



Clare Gardens, Year 2

Clare Gardens is back! After a successful pilot year in 2015, our community farm in Burlington, WI is expanding this year. Our farming area has almost doubled, and we have now begun offering shares in Clare Gardens to our organizational partners. With the support of Town Bank, we are also providing weekly shares to the Riverwest Food Pantry, allowing the ministry of Clare Gardens to impact those in most in need in our community.

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Welcome to Flatley's!

The newest neighborhood hot spot is now just an elevator ride away for residents of Milwaukee Catholic Home! Flatley's, on the first floor of The Residence at 2462 N. Prospect Avenue, opened this July and is being enjoyed by residents, family and friends.

The bar will be open Tuesday through Sunday every week. We hope you'll stop by for happy hour with us! See inside for details on hours and more.

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from the CEO...

One of my favorite books is *The Great Good Place*, by Ray Oldenburg. In it, Oldenburg talks about "third places," the community spaces outside of home and work where people informally gather to be part of each other's lives: the corner bar, the coffee shop, the park. He calls these places "the heart of a community's social vitality."



At Milwaukee Catholic Home, we talk often about the importance of giving our residents great experiences. This starts with our staff and their compassionate service, and continues with a monthly calendar of great events, from concerts to talks to outings to museums and restaurants.

However, our goal is to go beyond these pre-scheduled events, and to provide the space for residents and their family and friends to create experiences for themselves. We want to foster an environment where meaningful encounters between people lead to a stronger sense of community and belonging,

and ultimately to great shared memories!

As a parent, I often feel the pressure to plan that perfect trip or event that my kids will always remember. But that doesn't always mean a trip to Europe or expensive concert tickets: sometimes it just means having a campfire in the backyard or snuggling on the couch watching a movie. These are the experiences that truly shape who we are, and make us more fully human.

I'll see you at Flatley's!

David Fulcher, CEO

experience

Life at MCH



▲ Residents at Patio Pops



▲ The MCH employee softball team and resident coaches



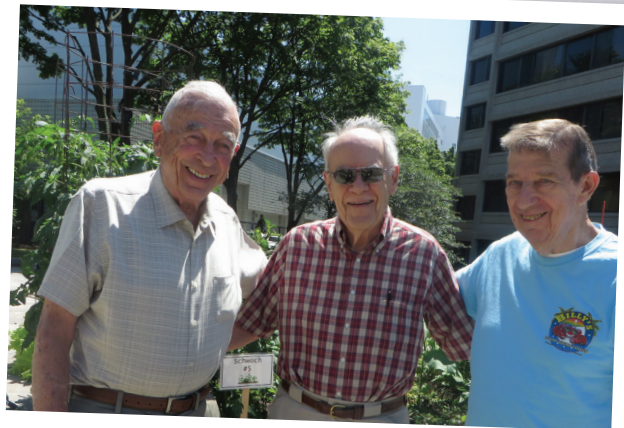
▲ A surrey ride by the lakefront at our annual picnic



▲ Father's Day cookout in the Health and Rehab Center courtyard



▲ Miss Wisconsin pays a visit to Milwaukee Catholic Home for State Fair Week



▲ Friends at a garden party

► Welcome to Flatley's

Flatley's is the new favorite place for residents to enjoy a drink and time with friends. The space is on the first floor of The Residence at 2462 N. Prospect, and features a full bar, comfortable seating, and access to the patio, including a new deck with beautiful fire features.

The bar is named for longtime resident Bernie Flatley, who made a generous gift in support of the project. Family and friends joined him for a special event in his honor to open the new space.

Adjoining Flatley's is an additional space with large armchairs and floor to ceiling windows. The Marquette Lounge is named for the group of Catholic women from the Marquette Women's League who founded MCH in 1913.



▲ The man of the hour – Bernie Flatley celebrates the opening

The space is open for residents and families to enjoy at any time, and the bar is open for business Tuesday – Saturday, 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm. We'll see you there! ■



▲ The space was designed by Groth Design Group

► Clare Gardens Year 2

Clare Gardens began in spring of 2015, in partnership with the Franciscan Friars of the Assumption BVM Province. A total of 2.5 acres of fruits, vegetables and flowers were farmed using organic practices on the Franciscans' property in Burlington, WI.

The mission of Clare Gardens is to bring fresh, local produce to the older adult residents of Milwaukee Catholic Home and to create a place of experiential engagement both for residents and the broader community. Additionally, the program enables

Milwaukee Catholic Home chefs to explore creative, healthy and diverse menus.

Clare Gardens' first growing season exceeded expectations, with around 19,000 pounds of food produced. In 2016, the farm will be extended over 4 acres, with the intention of increasing yield to between 30,000 and 35,000 pounds.

Partners who have purchased shares have been receiving a weekly delivery of farm-fresh produce,

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➤ which will continue over the course of 20-24 weeks in late spring, summer and early fall. Organizations who have committed to the purchase of a share include Clement Manor, St. John's on the Lake, and the Jewish Home and Care Center.



Additionally, Milwaukee Catholic Home has established a partnership with the Riverwest Food Pantry (RFP), a food assistance ministry that serves MCH's Milwaukee neighborhood. RFP will receive a share of Clare Gardens produce through the financial support of both MCH and Town Bank.

"At Milwaukee Catholic Home, we emphasize whole-person wellness, and healthy eating is a significant part of that," said MCH CEO Dave Fulcher. "We are excited to be able to offer other organizations who serve older adults, as well as the Riverwest Food Pantry, the opportunity to reap the benefits of the Clare Gardens project."

If you're interested in learning more about the project and how you can become involved, contact Chris Reinheimer at 414.220.3211 or creinheimer@milwaukeecatholichome.org. ■

- ▼ Representatives from Town Bank recently stopped by to present a check to fund the share of Clare Gardens produce going to the Riverwest Food Pantry.



Sunday *Spirit* Series

MCH is offering residents, family and friends a new opportunity to grow in their faith through a series of Sunday evening talks with spiritual themes. In July, we hosted the dynamic and engaging Fr. John Burns, a priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, who talked to us about the Catholic prayer tradition known as Eucharistic Adoration.

On October 23, we'll be joined by Dr. Neal Pease, a professor of history at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Dr. Pease has focused his scholarly career on the role of Catholicism in the history of Poland, and is also the editor-in-chief of *The Polish Review*. His talk, "The Land St. John Paul II Called Home: An Introduction to Poland and its Catholic Heritage," is especially topical with the recent World Youth Day held in Krakow, Poland, as well as MCH's pilgrimage to Poland planned for 2017!

The talk will be held in the St. Anne Chapel at 6:30 pm, followed by a reception in Flatley's. RSVP to Linda Cardinale at 414.220.3216 or lcardinale@milwaukeecatholichome.org.



Moments to Remember: Ignatian Wisdom for Aging

Our annual retreat will be held from Monday, September 26 through Wednesday, September 28, led by noted retreat leaders Fr. Gene Merz, SJ and Sr. Carol Ann Smith, SHCJ. All are welcome to join us for some or all of the retreat events! Retreat activities begin at 10 am each day, and conclude with Mass at 4 pm. To register, or for more information, contact Linda Cardinale at 414.220.3216 or lcardinale@milwaukeecatholichome.org. Please indicate if you would like to join us for lunch.



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FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thursday, October 20, 10:00AM – 3:00PM

The Residence at 2462 N. Prospect Avenue

Please join us as we celebrate this year's harvest from Clare Gardens, with pumpkins, home-made salsa, raffles, fresh bakery, specialty vendors of gifts and crafts, and more! For more information, contact Amy O'Connor at 414.220.3214 or aoconnor@milwaukeeecatholichome.org

LIVING HISTORY: THE CIVIL WAR

Tuesday, November 11th, 1:30PM

The Residence at 2462 N Prospect Avenue

Experience the Civil War come to life with an

entertaining and educational performance from the Theatre Program at the Civil War Museum in Kenosha. For more information or to RSVP, contact Linda Cardinale at 414.220.3216 or lcardinale@milwaukeeecatholichome.org.

PAINTING ON THE PATIO

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 4:30PM - 6:00PM (rain or shine!)

Friends of MCH are invited to participate in an instructor-led group painting class on the Patio at 2462 N. Prospect Avenue. Refreshments to be served. \$10 per person. For more information or to RSVP, contact Linda Cardinale at 414.220.3216 or lcardinale@milwaukeeecatholichome.org.

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