“Under the Harvest Moon” Auction and Food Extravaganza – Join Us!

There is still time for you to join us at the

22ND ANNUAL AUCTION AND FOOD EXTRAVAGANZA

The festivities will be held at the
BEECHWOOD HOMES ATRIUM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017 – 6:30 PM
$85 PER PERSON
Proceeds benefit the Living Care Fund

A better way of caring. A better way of living.
Join us under the glow of the harvest moon. Guests will enjoy a multitude of sumptuous food stations of harvest cuisine and fine wines, imported beers and decadant desserts. Kevin O’Connell of WGRZ-TV will be returning as our Celebrity Auctioneer.

In addition to fabulous food and entertainment, there will be exciting auction items up for bid, all for a great cause: to benefit our residents and Homes. The Auction and Food Extravaganza is our largest annual fundraiser, and has raised more than $1,770,000 million since it started!

*Auction net proceeds will go to the Living Care Fund, which helps supplement our cost of care for residents who have exhausted their personal resources and ensures that once a resident becomes a member of our Beechwood Continuing Care “family,” they remain with us for as long as they need our care…regardless of their financial situation.*

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*See you on Saturday, October 21st!*

“Party at the Beech” Auction Gift Party…Waves of Fun!

On May 11th, the 4th Annual “Party at the Beech” Gift Gathering Party was held. Over 100 guests enjoyed an evening full of food, desserts, wines, beer and fun. Thousands of dollars in gift cards were donated to benefit our Fall auction.

We want to thank the following vendors and donors for their generous support which was the heart of our event!

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22nd Annual Auction & Food Extravaganza
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Another successful year for Project SEARCH!

Business-led partnership provides school-to-work program alternative for those with disabilities.

On June 20, parents, mentors, Beechwood employees and guests watched proudly as the six 2016-17 Project SEARCH interns participated in a graduation ceremony to mark their successful completion of the program.

Project SEARCH of Western New York at Beechwood is a business-led partnership that offers a school-to-work program alternative for students with disabilities who are in their last year of high school. It is part of Project SEARCH™, an international program.

Participants in the program learn real-world skills while at Beechwood, where lessons are based on daily living skills, such as nutrition, finances, job search and resume building. They also participate in non-paid job rotations (10-12 weeks each) throughout Beechwood, and have the opportunity to work directly with Beechwood residents.

“Project SEARCH is an evolving transition program for qualifying students who do not currently have a plan in place following graduation. Every year we experience new needs and individualize a support system for them,” says Erin R. Richeal, Exceptional Education Teacher for Project SEARCH. “We work diligently with families, providing resources following the graduation of their young adult. Our graduates’ adult lives should closely mirror yours and mine – meaning working and participating in activities that feed their soul.”

Applications for the 2017-2018 Project SEARCH program are now being accepted. If you know someone who would be a good fit or if you’d like more information, contact Erin at ericheal@e1b.org.
John Repetski Friendship Walk & Gardens

On May 16th, family, friends, residents and staff gathered for the dedication of the John Repetski Friendship Walk and Gardens funded by his very generous legacy gift. As mother nature offered “tears of joy,” throughout the dedication, Reverend Mary Ann Pula’s thoughtful and beautiful words about John . . . the man, brother, uncle, friend and generous benefactor . . . touched everyone’s heart. After the dedication and reception, the sun began to shine just in time for family and friends to take a stroll throughout the newly planted gardens and paved pathways on the entire Beechwood campus.

John Repetski was a gentle man who came to know Beechwood Continuing Care through moving into A sbury Pointe, our independent retirement community, over 15 years ago! A retired GM engineer and former Marine, Mr. Repetski was an avid walker. He would walk the entire Beechwood-Asbury campus daily, stopping by to visit the development staff to get an update on the latest news of our continuum; or just give a quick salute as he walked by the office.

Through his generosity, our residents, families and staff will be able to enjoy nature and all it has to offer for years to come. We can’t think of a better way to honor his memory.

BCC Annual Years of Service Recognition

Publicly recognizing our dedicated staff who have been an extended part of our Beechwood, Blocher and Asbury Pointe family is always a pleasure. Each year, staff are honored for their multiple years of service for providing quality and compassionate care to our residents. Together, we celebrate at a luncheon in their honor where they are awarded with a special gift. Our sincere thanks to these dedicated staff members who have given our residents so much for so many years! BCC CEO, Daniel O’Neill; A sbury Pointe Exec. Dir., Karen Grady and Blocher Homes Admin., Barb Gorenflo . . . help celebrate their milestones.

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Rev. Mary Ann Pula Retires

After nine years of service at Beechwoood Continuing Care, Rev. Mary Ann Pula, Director of Pastoral Care, has retired. She shared that she has much yet to accomplish...her bucket list is long! Her beautiful smile and kind spirit will be greatly missed by us all!
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Thank you for your support!
BCC Employees and Volunteers Honored at LeadingAge WNY Annual Dinner

Beechwood Continuing Care staff members and volunteers were honored at the LeadingAge Western New York Annual Recognition Dinner held at Samuel’s Grande Manor on May 11th. The following employees received the staff member of the year award. Volunteers were honored for their dedication to serving our Homes’ residents.

Asbury Pointe

**Derick Isler, Dining Services/Prep Cook** – Derick has been a member of the Dining Services team since 2012. He is a hard worker that takes the lead whenever needed. Derick works well with all the staff and in his interactions with the residents. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and dedication.

**Joanne Padley, Administration/Receptionist** – Joanne works as a front desk receptionist as well as night security at Asbury. No matter what role she takes, she consistently demonstrates a passion for assisting our residents and doing the best job possible – graciously going above and beyond her normal duties. A strong work ethic, empathetic, compassionate, loyal and dependable...all describe Joanne to a T!

Beechwood Homes

**Virginia Fernandez, Nursing/Certified Nursing Assistant** – Virginia has been employed as a CNA at Beechwood since 2002. She is reliable, hard-working – receiving many compliments from resident families over the years. One family member stated, “You are lucky to have her and should make her the standard for other CNA’s to strive toward!” Congratulations Virginia!

**Carolyn Cook & Elizabeth Kulpa, Bistro Volunteers** – Carolyn and Betty are cousins that volunteer together at the Bistro. They are faithful, friendly, and truly enjoy interacting with our residents, staff and bistro visitors. Whether serving up warm peanut butter cookies or a delicious mug of hazelnut coffee, Carolyn and Betty are always willing to give a helping hand. This is what makes them the perfect pick for Beechwood’s Volunteers of the Year!

Congratulations to All!

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**Blocher Homes**

**Cheryl Morgan, Health Services/Personal Care Aide** – Cheryl has been a Personal Care Aide at Blocher for 22 years. She has been very reliable and faithful in her work. She has a gift of being very observant and uses that gift to advocate and make sure all our residents’ needs are met. Cheryl loves to share her sense of humor with both residents and staff alike which always makes their day!

**Lynn Angelo-Pep, Activities Volunteer** – Lynn has been a volunteer with the Service Guild for just over two years and has been such a welcome addition. She is always ready to help out with resident parties and concerts, and volunteers to work in the boutique shop at Blocher. Thank you Lynn for all you do!

**LeadingAge WNY/Buffalo Ultrasound Scholarship Recipient**

**Megan Gebauer** is the recipient of a $1000 LeadingAge WNY Scholarship sponsored by Buffalo Ultrasound. Megan has been employed as a Dining Services Aide at Beechwood Homes since 2015. She resides in Lockport. Megan is enrolled in D’Youville College and is pursuing a degree in Occupational Therapy. Congratulations!

Congratulations to All!

**Anne Connors – Celebrates her 90th High School Reunion & 107th Birthday!**

Beechwood resident Anne Connors had a very busy summer! Anne is a proud alum of the Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart. Each year Sacred Heart celebrates all reunion classes and welcomes the graduating class to the alumnae of SHA. As a representative of the class of 1927 and eldest living graduate, Anne received a special visit from Sister Mara Walton, Alumnae Associate and Tracy Reed, Director of Advancement. In addition, family helped Anne celebrate her 107th birthday in style!
BCC Employee Recognized at Williamsville Art Society Spring Show

Marzieh Parisa Yazdanian, an employee of Beechwood Homes, is a very talented artist who recently entered three colored – pencil drawings into the Williamsville Art Society’s Spring Art Show at the Amherst Senior Center held in May. This annual art show boasted 66 artists and 132 pieces of artwork displayed during a two month period. Parisa’s drawings were very well received...so much so that her “Free Spirit” piece came in Second Place under the Mixed Media/Photography category!

*Congratulations Parisa!*

Congratulations to three talented artists and Blocher residents!

This year, three Blocher residents – Erma Kratzke, Sue Castle and Barbara Kane – received recognition for their artistic talents as part of LeadingAge New York’s annual Art Competition and Exhibit.

Paintings by Barbara and Sue were chosen to be part of a select group of 70 pieces that were on display at LeadingAge’s annual conference in Saratoga in May and at its DNS conference this fall. In between, their pieces will hang in LeadingAge’s front lobby in Latham, NY. Barbara, who’s 95, started painting after retiring from her job as a medical social worker. She continues to take art classes, and prefers to work in watercolors with a variety of subjects. Sue, 85, started painting while in grade school, took art classes throughout high school and has had several showings of her works, which are typically landscapes done primarily in oils.

Erma was the recipient of the Staff Choice Award for her painting, which will hang in the office of the LeadingAge staff member who nominated the work. Erma, 94, has always been interested in art, particularly after winning a nationwide poster contest. She works in acrylics and her subject is abstracts. Her artwork has been honored by LeadingAge several times several times in the past.

*Congratulations ladies!*
Help Us Celebrate and Honor Life at Beechwood Continuing Care

As part of Welcome Home... our commitment to our residents is that “life” need not halt when moving into Beechwood or Blocher. It is our goal to help them transition into a new life that offers many experiences that make them feel they are home.

We have several special “quality of life” programs that are committed to bringing smiles to their faces and peace in their heart. Nothing is more rewarding than to see our residents, their families and friends enjoy life together at Beechwood and Blocher Homes. We are asking for your support of these very special programs which are critical to our residents’ well-being.

Gardens & Walkways Fund ~ A Breath of Fresh Air

Beechwood and Blocher Homes are blessed to have lush green campuses full of beautiful gardens and ponds to enjoy, pathways to stroll, and tree shaded benches that provide a perfect place to visit with family and friends. Funds will be used to enhance and maintain these gardens, ponds and walkways so that residents can continue to enjoy... a “breath of fresh air” for years to come.

All God’s Creatures…Great and Small

We at Beechwood Continuing Care welcome pets of all sizes. Beechwood Homes has an open pet program which includes pets and visits from both staff and family pets. Our program is based on the Eden Alternative model and is an integral part of our “Welcome Home” initiative that is all about the resident experience. Presently, we have two bird aviaries and a therapy cat named Abby who provide hours of entertainment for our residents. Both Beechwood and Blocher Homes are always looking to bring in special animal programs for our residents to enjoy, but they are often costly.

With infusion of funds to this program, we are hoping to not only sustain but grow our pet and animal visiting programs. Maybe even raise butterflies for our gardens!

Peace of Mind…Thanks to the Living Care Fund

The Living Care Fund ensures that we can keep our promise that all our residents remain with us for as long as they need our care... regardless of their personal financial resources. This fund is critical for our future. This is the fund that helps us bridge the gap of Medicaid reimbursement and our actual cost of daily care for our residents at Beechwood. This is the fund that allows Blocher Homes to assure their residents that if they are running out of funds, not to worry as we will work with them to ensure that Blocher remains their Home.

Lastly, and most important... future support for these “quality of life” programs ensures they will never diminish due to lack of funds. Please consider a gift to one or more of these funds which go a long way in providing a real home for our aging residents.

Just go to beechwoodcare.org and click donate or mail your donation to:
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indicating which fund(s) you wish to support. Thank you so much!
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