



Bethesda Rehab & Senior Care

SPRING NEWSLETTER

COMPASSION CONNECTION

APRIL 2016

EXPANSION PROJECT, CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IN FULL SWING

As you may know, we officially broke ground on our Rehabilitation Expansion Project on October 14th, 2015.

This exciting addition to our campus will include a 2,000 square foot state-of-the-art therapy gym, a separate entrance and welcome center, and 16 new private rooms with private bathrooms and walk-in showers.

Since the groundbreaking, we have watched the demolition of the old East Building, laying of the foundation for the new building, and erection of steel beams and sheet rock walls. The building is starting to take shape as dry wall is installed and ceiling work begins. In April, we will see the last of the four balconies on the North Building come down, and renovations in the North, West, and Center buildings will continue.

We are proud to announce that we are on-time with our project schedule, and will be celebrating the grand opening of the new wing on Saturday, September 24th with a ribbon cutting ceremony and an auction benefit.



We would not have been able to make this project a reality without the support of our generous donors, family members, employees, and friends. The goal of our Capital Campaign is to raise \$104,000 over the next two years to fund the Rehab Expansion Project. So far, we have raised a total of \$87,457 - 84% of our goal. **Thank you** to all of our **Visionary Partners, Progressive Leaders,** and **Gracious Contributors** for pledging **\$39,850** towards our goal!

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In 2015, Bethesda Rehab & Senior Care was the grateful recipient of three generous grants from three prestigious funders.

The Russell & Josephine Kott Memorial Charitable Trust

Thanks to a generous \$37,607 capital grant from the Kott Trust, Bethesda will be able to procure state-of-the-art therapy equipment for the new rehabilitation gym. The equipment will be purchased from our partner Accelerated Care Plus (ACP) and will include a unweight system, Biodex Biosway balancing system, Freedom Trainer, arm bicycle, electric height, parallel bars, treadmills, and more.

The Christopher Family Foundation

The Christopher Family has also pledged \$10,000 towards our Capital Campaign. This grant will fund the new landscaping and Memory Garden that will be built in the renovated courtyard.

Rivers Casino

Thanks to Rivers Casino, who awarded Bethesda a \$5,000 grant, we will be adding a weekly Music Therapy Program to our Life Enrichment Ministries, which currently includes weekly Spiritual Care services and weekly "Get Creative" Art Classes.



RESIDENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

In March, we organized a photoshoot to take pictures for our new website and brochures. We wanted to capture all of the great things Bethesda has to offer, and we had a wonderful group of residents volunteer as our models.

A big thank you to **Joan Andresen, Kathryn Lizotte, Rosina Macak, Dorothy Mareske, Dolly Merrifield, Dr. Rudy Moragne, Leroy Pidde, Donald Wojcik**, all our staff, and everyone else who participated! We would also like to thank Joan Caplis from the Beauty Shop for getting the residents ready for their close-ups, and our talented photographer Paul Goyette. We think the shoot was an absolute success!

To see for yourself, check out our new website:
www.BethesdaSeniorCare.org

A full gallery of the photos can be viewed on the "Our Residents" page in the "About Us" section, and on our Facebook page.



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**Thank you to all of our 2015 Annual Fund donors!
Together, we raised a total of \$64,032 for Bethesda's
Annual Fund.**

Your contributions help provide our Life Enrichment Ministries. These programs, including weekly art classes, weekly bible study, Sunday services and socials, enhance the lives of our residents and their family members. Thanks to you, every day spent here at Bethesda is filled with purpose, joy, and wonder.

