

April 2022 - We hope you will enjoy this monthly update bringing you the scoop on all that's happening among our Beechwood community.

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Open Houses at Asbury

Asbury Pointe Retirement Community April 9 and 23, 1-4pm

Be sure to call Marilyn at 716-810-7500 to register for one of these open houses.

- Luxury apartments in Amherst
- Countless amenities
- Gourmet dining
- Heated underground parking
- Transportation
- Pet-friendly



John Doster - Steps Toward Recovery



John Doster is a Wesley Rehabilitation resident who came to us in July and was unable to move anything below his neck. He was initially diagnosed with ALS/Lou Gehrig's disease, a progressive and fatal neurodegenerative disease. It was later determined that he had Guillain Barre Syndrome, a rare, autoimmune disorder in which a person's own immune system damages the nerves, causing muscle weakness and sometimes paralysis. Unlike ALS, people with Guillain Barre Syndrome can make a full recovery, which we are seeing firsthand with John Doster.

After eight months here at Beechwood, John is close to walking on his own. John credits his amazing recovery to the staff at Beechwood, saying they have been 'top notch'. They encouraged and supported him, especially on those days when it just seemed that the goal of moving again was so far off.

John has two sons and a brother and sister in the area. It's rare on a day when he does not have a visitor. He feels very lucky to have a family that is so supportive of his recovery. He also complimented the staff on working so closely with his family on various outings, like attending his son's wedding in November. Together the staff and family planned a birthday party for John where he surprised them by walking into the room!

John looks forward to continuing his progress. With his fighting spirit, we can't wait to see what he accomplishes next – maybe hitting the slopes to ski or participating in another triathlon.



Beechwood Employee Spotlight

Employee Spotlight Russell Zizzo

Our nursing staff is an important component in the direct care of our residents. Russ Zizzo, an LPN working in our Hope Household has been with us for over 12 years, and has over 20 years in the nursing field. He attributes his longevity in his position to how well the team in his household works together. It makes for a great job experience.

Interestingly enough, Russ didn't start out in the nursing field. He actually graduated from Herkimer Community College with an Associate Degree in radio & TV broadcasting, a field which he did not end up working in. After graduation, he decided to move to Florida, where he worked a number of different jobs such as DJ, painting houses and as a Director of Catering for a hotel. During this time, a friend of his suggested that he become a nurse, because of his love for helping people. So he went back to school in Florida to become an LPN. He worked in Florida for a number of years until he decided to move back to the area to be closer to his mother.

Russ spends his free time going to flea markets to purchase antiques for the 'themed' rooms in his house. He currently has a Civil War bedroom, and a Hollywood room! He also cares for his beagle, Blitz, who he adopted from Furever Friends just before Christmas.

Although he never really used his radio & TV broadcasting degree, he does bring a little entertainment to our residents during the holidays by dressing festively (as you can see by the leprechaun outfit he wore for St. Patrick's Day)!



Resident Life at Beechwood



The Ken-Ton Meals on Wheels donated Joy Pets to some of our Enriched Housing residents at Ken-Ton Presbyterian Village. Joy Pets are designed to bring comfort, companionship, and fun to seniors. Look how cute and cuddly!



Some of our lovely ladies at Asbury Pointe enjoying a special St. Patrick's Day luncheon, complete with Irish whiskey sours, corned beef/cabbage sandwiches and bangers and mash sliders!



This adorable 8-week old Bernedoodle, Noelle, came to visit some of our residents. She was a hit! Noelle was rescued by the Furever Friends Dog Rescue of WNY and adopted by one of our Beechwood staff members.



Did you know at Presbyterian Village at North Church, our senior, luxury apartments, we will take you shopping, to the doctors and to the bank? Another amazing amenity at North Church!

Did You Know...



Did you know you can send a greeting card to your loved one here at Beechwood? You can even include a photo! [Click here](#), type in your message, upload your photo and we will make sure your loved one receives the message.



The Beechwood /Blocher Auxiliary Board is looking for volunteers to assist with various fundraising activities to benefit the residents at Beechwood. The Board meets monthly during the day and has a lot of fun activities planned for 2022. For more information call Brenda at 716-810-7372 or email her at bschwamborn@beechwoodcare.org.

Beechwood Employment Opportunities

Is it time for a change in your career? Are you looking for an opportunity to advance your profession? Are you interested in being part of a team, a family, where you are appreciated, encouraged and rewarded?

Beechwood Continuing Care may be the right choice for you! Beechwood offers competitive wages, sign-on bonuses and tuition assistance, as well as excellent benefits packages and a pleasant work environment. On campus, there is free parking, and we are on a main bus route.

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