Ready, Set, Rock!

Vincentian's fourth annual Rocking for Residents is set for Saturday, June 13th from noon to 3 p.m. This rock-athon fundraiser is easy — collect pledges in advance, then join us at one of our homes to spend the afternoon enjoying music, games, food, fun, and, of course, rocking chairs! Last year's event featured the Pirate Parrot, Mr. McFeely and many other local celebrities.

Thanks to Rocking for Residents 2014, Vincentian Home installed a new in-house television system (detailed below). At Marian Manor, new spa bathtubs were purchased for residents. And, at Vincentian de Marillac, room makeovers are underway. We, and our residents, remain ever grateful for the support of all that participated. ♥

Watch for Rocking for Residents registration forms — they’ll be in the mail in the next few weeks!

Vincentian Home debuts new TV channel

Residents and visitors can now view upcoming events, the day’s menu, and even watch mass and activities on the new in-house TV channel. The channel is available on TVs throughout Vincentian Home. The system, called Touchtown, enables staff to update the television channel with new events, programs and activities in real time.

It’s all thanks to Rocking for Residents 2014 and your generous support. With televisions in all residents’ rooms, information is never far away. Paper calendars remain available. ♥
Compassion. It’s at the center of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac and Catherine Spalding’s love for the poor and those in need. This simple call to action — compassionate care — forms the basis of our Vincentian mission. It’s at work throughout the world in the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth’s diverse ministries.

At Vincentian, we seek to carry on the tradition of service to those in need every day. Our short-term rehabilitation centers help residents’ bodies become strong in recovery. Daily mass and religious service is available to promote a richness in spirit for all. Likewise, our residents’ minds are nourished through engaging activities and special events that energize our homes.

Many hands are at work to help make Vincentian a special place. Along with our supporters and volunteers, the staff and, of course, the Sisters all work together to give the residents the love and care they deserve. Our mission continues on not because of words on a page, but because of the daily actions of you, our Vincentian family.

Vincent sought to learn from Christ because he is gentle and humble in heart. Louise prayed that she would always love tenderly those most in need. And, seeing a need, Catherine Spalding’s pioneer spirit founded a global ministry that thrives today. We will proudly continue to do our small part here in Pittsburgh to keep the spirit of compassion alive in the world.

Vincentian de Marillac Celebrates Feast Day

Residents, visitors and staff shared a mass and lunch on St. Louise de Marillac’s feast day. Below, VP of Residential Services Maureen Coyne serves lunch to Sr. Cindy Kibler and Vincentian de Marillac resident Jean Nedlik. At right are Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Denise Hibel, Corrine Giel, Louise Smith, Thérèse Arbu, LaVerne Sihelnik and Mary Ann Genovich, who attended the mass featuring guest cantor Sean Nypaver.

Vincentian – One Man’s “Second Home”

On Thanksgiving weekend, Bob Emig set out to cut a 70-foot pine tree that threatened his house. While cutting it, he fell some 35 feet out of the tree.

“I believe God had his hand on me that day. I should have landed on my back or head, but remarkably I landed on my feet,” he said. In the hours following the accident, Bob and his family chose Vincentian as the best place for his rehabilitation needs.

“I was a mess when they first brought me to Vincentian,” he recalled. “That night, the staff met with the physical therapist and decided exactly how they would begin the rehabilitation process. Their goal was to cause the least amount of pain for me, and I can say that they succeeded.”

“I spent seven weeks at Vincentian, and I felt like I was family,” Bob continued. “The care I received, from the cleaning crew to the cooking staff to the Nursing and PT/OT staff, was first class. I came in on a stretcher, totally reliant on the staff, and seven weeks later, I walked out with a cane. Remarkable!”
Affair of the Heart

Affair of the Heart 2015 raised more than $100,000 for residents at Marian Manor and Vincentian de Marillac.

Some 250 of our closest friends came out on March 14th for wonderful food, fun and fellowship all for a good cause. The evening featured a special video highlighting the Vincentian mission, celebrity emcee Mike Clark and entertainment from keyboardist Jack Nicolette. Thank you to everyone who attended the rescheduled date. Special thanks to our Gold Sponsor, Graziano Construction & Development Co., Inc. and our Silver Sponsors, Blumling & Gusky and Grane.

Srs. Eileen Chlebowski, SHS

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For the last 20 years, Sr. Eileen served the residents, families, staff and volunteers at Marian Manor, first as Administrator and later as Development Director. In her 60 years of religious life, Sr. Eileen's fierce advocacy for those entrusted in her care was unrelenting. She has left an indelible mark on the Vincentian family and will be deeply missed by all whose lives she touched.

VIP Award Winners

Give a big round of applause to the spring 2015 winners of the St. Vincent and St. Louise award, which recognizes those who exemplify the VCS mission. When it comes to meeting the highest standards of compassionate, dignified care, these employees are VIPs — “Vincent In Practice.”

Kathleen Rice-Coons
Registered Nurse Assessment Coordinator
Vincentian Home

Crystal Craig
Restorative Aide
Marian Manor

Ann Marie Davis
Environmental Services Aide
Vincentian Home
Swim Team Makes Waves

Children from the Shaler Area Swim Club recently surprised Vincentian de Marillac residents with holiday gift bags. Typically, the swim team holds a grab bag party at the end of the year. But, this year, the swimmers decided to do something for others. Kids and parents alike pitched in to donate items and wrap up more than 100 gift bags for residents. There were so many that some gift bags were sent to Marian Manor.

Items in the gift bags included fleece blankets, large print crossword books, hand-held mirrors, scarves and various personal care items.

Make a Difference at Vincentian

Everyone can get involved to make a difference in the lives of Vincentian residents! Volunteer at one of our homes, donate items for events or give a financial gift.

Consider one of these creative ways you can make a truly unique contribution:

- **Gift a Life Insurance Policy**: Retain full tax advantages today for a future gift to Vincentian.
- **Donate a Used Car**: Avoid haggling on trade-in value and get full tax benefits.
- **Sponsor a Paver**: Etched with the name of family or friends and displayed in Vincentian Home’s Wander Garden courtyard.
- **Name a Tree or Bench**: — A lasting memorial to honor a loved one! Opportunities remain at each home.

If you’re interested in making a difference at Vincentian, we’d love to hear from you. Call Laura at 412-548-4056 for information. Thank you!