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Mount Healthy Christian Home
Mason Christian Village
MCV Health Care Facility
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New Buses For Mason Christian Village *Have Arrived!*



*L-R Craig Schwarting, Executive Director;
Scott Gibson, Village Manager; Linda Kurzynski, Com-
munity Life Services Director; Linda Kramer, driver; J.
Donald Sams, CEO*

Gifts That Made This Possible

J. Donald Sams

The Robert and Christine Steinmann Family Foundation - Robert and Christine Steinmann were a couple who had a great interest in the medical field. Robert Steinmann owned his own drug company in the Walnut Hills area and Christine was a nurse. Mr. Steinmann provided the medication needs for the residents at the Mt. Healthy Christian Home during the early years of the Home. During their lifetime they set up a foundation for the purpose of funding charitable causes after they were gone. The Foundation Directors have the responsibility to manage the Foundation and make periodic distributions to charitable causes.

Mason Christian Village presented to the Foundation Directors the need for a bus to transport residents for grocery shopping, events off the campus, and other activities. We are most grateful for their generous gift.

Also, the **Auxiliary** and **residents** of the Village have been raising funds to help fill in the gap between what the Steinmann Foundation gave and the cost of the van. They had flower sales, bake sales and a number of other activities that raised over \$10,000.

Due to the size of Mason Christian Village and the health care center, one bus was not going to accommodate all the needs. The bus on the right was purchased outright by funds from the Steinmann Foundation and the Auxiliary/resident's fund-raising contributions. The larger bus on the left is on lease from the bus company that provided the buses.



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CHRISTIAN BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

The Christian Benevolent Association of Greater Cincinnati, established by the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ, reflects Jesus' concern and compassion for all people. Our mission is to develop communities designed to provide secure, quality living in a Christian environment. This ministry is directed especially to persons in their retirement years.

Consistent with our purpose, the Christian Benevolent Association has established, amid beautiful surroundings, not-for-profit, full-service retirement communities. Our services are dedicated to the enhancement of the spiritual, physical, social, cultural, and emotional well-being of each resident in an environment that recognizes and promotes personal dignity.

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Roger Schwartz, CBA's Chief Financial Officer, has been working closely with HUD to refinance MCV Health Care Facilities. The purpose was:

1) reduce the interest rate; 2) to provide additional funds to build a new rehab wing with 20 new, private nursing rooms. The refinance was finalized the last week of December, 2011. The interest rate was reduced to 4.13%. We appreciate the many, many hours Roger devoted to this cause. You may recall the Mt. Healthy Christian Home was refinanced in 2010 with a 3.97% interest rate.

This has opened the door for us to build the new health care wing. However, it is a long process. We will work through all the avenues of obtaining the Certificate of Need and purchasing nursing beds, along with other events that must happen before we break ground. Stayed tuned – we hope to start construction by fall of this year.

Now, a subject that often comes to my desk – “Where can I get better interest on my money.” May I suggest you consider a Charitable Gift Annuity that is available through the Christian Benevolent Association? Here are the current rates: Age 70 = 5.1%; Age 75 = 5.8%; 80 = 6.8%; 85 = 7.8%; 90+ = 9.0%. Rates for a two-life annuity are slightly lower than one person. The minimum amount for CBA's CGA is \$5,000. CGA's are not investments per se; they are gifts to CBA.

I want to express my appreciation, especially to the Robert and Christine Steinmann Family Foundation for their generous gift that helped MCV to purchase a bus for our residents. We could not have accomplished this without their help. Also, thanks to all the residents for their gifts, as well. Great things are always accomplished when we work together as a team. Last year the Steinmann Family Foundation provided a special gift to purchase exercise equipment for the new Wellness Center at Mt. Healthy Christian Home. We are very thankful for their generous giving to our ministry.

MHCH Employee of the Year

Audrey Kirielius

By Donna Clifford, Director of Human Resources

Mason Christian Village celebrated our Quarterly Core Value Award winners at a breakfast in Kraemer's Kaffe on February 14. We changed the format of our employee recognition program this year - instead of the traditional Employee of the Month we chose three employees quarterly who exemplify the core values from our mission statement; Service, Excellence and Compassion. Each department head spoke about the honoree(s) from their department and why they were chosen as outstanding examples of our mission. Honorees: Audrey Kirielius, Dora Whicker, Tina Hester, Linda Kramer, Angie Schwartz, Lorna Sutherland, Ben Montoney, April Morgan, Shane Douglass, Jackie Davis, Heather Helton and Don Phillips.



Audrey Kirielius, LPN was honored to receive the 2011 Employee of the Year Award. Audrey has been a valued member of our nursing staff for nearly three years and is a charge nurse in the Garden Apartments. Audrey's compassionate approach to family, job and residents, as well as her strong work ethic, exemplify "Serving with Excellence, Reflecting Jesus' Compassion". We are so proud to congratulate Audrey and all of our honorees. We appreciate them and their dedication to Mason Christian Village, to our residents and to our mission.



Justin Hunnicutt



Dale Lynn



Nellie Lewis

Mt Healthy Christian Home All Stars Announced

By Jan Davis, Human Resources Director

We are proud to announce our All Star team, MVP and Rookie of the Year for 2011. Our employees are nominated by residents, family members, staff and directors for outstanding performance and personifying our mission statement. This year was no exception as our Team is clearly the cream of the crop!

Members of the All Star team are: Paula Beiderbeck, Bonita Dobson, Amber Galloway, Sue Jones, Nakisha Miller, Jay Puckett, Laura Smith, Mandy Stone, Sarah Stapleton and Allana Tolbert. Their hard work and dedication is obvious to all and we appreciate what they do for the residents to enhance their daily lives.

Our Rookie of the year is Justin Hunnicutt. Justin, an LPN in our AI/IL came to us by recommendation from staff in January of 2011. Right away, Justin made a name for himself with his easy going, funny personality and capacity to quickly learn. He became a daddy in 2011 and will gladly show any and all his adorable little girl. Justin has a bright future at Mt Healthy and we look forward to all he will bring to our team.

This year, we couldn't help it: we had to name two MVPs. They are so well liked and bring so much joy, we had to acknowledge both. Dale Lynn is a server in our main dining room. But he does so much more. Every morning, Dale leads the residents in prayer that is heartfelt and met with a resounding AMEN every time. A preacher himself, Dale shares daily scriptures, too, then sets out to minister to our residents in a tangible way by serving them food. Dale aspires to be a chaplain some day, but he already meets spiritual needs daily right now.

Nellie Lewis is an STNA on our skilled nursing floor. After starting here as a PRN aide, Rita McDade, our DON, along with other staff, convinced Nellie she was needed here full time. She finally saw the light and hasn't looked back. Rita states she has no worries when Nellie's on the floor, and she's trusted to be a trainer/mentor to our new hires. Her trainees report they are thoroughly oriented and ready to go after spending time with this dedicated nurse aide. Nellie certainly personifies "Serving with Excellence; Reflecting Jesus' Compassion" to all she encounters.

Bless Your Heart

By Julie Price

February is generally known as the American Heart Health Month and “Go Red for Women” is a national campaign started by the American Heart Association aimed at drawing attention specifically towards women’s heart health. The attention is warranted considering that the CDC, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ranks heart disease as the leading cause of death in the United States and as a major cause of disability. According to the CDC about every 25 seconds an American will have a coronary event. Heart health is especially important to older adults because according to the American Heart Association 82% of people who die of coronary heart disease are 65 or older. Individuals who are aware of their risk factors can make better decisions regarding their own heart health.

In honor of American Heart Health Mt. Healthy Christian Home held two Lunch and Learn Programs called “Bless Your Heart”, in February. The programs were held both at Bridgetown Church of Christ and at Mt. Healthy Christian Home and featured a heart healthy lunch and discussions. Speakers included Nurse Practitioner, Ann Suttman, from Ohio Heart & Vascular, and Director of Nursing, Rita McDade, and licensed Dietician, Sheryl Baumann, from Mt. Healthy Christian Home. In addition to the delicious lunches and interesting discussions there were free blood pressure checks and an introduction to senior fitness. Attendees were encouraged to participate in a short exercise class led by Erin Immell a Certified Senior Fitness Instructor.

Destination... *West Virginia*

By Linda Kurzynski, Director of Community Life Services



On October 14, 2011, 39 Village Voyagers set out for our *Autumn in West Virginia* trip. The highlight of this trip was a rail excursion through the spectacular New River Gorge. We also made a stop at the original Bob Evans Farms in Rio Grande, Ohio during their most popular event, the 41st Annual Farm Festival. Another stop on the trip was at the Blenko Glass Company where we were able to see craftsmen making beautiful glass pieces. On our way home, we stopped in Portsmouth, Ohio to view the 2,000 ft. long Portsmouth Floodwall Murals.

The MCV Village Voyagers group is open to anyone who likes to travel. Future travel plans for 2012 include an early summer motor coach trip to Amish Country in the Shipshewana, Indiana area and a fall trip to Kentucky’s Land Between the Lakes. If you would like information on either of these trips, please contact Linda Kurzynski at 701-3414.



2011 MCV Ambassadors Chorus Christmas Concert

By Lizz Stephens, Marketing Director

Many residents of Mason Christian Village have asked “Do we have guest accommodations at MCV?” Finally, we can answer “YES!” As of December 1, 2011, 7060 Crescent Dr. became a furnished guest house for residents’ friends and families to rent while they visit. There are many hotels in the Mason area, but the guest house allows family and friends to stay on campus close to their loved ones at a lower rate than most other accommodations.

The guest house is rented on a daily rate which includes access to 2 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, a fully equipped kitchen, an attached garage,

linens, towels, and many other comforts of home. Within one week of offering this new amenity, the guest house had 3 reservations. Eventually, the guest house can also be used for potential new residents to reside in for a short stay while they try out the MCV lifestyle and see if our community would be a good fit for them.

At Mason Christian Village, our goal is to serve our residents and we want them to know that when they suggest a new amenity for the Village, we listen! For details and more information on how to rent the MCV guest house, please call our main number at 398-1486.

MCV

Guest House



Are you interested *in moving*
to one of the campuses?

Contact **Julie Price** at Mt. Healthy Christian Home (513) 931-5000 or
Lizz Stephens at Mason Christian Village (513) 398-1486.



MCV Christmas Open Houses

Linda Kurzynski, Director of Community Life Services Team

Mason Christian Village's annual Christmas Open Houses were a great success! Our residents were treated to lots of holiday goodies and treats. The Open Houses provide a perfect opportunity for our residents to reconnect with each other while celebrating the Christmas season. And, a very special thanks to our Food & Beverage Department, Management and Maintenance staffs and the Community Life Services Team for putting together this annual event.



MHCH

Holiday Happenings



By Julie Price, Marketing Director

On Sunday, November 19th Mt. Healthy Christian Home celebrated Thanksgiving by offering residents and families the opportunity to come share a feast with all of the trimmings associated with a traditional Thanksgiving meal. The meal was offered for a reasonable cost and served by Mt. Healthy Christian Home's management staff. Our Executive Director, Brian Giboney, offered the blessing for the meal and expressed his thankfulness for Mt. Healthy Christian Home's residents and families.



Another holiday tradition took place at Mt. Healthy Christian Home on Saturday, December 10th. The Christmas Craft Show is always popular with both residents and their families and is a large fundraiser for Mt. Healthy Christian Home's Auxiliary. This year in addition to the many local crafters, vendors, food, and carriage rides, we welcomed Fairfield Church of Christ's Praise Choir and Sunshine Gang, Mt. Healthy High School's Performing Ensemble Choir, Eden Grove Academy's Student Choir, and Cincinnati Christian Academy's Brass Quintet along with volunteer performers Meredith Oesting and Community Bible Church's worship team, Christina VonHagel, and Joanie Brown who performed throughout the morning and afternoon. The music program was very popular with residents and shoppers and added to an atmosphere of Christmas celebration. If your church choir or children's program would be interested in performing at this year's Craft Show please contact Julie Price, Marketing Director at 513-931-5000. We would love to include you in this fun and festive program.



Memorial & Honor Gifts

Gifts Given October 1 – December 31, 2010

In Memory Of

Ruth Aebi

Janet Pritchard

Mildred Baldwin

Bert and Pat Morris

Henrietta Beitler

Richard Beitler

William Bell

Ailene Bell

Bertha Bierbaum

Linda Thompson

Walter and Ruth Bornemann

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Lila Bounds

Carl and Bettye Oney

Wenona Brandt

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June Crabtree

Robert and Charlotte Ourada

Omalee Dawes

Charles and Jennie Dawes

Janet Dean

Charlene Bracker

Shirley Glorius

Lois Miller

Frieda Denhart

Adele Yung

Wayne Devore

Donald and Selma Devore

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Dorisanne Dimitriou

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David and Janice Carter

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Raymond Eick

Forest Ellis

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Gerald Evans

Susan Babik

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Robert Hill

Eva Hill

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Lillian Hosek

Dwayne and Sharon Stacy

Frances Howe

Peter and Andrea Michael

Samuel Jasper

Gwen Jasper

Charles and Ethel Jones

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Leon Jones

Maryellen Jones

Della Kelly

Dallas and Nora Kelly

William Knaebel

Robert Grundhoefer

Swilfred and Maud Lemons

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Bob and Verna Lierman

Deonna Lierman

Fred Linden

Jeanne Brand

Robert Campbell

Verna Dolle

Mike and Lori Flom

Frederic and Mary Herington

Ruth Rowley

Village Red Hatties

Charles and Velda Matthews

Charlotte Sidler

Raymond McCann

Rose McCann

Dorothy Middleton

Verna Dolle

Shirley Glorius

Robert and Wilma Heideman

Village Red Hatties

Dolores Montanye

John and Joan Smith & Family

Dorothy Natorp

Ken and Nancy Natorp

Topsy New

Arnold and Mona Burge

Betty Overstreet

James Noel

Wilma Noel

George Osterheldt

Virginia Osterheldt

Charles Owen

LaVerne Owen

Paul Payne

Shelby and Mary Payne

Ida Pearson

Ed Pearson

Rose Perkins

Larry and Carole Collins

LifeSpring Christian Church

Phyllis Sanders

Ann Stanley

Gray Peters

Helen Peters

Glenn Pinkerton

Elizabeth Pinkerton

Rachel Potkonicky

Harry and Constance Sowers

William Proudfit

David and Linda Proudfit

Dorothy Proudfit

Jacqueline Roling

Janet Pritchard

Gayle Ryan

Robert Ryan

Raymond and Edith Springer

Goldie Ryan

Robert Ryan



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Mary Sharp

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Blanche Skillman
Charles Skillman

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Ina St. John
John and Phyllis DeBra

Charles Stang
Ruth Stang

LaRue Stanley
Marva Barricklow
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Rolland Steever
Ann Stanley

Catherine Stevenson
Linda Hilgeman

Gene Stukey
Ken and Rosalie Ireland-Eick

Dorothy Tholke
Ken and Rosalie Ireland-Eick

Christeen Thornton
Robert and Shirley Gabbard

J. Dan Thurston
Dorothy Thurston

William Vinson
Louise Vinson

Volunteers of MHCH Gift Shoppe
Vivian Lowe

Donna Wander
Louis Wander

Louis Wander
Ann Stanley

Margo Webb
Ken and Rosalie Ireland-Eick

Clara Lucille Welker
Carolyn Short and Family

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Thelma Chandler

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John and Mary Smith
Frances Wood

Wallace Woolf
Charlotte Woolf

Mrs. Yuellig
Ken and Rosalie Ireland-Eick

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Howard and Sandra Blevins

In Honor Of

Alma "Clio" Adler
Robert and Deborah Adler

Robert Campbell
Winona Spoon

Grace Catlin
Gary and Ruth Claypoole
Mary Myers

Gary and Ruth Claypoole

Bruce and Susan Kelley

Mary Ellen Myers

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Grace Catlin

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Zora Gordin
Wally and Barbara Rendel

Marie Cox
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Tom and Ruth Bobenread
Robert and Charlotte Ourada
Robert and Evelyn Winger

Verna Dolle
Dennis and Barbara Barger

Shirley M. Glorius
Glen and Terri Burkhardt

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Jack and Joy Leistler
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Myrtle J. Mawer
Kenneth and Jinnie Helm
Weston Church of Christ

Henry T. McAdams
Lee and Karen Mason

Richard and Janet Neidhart
in honor of 35th wedding anniversary
Ken and Rosalie Ireland-Eick

Topsy New
Arnold and Mona Burge
Betty Overstreet

Our Children and Grandchildren
Charles and Bonnie Bauer

Mary Pennington
Neville and Joan Pennington

Sarah Ann Rodgers
Edith Owens

Marie W. Rogers
in honor of birthday
Barbara Pettyjohn
Janet Pritchard

J. Donald and Nancy Sams
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Mt. Healthy Christian Home

Mar. 16	St. Patrick's Day Celebration ~ 2:00p
Apr. 6	Good Friday Chapel Service ~ 2:00p
Apr. 9	MHCH Auxiliary Meeting ~ 10:15a
Apr. 17	Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon ~ 12:00p
Apr. 25*	Church Administrative Assistant Luncheon
May 13	Mother's Day Celebration ~ 2:00p
May 16*	Health & Wellness Fair ~ 9:00a-12:00p; Registration ~ 9-10a; Lunch ~ 12:00p
May 24	Memorial Day Service ~ 2:00p

* Reservations Required

Mason Christian Village

Mar. 15	MCV Veterans Assoc. Meeting ~ 10:00a (Chapel)
Mar. 19	Sociables Concert ~ 7:00p (Chapel)
Mar. 21*	Healthy Heart Across the Generations Dinner ~5:30p (Chapel)
Apr. 6	Good Friday Service ~ 11:00a (Chapel)
Apr. 11	Let's Get Acquainted Luncheon ~ 11:00a (Chapel)
Apr. 13-22	Hawaiian Cruise
May 11*	Mother's Day Tea ~ 10:30a (Chapel)
May 14	Men of Faith Concert ~ 7:00p (Chapel)
Jun. 13	Lighten Up with Chef Tim Lightning Healthy Cooking Demo ~ 11:00a (Chapel)

* Reservations Required

Christian Benevolent Association

May 15	CBA Annual Board of Directors Meeting (at MCV) (Affiliate Boards & CBA Foundation for the Aging)
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