interact with our residents as friends and confidants. The volunteer experience at Brevillier can offer you an enriching chance to help us provide the quality of life to those that depend on us for assistance in the late stages of their lives. The Brevillier Volunteer enriches our days in many ways. If you're able to share some time and a talent with us, please consider giving us a call. We will gladly try to make good use of your time and skills and your time will certainly help us fulfill our mission. You can become essential to the lives of our residents.

Jeffrey F. Wieser, *President*

Brevillier Village has just opened it's second Share Care house on Fischer Drive. This home is just around the corner from the Village, as well as our original Share Care house on Cambridge Road. The Share Care houses provide an alternative living environment for someone who needs nursing home care. The PA Aging Waiver program can provide financial support for those who qualify to live there. The homes are staffed by a personal care aide 24 hours a day, and everyone has their own private bedroom.

The Home Care Program is currently serving 63 people in the community. This includes those participants living at Conrad House or independently at the Village, and in the local community. Home Care services include housekeeping, laundry, personal care, errands, and more!

If you are interested in learning more about the Share Care houses or the Home Care program, please contact Vickie Gilchrist, Director of Community Services, at 899-8600. 🌿



Move in day at Fischer House on February 11th, 2019.



A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO REMEMBER!

By: Maureen Rizzo, Director of Development and Marti Colliss, Director of Recreation

Locally, Brevillier Village is known to just about everyone in the community and most people have a few sentiments to share about their perception or experiences here. Because of our dedicated staff and volunteers, it is easy for friendships to develop, and create everlasting memories and positive experiences.

This past June, Hannah Perrin one of our LPN's had a great idea and decided to share it with the Recreation Department. Many years prior she had a dollhouse which was a gift from her Pap. However, this dollhouse had been in storage and was in need of some TLC. Knowing she could not throw the house



Marti and Pete Colliss with Aggie and her parents.

away she thought it would be a fun recreation project for residents to work on, and Marti Collis, Director of Recreation, agreed whole-heartedly. The best part about restoring life back into the dollhouse was the intention of it becoming a Christmas present for another child to love once again.

The hopefulness of knowing a child would receive this as a Christmas gift served as motivation and provided seasonal cheer to all involved. After many grueling hours and joyful companionship, the residents worked on the restoration of the dollhouse for six months. There were many who volunteered their time and resources to ensure the completion of the dollhouse by Christmas. Because of the collaborative efforts and dedication to seeing this project through the dollhouse was completed for the holiday.

On Christmas Eve Aggie Chrispen visited Barnabas Court South with her family where she received a heartfelt gift. A little background about Aggie, she is the daughter of Shannon Chrispen (a former Brevillier Village employee) and Adam Chrispen, granddaughter of Tina Brown (a former employee), and great-granddaughter of Joe Smelko (also a former employee). Little did Aggie know how many people at Brevillier Village

cared for her joy and celebration of life!

Aggie was born with CHD (Congenital Heart Disease) and has been through a lot in her short little life. Hannah has known this family for a long while, through her school years and church. She was aware of the struggle little Aggie has gone through since birth when she was swept away to Pittsburgh Children's Hospital to begin her journey to correcting her health issues. It seemed like the perfect fit for Aggie to be the recipient of Hannah's previously loved dollhouse. In the photo above, you'll see Aggie's necklace of beads, representing everything she's endured medically since birth. It's amazing and humbling when you realize what a fighter this little one is.



Special thanks to Hannah, Kayla Turk, the BCS residents, and all who donated to our Haven Program, which in addition to our Brevillier Village pets, also provides resources towards recreation activities. This story is just one of many heartfelt examples where community truly is the essence of Brevillier Village, we are fortunate to have so many caring individuals who carry out our person-centered care mission on a daily basis. We wish Aggie and her family the best and brightest of futures to come, and look forward to hearing about the memories she will make with her new dollhouse! 🌿





HARRY CASPERSEN 32ND DEGREE

By: Maureen Rizzo, Director of Development

On Monday, February 11th Richard Fitzsimmons, MSA Secretary of Valley of Erie Scottish Rite and the Honorable Jack Daneri made a visit to the Conrad House. This visit was not just an ordinary stop in their travels. They were here to visit Conrad House resident, Harry Caspersen and present him with a certificate for his 70 years of dedication and membership as a Scottish-Rite Mason. This is an exceptional award, as Harry has earned his 32nd degree as a Scottish-Rite Mason and has expanded upon the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. We really love having Harry with us! He is an incredible role model and a cheerful friend! And did we mention, he is 102 years young! 🌿

ICA - INDEPENDENT COUNCIL ON AGING

The ICA is a voluntary, not-for-profit coalition of individuals, agencies and businesses from the public and private sectors who provide services to seniors in Erie and Erie County (www.icaerie.org). Several employees of Brevillier Village are active members of the council and participate with subcommittees of the organization including Art, Comedy and Legislative groups. The council provides Guides to Services programs and can be found at any of our building offices. The guides provide comprehensive contact information to businesses and organizations serving senior citizens in Northwestern PA. The ICA also hosts a number of activities that caregivers and seniors are encouraged to participate in. 🌿

- 2/14 – Senior Citizen Luncheon
- 3/28 – Comic Relief for Caregivers
- 5/5 – 5/10 Senior Art Show – forms are available in development office or by email mrizzo@brevillier.org

Conrad House residents Dawn and David Julius and Fran and John Otto attend the Senior Luncheon.





FROM OUR HEARTS
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SENIOR LUNCHEON

Valentine's Day, February 14, 2019

Noon - 2:00 pm
at the
Bayfront Convention Center
Grand Ballroom
1 Sassafras Pier Erie, PA 16507

Event is free for Seniors

Seniors are invited to join us for a Valentine's Day luncheon with entertainment

Conrad House residents Eleanor Bird, Cal Wurst and Ron Mioduszewski

NOTABLE NOTES

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO THANK YOU!

Saturday, April 13, 2019

Thank you to everyone who attended our 2nd Designer Purse Bingo Event. It was a very successful event. Proceeds will benefit the Haven Program and the new van fund.

SAVE THE DATE – PURPLE MARTIN FESTIVAL

Friday, June 28, 2019

Once again we are looking forward to wonderful guest speakers at Conrad House's Multi-Purpose Room. An update on our colony. Joe Siegrist, President, CEO and biologist for the Purple Martin Conservation Association will present current international research about our beloved martins.



SAVE THE DATE – 11TH ANNUAL BREVILLIER VILLAGE GOLF OUTING

Monday, August 19, 2019

On Monday, August 19th, the 11th Annual Brevillier Village Golf Tournament will raise money for a new Brevillier Village Van. Over 100 golfers are expected that day to play 18 holes of golf at the Venango Valley Golf Course. Shotgun start will begin at 12:00 noon. Your cost of **\$100.00** includes an 18 hole scramble, green fees and cart, lunch, food and beverages on the course, golfer gift, steak dinner and prizes and awards. There will also be basket raffles and a 50-50 the day of the event.

If you are interested in registering for this event, call Maureen Rizzo at 899-8600.

If you do not golf, but would still like to make a donation, call Maureen Rizzo and she will take care of your very vital donation.

SAVE THE DATE – BINGO

Saturday, October 5, 2019

Brevillier Village will hold another BINGO event on Saturday, October 5th at 7 p.m. This event will be held at the Harborcreek Fire Department Social Hall, 7275 Buffalo Road. Tickets will go on sale July 15th. All proceeds will benefit the New BV Van Fund.

SAVE THE DATE – USED BOOK SALE

Friday, November 1 & Saturday, November 2, 2019

Our Annual Used Book Sale will be open to residents, families, volunteers, staff and public on **Friday, November 1st** and open to the public on **Saturday, November 2nd**. Hours for the sale are **9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. both days**. Books are priced "donation only," whatever you are able to give it greatly appreciated!

We are currently taking donations of gently used books, CD's, and DVD's. Please do not bring in any Reader's Digest condensed books, text books, or encyclopedias. You can drop off your donations at any Village office.

If you are interested in helping with the Book Sale, please contact Jen Kehl, for more information!

SAVE THE DATE – DECK THE HALLS

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Please join us for the 6th Annual Deck the Brevillier Village Halls! This popular event includes an old fashioned tree trimming party, visits with Santa Claus, Caroling, Cookies and Kids Crafts. Look for more information in the November and December issues of the *Brevillier Insider*.



BALL PAVILION CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION UPDATE

By: Vicky Wittuck, Senior Vice President

We never thought the day would come to break ground and begin this exciting project after a four year wait!!!

But the new additions and new chapel are well on their way to completion. We are anticipating occupancy in the spring. Then we begin the renovation of the interior of the existing building which believe it or not turned 20 years August 2018!

We are presently selecting colors, furniture, flooring, signage and all kinds of new equipment for the residents to enjoy. We are working out strategies to experience as little chaos as possible once the contractors move inside to reconstruct some bathrooms, update the Recreation room, the remaining two dining rooms, additional living spaces, downsizing nurses stations, all new flooring and new coats of paint throughout the building.



We certainly appreciate everyone's patience and understanding and this will be even more important when we move inside to work in the living spaces of the residents. Our main goal is to make the process safe with as little disruption as possible. But unfortunately there will be noise and areas you will not be able to access during the remainder of the project.

Please feel free to contact myself, Vicky Wittuck or Jeff Wieser if you have any questions or concerns. Please watch for updates in the monthly newsletter or you may be getting calls from the Social Worker for a temporary room change during a certain phase of the renovation, of which there are 7 phases.

Our goal is to have the interior renovations completed right before January 2020! 🌿

PLANNED GIVING

Every day, generous givers like you support the Mission of Brevillier Village with your time, resources and talents. We are so thankful for you!

About Planned Giving

Including Brevillier Village in your planned giving is a great way to ensure income for your beneficiary, achieve tax benefits and help make certain that our quality person-based care is available to our community for the future. Regardless of the amount, a planned gift has the power to impact and benefit lives for generations to come.

Why Consider Brevillier Village?

We take memorializing the lives of your loved one seriously and truly consider it an honor to be included in your long-range plans. When mindfully organized, a planned gift can enhance your own financial well-being while making a difference for seniors who live at Brevillier Village. There are a range of options that can provide immediate benefits, such as reducing income and estate taxes. Some types of gifts can virtually eliminate estate taxes, while others can greatly reduce the amount of tax you are responsible for during your lifetime.

Gift planning possibilities:

- A bequest to Brevillier Village in your existing will or living trust
- Naming Brevillier Village as a beneficiary on your life insurance policy, retirement plan, or IRA
- A charitable gift annuity
- A charitable remainder trust, which may benefit you, your family and friends, and Brevillier Village
- Or by donating to one of our various Fundraising Programs (Ruth Pedersen Benevolent Care Fund, Haven and Recreation, Grounds Fund, fulfillment of needed medical equipment and current capital campaign)

For more information, contact Maureen Rizzo at Brevillier Village at (814)899-8600 ext 210 or by email at mrizzo@brevillier.org

Look for our new Legacy website page soon! www.brevillier.org/legacy

TEAM RAD (RESPECT & DIGNITY)

By: Vickie Gilchrist, Director of Community Services & Team RAD Co-Chair

We are entering our 7th year since implementing the Dignity and Respect Campaign at Brevillier Village. Our focus remains creating an inclusive environment for our residents, staff, families, volunteers and visitors. Our Team RAD theme for this year is "Welcome to the Neighborhood." It is a take off on the Mister Rogers theme of "Won't You Be My Neighbor." New bulletin boards have been posted in Ball Pavilion, Barnabas Court North & South, as well as Conrad House. Some changes have been made to the leaders of Team RAD. Tracy Moore, Executive Administrative Assistant has been named co-chair and has been a member of Team RAD since the implementation in July 2013. We are looking forward to another year of encouraging everyone to be the best they can be! 🌳



The Brevillier Village Recreation Department



The Brevillier Village IT Department

2019 Whitford Park Concert Series

Wednesday Evenings at 7 pm - 8 or 8:30 pm



June 12 th	Country Blue
June 19 th	Generic Grass (roots/rock)
June 26 th	Loose Change Band
July 3 rd	Shady Side
July 10 th	The Mountain Thyme Ramblers
July 17 th	Doggone Good Band (roots/rock)
July 24 th	Mike and Marie Acoustics
July 31 st	Lake Erie Banjo Jammers
August 7 th	Polka Relations
August 14 th	Kurt Novakowski, Elvis Impersonator
August 21 st	David Julius

Thank you Brevillier Village for sponsoring the 2019 Whitford Park Summer Concert Series



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TASTE OF EAST ERIE




On Sunday, February 17th Brevillier Village Dining Service participated in the 14th annual Taste of East Erie, which supports the Iroquois School District Foundation. This year the group brought homemade Spinach Tortellini soup and Peanut Butter Lasagna. Both received rave reviews from the crowd! Many came back up for second and third servings! Proceeds raised at this event are used to fund the Professional Staff Development Grant program as well as scholarship opportunities for IES students. 🌿



Amy Learn,
Maureen Rizzo,
Cheyenne Kopta and
Angela Lingenfelter

We would like to acknowledge the passing of long time friend and Board Member Donald Van Slyke. Rest in peace, Don!
BV Board Member 5/2002 - 2/2019

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