Russell J. Salvatore gifts Brothers of Mercy $600,000 to the “Legacy Continues With You” Capital Campaign

Russell J. Salvatore makes a third major gift to the Brothers of Mercy tipping the scales well over $600,000 in gifts to the organization. His latest gift will fund a brand new Memory Care Center which will be part of the new Assisted Living/Enhanced Assisted Living and Memory Care Community, planned to open in 2020.

Mr. Salvatore's first gift outfitted the Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center with TV's. His second major gift assisted with the building of the brand new Russell J. Salvatore Outpatient Rehab Clinic at the Brothers of Mercy. The clinic, which recently opened in January of 2018, currently treats a full case load serving the entire Western New York community for those needing physical, occupational and speech therapies.

We are so grateful for your continued support and generosity, Mr. Salvatore! Your gift will enrich the lives of so many that are part of the Brothers of Mercy community, for years to come!

Brothers of Mercy Awarded the Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award

The Brothers of Mercy Nursing & Rehab Facility was recently awarded The Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award! This award recognizes skilled nursing facilities that achieve excellence well beyond the 5-Star rating system, and makes us one of the top performing facilities in the entire nation (Fewer than 11% of nationwide qualify!)

“We have an amazing team here at Brothers, and this achievement is the result of their efforts each and every day! Thank you for all that you do!”  -- Tom Bloomer, Administrator
Many Positive Changes on the Horizon

I’d like to start off by thanking everyone for a very successful DOH survey, I know it was a high-stress time for us all. Regarding census and activity, this year has been fairly busy and we’re doing well overall with admissions. Our census dipped a little in April, but May through August have been decent. We are in the process of collecting contractor bids to renovate the 4th floor rehab rooms, we are also planning on giving the 2nd and 3rd floors a “facelift” this year, new painted hallways, day rooms, nurses’ station, new handrails, cove base, lighting and basically sprucing up the look of the units. Eventually we’d like to get into all the resident rooms as well. We are also in the process of renovating our cafeteria. It will have more food options, new equipment and a fresh new look! In terms of service, we recently engaged with a new company that surveys all of our past rehab patients, the survey is called MyInnerview. As results come in, they will be shared with all of you.

Regarding patient quality outcomes, we are doing very well overall, we’ve had a few concerns that we are addressing, but all in all, we are doing an excellent job at meeting our patient and resident needs, and their quality of life and therapy outcomes are very good. Over the past few months we’ve been polling staff, meeting with staff, rounding, etc. and as a result collecting a lot of feedback on what matters most to all of you. This feedback will be used to make positive change for our building and working environment. As I’ve said many times, our caregivers and support staff are what makes Brothers unique and special. You are our most valuable asset!

Without each one of you, we can’t serve our community and frankly we can’t maintain the Brothers’ mission. I along with our leadership team of directors and supervisors, are committed to addressing the needs of every employee that we come into contact with, and we all share the same passion to make this place the best that it can be, for you, and ultimately for our patients and residents. Thank you all for everything you do day in and day out, and I hope you have an enjoyable summer and fall.

BOM Awarded "Top Performing Nursing Home" by U.S. News & World Report

The Brothers of Mercy Nursing & Rehab Facility was recently named as a "Top Performing Nursing Home" for 2017-2018 by U.S. News and World Report.

"Finding a nursing home that meets an individual’s specific needs is a difficult decision that several million families across America face each year," says Brian Kelly, editor and chief content officer of U.S. News. "The Best Nursing Homes ratings, advice and tools were designed to help navigate this important life decision and make the process a little easier."
EMPLOYEE Spotlight

Mindee McDonald - Sacred Heart Home

As the Assistant Administrator of the Brothers of Mercy Sacred Heart Home, Mindee McDonald has risen through the ranks the old fashioned way - starting at the bottom and working her way up through hard work and persistence.

A dedicated employee for 20 years, Mindee started in dining services when she was only 16 years old. “This was my very first job working part time when I was going to high school”. Like everyone when they are 16, Mindee really didn’t know what she wanted to do for a career, but the family environment and support she received at Brothers of Mercy made a lasting impression on her. As time went on she developed a career here.

At 18 she became a PCA, and because she really felt nursing was her calling, Mindee pursued a degree in nursing at The University at Buffalo. After graduation in 2004, she became a staff nurse and in 2006 was promoted to the Director of Nursing. In addition to those responsibilities, in 2010 she became the Assistant Administrator at the Sacred Heart Home.

She likes the fact that the entire campus is family oriented and focused on the quality of life for the residents, no matter which building. Quality of life is job one for the residents and their family. “Partnership with the family members as a whole is very important. We work in tandem with and keep them updated with what’s happening with their loved one”.

Through the years she’s made special and lasting connections with both patients and family members. “I can’t tell you how many times family members have come back to thank us for all the things we did for their loved one. They are so pleased with BOM - they would never consider anywhere else. I am proud and thankful to be part of such a wonderful organization that truly cares. That’s why I’m here”.

Melissa Maney named Director of Social Work

Melissa Maney, MSW has been named the new Director of Social Work at the Brothers of Mercy Nursing and Rehab Center. A former director at Greenfields, Harris Hill and Comprehensive in Williamsville, Melissa comes with 15 years of Health Care and Skilled Nursing experience. She has also spend time working in the medical insurance field and has mentored many Social Work student interns as a field educator for both UB and Buffalo State.

Melissa has an unwavering affection for working with our population. She is a Wife and Mother, residing here in Clarence, NY.
Brothers Congregation has a Website

The Brothers of Mercy congregation now has its very own website. Different from the current Brothers of Mercy Campus site, the congregation website was designed for those seeking a religious vocation and a life of service to the Lord.

If you know anyone searching for a sense of belonging and a life of committed service, they can contact Brother Ken at 716-759-7205 Ext. 203 or visit www.brothersofmercycommunity.org.

Where in the World is Brother Kenneth?

Earlier this summer, Brother Kenneth took a trip to Europe. Here he is posing with some of the German and Swiss Brothers of Mercy while in Lucerne, Switzerland celebrating the 120th anniversary of the Swiss Brothers!

In addition, Brother Kenneth traveled from Trier Germany to Lucerne Switzerland via the Alsace Region of France. Aside from spending time with the Germany and Swiss Communities, he also traveled to the Eastern end of Germany, spending time in Dresden, Leipzig and The Prague in the Czech Republic.

Spiritual Director Renée Villa on "Faith Moments"

Renée Villa, Campus Director of Spiritual Care, was in the studio recording segments for Christ The King Seminary's "Faith Moments" radio program.

You were able to listen to Renee's spiritual messages on WBEN AM 930 at 7:40 am on August 20 and 27. She was also on WLOF FM 101.7 at various times throughout the month.
What is Spiritual Care?

“When I was hungry you fed me” (Matthew 25:35). Hunger is not always food related. We hunger for comfort, support and the presence of God. What comes to mind when you hear the words “Spiritual Care?” Since this is a Catholic Facility the idea of Spiritual Care can be quite formal. For some this can mean joining a church, handing down the faith of their family, receiving the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist or praying together. Spiritual Care encompasses all faiths and all denominations. It is being present with someone in their most difficult moments. A crucial part of Spiritual Care is being present without judgement. A person could be sharing pain, fear or something that causes them to feel regret or shame. Shame can be a mistake made in the past or the feelings that arise because they are afraid, weak and vulnerable. Spiritual care is allowing a person the space to express what they are feeling. It forms a bond of trust between those that share with those that listen. It is important to meet people where they are at in their faith journey. This type of presence provides comfort and helps a person to be reconciled trusting that the outcome is in God’s hands.

At BOM, I believe Spiritual Care involves everyone on Campus. Officially, it is given by the staff of the spiritual care team; myself, the Brothers of Mercy and the Eucharistic ministers. Unofficially, it is given by everyone on staff who serves our residents; a medical staff that not only dispenses medication, but offers a kind word and a listening ear to a resident who may be having a tough day, the maintenance person who make sure their room is safe, and the dietary person who prepares and serves a meal. All of these actions care for the “spirit” of each resident. And the “spirit” of each staff person or volunteer can be supported in the knowledge that they are caring for a very vulnerable population with dignity. “When I was hungry, you fed me,” meeting spiritual and physical needs; that is the fullness of Spiritual Care.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday...3:00pm: Nursing Home  4:00pm: Montabaur Heights
Sunday...8:30am: Senior Apartments  9:30am: Sacred Heart Home Chapel
Monday...9:30am: Communion Service at Sacred Heart Home Chapel
Tuesday - Friday...9:30am: Sacred Heart Home Chapel
Monday, Thursday & Friday...10:00am: Communion Service at the Nursing Home
WNY Catholic feature article on Five Sisters from the Senior Apartments

Western New York Catholic recently featured an article on 5 Brothers of Mercy residents, who all happen to be sisters! The Bowen Sisters - Gay Truesdale, Eloise Folan, Loretta Weldgen, Sharon Covert and Evelyn Mason have all moved in to The Brothers of Mercy Senior Apartments over the past three years.

Gay was the first, then Loretta. Seeing how happy these two were was motivation for the other three to eventually make their way over. They can often be found laughing together over a card game, enjoying the walking paths on campus, or spending time with even more family members (they come from a family of 15). In over 65 years, our Clarence campus has never been home to a set of so many siblings, until the five sisters came along!

Brothers of Mercy Senior Companion Care now Available on Campus

Non-Medical, On-Campus Senior Companionship Program

In an ongoing effort to assist you and your loved ones every step of the way, the Brothers of Mercy is proud to announce the opening of our new On-Campus Senior Companion Care program.

If your family member or loved one enjoys their independence, but is challenged with everyday activities, Brothers of Mercy Senior Companion Care is the solution.

For additional information, contact Susan Reilly, Senior Companion Care Coordinator, at 716-291-6178. She will discuss how it works, a care plan, times and shifts your loved one needs, payment and any other questions you may have.

With Brothers of Mercy Senior Companion Care, you’ll have the peace of mind you’ve provided your loved one with the best possible care available.
Brothers of Mercy and D’Youville College School of Pharmacy Working Together

By Lorissa Gawel, PharmD Candidate 2018 and Dr. Kirsten Butterfoss

Brothers of Mercy Nursing and Rehabilitation Center has provided students from D’Youville College School of Pharmacy as well as other health professional programs, an opportunity to practice in a long-term care setting. These students are offered the opportunity to work alongside our skilled staff to experience how a nursing facility functions and provide care for their residents.

Since 2013, pharmacy students from D’Youville College are offered a semester long introductory pharmacy practice experience (IPPE) in their third professional year, and a six-week advanced pharmacy practice experience (APPE) in their final professional year. Overall, the ongoing collaboration between Brothers of Mercy and D’Youville College provides the students with an experience to widen their knowledge base and be exposed to a long-term care facility.
Mary’s World

How Can it be Fall Already?

How can autumn be arriving? I am not done with my flip flops. I haven’t visited canal side just to sit by the water. Is it too late to rent a floating tiki bar? What about that long bicycle trip along the river? I’ve only used my pool and my new Flamingo float once! I think it’s time for a wake up call.

Look around and enjoy the moment – make time for the important (and maybe not so important) things on your “to do” list. Time waits for no one and, as my residents teach me everyday, “Tomorrows are never guaranteed!”

BOM Resident Shares His Creative Gifts

For as long as he can remember, Chuck Wind has been pursuing interests of all kinds.

“I’ve just always wanted to do everything that I could,” he says with a smile. In his 88 years, Chuck’s pursuits have included earning his pilot’s license (as a teen), flying his own plane to Texas and back, patrolling the Mediterranean for 4 years on the Navy’s largest ship, growing a small dry-cleaning business into a successful 5-chain operation, and raising 7 children!

Chuck has lived in the Senior Apartments at Brothers of Mercy for 5 years, and has shared his creative gifts here in multiple ways. A few years ago, he provided an opportunity for residents to explore their artistic sides by teaching a free oil painting class. His constant coaching led one student to win 1st prize in the art show, which he considers one of his “proudest triumphs.” His latest hobby is rosary making.

When asked how he got started, he replies, “I was always a fan of rosaries and then I started fixing them. It really grew from there… I’ve got replacement beads for over 1,000 different types!” His assortment is endless – beads of every shape and color, which he nimbly wires with various types of jewelry pliers. Chuck’s craftsmanship is as precise as ever, and he’s become so adept that he can create 1 rosary an evening.

Chuck recently donated over 90 of his handmade rosaries to the Brothers Campus, to be distributed to anyone in need. These lovingly crafted, one-of-a-kind treasures have been shared with residents, family members and employees. What fuels this generosity? He says his number one motivation is “to be of service.”
EMPLOYEES of the Month

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

KAREN BORRASCA...ACTIVITIES AIDE - June 2018
Karen is a kind and caring employee. She always has the residents in mind first. Karen is very creative with arts and crafts. This is a great asset which enables her to come up with unique craft projects for the residents, decorating her assigned units and the resident lounge areas. Karen is truly a great asset to the Activities Department and to Brothers of Mercy!

CINDY RHODES ...CENTRAL SERVICE - July 2018
Cindy has been an employee since December 6th, 2004. Above Efficient!! The words that come to mind when you think of Cindy and Central Service! Cindy keeps her department so streamline! The tracking, the ordering, the restocking, the availability, the professionalism and the teamwork is far above and beyond. Cindy is always looking for a way to better her already smooth system in Central Service!

KAREN WOOD-ORR...CNA - August 2018
Karen has worked at Brothers of Mercy since August 7, 2017 as a CNA. Karen is full of compassion. She cares for our residents with that compassion. She always has a smile, always has a cheerful word and if a resident is upset, she has comforting words that make them smile again. Karen has a natural way about her that just invites people to take her, trust her and want her to take care of them. We are very fortunate to have Karen as a team member at Brothers of Mercy!

WORK ANNIVERSARIES

35 Years:
Lynda Schlager        Dietary Aide       6/6/83
Mary King             Unit Clerk        7/19/83

30 Years:
Leann Maloney         Standby LPN      6/6/88

20 Years:
Brenda Chatt          Unit Clerk        7/13/98

15 Years:
David Orlowski       Peer Mentor/CNA  6/2/03
Joann Graff           Rehab Aide/CNA   9/7/93

10 Years:
Jillian Mast          LPN               6/16/08
Tiffany Green         RN Nurses Mgr.    8/4/08
Tanisha Tillmon       Standby CNA      9/6/08

5 Years:
Wendy Zito            Social Worker     6/17/03
Alexandra Kost        Standby CNA      6/24/13
CUSTOMER SERVICE Heroes

Congratulations to the June 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 June!

Tanya Hinton - 3W LPN
Laura Waite - 2E CNA
Nick Evertt - Activities
Josie Fierle - 2E LPN
Amberly Timm - 2E CNA
Molly Jennings - Activities
Garrett Spring - 4E CNA
Joneric Banach - 3W LPN
Debbie Anthony - Activities
Sue Lombardo - 2E LPN
Connie Dworak - 2nd floor-ROM

Casey Kinson - 4E LPN
Adayshea McDuffie - 2E CNA
Shanita Garrett - 2E CNA
Kristin Ash - 3W CNA
Julie Kaczmarczyk - Activities
Marsha Radka - Act. Director
Cindy Hunter - Activities
Lynda Borden - 2E LPN
Cora Bello - 2E CNA
Eric Strohm - 3W LPN
Tara Garrett - 2E CNA

June’s Winner: Janet Schieffer and the 3 West Staff

Congratulations to the July 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 July!

Tanya Hinton - 3W LPN
Laura Waite - 2E CNA
Amberly Timm - 2E CNA
Angela Morris - 2E CNA
Consuela Terrell - 2E CNA
Julie Kaczmarczyk - Activities

Kris Sorgi - Activities
Alexandra Hartke - Standby CNA
Lynda Borden - 2E LPN
Eric Strohm - 3W LPN
Ethan Perry - 2E LPN
Susan Smith - Per Diem CNA
John Stagg - 3W RN
Kenadee Noble - 3W RN
Danielle Snyder - 2E CNA
Patti Cole - Laundry

July’s Winner: Laura Waite and the Laundry Staff

CERTIFIED NURSING Assistants

Congratulations on Newly graduated CNAs (June & July Programs)

Montezia Anderson
Shiniqua Billingsley
Dontasia Buchanan
Julie Conrad
Nicole Dale
Amanda Eckam
Theresa June
Sabrina Moran
Kinkosi Nsumbu
Megan Offhaus
Megan Prentice
Tiffany Rodriguez-Batiz
John Walker
Taylor Ziccarelli

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CUSTOMER SERVICE Heroes

Congratulations to the August 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 August!

- Laura Waite - 2E CNA
- Amberly Timm - 2E CNA
- Julie Kaczmarczyk - Activities
- Alexandra Hartke - Standby CNA
- John Meyer - PT
- Heather Drake - Activities
- Nick Everett - Activities
- Jessica Wagner - 3W LPN
- Joneric Banach - 3W LPN
- Amy Zemla - Diet Tech
- Joanne Matuzewski - Act. Aide
- Jon Lindner - PT

August's Winner: Amy Zemla-Diet Tech and the 2 East Staff

Russell J. Salvatore Outpatient Rehab Clinic Treats 100th Patient!

Last month our Russell J. Salvatore Outpatient Rehab Clinic reached a major milestone - treating it’s 100th patient! Officially opening in January, the rehab clinic has been servicing physical, occupational and speech therapy patients throughout WNY, and growing at a rapid pace.

Lauren Chetney, Clinic Director, is pictured here with Carol Batra. Congratulations to Carol on being our 100th patient!

Summertime Fun at Montabaur Heights

Residents at Montabaur Heights enjoy a fun day with family and friends at the Montabaur Heights 3rd Annual Family Picnic.

Live music by the Kokomo Time Band, games, prizes and of course a delicious meal complete with numerous dessert choices, all going along with our Luau Theme!

Residents, family, friends and staff enjoyed an afternoon of laughs, Pina Colada's and good company. Montabaur staff members went above and beyond to make this a special occasion for all attendees!
Compassionate Care Yields Kind Words

We have so many thank you notes, cards and letters that we would need many more pages to print. However here are a number of quotes that collectively summarize those thoughts and kind words.

“My mom went to Brother’s of Mercy by van without any the clothes on her back. I live 5 hours away and the staff did an excellent job taking care of her. People were so kind and caring. She went in so weak, she could not hold a Styrofoam cup. Now she has regained the use of her hands. We are so grateful for your therapy professions – and the overall excellence of your facility.”

“My stay was very comfortable and all my needs were met with a caring staff. They were always smiling and loved caring for my needs and others never in a hurry. I think I recovered quickly because of my care.”

“I have nothing but praise for this fine facility. Caring, kind nurses, aides, and personnel were everywhere and very attentive to my time of excruciating pain. This was very much appreciation. I grew very fond of so many of the fine individuals at BOM. The PT and OT departments were exceptional - so competent & kind. My BOM experience was superb!!”

Brothers of Mercy at D’Youville College Jobs Fair

Brothers of Mercy was recently invited to be an Employer of Choice for D’Youville College and their future Health Care Leaders (students). Assistant Administrator, Thomas Farrell and HR Assistant Jacquelyn Hill attended DYC’s on-campus part-time job recruitment event, recently named: DYC Spartan Extravaganza.

Many tables at this event included student organizations, community organizations, and local health care organizations, “Employers of Choice.”
Taste of Clarence 2018

The 2018 Taste of Clarence was a huge success. Thanks to all who came by our booth! Chef Warren's Salad Theresa and Bird of Paradise entrees were big hits, the weather was beautiful, and Elvis was in the building! Terry Buchwald put on a great show, as always. We could not have asked for a better afternoon and evening!

Nancy on the Weather Outside

Nancy Gugino made an appearance on Channel 7's noon Weather Outside last month.

She was there to promote the upcoming Terry Buchwald concert and Classic Car show scheduled for the following day.

105th Birthday Celebration at Brothers of Mercy

Birthday wishes going out to Brothers of Mercy resident Anne Jaruszewski, who celebrated her 105th birthday on July 15th!

Her entire family, including Ch. 2 News, was on hand to celebrate this milestone event in July.
Capital Campaign Moving Forward

The Brothers of Mercy Capital Campaign, *The Legacy Continues With You*, will transform the 126 acre campus in a manner that is consistent with our mission while also generating the revenue to help sustain that mission. To date, $2.2 MM has been committed with a goal of $3 MM.

On Friday, October 5th, a Mass of Gratitude will be celebrated by Rev. Msgr. David LiPuma for all the Benefactors as well as for the success of this campaign. Mass will be held in the Sacred Heart Home Chapel, 4520 Ransom Road, at 6:00 p.m. Directly following the Mass will be a cocktail reception held at Montabaur Heights located at 4530 Ransom Rd.

At this time we will invite the WNY community at large to participate in the campaign with a pledge of support which can be paid over five years. The success of this campaign is based on every individual considering a sacrificial gift in relation to their unique ability. While not everyone can make the same size gift, each gift is significant in our efforts to reach our goal!

2018 Brothers of Mercy Fall Speaker Series

The Brothers of Mercy is kicking off its *2018 Fall Speaker Series* in October at the Montabaur Heights Events Center. Three dynamic speakers will be presenting on various “Buffalo” topics. The events are free to the public, and done in partnership with University Express. Light refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!

1. **A Rich History of Buffalo City Hall**
   Monday, October 29th at 6:30pm

2. **Rock & Roll Buffalo**
   Monday, November 5th at 6:30pm

3. **The Buffalo Naval Park**
   Monday, November 12th at 6:30pm

UPCOMING Campus Events

Saturday, September 29th • **Campus Wide Open House** • 11:00am to 3:00pm
Monday, October 15th • **Pre Planning Seminar** with Anthony Amigone Jr. • 6:30pm to 7:30pm at MH
Tuesday, November 13th • **Campus Wide Open House** • 12:00pm to 2:00pm
Thursday, November 15th – **Gift Card Gathering Event** – 4:00pm to 8:00pm at the White House
Betty Celebrates 30 Years!

Congratulations to Betty, who today celebrates 30 years of living on the Brothers of Mercy Campus! Betty originally moved here with her aunt, and has spent the past 3 decades calling our Sacred Heart Assistive Living Community home. In the words of Mindee, our Director of Nursing, Betty is our “go-to gal” when it comes to helping – whether it be getting new residents acquainted or assisting with Bingo or various other activities, she is “extra special, and helps fit all of the pieces of our Sacred Heart family together”.

A surprise party was held in her honor last week. Dozens of residents, staff and family members gathered to celebrate this momentous occasion. Please join us in wishing Betty a big congratulations!

Bereavement Prayer Service at Sacred Heart Chapel

A bereavement prayer service was held on June 8th, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in memory of our departed loved ones at Brothers of Mercy who passed away this past year. Renée Villa, Campus Director of Spiritual Care, led the remembrance ceremony in the Sacred Heart Home Chapel, where music, scripture passages and poetic reflections were shared. More than ninety people were in attendance which included family members of the departed, residents, members of the Brothers of Mercy and staff.

It was a beautiful service that was quite meaningful to those who attended. Bereavement services will now be held twice a year at the Sacred Heart Home Chapel. The next service, a Catholic Mass, will be celebrated on All Souls Day which is Friday, November 2nd. As part of the campus Spiritual Care program, Renée will also be offering bereavement services and quarterly grief-sharing meetings. For more information, she can be reached at 716-759-6985 ext. 315 or rvilla@brothersofmercy.org.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Your energy is contagious. Either you affect people or you infect people.”
Summer 2018 Concerts Were a BIG Hit!

This year’s Outdoor Summer Concerts were a big hit! Jack Civiletto kicked off our concert series singing Sinatra and more, followed by Terry “Elvis” Buchwald putting on a great show and finishing with Country Night at the Brothers featuring Dark Horse Run. A special thanks goes out to our concert sponsor Life Storage. We are already lining up bands for next year.

Chef Warren wins "Best Entree" at Taste of Network

A big CONGRATULATIONS goes out to Brothers of Mercy’s very own Chef Warren Drew, our Executive Chef at Montabaur Heights Independent Living on the BOM Campus.

Warren’s Butter Poached Lobster with Zucchini Ribbon and Lemon Cream won "Best Entree" at the Network in Aging "Taste the Network" Food Competition. Last year he won in the “Best Dessert” category. Mouth-wateringly delicious!!!

Summer Employee Picnic Fun

Brothers of Mercy employees enjoyed a picnic style lunch during the annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon. Barbecue hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage and chicken were the main entrees along with some amazing side dishes (the broccoli and cheese was unbelievable). The summer afternoon was absolutely perfect, and the icing on the cake for all our hard working employees.
The Brothers of Mercy 2018 Oktoberfest and 5K Run and Nature Walk was held on Friday September 7th. It was a perfect “fall” evening to enjoy both the run along with Oktoberfest fun, food and libations.

Hundreds of runners and walkers participated in what is considered one of the “premier races” of the year. Oktoberfest entertainment was provided by the ever popular Auslanders. The German band has been performing throughout Western New York since 1974.

The Oktoberfest is one of two major fundraising events we have every year. A very special thanks going out to many volunteers that make this event possible. Special recognition to Fran and the maintenance crew. These guys worked tirelessly to make this event work so well. Great job everyone!
Jacquie has a Bachelor’s Degree from Buffalo State in Business Administration, with a concentration in Management. In addition, Jacquie has an Associate’s degree in Liberal Arts and Science from ECC, where she was a Co-Captain on the Women’s Lacrosse Team. While working on her Bachelor’s Degree, Jacquie was affiliated on campus as a member with the Society for Human Resources Management.

Jacquie has spent the last two years working for Moog Inc. as an Administrative Specialist, where her duties included but were not limited to: customer service, data entry, surveying, scheduling, data trending, assistant company trainer, etc.

With Jackie's education, experience and leadership qualities, she is a very welcomed addition to the BOM team!
Brothers of Mercy & Trocaire College Nurse Scholarship Program Partnership

For the past 2 years, Emma Garvey has been an LPN on the 2West floor of The Brothers of Mercy’s Skilled Nursing Center. She has just enrolled in the Brothers of Mercy & Trocaire College Nurse Scholarship Program, which provides tuition assistance to BOM employees pursuing higher education. With this scholarship, not only are Emma’s tuition costs covered, but Brothers of Mercy works with her to accommodate balancing classes and work. Says Emma, “They’ve been great, and very flexible.”

Emma earned her LPN certification years ago through Trocaire College, and is looking forward to returning to the campus, this time in pursuit of her associate RN certification. Over the next 18 months, she will work part time at Brothers and attend classes at Trocaire. Emma has always wanted to become an RN – she states, “Being given the opportunity with the BOM/Trocaire school program, now I can because it’s now affordable for me to go to school. I don’t have to worry about tuition costs. Brothers has given me an opportunity I never thought I’d have”

While working at BOM over the past 2 years, she has gained a lot of hands-on experience that will aid in her studies… “I’ve learned so much at Brothers – (interacting with and) watching what the nurses do, having the ability to interact a lot with patients and their families… it’s given me a lot more confidence as a nurse”,

To learn more about the Brothers of Mercy & Trocaire College Nurse Scholarship Program, contact Nancy Smith at (716)759 6985 ext. 211

Red Cross Blood Drives were a Success

In partnership with the American Red Cross, the Brothers of Mercy Campus sponsored 3 successful blood drives in the past 12 months. This came out to 156 lives being helped or saved because of our collective efforts.

Special thanks going out to Marsha, Tom, Ben and Valerie for coordinating and all the employees, and community members who took the time to donate - and help save lives!
CAREER ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Drastically improve your career and earnings possibilities. The Brothers of Mercy and Trocaire College are teaming up to give you an opportunity to earn your nursing degree!

See administration for details and selection requirements today.

* You are still financially responsible for your books and supplies. Everything else is covered by various financial aid packages, and grants from Trocaire College and the Brothers of Mercy.

Earn an LPN, RN or BSN at NO COST to You*

New Annual Maximum is
- $5,000 for Full Time employees (was $1,000)
- $2,500 for Part Time employees (was $500)

This will take effect for Fall Semester classes.

See Administration for details and qualifications.

You Spoke… We Listened!

Tuition Assistance Program Now Increased

LOOKING FOR A CAR?

The Basil family of dealerships make it simple for employees and family members of the Brothers of Mercy to get into a vehicle. The “Basil’s Buying Power” program makes it seamless and easy!

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