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Care Center News

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Resident Given France's Highest Medal of Honor For War Bravery in Assisted Living Ceremony

There are so many stories just waiting to be told among our assisted living residents! Would you have imagined we had a military hero among us who helped in the process of liberating France during World War II?

Sargeant Glen "Chuck" Schuster may be getting some years on his body at age 94, but he is not a forgotten man. The French found him at the Church of Christ Assisted Living and wanted to honor him with their highest medal, the Legion D'Honneur! This medal was presented in person by Frederic Chole, Deputy Consul General of France on December 19, 2017.

Chuck told us how his air force team left a bombing squadron after losing an engine and they were low on fuel. Chuck was the radio operator on the B24 Liberator Bomber. They were bombing Nazi supply units shown them by the FFI (French Forces of the Interior.) They made an emergency landing in their damaged plane, on a field in northern France. There was a 500-pound bomb in the landing path, and the plane crashed when the wheel hit the bomb. All 10 crewmen fortunately lived!

They were surrounded by French forces who thought they may be the German enemy, but Chuck used his limited French to exclaim, "Nous avons Americain!" Thank you for your service Chuck!



Chuck Schuster ABC interview



Chuck Schuster with CEO, Julie Maher



WELLS FARGO AND AMERISURE presented their top safety award to the Church of Christ Care Center in December 2017. There was only one reportable incident to take place at the Care Center in a one-year period. Congratulations staff!

What's New?

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Phase I: "Restoring the Radiance" Improvements Underway Fundraising Begins for Phase II with Anonymous Gift

Residents, family, and staff are excited to see walls coming down and other preparations under way to restore the radiance of our beautiful assisted living. The builder has indicated the Phase I improvements will be done in about 8 weeks. Perhaps a little longer with the difficult weather we have all experienced.



Doug Edwards
Director of Philanthropy

What better way to launch a campaign to raise \$100,000 than to have a \$20,000 anonymous gift made almost immediately? Now we are asking friends of the Church of Christ Care Center to match that gift to help us move forward. With nearly \$40,000 already received, we hope to raise the balance by early summer.

We anticipate using the proceeds from the Steak and Corn Roast in August as well as the Fall Golf Classic in September to go towards this project. My hope is that we can exceed the funds we need to raise for building the porte-cochere in Phase II, so that we can put some of that funding towards Phase III. We are praying for great success in our events to help us move forward in what is planned to renew the whole assisted living building. If our events, raise \$20,000, we will only need to call on donor friends to help with another \$40,000 to finish the task on Phase II. Thank you loyal friends!



Yes, I want to care for residents through facility upgrades!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____

Please Acknowledge to: _____

Credit Card #: _____

Enclosed is a gift of \$ _____ to be used for:

Expiration Date: _____ CVV: _____

Call me so I may give my credit card info over the phone.

- Assisted Living Upgrades and porte-cochere

Please remember the Church of Christ Care Center in your will or trust:

Other _____

I would like to discuss my **will or trust and estate planning.**

If you wish to make a gift online, please go to:

Please send me information about starting an **endowment.**

www.cofccc.org/waystogive

Memorial and Honor Gifts from November 16, 2017 through February 28, 2018

In Loving Memory Of:

Gail Bing

Megan Mahon

Larry Bouman

Martha E. Bouman

Vernon Boyd

Alice Boyd

Jim and Nell Chamblee

George and Jeanne Price

Graydon and Edna Chester

Martha Bouman

Ray Colonius

James and Bonnie Gatewood

Dylan Corbet

William (Bill) and Jean Thomas

Tammy DiStefano

William (Bill) and Jean Thomas

William and Alice Gillespie

Fredrick Gillespie
Allen and Frances Gillespie

Bernadine Graham

Eugene and Gail Bedard

Vern and Opal Hampton

Dean Hampton

Jim and Lois Harrington

Gary and Donna Ablett

Asa Harris

Jeanette Harris

Mable Johnson

Robert Johnson

Art Kilgore

Doris (Jeanne) Kilgore

David Kosuth

Joanne Shinsky

Rose Kujawski

Mark and Cynthia Kujawski

Mary Jean Wilson-Langford

Mark and Cindy Wilson

Louise McCann

Robert and Sharon Shook
Steven and Ramona Amorati
Nancy Majikas

Mary McQuillan

Marilyn Markey

Richard Messier

Nancy Messier

Marie Miller

Randall and Linda Coss

Wesley Miller

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Orvis and Ann Oliver

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Jeffrey and Kathleen Gillespie
Mike and Connie Deyak
George and Mary Tewksbury
Jim and Janis Gura
Jack and Ilene Talbot
Paul and Barbara Schultz
Evelyn Metty
Ann Spinck
Dave Conte

Charles and Marilyn Thornbro

Advanced Time Management

Nola Tucker

Edith E. Tucker

Ada William

Jeanette Williams

In honor of:

Irene Manowski

Theodore and Kathleen Hodges

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CHURCH OF CHRIST CARE CENTER IS RANKED IN THE TOP 15% OF ALL NURSING HOMES IN THE NATION!



Best Nursing Homes 2017-18



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Honor Gifts Given *in honor of:*

Tom and Sarah Cardwell
Ramona Cardwell

Donato and Mona Daddario
Ramona Cardwell

Tina Lentz
Ron and Catherine Englehart

John Mikle
Patricia Mikle

Violet Sites
Robert and Sondra Danforth

Ethel Withrow
John Paul II and Irene Moody



Marketing Director, Linda Tropp poses with resident, Elizabeth Schaez

Keeping our beautiful assisted living building filled with wonderful folks like Liz (above) is Linda Tropp's goal. While we are not yet totally full, the numbers are going up. Better talk to Linda soon!

Linda has begun a "Friends and Family" focus to get current families to tell their friends about this marvelous place to live!

Linda is a person with high energy and always looking for ways to improve our campus by welcoming new guests across our campus.



Dan: "Doug...OK! I understand why you need a porte-cochere, but can't I give you the check inside?" Doug: "Dan Bateman...thanks for the wonderful check. I just wanted you to know how your mom feels each time you take her out in this weather." Dan: "I wish I could do more, Doug, as this is probably just a "drop in the bucket" for what you need." Doug: "I trust others will help too, Dan."



Julie Maher (center) proudly holds the Wells Fargo and Amerisure award for top safety performance across our campus. Managers and staff put in many hours of diligent work to ensure that our residents are safe in this facility. The Church of Christ Care Center has been receiving great reviews for its work in Macomb County. Congratulations employees for your dedicated work!

Is There a Chaplain in the House? Jim MacKenzie Cares for Our Residents

Jim MacKenzie served as Youth and Family minister in Michigan at the Livonia Church of Christ before moving out of state. Jim eventually moved to Colorado to serve a 600 member Church of Christ as senior minister.

“We were pleased to find someone with Jim’s experience and skills to fill the role needed here at our campus in Clinton Township as full-time chaplain,” stated Doug Edwards. Jim wanted to return to Michigan and this placed him closer to his dad, a Canadian resident in Ontario, who died recently at age 98.



Jim MacKenzie and Residents during a morning devotional in assisted living

Church of Christ Care Center to Offer Programs for Churches and Community

“We have long been talking the talk, but I believe we are finally getting out of the gate to offer informational exchanges for churches and our communities,” exclaimed Julie Maher. “Golden Agers and seniors at various churches have been asking for information, but we are finally scheduling to make it happen. People need basic information but do not always know where to get it.”



Julie Maher, CEO

The following churches have requested some kind of seminar or information exchange and others are anticipated.

There are no charges for these events, but please call ahead and register to insure there is space. **If you wish to schedule a seminar, please call Judy Morphy at 586-285-7104.**

Places Scheduled for 2018:

Royal Oak Church of Christ—Saturday, April 21 9:00–11:00 a.m.
115 S. Campbell, Royal Oak 48067 (248)-548-1333

North Broadway Church of Christ —Tuesday, May 8 11:00 a.m.
260 N. Broadway St., Mt. Clemens, MI 48043 (586)-463-6931

Elmwood Park Church of Christ—Saturday, May 12 10:00-1:00
2001 Antietam Avenue, Detroit, MI 48207 (313)-567-4027

Megan Keeps Our Residents Active!

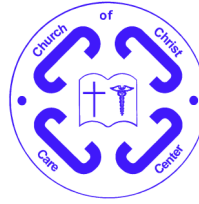
Megan Durrant is not only an outstanding activities director, she is a capable artist with a Masters in Art to back it up! She has done a great job keeping the residents very active at Assisted Living. Now, she has gotten some of those residents active in drawing and painting!

She requested turning an apartment into an art studio and the residents love it! What a wonderful opportunity for our residents to keep learning and stay active.



Megan’s aspiring artists at work in the art studio

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A Touch of Country

Hear the music of
Devin Scillian and
Arizona Son!
Devin will also
share his story.



Saturday, August 18

Church of Christ Care
Center Campus

Devin Scillian is the
news anchor for
NBC channel 4 Detroit

children's book writer

Detroit Music Award
Best Country Performer!

STEAK AND CORN ROAST WITH DEVIN SCILLIAN AND ARIZONA SON!