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*Cornerstone Council members in attendance at the luncheon: front row from left: Virginia Rumpfelt; Sharon Hamilton; and Patty Calanni, Northwest Insurance Services. Back row from left: Tom Holt, member and Lutheran President and CEO; Debbie Brandow, Allied Alarm Services; Gwen Axelson, Lutheran Development Officer; and Mike Roberts, Allied Alarm Services.*

## **Touching Lives Club Luncheon**

In May, over 70 community members attended the Lutheran Foundation's annual donor luncheon honoring members of the 2016 Touching Lives Club and members of the Juliet Anderson Rosch Society. The Touching Lives Club recognizes donors for their annual giving, while the Rosch Society recognizes donors who have established planned gifts in support of Lutheran's residents.

"You all do so much for Lutheran and everyone we serve. The things we do would not be possible without your generous support," said Gwen Axelson, development officer for the Lutheran Foundation. The Touching Lives Club was created in 2007 to honor donors who give financial gifts in support of all the programs at Lutheran.

One particular program, G.A. Family Services, receives Lutheran Foundation gifts throughout the year. An eighth grader from Frewsburg school district attended the luncheon to talk about her experience in the foster care program, having just been officially adopted, and what donor support meant to her future.

Other programs supported by the Lutheran Foundation are: Edgewood Communities, Senior Life Matters, Lutheran Home and Rehabilitation Center, Hultquist Place Assisted Living Program, Warner Place Medical Model Adult Day Care Program, Grace Community Services, and the RSVP and Foster Grandparent Programs.

"Your contributions enhance the programs and services offered here at Lutheran. You make a difference in the lives of everyone we serve," said Tom Holt, president and CEO of Lutheran. New members of Lutheran's Cornerstone Council were also recognized at the event. Cornerstone Council members are individuals or businesses who have given \$10,000 cumulatively since 1996 when the Lutheran Foundation was first established.

The new members included EFPR Group, Wade E. Elliott, William and Kathleen Evans, and Thomas and Carol Maier.



## A Message from the Development Officer

Time does march on, as they say. Here we are nearing the end of 2017 already, and Christmas is less than two months away! I am so thankful to all of you for all that you do for Lutheran and everyone we serve. You and your support and commitment to Lutheran make it possible for us to serve our community.

You made the spring appeal a success, with gifts totaling \$12,680! Tom Holt, President/CEO, is grateful to you for the support you have shown for his appeal; raising \$5,400 in just a few months! Thank you so very, very much for all that you do!

The Fourteenth Annual Lutheran Charity Golf Tournament was a success again. Thank you to our



**Gwen Axelson**  
*Development Officer*

many generous business partners who contributed over \$63,000 just this year alone! In just fourteen years, our sponsors have raised a net of over \$450,000!

If you would like to participate in the gift brick program, we will be ordering them again in the spring. Bricks are \$75 each, and you choose the special engraving you want. In June, we hold a "brick tea" to dedicate the new bricks, as many are given in memory of a loved one. There is a cut-out form included in this newsletter if you are interested.

My sincere and heartfelt thanks to you for your commitment to our residents and to Lutheran. You are definitely making a difference in the lives of many!

*Gwen Axelson*

## Warner Place Update

We're proud to announce the promotion of Sandra Gilbert, BSN, RN, as the new Director for the Warner Place Medical-Model Adult Day Health Care Program at Lutheran. Warner Place, the region's only medical-model adult day health care program, provides skilled nursing services to individuals during the day to allow them to remain home with their families in the evening.

Sandy is a Jamestown resident and has been employed at Lutheran for five years. She began her career as a Home Health Aide with the Hultquist Place Assisted Living Program in 2012. While working, Gilbert graduated from the Nursing Program at Jamestown Community College to become a Registered Nurse and then went on to receive her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Daemen College in Amherst, New York. Most recently, she was a Case Manager for Hultquist Place.

In her new role, Gilbert oversees day-to-day operations



**Sandra Gilbert, DSN, RN**  
*Director of Warner Place*

of Warner Place and its nursing staff; which includes licensed RNs, LPNs, CNAs, COTAs; as well as other professionals to provide a continuum of care for those in the program. The purpose of Warner Place is to allow those in need of medical attention the ability to stay at home longer and avoid stays in a nursing home setting. Skilled nursing services offered by Warner Place include physical, occupational, and speech therapies; wound care; meal delivery or tube feeding; medication administration; bathing, and more.

"I'm truly honored to be part of such an amazing organization and program. The best part about my job and Warner Place is that it provides safety for our registrants and peace of mind for their families," said Gilbert. "It is also rewarding to see how excited they get when they are able to experience the community through our day trips. These are activities that they may not have had the opportunity to do in the past," she said.



## Hultquist Place Update

National Assisted Living Week was celebrated from September 10th to the 16th this year with the theme 'Family is Forever' as its focus. Hultquist Place began the week by acknowledging the contributions our residents make in others' lives as Grandparents. Mind, Body and Soul day involved a

town meeting with local politicians, where the residents expressed their concerns regarding the opioid crisis in our area and the status of their social security monies. An introduction to Tai Chi was presented, along with a musical offering from a local group held in the gazebo. Education Day involved a review of local history, a speaker from the Fenton Museum, and an Alzheimer's/ Dementia program open to residents and their families. On Harvest Day, we celebrated our 11th anniversary with



a traditional Thanksgiving feast and "acorn" bingo. To celebrate and thank our maintenance and housekeeping staff for their outstanding service, a social with root beer floats was hosted by the residents. Family Fun Day found us playing games together on the lawn, enjoying music, sharing

family traditions, and enjoying a chicken barbecue lunch. To round off the week, we celebrated Carnival Day with exercise, carnival games, a lunch "ordered off the midway" and an outdoor concert from the Kokomo Band, whose island tunes invoked singing, dancing, and laughter for all residents and staff involved. We had a wonderful week, and the residents appreciated the efforts of the Activities Department in planning and coordinating this very special time.

## G.A. Update

The Regional Permanency Grant Program is currently in the start-up phase. The PRC provides services to prevent disruptions in homes where parents have adopted a foster child. We provide counseling, activities, and community resources to the youth and family to have a successful transition of adoption. It is believed that adding these additional services will reduce the chances that a youth will return into the foster care system. We are working with three families, consisting of eight youth and six adults. Soon, there will be an additional eleven families consisting of thirty-eight and twenty-two adults receiving services

A new program at G.A. is the Pathways Supervised Visitation Program. The Pathways Program provides supervised visitation in the West Seneca office. It is currently serving over thirty-seven families each week with outreach efforts occurring to increase referrals.

G.A. Family Services recently completed a strategic planning process, and the committee is focusing on



*G.A. staff poses at Foster Family Picnic.*

expanding its community-based services. A second group is looking at a program model that would provide specialized services to sexually exploited youth.

The G.A. Learning Center started the school year at full capacity of 41 students. The Department of Education recently increased our capacity to 50 students. This year, three new school districts have begun sending us student referrals: Southwestern, Salamanca and Fredonia.

The Foster Care Program has been busy hosting foster family picnics and having information tables at local fairs, rodeos, and community functions to raise awareness regarding the need for foster parents. Over \$1,000 was raised at the Erie County Fair to assist foster parents in purchasing school supplies for the youth in care. The Accountability and Responsibility Program that provides after-school programming for at-risk youth in the Jamestown area continues to receive high praises from parents and the community members.



## Jan Basile Retires

Long-time Lutheran employee, Jan Basile, announced her retirement after 36 years with our organization! Shortly after she began working for Lutheran, Jan explained how overwhelming the job was for her. There were many days where she considered quitting and also felt that she was not meeting her boss' expectations. However, Jan used this as an opportunity to prove herself and her supervisor that she could be the best employee she could be!

When asked how she felt about retirement, Jan said: "It will be a bittersweet parting from the organization I have served for so many years. I have formed so many lasting friendships with staff and residents, and I thank the organization



*Pam Nordin & Jan Basile pose for a photo at her retirement party.*

for taking a chance on me 36 years ago when I walked in to Lutheran Social Services with no experience in the medical field, but a willingness and eagerness to learn a new job."

Jan plans to continue to work on a part-time basis at Brigiotta's doing bookkeeping, as she has done for many years. She also stated she cannot wait to spend time with her first grandchild, Penelope, and watch her grow!

In discussing her job and career here at Lutheran, Jan said: "It's sad to leave; I've spent more than half of my life here. If you love it though, you don't ever give up."

## Best of Times

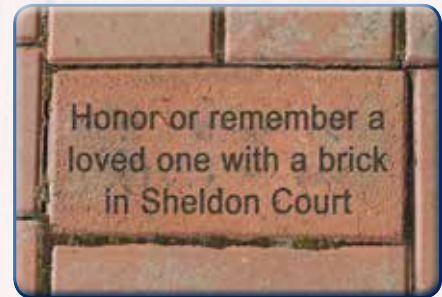
The staff at our Senior Life Matters program field questions from the community throughout the year on many topics including long term care insurance, retirement, health care proxies, and more. However, the most popular topic of discussion that comes up is Medicare! With open enrollment upon us, two programs were held in early October to discuss changes to the Medicare program coming in 2018. The two programs were part of Edgewood's Best of Times Seminar Series, which is held throughout the year and features a variety of educational topics. Between the two nights, nearly 300 people attended and had an opportunity to have their personal questions answered by our knowledgeable staff, Janell Sluga, geriatric care manager certified and masters of public administration, and Erin Green.







*Gwen Axelson, development officer, thanked everyone in attendance at the annual Brick Tea, as all the proceeds from the program benefit all the residents at Lutheran.*



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## Brick Tea

Lutheran held its annual "brick tea" celebration in June to dedicate all the new bricks that were added to Sheldon Court. Linda Paterniti, a resident of the Lutheran Home, provided special music, playing her guitar and singing. We at Lutheran thank all of you who have supported this program over the years. This year we thank: Jennifer Anderson, Leslie Eich, Laura Felice, Friends of Sequoia, the family of Shirley Gutierrez, Rhoe and Sharron Henderson, Steve and Caryl Herson, Hultquist Place Resident Council, Nathaniel and Mary Jane Kirkland, Marie Lindahl, Lutheran Home Resident Council, William and Roslin Newton, Jon Peterson, Josephine Sczempka, Sue Spencer, William Steubing, Sue Wilcox, and Bonna Westerlund.

Orders are placed every spring. If you are interested, just complete the form and return to Gwen Axelson.

### "Brick Pathway In Sheldon Court"

Purchaser's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Price Per Brick is \$75 • Please return by May 4, 2018**

**Payable to: Lutheran Foundation**

Number Of Inscribed Bricks You Wish To Purchase: \_\_\_\_\_

*Each brick may be inscribed with up to 3 lines of 14 to 20 characters (including spaces) on each line.*

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## GALC Fun with Foam



The youth and staff at G.A. Learning Center had an outdoor picnic party complete with petting zoo, fortune telling, face painting, dunk tank, and a special FOAM PIT! The event was held to celebrate the end of summer and all the successes that the summer school students had achieved. G.A.L.C. staff sat in the dunk tank with students trying their hardest to sink their favorite teachers, and all the students enjoyed the foam pit in the sunshine. Special thank you to the Falconer Volunteer Fire Department for helping us with the foam. The event was made possible because of your generosity.



## Lutheran Announces New Executive Director for Grace Community Services

Michele Crisafulli has been announced as the new Executive Director for Grace Community Services in Rochester. Michele has over 17 years of experience serving children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Michele worked for Lifetime Assistance, Inc., as a Community Living Instructor, Senior Manager QMRP (Qualified Mental Retardation Professional), and Assistant Director as well as ARC of Onondaga as a Program Coordinator QMRP.



“Michele interviewed with various employees and board members to get to know all sides of our organization. She presented herself as a humble yet capable and caring leader with a lot to offer our organization,” said Tom Holt, president and CEO for Lutheran.

## 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party at the Rosch Center



Edgewood Communities had a terrific celebration for its annual “nonagenarian” birthday party to honor all its residents who turn 90 in 2017. This year, eight residents turned 90 in 2017. Evelyn Sundholm was recognized for being 100! Cupcakes and coffee were served by staff and volunteers, while everyone enjoyed the entertainment provided by Tom Bender of Buffalo, who sang the golden oldies. In the photo above are: Betty Kelly, Evelyn Sundholm, Frank Stefanelli, Gladys Morse, Lois Strickler, and Mary Lingenfelter. Absent from the photo are Harold Olson, Ted Larson, and Nora Mae Schwab.



## LHRC Survey

For the first time ever, the Lutheran Home and Rehabilitation Center received ZERO deficiencies during the Department of Health's annual survey. While this survey is a snapshot in time of five days, it is evident of the high quality of care that is delivered here every day; and this high quality of care is possible because of the generosity and commitment of our donors. Thank you so very much!

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## GALC Graduates

Five students from the Gustavus Adolphus Learning Center were awarded for their hard work and success with their commencement ceremony held in June. Three students are residents at G.A., as well as students at the Learning Center. Two are day students from Cassadaga Valley and Panama. Four of the five students are going on to college, with the other entering the workforce. The graduates enjoyed a senior trip to Darien Lake and were the guests of honor at a luncheon put on by staff for them and their families. The graduates were given great advice during commencement from former G.A. residents and GALC students, Britany W. (2008-2009) and Mark B. (2005-2008). Britany and Mark shared with the graduates the lessons they learned while living and attending school here and also gave advice on the things they learned once they left G.A. Britany and Mark also thanked the staff members for helping them achieve success during their stay at G.A., as well as in their lives now.

## Chautauqua Lake's Summer Wind Boat Ride

Senior Housing and Hultquist Place teamed up for a boat ride on Chautauqua Lake's Summer Wind. The day was perfect for the pizza cruise. Reservations for the trip filled up quickly as residents took advantage of re-connecting with friends. Many Edgewood Residents drove themselves or carpooled to Celeron, but some rode on the Lutheran van. For their next adventure, Edgewood is planning a trip to the Seneca Allegany Casino on November 14 to see the #1 Elvis entertainer in the world. He was the winner of the 2015 Images of Elvis Contest in Memphis, TN.





## Remembering Gordon Black

The Board of Directors of Lutheran and the Lutheran Foundation said good-bye in May to a very dedicated board member – Gordon W. Black. Gordie was a long-time active board member here at Lutheran, serving on the Senior Housing Board and then most recently the Lutheran Foundation Board. Gordie and his wife, Sally, are members of the Touching Lives Club, as well as the Juliet Anderson Rosch Society. Gordie always participated in Lutheran's charity



golf tournament. Gordie was very dedicated to Jamestown and served on many boards; such as Jamestown Rotary Club, United Way, Moon Brook Country Club, AAA of Jamestown, and was a founding member of the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation – to name just a few. He and Sally were generous in their time and gifts to Lutheran as well. Gordie is certainly missed by many, and our prayers continue for Sally and the family.



*Pictured with Tom Holt, President/CEO of Lutheran (far right) is the winning team from Medline Industries: Earl Bell, Terry Turner, Caroline Allin, and Betsy Morando. Thank you to **M & T BANK** and **MANNING & NAPIER** for serving as our title sponsors.*

## Thank You!

Lutheran gives a big **THANK YOU** to all the sponsors and supporters of our Fourteenth Annual Lutheran Charity Golf Tournament that was recently held at the Moon Brook Country Club.

The sponsors of the Lutheran Charity Golf Tournament have made it possible to invest nearly \$500,000 to enhance the care and services at Lutheran. Lutheran is the 'go to' resource for senior services.

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