Rocking for Residents is a Rollicking Success

On June 8, hundreds of sponsors, volunteers, and residents enjoyed a fun-filled, festive day at the second annual Rocking for Residents. Rockers took to their chairs to raise funds so that Vincentian Home and Vincentian de Marillac could purchase flat-screen televisions for residents. Marian Manor raised money for therapeutic blanket warmers and blankets.

There is no record in The Guinness Book of World Records for the most people rocking at one time, but the record for the most fun had at a rock-a-thon has to go to our communities. From cake walks to basket raffles to entertainment, the afternoon was packed with smiles, laughter, and good family times. Even the Pirate Parrot showed up to get in on the action!

Memorial Rocking Chair Touches Hearts

As part of Rocking for Residents, Vincentian de Marillac added a Memorial Rocking Chair as a special way to remember residents who have passed away.

One of the donors burst into tears when she saw her mom’s name on the rocking chair, and she stated, “It is just wonderful, just beautiful.”

Awards Abound

Sister Mary Ann Genovich, Administrator of Vincentian Regency, received the Facility Leadership Award from The American College of Health Care Administrators, which believes that facility excellence is a reflection of leadership. It is no wonder then that Sister Mary Ann received such an illustrious honor.

Congratulations to Vincentian Personal Care and Sister Charlene Reebel, the Administrator, for winning two Reader’s Choice Gold Awards in the categories of Assisted Living and Home Health-Senior Care from Trib Total Media.

Thanks to Our Sponsors

The President’s Corner

If you were in Pittsburgh during the summer of 1979, everywhere you turned you heard the tune, “We Are Family.” As the anthem used to cheer the Pirates to a World Series win, the song holds a special place in Pittsburghers’ hearts. The tune has become synonymous with summer fun, and it reminds me of the celebrations going on at Vincentian.

“We Are Family,” is a way of life in our communities, because your family matters to us. Nurturing your loved one’s emotional well-being is as important to us as providing top-notch medical care. Our communities are vibrant places, especially in the summer, with festivals and picnics to take advantage of sunny days and an array of activities for indoor fun.

On your visits, you may have noticed some changes in how we work together, as we become more of a family. In our health care facilities, we’re required to follow many rules and regulations to provide great clinical care, but perhaps the most important guideline is the one we created ourselves – the Daughters and Sons Principle. From day one on the job, employees are taught to treat each resident not only as a patient, but as they would treat their own mother or father. But as you may know from your own families, building relationships take time. Our work is not complete, and we ask your assistance and patience as move toward this ideal.

Perhaps this is why, when people visit our homes looking for a placement, they notice a special feeling that sets our communities apart. “It just felt like the right place,” we hear again and again. This summer, I hope you will stop by to experience the Vincentian way and take part in one of the many activities being offered.

Yours in Service,

Raymond E. Washburn, President and CEO
Vincentian Collaborative System

What’s Cookin’?

The aroma of freshly-brewed coffee. The sizzle of bacon. Who doesn’t love a breakfast cooked to order? Our residents are getting that every day, thanks to the new “Breakfast Club” at Vincentian de Marillac.

Residents still have the option of tray service in their rooms, but many are taking their breakfast in the sunny atrium overlooking the grounds. The Breakfast Club is so popular that folks are even starting to show up early! Mr. Palermo, who joins his wife every morning, is a fan.

“Coming to breakfast at de Marillac is better than going to a restaurant. Great food, you can have whatever you want, no waiting in a line and no tipping.”

Personalized service continues at lunch and dinner thanks to the new food carts purchased with a donation from the Sisters of St. Francis. No longer must residents order each meal ahead of time, but they can choose hot and cold options from this rolling buffet. More choices and customized service allows residents to truly “have it their way.”

Lights – Camera – Action

The ladies of Marian Manor posed prettily during the “Stars of Yesteryear” photo shoot. Styled in Hollywood glamour, our resident charmers cruised down the red carpet like true stars, and each took home a glossy head shot to add to her portfolio. Though reported to shun publicity, they may just sign autographs the next time you see them - if you ask nicely!

Ooh la la! European Flair at Marian Manor

Marian Manor residents are enjoying the new European showers in C Building. Bathing is a breeze now that staff can roll bathing chairs and gurneys right in - without having to go over a bumpy ledge. The modernized showers include stylish new ceramic tile and large, wraparound shower curtains.

The face-lift currently underway at the Manor will include country kitchens, dining rooms, and pleasant lounges. Physical therapy will soon move to brand-new quarters on the lower concourse, complete with a spacious gym and state-of-the-art equipment. Residents can count on the fact that any short-term inconvenience caused by the renovation will result in sparkling new surroundings designed with their happiness in mind.
Volunteers Ahoy!

All hands were on deck during National Volunteer month to thank our treasured volunteers. It’s smooth sailing with these “lifesavers” on board, who are always ready to take the wheel and help when needed. Some extra-special volunteers celebrated service milestones and were recognized at nautical-themed lunches.

Thirty-five Years
Peggy Krigger  
Jane Vater

Thirty Years
Rose Laverty  
Mary Jane Pearson

Twenty-five Years
Margie Hagan  
Mary Manzella

Twenty Years
Robert Kerr  
Fern Wessel

Fifteen Years
James Betschart  
Claire Salvatore

Ten Years
Sylvia Kahan  
Jacquie Uhler

Five Years
Shelia Otuyce  
Helen Pavlik  
Barbara Salus  
Dollie Santoquido  
Harold Schumacher  
Katharina Schumacher  
Paul Toncic  
Marge Weber  
Eileen Wehner  
Joanne Zaletsky  
John Zaletsky  
Joe Zeis, Sr.

Vincentian Community Ambassador Award
Anna and Robyn Madrishin

A Special Story
Time Visit

Dr. Barbara Minzenberg, PA Deputy Secretary of the Office of Child Development and Early Learning, reads The Bus for Us to the preschool class at Vincentian Child Development Center.

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Plan Ahead to Give Back

If you have been thinking of a way to contribute to Vincentian ministries while retaining your income, you may want to consider making a gift through your will. You can designate a gift to your preferred ministry, and even structure it so that the gift is paid out after other beneficiaries, such as children or grandchildren, receive their inheritance. Whether your estate is modest or substantial, you can enjoy the peace of mind that comes from gift planning. For more information on how to plan your legacy, please contact the development office at 412-548-4059 for a confidential conversation.

Caring Doesn’t Take a Vacation

Neither does our gratitude. Summer brings special opportunities for outings and activities that are made possible by your support. We are grateful for gifts of all sizes that allow us to bring the joy of summer gardening, picnics and more to our residents.

Vincentian Home earned another coveted five-star rating. Less than 25 percent of facilities in Pennsylvania receive such a high ranking, putting Vincentian Home at the top of the class.