

Excellence



Brothers of Mercy News, Events and Campus Updates

Winter 2018

New Assisted Living and Memory Care Building Construction Scheduled for Early 2019



Rendering by Wendel

The Brothers of Mercy is moving forward with a new assisted living facility and a memory care building. With ninety six total beds at a cost of \$17.5 million, construction is scheduled for the first half of 2019.

The Brothers of Mercy already has a seventy bed adult care facility called the Sacred Heart Home on its 126-acre wellness campus in Clarence. But CEO Peter Eimer said the organization wanted to provide those residents improved services and living arrangements.

"Currently we do not provide memory care housing, which caters to people with dementia. There is a big demand for it," Eimer said. The new buildings are separate but will be joined by a central area with a

chapel and cafe. The assisted living space will have sixty four beds in a two-story building. The upper floor, because of the grade of the site, will be level with the one-story memory care building and its thirty two beds.

"Both buildings are designed around a communal model, with six households of sixteen beds. Each household will have its own lounge, kitchen and activities area," Eimer said. The buildings are a combined 87,000 square feet. The town Planning Board will review the project's effect on sewer capacity, density, traffic flow and other issues, but Eimer said he doesn't expect any insurmountable hurdles.



CEO's Perspective

By Peter Eimer • Chief Executive Officer • Brothers of Mercy

Entering 2019

The Christmas season is upon us and it seems like the stress level at work, in the stores and on the streets always goes up a little bit during this time.

At the Brothers of Mercy, I'm guessing everyone is a little more stressed than usual too, since in addition to making sure you have all the right gifts for your friends and relatives, you may also be dealing with budgets, training for a new electronic medical record system, planning for the many capital improvements planned for 2019 – while, at the same time, giving 5-star care and service to our residents.

At moments like this, it can be difficult to find time to think about all that you have accomplished and done for people over the last year, but I hope you can find at least a little quiet time to reflect on all the good works you've made happen in 2018.

Our first-ever capital campaign is turning out to be a great success as we have raised 83% of our goal so far. We again have been rated as a 5-STAR nursing and rehab facility – the best you can do! Montabaur Heights, our newest campus addition, is 100% occupied and is surely one of the finest independent living facilities in Western New York. It's hard to believe it opened three years ago. Sacred Heart Home and the Senior Apartments are also full. Our new Outpatient Rehab Clinic, opened in January, is moving forward with a full caseload. There is certainly a lot of demand for the great services we offer.

As we approach the New Year, it's also a good time to look forward at what our plans are for 2019. Improvements to the 2nd and 3rd floors of the nursing and rehab center, private rooms on the 4th floor, breaking ground for our new Assisted Living and Memory Care Center and the introduction of home care are just a few of the new things planned. In addition we will have a new Administrator for the nursing and rehab center beginning January 14th! Teresa Dillsworth will join our campus leadership team that day and we are very fortunate to have her with us. Teresa is coming from Our Lady of Peace in Lewiston, another Catholic institution, where she has been the administrator of their 250-bed nursing and rehab facility.

So, there while there is much going on at the Brothers of Mercy Campus, I hope everyone still finds some time to enjoy the season. Have a great Christmas and thank you for all you do!

Job Swap - Team Building in Action



Last month employees had an opportunity to "walk in the shoes" and experience what it's like to work other jobs throughout the facility. Created as a "team building" exercise, participants worked in various roles from painting, folding towels, cleaning dishes and serving lunch to name a few. There is now a new appreciation for what it takes to earn a 5-Star rating, and how every job plays an important role in maintaining that well earned distinction.



SPIRITUAL Care

Renée Villa • Spiritual Care Director

Blessing of the Nursing Home Tabernacle

When a new church is dedicated or blessed for the first time, everything inside of the church such as the tabernacle or presiders chair are blessed along with the Church. When a tabernacle is newly installed or renovated, it is a time to celebrate with a blessing as a reminder of the sacredness of the space and the Real Presence of our Lord.

There is a beautiful tabernacle located on the second floor of the nursing home in a separate area behind the altar. This tabernacle was recently refurbished and rededicated during the Mass that was celebrated on Saturday, September 28th at 3pm. A special blessing was offered for all in attendance that day.

The tabernacle has a beautiful piece of art that depicts the Last Supper. Jesus and the disciples form an incomplete circle that surrounds the doors to the tabernacle. The space in the circle offers the opportunity for one to imagine they are sitting at the Last Supper with Jesus and his disciples. Please consider stopping by to view this tabernacle and offer a quiet prayer.



Mass Celebrates Loved Ones

Friday, November 2nd was the Feast of All Souls. This is a day to commemorate our deceased loved ones. A Mass for this intention was celebrated in the chapel at the Sacred Heart Home that evening. Invitations were sent to the families of the residents who have lost a loved one during the past six months. This invitation was also extended to the residents and staff of each facility in order to join together as a community and celebrate the gift of that person's life.

During the liturgy, the names of the deceased are acknowledged by tolling a bell as each name is read. Family members in attendance received a long stem rose and a candle as a gentle reminder of the presence of their loved one. These gatherings offer us an opportunity to share our joys, our sorrows and provide comfort and support for each other during this sensitive time. More than sixty people were in attendance.



HUMAN RESOURCES Update

By Tracy Saari • Human Resources Director



The Human Resources and Employee Health Departments want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

Tracy, Melissa, Brianna, & Jacquie



Holiday Gift Card Event

The annual Holiday Gift Card Gathering Event was held on Thursday, November 15, from 4 to 8 p.m. The White House was decorated, Christmas music playing and refreshments were served. Staff, friends, family members and boards members enjoyed a festive atmosphere.

Gift cards of \$25 or greater were donated to benefit the 18th annual Caritas Awards Dinner. This years event will be held May 2nd at Salvatore's Italian Gardens.



Brother Xavier Celebrates his 75th Jubilee



Brother Xavier O'Neill celebrated his 75th Jubilee on September 9, 2018. A special mass was held in the Sacred Heart Home Chapel to commemorate the event.

In front of family and friends and fellow Brothers, Brother Xavier renewed his vows. A reception was held at the Brothers residence to celebrate the occasion. Brother Xavier joined the Brothers of Mercy in 1943; he went to school to become a CRNA, meaning he was licensed to nurse in all 50 states. He worked as a nurse anesthetist. He remembers the tiniest of patients and the care it took to administer anesthesia.

Social Media / Branding



The purpose of social media marketing (Facebook, Twitter, Linked In, Instagram, etc.) is to build brand awareness and increase visibility by building relationships through digital communications. When people see your company posting on social media, it helps them build a positive image in their minds.

Social media is a great platform to be communicating all aspects of the BOM brand, including resident life, campus developments, employee spotlights and special events. As technology continues to evolve, maintaining a strong social media presence is important because it's a key platform to be engaging and directly interacting with our digital audiences. It is utilized for advertising, marketing, job recruitment, sponsorship and fundraising purposes.

For almost a year, Kelly Wurster has been the social media/ branding manager, and has taken our social media presence to the next level. Holding various creative positions in art direction, branding, graphics, and fashion, Kelly is a graduate of Syracuse University. Wearing numerous hats, her responsibilities include all the social media posts and interactions, coordinating press releases, assisting with all special events, designing and writing the annual campaign letter along with serving on numerous committees to name a few. Kelly is an invaluable asset to the ongoing marketing and social media efforts that are so necessary in today's "multi media" world.

Carole Olejnik named Activities Director

Carole Olejnik was named the new Director of Activities at the Skilled Nursing facility. Carole has 19 years of experience working in an Activities Department, most of which as a Director.

Some of her noteworthy accomplishments include Director of Activities at Absolut Care at Aurora Park (2008-2015) and developing the initial opening program at Fox Run at Orchard Park, 2008. Carole completed her education at Binghamton University.



Best Wishes to Cindy and Marsha on their Retirement



Congratulations to Cindy Hunter and Marsha Radka, who have dedicated a combined 78 years of experience working in the Enrichment department at the Brothers of Mercy.

They both celebrated retirement last month, and a party was held in their honor. Cindy has spent the last 43 years working as an Activities Leader, and Marsha was the Enrichment Director for 35 years. These ladies are truly special individuals and will be greatly missed. Enjoy retirement!

Brothers of Mercy on WBBZ Television Program "Living Your Best Life"



The Brothers of Mercy Nursing and Rehab Facility is featured on a weekly TV show on WBBZ called "Living Your Best Life". The show is hosted by Dan Neaverth and Nancy Gugino, Director of Business Development. Topics will include Outpatient Rehab options, the "Homeward Bound" program, what makes Brothers a 5-Star facility and some exciting expansion projects coming up in 2019.

Living Your Best Life can be seen on Saturday morning in December. Check your local cable provider for exact times and dates.

Forever Young Senior Expo 2018



Brothers of Mercy was a participant in the 2018 Forever Young Senior Expo. This year's event was held on Thursday October 25th. Forever Young is the largest expo in WNY specializing in products and services for those enjoying the 50+ lifestyle.

This forum is a great way to bring awareness to the community regarding our Wellness Campus. Sheri Ann Fitzner and Antoinette Todaro did a great job representing the campus, and sharing all that Brothers has to offer.

Can Recycling Program to benefit BOM

Did you know that you can recycle your cans and bottles at the Deposit Depot at 9870 Main Street, Clarence (across from the post office) and directly donate the money to the Brothers of Mercy Foundation? Deposit Depot will give Brothers of Mercy 6 cents per can! It's so easy to do! Just give them your bag of returnables and ask them to add it to the Brothers of Mercy Foundation account. That's it! Boy, do those pennies add up!





New Associates

Dining Services:

Angela Wall
Donald Searor
Vyone McDuffie
Bonnie Montemage (MH)
Rachel Ziarniak
Gregory Metz

Nurses:

Patricia Butterfield
Jenna Paone**
Monique Adams**
Michael Rodriguez-Batiz
Megan Berhalter-Krawczyk
Kathleen Place
Lisa Beisiegel

CNAs:

Brittany Saywer
Tiffany Lewis
Niambi Brown**
Kalenda West**
Lindsay Page
Ayanna Thompson

Activities:

Jessica Nichter
Monica Lettieri
Carole Olejnik
Kelly Wilczak**

Plant Operations:

Brian Stotezel

PCAs Sacred Heart Home:

Tatyana Thomas
Oliva Swendsen
Mariah Wilson
J'nise Adams

Nurse Aide Trainees:

Jasmine Mills
Hannah Green
Lavaughn Meadows
Carina Gayhart
Angela Capitano

Env. Services:

Rachel Neyman
Tiffany Windish
Madison Borrasca

MDS Coordinator:

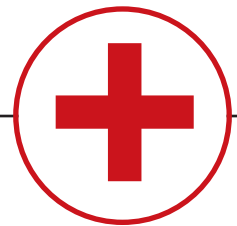
Christine Nowak

**Welcome Back!!

Fiscal:

Monica Smith

CERTIFIED NURSING Assistants



Congratulations on Newly graduated CNAs (September & October Program)

Lisa Driscoll
Corenda Prior
Loronda Marks
Lauren Elliot
Rahnia Harper

Kassandra Soltow
Brittany Pastore
Sabrina Moran
Tabitha Nix
Shania Colston

Destiny Oge
Ajahnae Williams
Mary Bush



Mass Schedule

Saturday 3:00pm: Nursing Home

Saturday 4:00pm: Montabaur Heights

Sunday 8:30am: Senior Apartments

Sunday 9:30am: Sacred Heart Home

Monday 9:30am: Communion Service at Sacred Heart Home

Tuesday - Friday 9:30am: Sacred Heart Home

Monday, Thursday and Friday 10:00am: Communion Service at the Nursing Home

Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve (Monday 24th) 3:00pm: Nursing Home

4:00pm: Sacred Heart Home

Christmas Day (Tuesday 25th) 8:30am: Senior Apartments

9:30am: Montabaur Heights

New Years Eve (Monday 31st) 3:00pm: Nursing Home

4:00pm: Montabaur Heights

New Years Day (Tuesday 1st) 8:30am: Senior Apartments

9:30am: Sacred Heart Home



Mary's World

Who is Larry Kersten?

By Mary Baty • Executive Director • Brothers of Mercy Senior Apartments

Who is Larry Kersten? Those on our campus see him as a quiet, unimposing gentleman who helps wherever and whenever he can. Friends, after reading this, I guarantee you will say, "WOW! Who knew!"

Larry became part of the Brothers' community in June of 2014. He brought with him his trusted and beloved companion, Hans. Hans has left this world, and Larry eagerly awaits a new companion. But what about the journey Larry traveled before he landed here?

Larry lived a good portion of his life in Colorado, attending aviation school before sacrificing his college and dreams of being in the aviation field, as well as a relationship bound for marriage, to return home to Buffalo to take care of his ailing father, an Air Force Veteran and former Secret Service agent to President Truman.



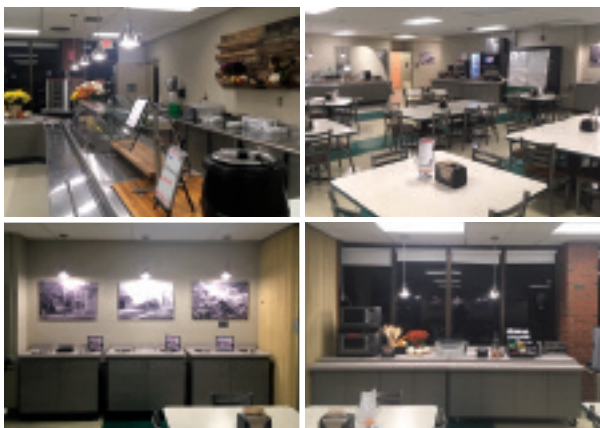
Larry's life experiences are varied. His love of aviation took him experiencing rides in a DC3, a Ford tri-motor and a B-17 bomber. He was a truck driver for years, hitting the open road and traveling in a double trailer. He held maintenance positions with various companies including the Genesee NY State Parks and Genesee County Park and Forest.

After speaking with Larry, I now realize where that sparkle in his eyes or his witty one-liners originated. Larry was a Clown! He attended Clown Convention in Erie PA, part of the famous Ringling Brothers. Being a cancer survivor and seeing the concentration camps in Poland has given him a genuine appreciation for life.

Larry needs to stay active, so in addition to his volunteer work on our campus, at the Brothers' events, and at the Senior Apartments, he spends his time volunteering with Pets Alive WNY, Iroquois Natural Wildlife Refuge and the DEC Region 8. He once volunteered for the Aerospace Museum of Niagara Falls rebuilding aircraft engines and now fixes clocks, small radios and watches.

Larry is a living example of life's reinventions. He has done many different and interesting things and has no intention of stopping. He lives day to day and is waiting patiently for a new canine companion to share whatever the future brings for him!

BOM Cafeteria Upgrades for 2018



A generous grant by the Statler Foundation allowed the Brothers of Mercy to complete a major facelift for the Nursing Home cafeteria.

New fixtures, equipment, lighting and art work all works in tandem giving the cafeteria a fresh, modern look and feel. Employees and guests can now enjoy chef prepared meals in an upscale atmosphere.

A 55" flat screen TV at the cafeteria entrance features a menu and any daily specials available. Kudos to the BOM team who worked around the clock to get all the work done in record time with minimal disruption to service and operations.



EMPLOYEES of the Month

All Employees of the Month receive a \$50 check as well as a special parking space for that month.



DAVID MINNICK: MAINTENANCE - September 2018

Our Maintenance Department plays a big roll in our facility. It is always a pleasure to have Dave Minnick complete a maintenance task as he does it in good spirits and completes his duties to the best of his capability. Dave never has a negative response to anyone, he always has a smile on his face and ready to help, no matter what the job may be. Our Maintenance Department as well as our facility is truly fortunate to have Dave as a team member!



DAVID ORŁOWSKI: CNA - October 2018

David has been a BOM employee since 2003! David is patient, kind, caring and very helpful. We can always count on him to take care of the extra tasks assigned to him! The residents and families appreciate David. David is a very dependable employee and very loyal to the facility.

Thank you and congratulations David!



ALICIA RHODES: CENTRAL SUPPLY ASSISTANT - November 2018

The Brothers of Mercy is a 5 Star organization because of employees like Alicia. She utilizes her man hours well. She has the ability to foresee needs and plan accordingly.

We are truly blessed to have her for both her professionalism and her personality. She is beyond valuable and are truly fortunate to have Alicia as a team member!

WORK ANNIVERSARIES

40 Years:

Katherine Balcerzak	CNA Standby	10/30/78
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30 Years:

Peggy Skimmer	LPN	11/14/1988
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20 Years:

Nicole DeKay	Director of Nursing	10/12/98
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15 Years:

Melissa Marriott	Employee Health	11/17/03
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10 Years:

Florence Caruana	Nursing Supervisor	10/27/08
Joyce Diasparra	RN Registry	11/17/08
Sue Lombardo	LPN	11/17/08

5 Years:

Karen Gibbon	Asst. Nrs Mgr.	10/7/13
Erica Jordan	CNA	10/21/13
Melissa DiLiberto	CNA Standby	11/4/13





CUSTOMER SERVICE Heroes

Congratulations to the September 2018 Customer Service Honorable Mentions

The following staff members and department names were highly recommended or a letter was sent in their behalf by residents or visitors during the month of September!

Evan Spink - ROM
Peggy Skimmer - 4E LPN
Lynda Borden - 2E LPN
Jessica Wagner - 3W LPN
Tanya Hinton - 3W LPN
Kerian Sykes - 4W CNA
Laura Waite - 2E CNA
Amber Timm - 2E CNA
Ethan Perry - 2E LPN
Josie Fierle - 2E LPN
Renee Harrison - 2E CNA
Danielle Snyder - 2E CNA
Megan Linde - 3W CNA
Heather Drake - Activities

Julie Kaczmarczyk - Activities
Jonathan Lindner - PT
Mandy Parrish - 3W CNA
Mindy Shaw - 3W NM
Eric Strohm - 3W LPN
Patti Cole - Laundry
Erica Marshall - 4W RN
Lashante Hall - 3E CNA
Pansey Lane - 3E CNA
Kim Gronwell - 4E RN
Kristina Thompson - 4E LPN
Sue Lombardo - 2E LPN
Krista Ganis - 3E LPN
John Stagg - 3W RN

Charity Sheedy - 3E RN
Jennifer Elliot - 4W LPN
Nick Everett - Activities

DEPARTMENTS

ROM
4E
2E
3W
3E
4W
Activities
Laundry

September's Winner: Erica Marshall, 4W RN and the Physical Therapy Department

Congratulations to the October 2018 Customer Service Honorable Mentions

The following staff members and department names were highly recommended or a letter was sent in their behalf by residents or visitors during the month of October!

Laura Waite - 2E CNA
Amberly Timm - 2E CNA
Sue Lombardo - LPN
Tiffany Green - NM
Amy Dykes - Receptionist
Lashante Hall - 3E CNA
Jessica Wagner - 3W LPN
Pansey Lane - 3E CNA
Grace Martin - 3E CNA
Audrey Brunner - Dietary
Connie Dworak - ROM
Evan Spink - ROM

Danielle Snyder - 2E CNA
Ethan Perry - 2E LPN
Jessica Wagner - 3W LPN
Cindy Hunter - Activities
James Keller - 2W CNA
Roxanne Caleca - 2W LPN
Heather Drake - Activities
Brenda Chatt - 2E Unit Clerk
Nick Everett - Activities
Jonerik Banach - 3W LPN
Angela Morris - 2E LPN
Lynda Borden - 2E LPN

Joyce Diasparra - RN
Kristen Fullmer - 2E CNA
Cheyanne Hawkins - 2E CNA
Josie Fierle - 2E LPN
Julie Kaczmarczyk - Activities
Casey Stocking - 4W Unit Clerk
Cheryl Everett - ROM
Susan Long - 4E LPN
Debbie Anthony - Activities
Marsha Radka - Act. Dir.
Patrick Walsh - Dietary

October's Winner: Grace Martin, 3E CNA and the ROM staff



CUSTOMER SERVICE Heroes

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Laura Waite - 2E CNA
Amberly Timm - 2E CNA
Sue Lombardo - 2E LPN
Karen Burke - Receptionist
Danielle Snyder - 2E CNA
Ethan Perry - Per Diem LPN
Tanya Hinton - 3W LPN

Peggy Skimmer - 4E LPN
Renee Harrison - 2E CNA
Jasmine Davis - CNA Float
Lynda Borden - 2E LPN
Josie Fierle - 2E LPN
Julie Kaczmarczyk - Activities
Casey Weber - 2E Unit Clerk

Sandy Schwab - Activities
Rhonda Eckert - Receptionist
Mike Rodriquez - 4E LPN
AJ Williams - 4E CNA
Holly Scroger - 4E SR CNA
Gary Cleland - 4W CNA
Tim Wozniak - Maintenance

November's Winner: Ethan Perry and the Maintenance Staff

Fall Speaker Series was a Great Success



Brothers of Mercy's partnership with University Express for our Fall Speaker Series was a great success! Presenters included Buffalo Music Hall of Fame Founder Rick Falkowski, WNY History and Architecture Docent Harry Meyer, and Buffalo Naval Park Director Shane Stephenson.

These events were all free, open to our campus as well as the outside community, and included refreshments and receptions in our Montabaur Pub. The theme to this speaker series was all things Buffalo – topics included the history of Rock 'n' Roll in WNY, The Art & Architecture of Buffalo City Hall, and Buffalo's Naval Park – the largest inland naval museum in the country!

Fall Winners of the Quarterly Employee Lottery

Laurie Oainette	4 Hours Paid Time Off
Joe Anger	1 Week Lunch Pass - SNF
Fran Lippert	\$15 Tim Horton's Gift Card
Jean Yanik	\$20 Target Gift Card
Jan Eaton	Muffuletta Gift Bag
Ann Carrier	4 Hours Paid Time Off





A Real Life Cinderella Story



Sacred Heart Home PCA/Med Tech Olivia Spark has been making headlines! On her recent wedding day in October, she and her husband were taking photos at a local park. Mistaking her for Cinderella, a sweet five year old girl with autism named Layla came running up yelling, "Cinderella, Cinderella!"

The bride played right along as her wedding photographer snapped shot after shot of this special moment. This story has since gone viral. A Go-Fund-Me account has raised 10's of thousands of dollars to send the family to Disney. CBS and Good Morning America have both done features. GMA even gifted a honeymoon getaway, a Cinderella meet-and-greet, and Broadway tickets to them!

We are so excited about this wonderful story, and also so proud to call Olivia part of our BOM family!

2018 Resident's Holiday Bazaar



The annual Residents' Bazaar was held on Friday, November 9th in the Nursing Home activities center. Participants were in the Christmas spirit as snow flurries danced in and out throughout the day.

If you had a sweet tooth, you were in the right place. Cookies, pies, cakes and bar cookies were all big hits. Assorted Christmas holiday items were also for sale and a Chinese auction capped another successful event.

A special thanks to the Nursing Home activities staff for all their hard work putting it together. It's a lot harder than it looks!

Amherst USTA Tennis Team has a BOM Connection

Brothers of Mercy Director of Marketing, Bob Zotara, was part of the Amherst USTA tennis team that went to the National Championships in Orlando last October.

They advanced after winning local, sectional and regional matches in the 55+ 7.0 category. Even though the team didn't win, it was an experience of a lifetime (beating a strong Southern California team).

They were also voted "Best Team Shirts", designed by Bob, by other players throughout the country.



Halloween Fun



Both residents and employees took the time to have some Halloween fun. They celebrated for a week throughout all four communities on campus.

Parties, costume contests, surprise candy deliveries, "surprise your bosses by dressing up like them", and sweets...lots of sweets!

New Sign on BOM Campus

A new Brothers of Mercy sign highlights our 126 acre wellness campus on the corner of Ransom and Bergtold. With beautiful stone pillars and backlit lighting for night time viewing, the new sign makes a prominent visual impact on the thousands of drivers that pass by every day.

A very special thanks to Advisory Council member Charlie Kelkenberg for his assistance in construction of the pillars!





FOUNDATION News

By Nancy Gugino • Executive Director • Brothers of Mercy Facilities Foundation

Foundation Update

The Brothers of Mercy Annual Appeal is underway. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. No gift is too small!

The Foundation is in full swing planning the Annual Caritas Awards Dinner! This event will be held on Thurs., May 2nd at Salvatore's Italian Gardens on the corner of Genesee and Transit Road. Festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. with a cocktail hour. We would welcome any and all involvement with the coordination of this great event. Please contact Nancy Gugino at 906-9014 or email: gugino@brothersofmercy.org.

Please remember our Oktoberfest/5K Race when out doing your Xmas shopping. We are always looking for gift baskets, gift cards and merchandise. Thank you for your ongoing support!

A **Mass of Gratitude** was held at the beautiful Sacred Heart Chapel last month. Celebrated by Msgr. David LiPuma, the mass was held to acknowledge individuals that have become integral in the success of the Brothers of Mercy Wellness Campus.



Brothers of Mercy Home Care Services



Brothers of Mercy Home Care Services are now available. We will work with you and your family to provide a safe, healthy and happier lifestyle specifically designed to meet your needs and promote independence in the comfort of your own home. For a service fee, the services provided by a companion include:

- Companion Care on or off campus
- Home Care on campus
- Family Respite Care
- Light laundry and housekeeping
- Transportation
- Meal preparation
- Medication reminders or assistance
- Promote personal hygiene, grooming and dressing
- Assist with transportation, ambulation, bathing and toileting
- Assist with activities
- Social and emotional support

For more information about this program, please contact: Susan Reilly, Home Care Coordinator at 716-291-6178.



St. Gregory the Great's Senior Fair



The Brothers of Mercy Campus was represented recently at the St. Gregory the Great's Senior Group's monthly meeting and Senior Fair. Mary Baty was there to answer questions and educate participants about all the benefits associated with our wellness campus.

Even though visitors to the table were learning about all that we offer, it was the Montabaur Chefs' delicious cream puffs that had them coming back for seconds (and sometimes thirds!)

Veteran's Affairs Seminar

Brothers of Mercy hosted a Veteran's Affairs seminar last month. Micah Lyness, of the NY State Division of Veteran's Affairs, heads up their community outreach program, and presented information regarding their free benefit counseling services for veterans and their families.

A number of topics were discussed including: Disability Compensation, Dependency Compensation (for surviving spouses), VA Pension Eligibility, Entitlements and Eligible Medical expense deductions.

If you are a Veteran or a spouse of a deceased Veteran, you may be entitled to monthly VA benefits. Make sure you get all that you have earned for serving your country!



Campus Wide Fall Open House



A Campus Wide Fall Open House was held on September 29th from 11:00 to 3:00. Many came to discover all of the wonderful communities that make up the Brothers of Mercy Wellness Campus.

Refreshments, entertainment, souvenirs, giveaways, personal tours, and more highlighted the event! It was not only a great way to experience our campus, it was an excellent team building exercise for the staff.

A special thanks to all staff and volunteers that made a lasting positive impression on all who attended.

Chili Cook-Off Proves to be a Spicy Competition



Brothers of Mercy employees took part in a fun competition that had everyone coming back for more. A "Chili Cook-Off" brought out secret recipes, culinary secrets and yummy creativity from participants looking to take home the coveted 1st place prize.

Participants included Kelly Lavrincik, Jeannine Allen, Tracy Saari, Mindy Shaw, Renee Villa, Tom Bloomer and Thomas Farrell. The team of judges comprised of Cindy Rhodes, Kyle Higgins, Chris Canna, TJ Stockweather and Linda Schmit were asked to grade the chili on seven key categories.

And the winners were (drum roll)...1st Place - Thomas Farrel, 2nd Place - Tom Bloomer, 3rd Place - Jeannine Allen. Congratulations to all who participated!

Muffuletta Mix makes a Great Gift!

Don't forget that the Brothers of Mercy still sells Muffuletta mix! Our unique regular or spicy Muffuletta olive blends are delicious on a cracker with cheese, mixed into pasta as a main dish or added to a sandwich for a nice zip! Muffuletta Mix makes a nice holiday gift for that hard to buy for person!

Visit our Campus gifts shops or contact Joanne Quartley at 759-6985 Ext. 258 or jquartley@brothersofmercy.org to place an order!



Christmas is a special time of the year and we wish you all the love and joy of the holiday season!

***Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!***