December 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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# It's Beechwood's Annual Appeal

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This is a special time of year...it's a season of thanks and giving! We are eternally grateful to friends like you who support our mission and work.

For close to 60 years, Beechwood's mission has been to nurture our residents' quality of life and aging by honoring their personal values in a supportive environment. Guided by our mission and commitment to our residents, we are dedicated to making their physical, emotional and spiritual well-being first and foremost.

But we can't do this alone. Throughout 2022, we continued to run at a limited capacity due to COVID restrictions. More than half of our residents receive Medicaid, which only covers a third of their daily

expenses. Yet, despite these challenges, Beechwood still received a 4-star CMS rating (out of 5) and was ranked by Newsweek as one of the top 50 nursing homes in New York State in 2022.

> In addition to the great care our residents receive, we were also able to host a number of summer events, for our residents and their families, such as a car cruise, a couple of outdoor concerts and a farmers market. These events brought so much joy to our residents and their families.

As we try to "get back to normal," we know we are not out of the woods vet. Looking towards 2023, COVID will continue to impact our operations.

Through your support, we can continue to provide quality care and offer enhanced programming to our residents, especially during these challenging times.

Today, we reach out to you with the hopes that you will consider making a donation to Beechwood. Through your support we can:

- Ensure quality of care to all our residents regardless of their financial status;
- Move forward on special projects, that include building our Reflection room and updating our courtyards;
- Purchase new equipment such as mechanical lifts, recliners and specialized wheelchairs; and
- Continue to offer incredible events that can be enjoyed by our residents and their families for free.

Thank you for your consideration and support. Please enjoy the upcoming holiday season amongst your friends and family.

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# **Rosemary Lopez - An Inspirational Story**



Meet Rosemary, a member of the Beechwood Care Continuum family.

Rosemary was born on the east side of Buffalo, and moved with her family to the West Side at a young age. She attended Holy Cross Elementary and then Annunciation for high school. Rosemary is one of five children, having three sisters and a brother, and today has many nieces and nephews. Rosemary is very close with her family, especially her mother, who she cared for until she passed about twelve years ago.

Prior to coming to Beechwood, Rosemary earned her RN certification and worked various nursing jobs throughout the community.

Rosemary served as a night supervisor at Beechwood for seven years. Then in 2021, Rosemary was involved in a serious auto accident that required her to be in the hospital for six weeks followed by time at our Wesley Rehab Center. She is very appreciative of the wonderful care she received from her work family while recuperating at Wesley. Independence is important to her and she worked very hard in her therapy sessions to once again be able to take care of herself.

Now Rosemary resides at Ken-Ton Presbyterian Village. She enjoys her new apartment and all of its amenities offered through the Enriched Housing program. She has made several new friends and is planning on joining a "bowling group." Rosemary loves spending time with her family and reading.

Rosemary - your work to overcome the past year with a positive attitude is truly inspirational.



The residents at Presbyterian Village at North Church (PVNC) gathered together for a special Thanksgiving meal catered by Lebro's Restaurant.

## **Resident Life**



Our residents at (PVNC) made Seneca Nation no face dolls. The legend behind the dolls states "It's what is inside of a person that is important."

Our residents had a wonderful time making this craft, while enjoying traditional Indian cookies.



Our administrator at PVNC likes to hold a "Lunch with Lisa" on occasion for the residents. Everyone brings their own lunch and enjoys each other's company - all fun and no business!

Sharon even brought a special treat to share. Yum!



It was a mother-daughter (Dorothy and daughter Arlene) team effort that resulted in a strike in a bowling tournament held among the Garvin and Hope House residents.



On Veterans Day we were able to present our resident veterans at Beechwood with a pin and basket of goodies from the Military Order of the Purple Heart to honor their service. We appreciate your service to our country!



One of our residents at Beechwood, Mr. John Lavin, was presented a certificate from the American Legion. The certificate acknowledges his 20 years of membership to the Legion. Congratulations!



It was Birthday Dinner at Asbury celebrating all the November birthdays, including Mrs. Jarmusz (whose daughter joined in the celebration).



The Beechwood/Blocher Foundation hosted a thank you luncheon at Asbury thanking all those who have supported Beechwood over the past year. The guests even received green plush blankets - in time for the storm.



Look at this fabulous fascinator Mrs. Jones is wearing. She made it! Our ladies at Asbury spent an afternoon making them for that next special occasion. A fascinator is a high-society headpiece that is often worn by women at weddings and other events in the U.K and at Asbury Pointe Retirement Community.

## **Beechwood Employment Opportunties**

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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