A Holiday Tradition!

Christmas cheer abounds at Marian Manor, Vincentian Home and Vincentian de Marillac with the return of the ever-popular Christmas Caring Tree tradition. Hundreds of friends and supporters have helped adorn the trees with ornaments bearing the names of loved ones. You’re invited to be a part of the celebration this year.

Soon, you’ll receive an ornament in the mail with a Christmas letter. Simply return the ornament bearing the name of a loved one with your holiday gift. Some supporters included a family photo on their ornament. If you need an ornament, call Laura at 412-548-4056.

During Christmas week, the Sisters will hold a special blessing ceremony to pray for those whose names are on the Caring Trees.

A Magical Manor Christmas

Marian Manor will glow with the spirit of Christmas at the annual Magical Manor Christmas on Thursday, December 8 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. In addition to the popular luminaria and nativity display, holiday goodies and entertainment from the Duquesne University Singers, Frank Cappelli and the Appalachian Trio will highlight the evening. Most importantly, Santa Claus will take photos with boys and girls of all ages! Residents positively delight in the evening of merriment – and you are cordially invited to join in the fun.

An Exclusive Greeting Card

From Kentucky with love, artist Sr. Marie Becker, SCN, has once again designed Vincentian’s Christmas card, on sale now. Sr. Becker’s artwork graces the cover of the one-of-a-kind card. Bundles of 15 are available for $10 each and can be purchased at the front desk of each home or by calling Laura at 412-548-4056.
"Happily Birthday" will have a brighter — and warmer — meaning for Vincentian residents thanks to a generous donation of more than 300 lap quilts from fabric artists ranging in age from 9 to 92. Groups from various churches throughout western Pennsylvania worked tirelessly to create the works of art.

Rev. Brenda Barnes of the New Hope Presbyterian Church headed up the effort after Vincentian reached out as a way to connect with neighbors near and far.

“I am proud of my quilting and needlework friends,” Rev. Barnes said. “We are connected in the love of Christ and in a common ministry of love for others.”

The beautiful, hand-made quilts were donated as part of Rocking for Residents festivities. As residents celebrate their birthday, each will be given a choice as a special gift.

Quilters and helpers from various Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopalian, and other congregations pitched in to help.

Says Rev. Barnes, “This mission project can truly be claimed an inter-generational, ecumenical movement of love.”

Howdy, Neighbor

With ministries in the North Hills, South Hills and the City of Pittsburgh, chances are that Vincentian’s neighborhood is your neighborhood, too. In each of the areas we call home, we’re teaming up with local organizations on projects of all stripes.

Vincentian Home is working with local colleges, including LaRoche, to partner for on-the-job training and employment opportunities. And, Vincentian Home is one of only four area organizations chosen to take part in the inaugural Parade of Trees at McCandless Crossing this year. You can check out Vincentian’s tree in December. Here’s a hint — it rocks!

Community groups including churches, companies, and schools, are working with volunteers at Marian Manor and Vincentian de Marillac to deliver gifts in time for Christmas parties there in December. Also at Vincentian de Marillac, volunteers with the nearby Neighborhood Academy and Sunnyside Elementary are making intergenerational connections with our residents.

Vincentian works with local boy scouts and girl scouts troops, too. An Eagle Scout candidate recently refurbished the grounds at Vincentian de Marillac and restored a statue there. It’s all about being a part of the neighborhood.

Pittsburgh truly is a City of Champions. In areas like arts, sports, industry, healthcare and technology, our region has set a standard of excellence for decades. We’re a city of winners, and we’re proud of it.

For Vincentian, winning means many things: optimal outcomes for our residents, comprehensive support for our families and an empowering work environment for our staff, to name a few.

Winning is also about looking ahead to new challenges and opportunities. As the colors of fall fade and the preparations for the joyous celebration of Christmas begin, Vincentian’s future is brighter than ever. We have a bold vision to expand our footprint here in Pittsburgh, increase collaborations with neighbors and stand out as a leading voice for seniors.

This vision is already underway. The redevelopment of the Vincentian Regency property, capital improvements at Vincentian de Marillac and new partnerships across our ministries are some examples. More exciting news is soon to come.

One thing is certain: our Vincentian team is in it to win it.

Nick Vizzoca
President and CEO
The new porch is complete with lights, columns and patio furniture, providing a festive and functional atmosphere year-round. The original style of the porch dating back some 60 years was maintained including the restoration of two keystones from the initial construction.

A grant from the A. J. and Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust, combined with donations from last year’s Rocking for Residents and Macuga Construction, made the transformation possible. John and Mary Rae Kowach from the Palumbo Trust recently helped cut the ribbon following a blessing ceremony with Fr. Edward Bryce.

The space has already received rave reviews from residents and families alike.

Sunshine takes Center Stage at Vincentian de Marillac

Nick Vizzoca, center, with Mary Rae and John Kowach, left, cut the ribbon on the new porch following the blessing ceremony with Fr. Edward Bryce.

CLOCKWISE: Sr. Rose with the Pirate Parrot; Rockers, including the Vizzoca family, at Vincentian Home; Super Star Rocker Sr. Lorraine Marie Ferlin; Sr. Christina Marie with Steelers QB Bruce Gradkowski; Palmina Bolea with the Pittsburgh Zoo Polar Bear; Bishop David Zubik with Beverly Cashman and her cousin, Linn Reilly; and dignitaries at the City-County Building including Pittsburgh Mayor William Peduto, County Exec. Rich Fitzgerald and Sen. Wayne Fontana.

You Rock!

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Sr. Lorraine Marie, the perennial Super Star Rocker, raised nearly $18,000 on her own. And, in just one example of rocking support for our residents, a housekeeper at Vincentian Home raised $250 from more than 30 donors.

On Sept. 17, celebrities and mascots like the Pirate Parrot, Steelers QB Bruce Gradkowski, Bishop David Zubik, Mr. McFeely, the Pitt Panther, the Penn State Nittany Lion and more helped celebrate the success. The afternoon included entertainment, family, fun and fellowship.

One resident summed it up best: “I will cherish this day for the rest of my life.”

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Lights! Camera! Action!

Turn on and tune in to explore the heart of Vincentian in a short online video that features interviews with residents, family members and staff. See some early pictures of our ministries, learn why one resident calls Marian Manor home and hear from our Sisters about why they do what they do. It’s available at vcs.org – just click “The Secret Behind a Century of Catholic Care”.

Online Events Calendar

Access the latest events and activities at Vincentian online at vcs.org. From the homepage, click on the ministry of your choice, then scroll down to Daily Schedule. There you can view events by day, or click on the link to the right to open a pdf of the entire month.

It’s another way we’re putting information at your fingertips.

If you have suggestion to make our site more helpful, we want to hear from you! Contact Jude at 412-548-4058 or jhazard@vcs.org.

Save these dates!

Monday
December 5, 2016
Artifacts, West End

A Christmas Celebration
Honoring Vincentian Society and Caritas Society members, plus friends whose generosity reflects the spirit of Christmas every day in the lives of our residents.

For information / membership: 412-548-4056

Saturday
February 25, 2017
LeMont, Mt. Washington

an Affair of the Heart
Celebrating friends and family

Emcee ~ Larry Richert
Dinner, award presentation, treasure chest key raffle, and breathtaking views!

For information: 412-548-4056

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