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Annual Report Photos At CMH

Catholic Memorial Home resident Dorothy Souza smiles for the camera at the photo shoot held at the skilled nursing and rehabilitation center. See more photos from our annual report on page two.

Catholic Memorial Home Hosts DHF Annual Report Photo Shoot

Each year we feature a different facility and program to “star” in the photos for the system’s Annual Report. This year the photographs featured in the report were taken at Catholic Memorial Home in Fall River, and we wanted to share some with you. Thank you to all of the staff for their assistance in getting the okay from residents and family members and those who posed for these great photos showing life at Catholic Memorial Home.



Annual Awards Banquet

Each year the Diocesan Health Facilities system of care awards scholarship grants to employees who are continuing their education. The grants in the amount of \$2,500 are awarded at the Annual Service Awards Banquet – this year the banquet was held on May 3 at the Venus de Milo restaurant in Swansea, MA.

At this event, the Reflection of Mission Award is given to one employee from each facility that goes the extra mile with residents, family members and peers.

We would like to congratulate all of this year's scholarship and mission award recipients – well done!



Msgr. Edmund Fitzgerald and Madonna Manor Administrator Mary-Ellen Murphy congratulate scholarship recipient Ndeye R. Diene.



Msgr. Fitzgerald with Marian Manor scholarship recipient Christine DeSouza and Ray McAndrews, Marian Manor Administrator.

Scholarship Award Recipients:

Ndeye R. Diene
Madonna Manor
Christine DeSouza
Marian Manor
Lisa Furtado
Our Lady's Haven
Krystal Farland
Sacred Heart Home

Management Scholarship:

Deacon Peter Cote
Catholic Memorial Home

Reflection Of Mission Award Recipients:

Maria Barbosa
Catholic Memorial Home
Debra Jacobs
Madonna Manor
Lisa Rocha
Marian Manor
Alice Morris
Our Lady's Haven
Rita Young
Sacred Heart Home

EldersFirst & Catholic Memorial On Air

The EldersFirst Care Management Program and Catholic Memorial Home have both been airing commercials on local radio station WSAR over the last few months.

As part of their on-air advertising, both the long term care and rehabilitation center and the care management program have been in live segments with radio show host George Colajezzi on his "MidMorning Bristol County" program, where he covers everything from the local to the national. This is a great opportunity for listeners to learn first-hand about the services and programs that are included in both a long term and rehab setting as well as for those living in the community who may need some assistance.

Madonna Manor Residents Give Back With New Bikes For Local Kids!

At Madonna Manor the residents do so much to give back to their community – they choose an organization or group that they feel could use a helping hand and set their sights on how to best assist these worthy causes. Through the work of the Resident Culture Club, they have purchased two children's bicycles – one boy's and one girl's bicycle – that have been donated to North Attleboro's Annual Kid's Day celebration where they will be raffled off.

The Kid's Day organization is overseen by the North Attleboro Fire Department and all proceeds from the day's activities are then given back to the community. Madonna Manor had benefited in the past when they received a donation by the Kid's Day group toward a new television for the home's activities room. So, when it came time for a project to work on, they chose to do something for Kid's Day.

The Culture Club raised the funds to purchase the bikes through a "pocket change drive" that they ran at the facility. They were so successful with this drive, they raised the funds for the bikes in a little over a month.

Before the bikes are raffled the Fire Department and Madonna Manor Culture Club will have a photo op at the skilled nursing and rehabilitation center. The bikes will be raffled at Kid's Day in July and the proceeds will benefit the community.

As for the club's future plans, their next project is to send letters and care packages to US military personnel who are serving our country in the war in Afghanistan.

A Special Care Room For End Of Life Care At OLH

The most recent Special Care Room in the Diocesan Health Facilities system is located at Our Lady's Haven. The trend to develop these rooms that provide a comforting setting for end of life care has expanded to include all five of the skilled nursing and rehabilitation centers in our system. These special care rooms are private rooms with accommodations for residents and families in a serene setting, where residents and their loved ones can share private, cherished moments during the resident's end of life care.



Donna Marshall, Director of Social Services, Michael Medeiros, Administrator and Jo-Anne Neagus, Director of Nursing at the Special Care Room open house.



Gardening For Good

The green thumb work of Norman Boudreau, left, and Anita Oliver, both residents at Madonna Manor skilled nursing and rehab facility in downtown North Attleboro, are on display as they plant pansies in the flower beds outside of the manor. Norman and Anita look forward to this every spring as part of the Gardening for Good program at the home. The program is dedicated to promoting the therapeutic benefits of a connection with plants and nature at all stages of life, and is an activity that takes place at each of our skilled nursing facilities and at our adult day health care program, Bethany House in Taunton.



Photo: Sun Chronicle



Happy Birthday To Maria!

Mrs. Maria Do Carmo celebrated her 104th birthday and was given a citation from the City of New Bedford by Mayor Scott Lang on achieving this milestone. She was born in the Azores and has lived in New Bedford for 32 years. She has been a resident at Sacred Heart Home since October 2007.

OLH Plant Sale

On a beautiful Saturday morning in June, lots of folks with green thumbs stopped by and purchased plants and herbs at the Our Lady's Haven Annual Plant Sale. The annual sale benefits the residents of the skilled nursing and rehabilitation center and this year the sale raised nearly \$700.

Left to right: Liz Perry, Donna Marshall, Betty Costa, and Mike Medeiros at the OLH Annual Plant Sale.



National Nursing Home Week

This annual week-long special celebration is a blending of a wide variety of events throughout the homes – fashion shows, brunches, special luncheons, musical entertainment and themed parties all help to bring smiles to the residents and staffs at each of our locations. Here is a sampling of photos from the week of events.





Memorial Day At Madonna Manor

Top photo: Madonna Manor resident, Paul Hutton, enjoys the parade as it passes Madonna Manor.

Bottom photo: Madonna Administrator (Ret.) Colonel Mary-Allen Murphy also enjoys the parade.



2011 Golf Tournament – 8/29

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The 4th Annual Diocesan Health Facilities Golf Classic will take place on August 29th at LeBaron Hills Country Club in Lakeville, MA. The day begins at 10:30 a.m., rain or shine, with registration. The shotgun start is at 12:00 p.m. There are great raffles, terrific prizes for best drives and scores. Fee includes lunch, green fees, cart, golf gift, locker rooms, refreshments and buffet following the day of golf. To register, printable forms are available on our web site at www.dhfo.org or call to speak with a golf committee member at 508-679-8154. The form is linked on the Upcoming Events section on our home page. See you on the course!

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