

# INSPIRATIONS

News and Insights from Presby's Inspired Life Communities ~ FALL 2010

## 58th Street Campus Beautification Project Reaches Goal...Outdoor Oasis to be Complete



(left) Architect's rendering of the gazebo, the "crowning jewel" of The 58th Street Campus Beautification Project. (right) Director of Annual Giving Erin Wooley assists Frank Meliti (left) and Joe DiCicco of Troop Construction Company with the installation of commemorative bricks that will comprise the elegant walkway to the gazebo. Troop Construction, a loyal corporate partner, generously donated their time and services for the installation.

For residents of The 58th Street Presbyterian Home and adjacent Ann Thomas, Mary Field and Greenway Affordable Housing communities, their long-awaited outdoor oasis will soon beautify the landscape of their community thanks to the generosity of benefactors, including residents and team members.

Launched in 2008, The 58th Street Campus Beautification Project consists of a perennial garden with park benches and inviting walkways with commemorative engraved bricks, many of which were donated in tribute to or memory of a loved one. The "crowning jewel" of the project will be a large wheelchair-accessible gazebo, complete with outdoor electricity for evening enjoyment.

The goal of the initiative is to provide a therapeutic, central gathering area for

residents while creating a beautiful focal point in the Southwest Philadelphia neighborhood. It will also enable more outdoor entertainment and special events.

The \$120,000 initiative has been funded exclusively through charitable gifts, which include the in-kind services of landscape architect Catherine Farnen and Troop Construction Company for the installation of the brick walkway.

"As of early June, we were just \$4,000 short of our goal," stated Vice President of Philanthropy Lynn Johnson-Porter. "However, a generous gift from one of our organization's leaders made the difference."

Presby's Inspired Life Board member Robert Reeves is also Chair of the Philanthropy Advisory Council, a volunteer entity that helps set objectives

and strategies for Presby to achieve its philanthropic goals. "As a Board member, I felt a compassionate duty to see this initiative reach its goal," said Rob, who is president of E.A. Reeves Construction, Inc., based in Abington, PA.

Rob joins a host of individuals, including 58th Street team members, businesses, foundations and churches that have helped make the transformation of the 58th Street landscape possible.

"Such generosity toward this project is a testament to the compassion of so many who embrace our ministry at 58th Street," added Lynn. "Their commitment not only helps transform a landscape, but enhances the quality of life of the 250 residents who call 58th Street 'home.'"

## At The Heart

Dear Friends:

This year, we take great pride in marking the 55th anniversary of Presby's Inspired Life. As I reflect on our evolution, it fills me with joy to be part of an organization that has grown from humble beginnings – serving 14 older adults in 1955 – to a multi-faceted senior service provider that today serves 2,600 individuals within 29 communities.

I have witnessed first-hand the impact our mission has on residents, their families, Board members, team members, donors, volunteers and the greater community. This impact continues to enrich the lives of many individuals and is the catalyst for our continued growth. This issue of "Inspirations" is a tribute to those who exemplify our mission of enabling older adults to live life in all its fullness.

A testament to the power of Presby is the success of The "Call To Care" Capital Campaign for the new medical center at Rydal Park. With generosity in their hearts, benefactors are lending their support in unprecedented measures. We have recorded more than \$2.5 million in charitable contributions toward our \$5 million goal.



At our 58th Street Campus, generosity abounds with the success of The 58th Street Beautification Project, a \$120,000 initiative that calls for the completion of the greatly anticipated outdoor beautification project. This initiative, funded exclusively

through charitable support, will enhance the quality of life for residents by creating a therapeutic milieu for social stimulation and fellowship.

To honor those who have continuously supported Presby through their benevolence and service, we once again hosted our annual President's Circle event, which represents our ministry's gratitude toward those who help to further our mission.

So that we may also honor our Presbyterian heritage and those who have selflessly dedicated their lives to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we have partnered with The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to implement the Honorable Service Grant Program. This initiative assists retired Presbyterian Church workers by providing grants to offset housing costs at our Rosemont and Rydal Park communities.

To further strengthen our ecumenical friendships with area faith congregations, we recently hosted our Clergy Circle event,

which is designed to facilitate insight and discussion with faith leaders so that we may continue to meet the evolving spiritual needs of older adults.

You will also read about our beloved residents, whose daily lives at our communities create true inspiration. Two esteemed World War II veterans meet for the first time at our Broomall community where a similar experience 65 years ago spawned a heartwarming friendship. Rosemont residents lovingly created a praise banner by hand as a backdrop for religious services for their fellow residents to enjoy. And, amazingly, we recently celebrated milestone birthdays for three of our residents, Rydal Park resident Mabel Mudd, who turned 100; 58th Street resident Clemmon Harper, who turned 101; and Spring Mill resident Violet McDonough, who turned 106.

Stories like these are at the heart of our mission and will continue to carry Presby long into the future.

Thank you for being part of our loving history.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judee".

Judee M. Bavaria  
President & CEO

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## Benefactors Honored and Volunteerism Celebrated

"Volunteers advance our ministry and play an integral role in Presby's outreach, advocacy and stewardship initiatives," said President & CEO Judee M. Bavaria as she welcomed guests to the President's Circle event, held June 4 at Rosemont Presbyterian Village. "Their commitment to Presby and those we serve is key to our ministry's continued success."

The President's Circle is held annually to recognize a distinguished group of volunteers and benefactors whose commitment and support make it possible for Presby to fulfill its mission. Being honored were donors, members of the Board of Directors and standing committees, and those who

have illustrated advocacy and volunteer service in other instrumental ways.

For their unyielding benevolence, benefactors whose cumulative giving totaled \$5,000 and beyond received special commendation at the event.

"In 2009, two-thirds of charitable organizations experienced declines in contributions," advised Vice President of Philanthropy Lynn Johnson-Porter. "Presby experienced an increase with a fundraising total of \$3.039 million, compared to \$2.4 million in 2008. The generosity of our benefactors allows us to further our mission and deliver the quality and compassionate care that are the cornerstone of our ministry."



Attending the President's Circle major donor recognition reception on June 4 at Rosemont Presbyterian Village are (from left) Presby's Inspired Life Board Chair Rev. Paul S. Stavrakos, Rydal Park resident Pat Scott, Philanthropy Advisory Council Chair Robert Reeves and Vice President of Philanthropy Lynn Johnson-Porter. Special commendation was offered to benefactors who contributed \$5,000 or more.

# A FRIENDSHIP AT BROOMALL

## 65 YEARS IN THE MAKING

For Rosemont Presbyterian Village resident Russell Barraclough, 2010 marks a significant milestone. It commemorates the 65th anniversary of the ending of World War II, in which he served in the U.S. Army as a B-26 Marauder bomber pilot, serving in Africa, Sardinia and Corsica from 1942 until the war's end in 1945.

"I was 21 years old when I began my service," recalls Russell. "It was an amazing experience for such a young person, but we were all happy as clams when it was over."

Russell's military service has given him many memories that he likes to share with fellow residents. One day this spring, as he was undergoing a short-term stay at Broomall Presbyterian Village, he was regaling his experiences during a discussion group when Director of Recreation Therapy and Volunteers Debbie Happold thought his story sounded familiar.

"I heard the story before, including the exact years of service and the type of plane Russell flew," Debbie said. "But, I didn't hear it from Russell; I heard it while growing up from my father."



World War II Veterans Russell Johnson (left) and Rosemont Presbyterian Village resident Russell Barraclough (right) meet for the first time 65 years after their military service. Broomall Director of Recreation Therapy and Volunteers, Debbie Happold (center), daughter of Russell Johnson, facilitated the meeting of the two soldier-pilots, who have since become friends.

In an ironical twist of fate, Debbie's father, whose name is also Russell, served in the war as a B-26 Marauder pilot from 1942 – 1945; however, her dad served in England, France and Germany. "Due to their similar experiences so long ago, I just had to get these two to meet," added Debbie.

Although their similar experiences ended more than a half-century ago, the two Russells now share something else in common, Broomall Presbyterian Village.

Russell Barraclough's fellow resident is Debbie Happold's mother, Marie. Her father, whose last name is Johnson, visits his wife several times each week and just this past summer, the two soldier-pilots met for the first time to salute each other.

"No one could really know what the war was like unless they were there like we were," attests Russell Johnson. "Our favorite expression is, 'I wouldn't trade it for \$1 million and wouldn't go through it again for \$1 million.'"

The new friends have spent many times together sharing their extraordinary experiences, which helped shape the courses of their lives. As veterans, they both still feel a duty to commemorate military holidays, such as Memorial Day, Veterans' Day and even The Fourth of July. An experience they lived as young men in their 20s has created a new friendship for the two, now in their 80s.

"It's amazing to find someone with the exact same experience more than six decades later," adds Russell Johnson. "Although we never met during the war, it's nice to make friends with a fellow soldier 65 years later."

## Affordable Housing Celebrates Landmarks

Local elected dignitaries and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) officials joined with Presby staff and residents May 21 in a special

ceremony re-dedicating Riverside Presbyterian Apartments, Presby's first affordable housing community that was opened in 1982. The event took place at the

Center City community and was hosted to commemorate the 50th anniversary of HUD's Section 202 Program, Presby's 28-year partnership with HUD, the conclusion of the Riverside year-and-a-half-long renovation initiative and Older Americans Month.

"I extend my sincerest gratitude to Riverside residents, team members and volunteers for your dedication and patience during the renovation project," said Presby's Inspired Life President & CEO Judee M. Bavaria as she welcomed guests to the event. "A project of this magnitude took the cooperation of everyone, which was integral to its success. I'd also like to thank HUD for your assistance with Riverside and also for our 28-year partnership."

The HUD Section 202 Program was established to provide supportive, safe and affordable housing for economically-disadvantaged seniors across the country.

"In the 50 years since the inception of Section 202 Program, more than 8,000 housing developments, like Riverside Presbyterian Apartments, have been built nationwide, creating nearly 400,000 units of affordable housing for seniors," said HUD Director, Philadelphia Multifamily HUB Connie Loukatos. "By partnering with organizations like Presby's Inspired Life, a growing number of seniors of low income are enjoying a higher quality of life they may otherwise not have known."



At the May 21 Riverside Presbyterian Apartments Re-dedication ceremony, residents (center to right) Jacqueline Hopps, Fleetwood McClain and Mary Gindhart present U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Director, Philadelphia Multifamily HUB Connie Loukatos with a poster signed by residents depicting the newly renovated HUD community, as President & CEO Judee M. Bavaria joins them. The poster was given as a gift to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the HUD Section 202 Program.

# Celebrating the Circle of Fellowship

“We wish to facilitate the exchange of information by continuing to offer an opportunity for spiritual leaders surrounding our communities to learn more about Presby and to offer their input,” said President and CEO Judee M. Bavaria as she welcomed guests to the fifth Clergy Circle event on June 15 at Rosemont Presbyterian Village.

Founded in 2007, The Clergy Circle promotes fellowship and strengthens ecumenical relationships with area churches by creating a forum for pastoral leaders to stay current with Presby’s Inspired Life and to share personal and faith community perspectives about the Presby ministry.

“Since Presby’s Inspired Life was

founded as a faith-based ministry, it’s essential for us to maintain our bonds with area faith communities,” said Vice President of Senior Services Mary Kender. “This collaboration will help all of us to better serve the needs of older adults.”

A total of 15 faith leaders from Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties attended the fellowship event. “I am grateful to join in ministerial partnership with Presby’s Inspired Life,” commented Rev. Judith Rhodes, rector at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, Ardmore, PA. “Compassionate care and support for seniors is truly a ministry in which I am proud to play a role.”



During the Clergy Circle event, held at Rosemont Presbyterian Village June 15, Vice President of Senior Services Mary Kender (left) and Rosemont and Broomall Chaplain Rev. Jerry Foote (right) welcome (from left) Rev. S. Gregg Smyrl of Grace Chapel in Havertown, Rev. Karen Nelson of Marple Presbyterian Church in Broomall, and Rev. Judith Rhodes of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Ardmore. The event was designed to strengthen ecumenical relationships with faith congregations near Presby communities.

## Rosemont Praise Banner *A Liturgical Offering Made By Love*



Rosemont Presbyterian Village residents (from left) Lucy Burns and Eleanor Deavor, along with Chaplain Rev. Jerry Foote, proudly display their new praise banner that is used as a backdrop for Rosemont’s religious services. Lucy and Eleanor made the banner by hand as an act of benevolent service to their fellow residents.

For Rosemont residents Lucy Burns and Eleanor Deavor, adding a special touch to religious services at Rosemont recently became a labor of love. They hand made a praise banner to complement religious services for their fellow residents. “Since services are typically held in the auditorium at Rosemont, we wanted to make the room look and feel more like a church,” said Lucy. “We also wanted to express our gratitude to Chaplain Rev. Jerry Foote for offering a deep dimension of pastoral care.”

“The praise banner is an important part of religious services because it represents a liturgical offering to God within the congregation,” said Rev. Foote. “It symbolizes the praise we offer in time of worship.”

Both Lucy and Eleanor worked diligently for three weeks sewing the banner, which has now become a regular fixture in Rosemont’s twice weekly services.

“It’s our way of contributing to the spirituality at Rosemont,” added Eleanor.

## Second Annual Gospel Festival



Performers in the Testimonial Praise Ministries Dance troupe perform for residents at The 58th Street Campus during the Second Annual Gospel Festival, held June 5. The day was filled with rousing performances as area Gospel choirs and praise dancers offered their talents to everyone’s enjoyment. The Gospel Festival was founded to further engage area churches into the vibrancy of The 58th Street Campus.

# Presby Collaborates to Honor Presbyterian Church Personnel

“Since our founding, Presby’s Inspired Life has maintained a strong bond with the Presbyterian Church,” said Board Chair Rev. Paul S. Stavrakos. “This bond is one of Christian fellow-

ship, as we share similar missions of service to others. Presby’s Honorable Service Grant Program was founded as an additional means to implement that mission.”

Rosemont Presbyterian Village or Rydal Park.

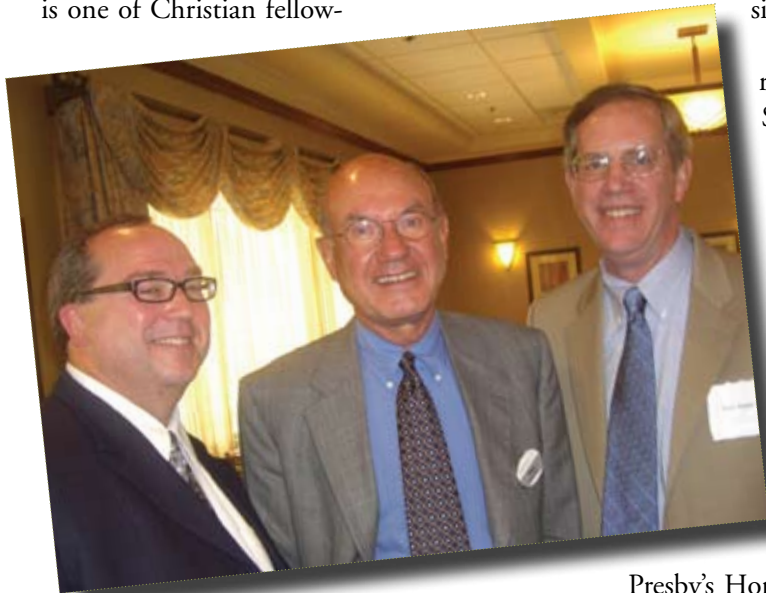
Retired Presbyterian Church workers from throughout the Greater Delaware Valley joined representatives from Presby and the Board of Pensions on June 10 and 11 for information sessions at Rosemont and Rydal Park, respectively. Guests learned details of the Honorable Service Grant Program, as well as additional income and housing assistance programs offered through the Board of Pensions.

“We’re happy to collaborate with Presby’s Inspired Life,” added Board of Pensions Vice President, Assistance, CREDO and Funds Development Rev. Peter Sime. “Presbyterian Church workers have devoted their lives to service, and Presby’s Honorable Service Grant Program will assist them in achieving their retirement goals.”

To learn more about Presby’s Honorable Service Grant Program, contact Garry Hennis at (610) 260-1101.

Now in its inaugural year, the Honorable Service Grant Program – which is an integral component of Presby’s Strategic Plan – was created in collaboration with The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). As an enhancement to the Board of Pensions’ Assistance Program,

Presby’s Honorable Service Grant initiative was designed to honor retired Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) workers for dedicated service by helping them meet housing costs. Eligible honorees could receive assistance equal to ten percent of entrance fees – up to \$10,000 – to either



Presby’s Inspired Life Board Chair Rev. Paul S. Stavrakos (center) pauses with Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Manager of Assistance Programs Dick Liberty (left) and Vice President, Assistance, CREDO and Funds Development Rev. Peter Sime during the June 11 Honorable Service Grant Program information session at Rydal Park. The program offers housing assistance for retired Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) workers.

## Rydal Park ‘Goes Green’ Amidst Construction

As the bustle of the Rydal Park medical center construction continued, members of Rydal’s Green Team celebrated Earth Day on April 22 with the dedication and planting of a new flowering cherry tree. The tree was planted to complement the rising state-of-the-art medical center, which is being built to be an echo-friendly, “green” building.

The Green Team, a resident committee committed to promoting a more environmentally-friendly lifestyle, purchased the tree as part of their beautification initiative. “We all have a responsibility to make our world cleaner, greener and healthier,” said

Green Team Chairperson Marian Poole. “With everyone doing little things, such as recycling and planting trees, we can help our planet.”

Equipped with the knowledge that trees efficiently convert carbon into oxygen, the Rydal Park Green Team remains committed to their echo-friendly causes, and the new flowering cherry tree is a testament to their purpose.

Marian added, “Long after the dust and debris from the construction have disappeared, our tree will be standing as a touch of beauty and an environmental asset to our home.”



Members of the Rydal Park Green Team (from left) Yvette Arian, The Rev. Don Black, Betty Williams, Keith Crews of Crews Landscaping, Mary Emore, Frank Decker, Chairperson Marian Poole, Janice Meyer and June Segal gather on Earth Day, April 22, to celebrate the planting of a new flowering cherry tree, planted in sight of the new medical center.



## MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTE GIFTS

# Giving from the Heart, Promoting a Personal Legacy

**E**very year we are fortunate to be the beneficiary of thoughtful, benevolent gifts that help us maintain our commitment to providing the highest level of care and services to the more than 2,600 residents we so proudly serve. Presby's Inspired Life is truly blessed to be part of such heartfelt philanthropic considerations.

Memorial gifts are a demonstration of compassion and an especially meaningful way to honor the memory of a loved one with a lasting remembrance. Also, should you have the occasion to celebrate an anniversary, birthday or other significant milestone, a charitable contribution may be the perfect tribute.

"Memorial and tribute gifts present an opportunity to add a deeper dimension to charitable giving," added Vice President of Philanthropy Lynn Johnson-Porter. "When you honor a loved one in this manner, you actually are perpetuating their legacy to the entire Presby ministry."

When you reach within your heart to make a memorial or tribute gift, your donation will help advance our mission of offering quality and unparalleled service to those entrusting us with their care. In all cases, the honoree or family will be notified that a gift has been made, but the amount of the gift will remain confidential. For more information on how you

can make memorial and/or tribute gifts, please contact the Office of Philanthropy at 610.260.1108. Gifts can also be made online at [www.presbysinspiredlife.org](http://www.presbysinspiredlife.org).

### You can also send your contribution by mail to the following address:

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c/o Lynn Johnson-Porter,  
Vice President of Philanthropy  
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## 2009 Annual Report Now Online

The 2009 Presby's Inspired Life Annual Report – "Sharing Compassion, Shaping Communities... Inspiring Lives Through Service and Leadership" – can now be obtained by visiting our website. The report is an illustration of our social accountability

activities, which demonstrate how we go beyond our core mission by extending our compassion and services outside of our doors to serve the greater community. Presby's social accountability activities – implemented by team members and residents

alike – are focused on charitable care, pastoral care, volunteerism, education and training, as well as community outreach. Order your copy today at [www.presbysinspiredlife.org](http://www.presbysinspiredlife.org).



# Celebrating Presby's Centenarians

"Don't sweat the small stuff in life," recommends Spring Mill Presbyterian Village resident Violet McDonough. "I never let anything bother me."

This may be easier said than done for many of us, but it has worked for Violet as a life mantra. In fact, she claims it's her secret to longevity. On May 14, the Spring Mill community gathered to celebrate Violet's 106th birthday.

Each year, many residents throughout Presby's Inspired Life celebrate being a centenarian, a milestone that a growing number of Presby residents commemorate.

In fact, at Rydal Park, 10 residents mark centenarian birthdays this year. For Rydal Park resident Mabel Mudd, who turned 100 on August 26, the occasion was cause to reflect on her blessings and her prescription for a long life. "My secret is having good friends around you," Mabel

said. "Being a life-long vegetarian also helps, too." Mabel enjoyed the camaraderie of her fellow resident and sister, Caroline Gable along with other Rydal Park sisters at a special "sisters" dinner. The group is comprised of pairings sisters who live at Rydal Park.

Another Presby centenarian is Clemmon Harper, a resident at The 58th Street Presbyterian Home. Clemmon marked her 101st birthday August 2. The 58th Street community gathered to honor Clemmon with a party, which was featured that evening on Channel 6 ACTION NEWS.

Clemmon credits her mother and father for giving her the tools for longevity.

"My parents took good care of me and gave me a wonderful life," says Clemmon.

The entire Presby's Inspired Life

ministry wishes Violet, Mabel, Clemmon and all of our centenarians wonderful birthday wishes. You are all truly inspirational!



Spring Mill resident Violet McDonough (seated) raises a balloon to celebrate her 106th birthday on May 14. Joining Violet are (From left) her great-granddaughter Irene Wilson, Administrator Jolynn Carl and Marketing Director Lisa Senioa.



Presby centenarian Clemmon Harper (bottom, right) pauses during her 101st birthday party August 2 with Activities Assistant Lillian Stibbins (bottom, left) and (back row from left) Food Service Director Karen Carthy, Activities Director Louise Nichols and Clemmon's granddaughter, Rose Harper.



Rydal Park resident Mabel Mudd (front/left), together with her sister Caroline Gable (front/center), celebrates her 100th birthday with Rydal Park friends and "sisters" Gloria Menna (front/right) and (back, from left) Jean diTorro, Stella diTorro, Anna D'Alessandro and Nancy Crosson.

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## On Lok Board Recognized for Outstanding Advocacy



PANPHA Board Chair Tama Carey (right) and Presby's Inspired Life Vice President of Affordable Housing Jim Polaski (left) present PANPHA's 2010 Outstanding Advocacy Award to Dr. Edward Kung, Treasurer of the On Lok House Board of Directors. On Lok House is a managed affordable housing community of Presby's Inspired Life. Its Board was chosen for the accolade for their outstanding advocacy efforts on behalf of residents.

The Board of Directors of On Lok House, the Presby's Inspired Life managed affordable housing community in the heart of Philadelphia's Chinatown neighborhood, was awarded the prestigious Outstanding Advocacy Award by PANPHA, the Pennsylvania association for non-profit senior services, at PANPHA's Distinguished Service Awards on June 23, 2010.

A total of 12 Distinguished Service Awards were presented to individuals throughout Pennsylvania who have made significant contributions to the field of senior services. PANPHA's Distinguished Service Awards were created to honor those special individual and group efforts that exceed the already high caliber of commitment and service demonstrated by PANPHA members.

The On Lok House Board of Directors

received the accolade for their steadfast advocacy efforts, which enhance the quality of life for those it serves. What makes their efforts so successful is that they view advocacy as a vocation that is part of their culture. To be the voice of their Chinese-American residents, who are unable to advocate for themselves due to advancing age and a significant language barrier, is a vocation that the On Lok Board takes to heart. Their efforts have yielded visits by Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, AARP California President Jennie Chin Hansen and U.S. Department of Commerce Secretary Gary Locke.

# *Philanthropy Advisory Council: Shepherds of Compassion, Quality and Care*



## **Philanthropy Advisory Council**

Rob Reeves  
Chair

### **Members**

Bruce Dearnley

Harry "Skip" Dittmann

Jack Easton

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Stephen McGann

The Rev. Dr. Nancy E. Muth

Julie Pfaff, Esq.

"There are many exciting advancements at Presby's Inspired Life," said Board member and Philanthropy Advisory Council Chair Rob Reeves. "From the new medical center at Rydal Park and The 58th Street Campus Beautification initiative to a host of ministry-wide enrichment programs, Presby residents are truly enabled to live life in all its fullness."

Philanthropy has a tremendous impact in making these and many additional possibilities a reality for residents throughout the entire Presby's Inspired Life ministry, particularly for those most in need. As a philanthropic driving force to further enhance Presby's mission, the Philanthropy Advisory Council was founded.

Comprised of dedicated Board members, and community, business and ecumenical leaders, the Philanthropy Advisory Council helps set objectives and strategies for Presby to achieve its philanthropic goals. By assisting Philanthropy staff through the introduction of potential donors, as well as supporting church relations and annual giving initiatives, Council members have become shepherds of compassion, quality and care.

A common thread that binds the Council together is energy and enthusiasm for enabling older adults to live an enhanced quality of life throughout our continuing care and affordable housing communities.

"Presby's mission is palpable, and that's what motivates me and my fellow Philanthropy Advisory Council members to service," added Rob.

# Rydal Park Capital Campaign Reaches New Heights

## *Ambassadors Rally to Ensure Success*



Capital Campaign Ambassadors for Quality Care Co-chairs Frank Felton (left) and Gil Heebner (center), with wife Dorothy, and President & CEO Judge M. Bavaria, and Rydal Park Executive Director Michael Heneghan.

“The entire Rydal Park community is poised for continued excellence with the new medical center on the rise and its planned fall 2011 completion,” said Vice President of Philanthropy Lynn Johnson-Porter. “What’s also on the rise is the gift total of The “Call To Care” Capital Campaign. Nearly \$2.6 million has been raised, more than half-way toward our goal!”

The unprecedented philanthropic initiative – design to garner \$5 million in charitable support for enhancements throughout the new, state-of-the-art medical center – continues to attract enthusiastic support from Board members, Rydal team members and most especially, residents, many of whom have a personal investment in the Campaign’s success.

“Presby’s Inspired Life management is proactively giving Rydal Park residents what we need and deserve in a modern, elegant and technologically-advanced medical center,” said resident Frank Felton. “I feel a responsibility to do what I can to support the effort through the Capital Campaign.”

To that end, Frank - together with fellow resident Gil Heebner - has volunteered to

Co-chair the next phase of the Campaign: The Ambassadors for Quality Care.

The “Ambassadors” comprise of a team of devoted residents partnering with staff to inspire and motivate others toward philanthropic support. They are endorsing the fundraising activities with generous financial support, as well as pioneering the effort among fellow residents. By introducing potential benefactors, hosting social gatherings to advance the Campaign and promoting the value of the new medical center to the broader community, the Ambassadors plan to not only celebrate the opening of the new medical center next fall, but to also celebrate a philanthropic goal reached through generosity and compassion.

“Rydal Park is positioned for a state-of-the-art medical center,” added Ambassadors for Quality Care Co-chair Gil Heebner. “That’s what motivates us to support the Capital Campaign as donors and ambassadors.”

## **New Medical Center Highlight**

### **Private Rooms... No Extra Fee!**

“We are happy to offer Rydal Park residents the privacy they desire and deserve in the new medical center without the burden of an extra fee,” said President & CEO Judge M. Bavaria. “It is our special gift to them.”



Latest architect’s rendering of the new medical center at Rydal Park, which is planned to be complete by fall 2011.