

SUMMER 2008  
**SPARKS** of Inspiration

A Publication For and About Our Team Members

## Welcome New Vice President of Human Resources!



Colette C. Brown

Colette C. Brown joins Presby's Senior Executive Team as Vice President of Human Resources.

In announcing her appointment, President and CEO Judee Bavaria said, "Colette comes to Presby at the perfect time in our ministry's evolution. Her quality-focused experience and employee-centered vision will help continue to strengthen and empower our team members at all levels."

A seasoned human resources executive with more than 20 years experience in healthcare, Colette most recently was Director of Human Resources for

Taylor and Springfield Hospitals, both part of the Crozer-Keystone Health System.

"I look forward to getting to know and working with our team members at all communities," Colette said. "My goals are to continue to build programs that support, retain and recognize our valued team members and to provide them with opportunities for continuing growth and development."

Colette resides in Glenn Mills, PA, with her husband Jim and their daughter and two sons.

## Team Members Advocate for Quality Care

"We must join together to give residents a voice," Diana Williamson, unit coordinator at The 58th Street Home said. "Many of them can't advocate for themselves, so we have to do it for them."

Diana joined nine fellow Presby team members during Advocacy Day at the state capitol in Harrisburg on June 3. Hosted by PANPHA and the Pennsylvanians for Quality Care Coalition, the event was held to challenge the commonwealth's 2008 – 2009 budget that provided for no increase in Medical Assistance for nursing home residents.

The day started with one-on-one meetings with state legislators. Chief Operating Officer Garry Hennis

and Rosemont Administrator Lora Gomboc met with Pennsylvania State Senator Constance Williams (D), of the Delaware and Montgomery County Districts; and Representative William Keller (D), of the Philadelphia District, to educate them about the constraints the budget would have on nursing homes.

The day culminated with a spirited rally on the steps of the Capitol Rotunda. Led by PANPHA President Ron Barth, the rally turned out to be the largest demonstration by nursing home workers in Pennsylvania, with more than 700 people on hand.

On July 4, the budget was passed, providing for a one percent increase in funds for nursing homes. "Although



Chief Operating Officer Garry Hennis (left) and Rosemont Administrator Lora Gomboc pause with State Representative William F. Keller (D), of the Philadelphia District, during Advocacy Day in Harrisburg.

the increase is smaller than we needed, it wouldn't have been possible without the aggressive advocacy efforts of PANPHA members and staff," said PANPHA Vice President for Public Policy Russ McDaid.

# Older Americans Month

## A CELEBRATION

### Presby Communities Celebrate Older Americans Month

In May, Presby's Inspired Life commemorated Older Americans Month to honor residents and the joy they bring into our lives...a great reason to celebrate!

Communities throughout the ministry hosted themed events to mark the occasion, and what better way to do that than with a party? Following are highlights from the various celebrations.



### Spring Mill Presbyterian Village

Senior proms aren't just for high school kids anymore. Residents of Spring Mill Presbyterian Village partied like teenagers at their Annual Senior Prom to celebrate Older Americans Month. As with any prom, the highlight of the event was the crowning of the king and queen. Here, residents Rev. Jesse Lonsinger (left) and Marty Mandt (right) proudly hold court with Director of Marketing Nancy Craig moments after being crowned.

### Tioga Presbyterian Apartments

The community room at Tioga Presbyterian Apartments was transformed into a Caribbean island, complete with a Reggae band, food and plenty of dancing to celebrate Older Americans Month. Here, Senior Apartment Manager Lillian Rubin leads the spirited residents in the Conga Line.

### 58th Street Campus

Residents of The 58th Street Campus marked Older Americans Month by celebrating seniors in media. The "Media Blitz" event honored seniors in film, television, radio and print. Here, special guest CBS 3 Eyewitness News Anchor Ukee Washington takes a break from the festivities to pause with residents from the Mary Field Presbyterian Apartments (from left) Socorro Pender, Ann Gallops and Rosie Barlow.



# From the Heart

Dear Team Members:

It's hard to believe we are more than half-way through 2008. So far this year, Presby's Inspired Life has made significant strides in expanding our ministry and ensuring a greater quality of life for our residents. Wonderful celebrations took place this spring at many of our communities commemorating Older American's Month and AAHSA's Homecoming Week. Repositioning enhancements taking place at our campuses will help us better meet residents' needs and desires and are setting the stage for our ministry's continued growth. And, we are tenaciously incorporating the elements of Quality First into the fiber of our organization, which will strengthen our position as a leader in senior living services. These strides couldn't be possible without your hard work and dedication, which does not go unnoticed. Thank you for all you do on behalf of Presby and the very special people we serve.



God bless,

Judgee M. Bavaria  
*President and CEO*

# Broomall Team Members Bring Their Kids to Work

April 24 was "Take Your Child to Work Day," and for many children whose parents work at Broomall Presbyterian Village, it was no ordinary school day.

Youngsters learned first-hand about what their parents do for a living. "We wanted to host a fun, educational day for team members' children," Broomall Administrator Sherry Outten said. "Activities were designed to give them exposure to rewarding careers in senior services."

The day began with a tour and an interactive sensitivity lesson on aging. Other activities included a medical clinic, during which the children learned how to use medical devices to take each other's vital signs; an infection control lesson, which taught the importance of hand-washing; and more.

One of the day's highlights was when the children hosted lunch for residents by assembling hoagies.

Thomas Colbert, son of Dining Services Director Kathleen Colbert, summarized his Broomall experience

later that night when he told his mother, "That was the best day, ever."



Broomall resident Catherine Ross (center) enjoys a visit from Thomas Colbert, son of Dining Services Director Kathleen Colbert, during "Take Your Child to Work Day."

# 'Laced Up' for a Good Cause



Three Presby's Inspired Life team members dedicated Sunday morning, May 4th to the 10-mile, Blue Cross Broad Street Run. Veteran runner Craig Pierre, construction project manager; second time entrant Sherry Outten, Broomall administrator; and first time "Broad Streeter" Dan Magee, director of communications, completed this annual event that is held to benefit the American Cancer Society. Craig, Sherry and Dan were among the nearly 20,000 participants who completed the entire run that ended at the Naval Yard in South Philadelphia.

Back at work after the Blue Cross Broad Street Run, Director of Communications Dan Magee (left), Broomall Administrator Sherry Outten and Construction Project Manager Craig Pierre proudly display their running numbers and tee shirts commemorating their 10-mile jaunt down Broad Street.

# New Chaplains Appointed at Presby Communities



Presby's Inspired Life recently welcomed new full-time Chaplains. Here, new Chaplains (left) Rev. Jerry Foote, Rosemont and Broomall; and (right) Gail Simons, Spring Mill, gather for an introductory photo. Each provides spiritual programming to diverse populations of residents at

their respective communities. Here is what they have to say about their new appointments:

"I focus on an ecumenical approach to bring residents together to worship in a way in which everyone is included."  
— Spring Mill Chaplain Gail Simons.

"My goal is to facilitate an all-inclusive ministry, with the Presbyterian tradition as a foundation."

— Rosemont and Broomall Chaplain Rev. Jerry Foote.

## TRANSFORMING LANDSCAPE



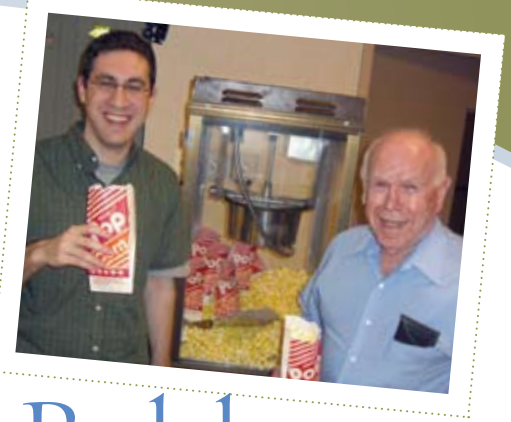
As seen here in this architect's rendering, the gazebo and surrounding garden will give the residents of The 58th Street Campus an outdoor gathering area while adding a beautiful focal point in the surrounding neighborhood.

Presby is transforming the landscapes of our communities. "Enabling an increasing number of residents to enjoy an enhanced quality of life is one of the main goals of our ministry," Chief Operating Officer Garry Hennis said. "Our communities must be as up-to-date as possible to meet that goal."

As the focus of a Master Plan for Rydal Park, a new state-of-the-art medical center will be built. Plans for this 90-bed medical center feature all private rooms and a 24-bed memory care support unit. Presby's Board endorsed the "Call To Care" Capital Campaign to help provide enhancements throughout the building.

Presby's Affordable Housing ministry continues to grow with the anticipated October completion of Mantua Presbyterian Apartments in West Philadelphia. Final touches are being placed on the 66-unit building. The rental application process has begun with move-in expected in November.

Filmmaker Matthew Shapiro (left) and his grandfather Rydal Park resident Henry Pollack prepare to distribute popcorn to special guests at the May 18 screening of Matthew's film "Old Days." The film was shot at Rydal Park with many residents acting as extras.



## Red Carpet Rolled Out at Rydal

You might have thought you were at the Academy Awards at Rydal Park on May 18 when residents walked the red carpet and gathered for a special movie screening, starring themselves!

The award-winning film "Old Days," shot entirely on location at Rydal Park in 2005, was shown that day for the first time for residents. For resident Henry Pollack, the film had special meaning because it was created, produced and directed by his grandson, New York University (NYU) film graduate Matthew Shapiro.

"It fills me with such pride to see my grandson become successful," Henry said. "He has wanted to make films since he was three years old."

Matthew made the movie as his thesis project at NYU. The fictional film chronicles the experience of lead character Lillian, a Rydal Park resident attempting to adjust to her new home. "The theme of the film is about finding your own niche," Matthew says. "I wanted to demonstrate how that theme runs through your entire life, even into your senior years."

Not only was the film well received by the Rydal Park community, it also became a hit at the New York University First Run Film Festival where it received 2nd prize for Best Picture.

More than 40 Rydal Park residents acted as extras in the movie. "I wanted to use actual residents in the film to make it more authentic," Matthew added. "Everyone here has such rich histories, and that added to the integrity of the film."

## APES OF OUR MINISTRY

*Private gift support is helping to make the following transformations possible:*

**Broomall** - B-wing expansion project will provide for a comfortable, more residential memory care support unit for residents. The addition of a country kitchen and enhanced lounge, common areas, as well as external upgrades, will create a more therapeutic environment.

**58th Street** - outdoor beautification project will consist of a large, fully wheelchair-accessible gazebo, perennial garden and water feature. The project will create socialization benefits for residents.

**Rosemont** - corridor renovation project, with newly upgraded carpeting, is nearly complete. A closed-circuit television channel will be created to broadcast internal events, meetings and religious services.

**Spring Mill** - external improvement initiative includes a newly installed garden and pond. Plans also call for a walking path and benches.

"These initiatives represent Presby's commitment to the people we serve today and will serve in the future." Garry added.



After checking on construction progress of Mantua Presbyterian Apartments, Vice President of Affordable Housing Mary Kender pauses outside of the main entrance of the 66-unit apartment building, which is set to open in fall 2008.

## PARTNERS IN CARING January – June 2008

The spirit of giving is touching the hearts of team members throughout our ministry, as evidenced by the growing participation in the Partners in Caring Program. We extend our gratitude to the following who are improving the lives of residents by making donations to the campaign:

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If you would like to learn more about this initiative or to discuss how to make your gift, please contact Lynn Johnson-Porter at [lynn.johnson-porter@presbysinspiredlife.org](mailto:lynn.johnson-porter@presbysinspiredlife.org). Remember, your gift can be directed to a community or program of your choosing.

## PARTNERS IN CARING HONOR SENIOR SAINTS

In commemoration of Older Americans Month in May, team members were invited to make a contribution to Presby's Partners in Caring Program in honor of an older loved one who has helped them along their life journey. Following are tributes to team members' "senior saints."

"Our late mother Marie Teague has inspired us during our lifetime by keeping and making awareness of her spiritual nature as the highest priority in all that she did. We miss you, Mom."

**Louise Atterbury**

Administrative Assistant, Affordable Housing

**Lillian Rubin**

Senior Housing Manager, Tioga Presbyterian Apartments

"This is given in memory of my father and mother who inspired me to enjoy life, to laugh, work hard, to volunteer the gifts that God gave me and to always make continuing on my faith journey the priority of my life."

**Judee M. Bavaria**

President and CEO

"My grandmother Ernestine Inez Brown has inspired me during my lifetime by her nurturance and unfailing love."

**Fatimah Bey**

Senior Housing Manager, Interfaith House in Germantown

"Wiser than his years, my late brother Brian always has served as my inspiration. His love of life, strong moral values and heartwarming smile remind me that life is precious."

**Lynn M. Johnson-Porter**

Vice President of Philanthropy

"My grandmother Nadina Spinosi immigrated to the U.S. from Italy in the 1920s as a teenager. She brought with her faith and love of God, which she shared generously with her own family of seven children and thirteen grandchildren, plus her larger faith community. She inspired me by her devotion to her family and faith community and her love and commitment to "The Lord."

**Sherry Outten**

Administrator, Broomall Presbyterian Village

"My father Mario Berardi has inspired me during my lifetime by listening with grace, providing insightful wisdom on life's issues, and simply being proud of his children."

**Michele Parent**

Marketing Director, Makemie Ridge

"My aunt Marie Wisneski has inspired me during my lifetime by her selfless devotion to God and her service to people."

**Rev. Bill Wisneski**

Interim Chaplain, Rydal Park

"My grandmother Joline Wiethe has inspired me during my lifetime."

**Jessica Zoski**

Rosemont Presbyterian Village

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