

# Reflections



**A**s all of you are aware, these difficult times have affected all of our lives in so many ways. No more so as for our Homes' residents, family members and staff. Trying to find the silver lining is often very difficult. The support and love that we have received during this pandemic has been overwhelming.

*Due to the pandemic and many unknowns going into the Fall, we have "re-imagined" our upcoming Auction and Gala! It will be replaced with a Virtual Event and Auction. We are planning a very unique evening for guests to enjoy at home...with lots of surprises in-store! More details to follow!*

All funds raised will be dedicated to the Beechwood/Blocher Foundation – COVID-19 Support to help defray the devastating monetary losses occurred during this pandemic; and to build a fund for the future. (see patron form on page 5)

*Hope you can join us for a great virtual home experience!*

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**



Guests having a great time at last year's auction.



**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
VIRTUAL EVENT AND AUCTION**  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020  
*Proceeds to "Fight" COVID-19*





Daniel P. O'Neill  
President/CEO

As we all know, the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted us all in so many unimaginable ways, but certainly more so within senior care communities and on the elderly whom we serve each and every day. We mourn those who we have lost and celebrate those who have recovered. We have witnessed extraordinary acts of kindness, compassion and great sacrifice.

I want to acknowledge and express my thanks and appreciation for the extraordinary dedication of our managers and staff throughout this difficult time. Each level of care has had its own challenges but together as a team, we have taken on each day with our mission in mind - that the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of all our residents is first and foremost.

The government mandate to not allow visitors into our homes has been particularly difficult for residents and families. We have been so overwhelmed by the support of the families of our residents and the community. Donations of food, gift cards and heartfelt signs thanking our staff . . . amazing!

Seeing families not being able to physically be with their loved-one has been heartbreaking. No matter how creative we have become in addressing "outreach", it is not the same as a loving hug and face to face conversation.

During our journey, we've chronicled the spirit and acts of kindness carried on by the staff, families and generous support from the community.

In the following pages of this issue of Reflections, we wanted to share with you the best of humanity that I have the privilege to witness daily.

Through the grace of God and his blessings . . . there will be better days.

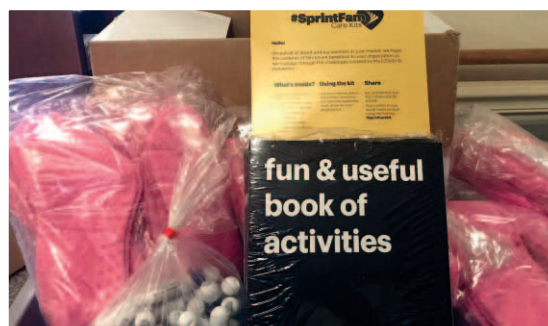
Daniel



## Showers of Kindness and Inspiration

The generosity, kindness and thoughtfulness of our resident family members and community never ceases to amaze us. We have been blessed to receive countless cards, signs, meals, head bands, masks, flowers, coffee gift cards, cookies and so much more for both residents and staff. Each has given us inspiration and strength in the day to day mission of caring for our residents and one another. To all listed and those we have missed, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The Albert Family  
 Amherst Youth Volunteers  
 Gary and Rachel Andalora  
 Miss Maggie Antalek  
 Asbury United Methodist Church  
 Mrs. Beverly Barry  
 Beechwood Service Guild  
 BlueCross BlueShield of WNY  
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 Ms. Jill Woody





## Queen for a Day!

Beechwood resident Natalie Hanlon had a smile that lit up the room! In April, together with her amazing family, the staff helped her celebrate her 84th birthday. All of her family were safely outside looking in the sunroom cheering her on and singing Happy Birthday. Sadly, Natalie passed away on May 23rd. In recognition of the loving care that all our staff provided, Natalie's family donated a \$5 Tim Horton's gift card for all 460 staff members! We will miss Natalie's smile and wonderful family. We so appreciate their generous gift to our staff.



## Beechwood Homes - Summer Events - Cancelled

*For families and friends of Beechwood Homes, please note that due to COVID-19 and our need to keep everyone safe, our annual summer events have been cancelled.*

**Annual Root Beer Float Car Show – Wednesday, July 15th**

**Music to Remember – Sunday, August 2nd**

BEECHWOOD/BLOCHER FOUNDATION PRESENTS



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020**

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU BE PART OF OUR 25TH ANNUAL VIRTUAL EVENT AND AUCTION ON SATURDAY EVENING. PROCEEDS WILL HELP US “FIGHT” COVID-19 AT OUR HOMES.

**PATRON LEVELS:**

*Patrons will be recognized during the virtual event, on Beechwood Continuing Care's website and in our Reflections Newsletter.*

☐ \$1,000 - STARS

☐ \$100 - INSPIRATION

☐ \$500 - COURAGE

☐ \$50 - KINDNESS

☐ \$250 - COMPASSION

☐ \$25 - HEART

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Phone number: ☐ Cell ☐ Home \_\_\_\_\_

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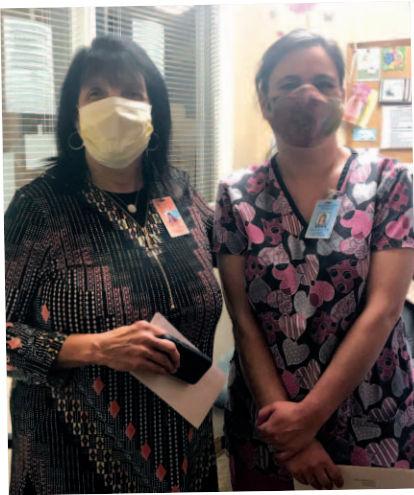
***Thank you for your support!***

Use the enclosed envelope or go to [beechwoodcare.org](http://beechwoodcare.org) to donate

# BCC Annual Years of Service Recognition

Publicly recognizing our dedicated staff who have been an extended part of our Beechwood, Blocher and Asbury Pointe family is always a pleasure. Each year staff are honored for their multiple years of service for providing quality and compassionate care to our residents. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic this year, we weren't able to celebrate at a luncheon in their honor. Each honoree was awarded a special gift in recognition of their service. Our sincere thanks to these dedicated staff members who have given our residents so much for so many years!

Safety first, masks on!



## Beechwood Homes

### 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Faith Busselle

### 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Kathleen Eschborn

### 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Jennifer Buczynski

Robin Napier

Sandra Parker

### 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Felicetta Ball

Michael Bliss

Christina Curry

Kimberly Feldbauer

Stephen Imerese

Laurie Mittlefehldt

Donna Seitz

### 15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Jerry Bussard

Erika Cacciatore

Theresa Flanigan

Danielle Haines

Marsha Kurzawski

Sarah LaBarbera

Balbir Mathaun

Kellie Ryan-Woodcock

### 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Steve De Souza

Luciana Johnson

Tamara Perez

Calvin Peyton

Kelly Rezabek

Marivel Reyes

Susan Terranova

### 5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Jeanette Adams

Michelle Fox

Veronica Frazier

Anthony Gilmore

Sheontra Harper

Tenia Hogue

Christine Kobus

Linda Lodico-Reed

Tiffany Malchow

Tiffaney Montgomery

Mary Patchel

Nicole Pratcher

Bonnie Reed

Tenille Reynolds

Brenda Schwamborn

Patricia Sheedy

Robert Snyder

Cheryl Strassburg

Yvonne Teamer

Tiffany Wilson



## Blocher Homes

### 45 YEARS OF SERVICE

Barbara Gorenflo

### 5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Susan Bennett  
Joseph Fanara  
Bruce Lance

Just in case you are wondering - masks were removed  
just for the photograph and hands were washed  
immediately following! →



## Asbury Pointe

### 15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Susan Kowal  
Andrew Nagorski  
Zemira Rizvanovic

### 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Vincent Battaglia  
Ronald Leavy

### 5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Katie Kostelny  
Aaron Zaluski



## HONOR ROLL OF DONORS TO THE BEECHWOOD/BLOCHER FOUNDATION

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The Family of Ann Hourihan  
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### In memory of Judy Archangel

Ms. Pamela Norman

*Thank you for your support!*

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### In memory of Rev. Calvin Babcock

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### In memory of Macie Waller

Faith UMW Lancaster

### In memory of Kenny Williams

Family and Friends



Sun catcher crosses for our residents  
donated by  
Asbury United Methodist Church

*Thank you for your support!*

# The CARES Act: Charitable Giving Incentives

*The CARES Act – the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act – is a \$2.2 trillion stimulus plan that contains funding opportunities for charities and enhanced charitable giving incentives. Below is an overview of donor incentives to consider in the coming year when re-evaluating your annual charitable giving plans. Please seek out professional advice from your financial advisor and/or estate and trusts attorneys to review these options.*

## Temporary Universal Charitable Deduction

Essentially, taxpayers who do not itemize their deductions can take a one-time deduction of up to \$300 for gifts made to charitable organizations. The provision is intended only for the year 2020. However, it is possible it could be extended past 2020. The deduction is **ONLY** for gifts of cash made in calendar year 2020 and does not cover other types of gifts or contributions made to donor-advised funds or private foundations.

## Suspends the 60 percent adjusted gross income limitation for individuals' charitable contributions for the year 2020.

In a typical year, individuals can only take a charitable deduction of up to 60 percent of their adjusted gross income, no matter how much they give. For 2020, there is no limit, making cash contributions fully deductible.

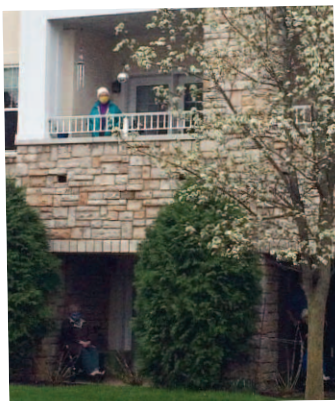
## Increases the cap on how much corporations may deduct for charitable gifts from 10 percent to 25 percent.

In addition, the limitation on deductions for food donations by corporations increases from 15 percent to 25 percent in 2020.

## Waives for 2020 the Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from retirement plans, such as pensions and 457 plans.

Any minimum distribution from retirement plans that would have been required in 2020 can be delayed until 2021. Unfortunately, this change reduces the incentive for donors to make gifts from their individual retirement account (IRA).

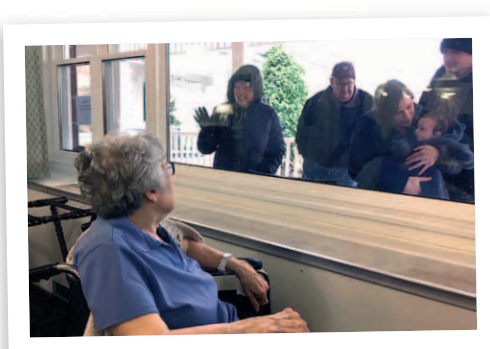
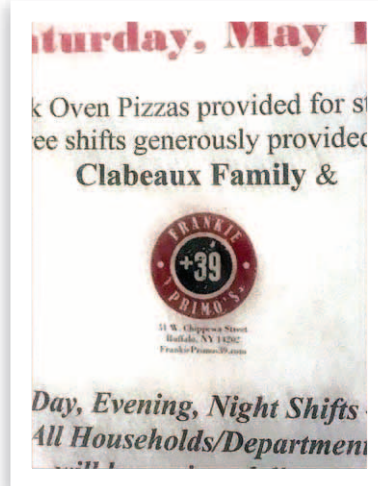
**Related IRS Update (IRS R 2020-127) Regarding RMDs (June 23, 2020)** – Although we hope you consider using your RMD as a gift to our Foundation or your favorite charity in 2020, we wanted you to be aware of this most recent change from the IRS regarding RMDs. Note this is posted on the IRS website. Again, please seek counsel from your professional advisors regarding this recent change.



Asbury Pointe residents enjoying live music safely



*Personal Pizzas for all staff  
on all 3 shifts  
thanks to the Clabeaux Family.*



Family of Blocher Homes resident Antoinette Falcone sends their love through signs and smiles.



## Our Mission:

*Guided by Christian values,  
we are committed to nurturing each  
individual's quality of living and aging  
by honoring personal values  
in a supportive environment.*

*If you wish to have your name taken off our mailing list call the Development/Marketing Department at 716-810-7372 or e-mail: [bschwamborn@beechwoodcare.org](mailto:bschwamborn@beechwoodcare.org)*

## COVID-19 Relief – How can you help?

Beechwood Continuing Care has always been known for stepping up as a leader and visionary in providing compassionate care for our elderly residents and the community.

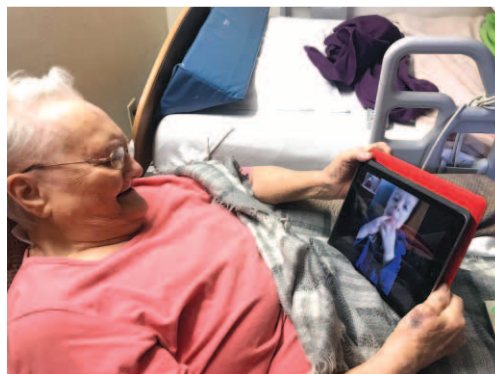
We are indeed facing unprecedented losses within our operational expenses as well as a future of unknowns. Many of you have expressed your support and have donated to assist us in our crisis.

If you are searching for a way to show your support, a donation of any amount will make a big difference. You can go on our website at [www.beechwoodcare.org](http://www.beechwoodcare.org) and click the “donate button” at the top of the home page or use the enclosed envelope.

*Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!*



Chaplain Ken's Bible Class



Great-great grandma meeting her newest  
"cutie pie" on Facetime.



Social Distancing "Candy Store"

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