

# The Park Bench

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## A Trip Down The Yellow Brick Road

This month, our campus will be staging scenes from the timeless classic "The Wizard of Oz" for a brand new fundraiser selling calendars to support the Good Samaritan Fund. In honor of the 75th anniversary of "The

# The Wizard of Asbury Park

Wizard of Oz," Asbury Park has chosen to put a unique spin on the storyline in print form using residents who have volunteered (and/or have been lovingly coerced) into dressing as our favorite characters including Dorothy, Glenda the Good Witch, the Scarecrow and many more. Not only will this calendar include residents from Independent Living, Assisted Living, and Health Care, but also our youngest daily "residents"- our Asbury Station Child Care children - will be featured as our clan of Munchkins!

We are all looking forward to a rousing time on the day of the photo shoot and can't wait to see our lovable residents representing some of the most lovable characters from this classic film. This is sure to provide wonderful scenes for this very earnestly created calendar. You won't want to miss it!

Sales for the 'Wizard of Asbury Park' calendars will begin in mid-November. We can't wait to share with everyone how much fun our residents are going to have as their favorite Oz characters.



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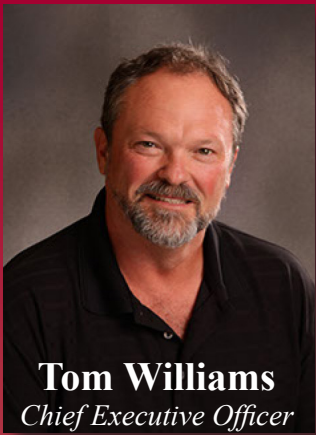
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# A Note from the CEO



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As we draw closer to the fall season, we are reminded how our lives are constantly changing and how our adjustments to these changes dictate our ability to live life with a measure of success. This has been especially true for Asbury Park's residents, their families, and our staff the past three months as we moved into new environments and literally changed the landscape. We have experienced the joy of providing better living environments along with the challenge of negotiating roadways and finding parking until Hutton Construction is completely finished the first of October.

I have heard throughout my career that sacrifice and pain are associated with progress.

Thank you for the many who have been patient throughout this process so we can continue to serve.

When Susan Frazier, Chief Operating Officer for The Green House Project in Arlington, Virginia, toured Asbury Park on August 7, she commented how beautiful the campus is in comparison to what she remembered from her visit seven years ago. She could not believe what we have accomplished the last two years and asked, "How did you do it?" Without hesitation I replied, "It was all God's doing. . . He just used us to make the changes necessary to continue to care and love each other another 50 years."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Williams', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.



*Exterior of our new Assisted Living building.*

# When Dreams Take Flight

When a new resident arrives at Asbury Park it is always intriguing to hear about their lives and accomplishments. John Boylan loves to tell everyone about his passion for airplanes. As a young child in a farming community in western Kansas, John remembers watching the airmail plane picking up and delivering mail between Garden City and Ulysses everyday and his passion began. At the age of 13, John began building model planes and decorating his room with all the model airplanes.

John graduated high school and joined the farming community in the Ulysses area. He is very proud to say he then married the youngest teacher in the area. As John turned 25 he continued farming and he and his wife, Eula raised their three children while his passion for airplanes continued. The local crop sprayer operated the airport and gave flight lessons. John began taking flight lessons three days a week for 2-3 weeks. One day John's instructor felt he was ready to make his first solo flight. During that solo flight, when John was attempting his second solo landing, the engine quit. The propeller still worked, but that was it. As John's instructor watched, he was very angry at what he thought was John just messing around. John completed the landing safely and informed his instructor that the throttle had become disconnected. At that moment John's instructor signed his license and was assured John would be a safe pilot.

Throughout the years John owned three different planes using his planes and himself to help others. When his children were in college he flew them to school and home for holidays. He also lent his services to local doctors to help transfer patients from Ulysses to hospitals in Wichita. John's passion for flying was his hobby and it was used for great purposes.

One year, John saw an ad in an Air magazine that sold kits to build airplanes. This was a "little" more than the model planes he built as a child. The plane came in three



*John and his wife Eula*

boxes, one was 12 ft long, one box contained the engine and the final box contained the wheels. The framework of the plane was made from wood, and a special type of fabric was ironed and stretched over the framework. The fabric then shrunk in place and was held on with glue. John kept a log tracking all of his hours and steps to build the plane. When all was complete the single passenger plane had taken 535 work hours.

Over the years, John decided to donate the plane to the Mid American Air Museum in Liberal, KS. The plane is now hanging from the ceiling on display. A mock cockpit of the plane is on the floor and children in SW Kansas who tour the airport get to operate it by moving the rutters.

His favorite flights were taking his children back and forth to college. John's passion for flying has been passed down to his children who have taken flying lessons and one has a pilot's license.



*The Koala Plane John built hanging in the Mid American Air Museum in Liberal, KS.*



# Marius Starkey

**W**orld Renowned Artist Marius Starkey has art in some of the busiest places in the world, but one of his favorite pieces hangs on the wall in the Assisted Living at Asbury Park.

The painting was a donation to honor Starkey's family, both past and present, who have resided at Asbury Park. The painting is a modern representation of the Flint Hills. He said he "made it general in the placement of the Flint Hills to inspire the viewers to make their own emotional experience with it."

The oil painting is very large in size and consists of many layers, making it valued between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

Marius has a long family history here at Asbury Park. His mother, Nedra Starkey, is currently a cottage resident; his father, grandparents and an aunt all previously resided here.

According to his mother, Starkey has been painting and drawing his entire life. She recalls him always drawing while his father gave his sermons on Sunday mornings. Nedra is very proud of her son and his art. She says when she looks at the Flint Hills painting she "wants to just take a walk in it".

For more information about Marius, you can visit his website at [www.artistmarius.com](http://www.artistmarius.com).



*Left to Right: Marius' wife Maria Mejia, his mother Nedra Starkey and Marius Starkey standing beside the oil painting Marius donated to Asbury Park.*



*One of Marius' oil paintings. To see more of his art please visit [www.artistmarius.com](http://www.artistmarius.com)*



*Marius Starkey answering questions from the residents during the reception.*



# Not Just About Retirement

Asbury Park has several new amenities for our residents and staff as well as the general public. These include The Bistro, The Market and Shear Generations. There is also a new fitness center that currently is just for residents and staff.



The Bistro is open Monday - Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. The menu includes a variety of Paninis, salads and soup of the day as well as specialty coffee drinks, smoothies, ice-cream, homemade pies, fresh baked cookies and more! Weekend hours started in September: Saturdays 10a.m.- 3p.m. and Sundays 11a.m.- 3p.m.

The Market is open Monday - Friday 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and is stocked with a variety of hygiene items, fresh flowers, snacks, home decor and gift items. The weekend hours at The Market are Saturdays 10a.m.- 3p.m. and Sundays noon-3p.m. The Market is ran by volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Shana Smith at 316-283-4770 ext 1248.



Shear Generations is now open in the new Assisted Living building. It is open on Fridays and offers services including haircuts, colors, perms, pedicures and many others. To schedule an appointment please call 316-283-4770 ext 1124.

The Fitness Center is available to the residents and staff at Asbury Park. The hours are daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. The center provides a safe environment with a variety of exercise equipment for those who wish to continue a healthy lifestyle. A doctors release is required for all residents who do use the center. For more information please contact Janet Fulmer at 316-283-4770 ext 1112.



# Memorials and Tributes, Wills and Bequests

March 28, 2014 - August 18, 2014

**M**any times we want to honor those who have made a difference in our lives, but we are just not sure how to do this. Asbury Park can help you find ways to honor friends and loved ones such as Memorials and Tributes through donations sent to Asbury Park.

Find out how you can **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** in the lives of Asbury Park's elders through Memorials, Tributes, Planned Giving or Volunteering by contacting:

**Shana Smith**  
**Vice President of Development**  
**(316) 283-4770 ext. 1248**  
**shanas@asbury-park.org**

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« G. Peter Kohl

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« Elinor Keesling

### **Robert Coats**

« Ralph & Carolyn Wilson

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« Elinor Keesling

### **Jeanne Hanni**

« Elinor Keesling

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## Employee Giving Fund

Employees can do a lot for any company they work for, but the employees at Asbury Park do more than just work, they give back to the residents. Each employee who participates donates either through a payroll deduction or unused time off with pay to the Employee Giving Fund. About 60 employees participate and choose how much they give. Each year the total amount donated by the employees is roughly \$17,000 with 50% going to the Good Samaritan Fund and the remainder to a special employee project.

Every six months the

employees get together and make a list of things they would like to see the money go toward.

Some of the past purchases made with the Employee Giving Fund include:

- Big Screen TV
- Rescue Chair
- Towel Warmers
- Outdoor Games for Residential Care
- Bedside Night Stands
- 5 new Wheelchairs
- CPR Instructor Certification & manikins
- Bike Rack for employees and guests





# Remembering our past . . . Embracing the future

Have you thought about honoring those that make a difference in your life? Asbury Park is pleased to offer a unique opportunity for your support to be acknowledged in perpetuity when you sponsor a brick in front of our Chapel. Your brick, personally engraved with your name, the name of your family, business or loved one, will enhance the entrance to our Chapel. When you sponsor a brick, you are creating a lasting legacy of your support. Asbury Park kicked off its first drive of the brick pavers in January and placed an order March 1st.

This is an on-going campaign and we will place orders as we receive requests. With the first order we placed 45 bricks in front of our Chapel. If you are interested please fill out the information below or contact:

**Shana Smith**  
Vice President of Development  
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## Brick Donors

These are people who have donated bricks for the second order.

Richard and Dorothy Bradford  
Mary Brodie  
Duane Harms  
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Clifford Knauss  
Carla Labus  
Dick and Margie McGlachin

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William Young

-----✂-----YES! Etch my name in Asbury Park's history with a personalized brick-----✂-----

Purchaser's Name

Street Address

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Daytime Phone Email Address

☐ My brick is a gift. Please send a gift card with my name to:

Name

Street Address

City State Zip

Daytime Phone Email Address

Payment Info:

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Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make checks payable to Asbury Park.  
Your payment is a tax deductible contribution.  
A confirmation letter will be mailed to you.

Check off the size of brick(s) you are ordering and print the information exactly as you would like it to appear.

Maximum 14 characters per line

(space/punctuation = 1 character)

Mail this order form to: Asbury Park, 200 SW 14th, Newton, KS 67114

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John Doe  
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*Save the Date!*

*Please Join us on February 13, 2015 for  
our Annual Valentines' Fundraiser!*

*February 13th, we will be hosting our Annual Valentines' fundraiser at  
the Historic Fox Theatre in downtown Newton. Come out for an evening  
of entertainment and once again a live auction. Watch for more details!*

For more information call **Shana Smith** at **316-283-4770 ext. 1248**  
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