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Generous donors impact seniors' lives

Becky and John Surma, longtime friends of Baptist Homes Society, have made what is believed to be the largest individual, non-bequest gift commitment in the organization's 105-year history. Announced during Baptist Homes Foundation's President's Circle and Samaritan Society celebration in April, the half-million-dollar gift will be payable over ten years.

The Surmas cited the outstanding care family members have received through Baptist Homes Society over the years as the reason for their gift.

The first \$50,000 installment helped underwrite several projects at Baptist Homes. Residents are thrilled with the renovation of the hair salon; the gift also helped replace worn courtyard, sunroom and activity room furniture, and purchased wireless headphones for residents. Two commercial dryers were purchased for the laundry department,



Becky and John Surma

as well as a new chair scale, and several specialized wheelchairs. In addition to these operational items, the Surmas directed \$5,000 of their initial pledge payment to the Employee Appreciation Fund to recognize the people who have treated their family like family.



Jane Tierney and stylist Mary McIntyre, like many others at Baptist Homes, are thrilled with the renovations in the newly renovated and renamed "Cuts & Curls Salon."

"It gives us great pleasure to support an outstanding organization that has given so much to the residents it has served for more than a century," said Becky.

"We hope others who become aware of our gift also recognize the importance of Baptist Homes Society and its mission."

Becky has served on one of Baptist Homes Society's boards for nearly two decades while John has been a supporter of our annual golf invitational tournament.

"As significant as this grant is," said Baptist Homes Society president **Al Allison**, "it's not as important as the time and talent the Surmas have given us over the years. We are blessed to have them as friends." 🌿



*Alvin W. Allison, Jr.
President & CEO
Baptist Homes Society*

We treasure every gift

In this issue of *Along the Journey*, we focus on the many individuals whose generosity and support make it possible for Baptist Homes Society to continue to fulfill our mission: “To provide the highest quality of living for all those we serve, while uplifting one person at a time.”

From our cover story on the incredibly generous gift of John and Becky Surma, to the report on our event celebrating the support of our major donors, to the summary of the many sponsors and donors who made this year’s Charity Golf Invitational such a successful event, we are humbled to highlight the

A message from the President

impact that each and every gift and donation has on our organization and the older adults we are privileged to serve.

Many people may ask how their gift or donation can make a difference at Baptist Homes Society. It is very important to note that the charitable and benevolent care we are able to provide and the quality of life we are able to offer our residents depends on every gift we receive. Even the smallest gift can have a huge impact in time and in eternity. I am reminded of the words of Jesus who taught that even a cup of water given to one of these in need, even the least of them, will be rewarded.

*“Even the
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a huge impact in time
and in eternity.”*

Please be assured that we treasure each and every gift we receive. I give you our pledge to be the best stewards possible of all that is entrusted to us in supporting the services that we offer to all who call a Baptist Homes Society community their home.

Also, I would like to acknowledge the residents, staff

and volunteers at Providence Point as they celebrate their fifth anniversary. Many of those present at our recent celebration commented about how quickly the time had passed. But one resident said, “I can’t believe its *only* been five years. I feel like the people here have been my friends and family forever!”

The people who live and work at Providence Point have truly created a wonderful senior living *community*, now known as “home” to almost 500 people.

God bless you for your ongoing support of Baptist Homes Society, our mission, and our ministry to older adults in the communities we serve. 🌿

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*Our mission is to provide the highest
quality of living for all those we serve,
while uplifting one person at a time.*

President's Circle and Samaritan Society members honored

Nearly 100 guests attended the Baptist Homes Foundation's President's Circle and Samaritan Society members dinner on April 22 at Providence Point.

The event was underwritten by Alan Greenberg and Matt Thompson with the North Shore Group of Morgan Stanley in New York, and money managers from Apex Capital Management, Nuveen Investment Counsel, Miller Howard Investments, Uniplan Investment Counsel and Smith Group Asset Management.

During the dinner, Becky and John Surma's 10-year \$500,000 gift commitment (*cover story*) was announced, as well as a major commitment by the Baptist Homes Auxiliary (*See pg. 6*).

The President's Circle recognizes more than 100 individual donors who make contributions of \$1,000 or more in a calendar year.

Samaritan Society members support our mission by making Baptist Homes Foundation the beneficiary of an estate-related commitment. Gifts include



Joan Marcinko and Pat Waterman talk with Scott Keffer following the estate planning seminar presented prior to the President's Circle and Samaritan Society dinner.

bequests, appreciated securities, real estate, life insurance and life income gifts such as charitable gift annuities and charitable trusts.

Estate-related gifts have been the principal tool by which we have been able to maintain our 105-year record of having never required anyone to leave because, through no fault of their own, they exhausted their resources.

Prior to the dinner, Scott Keffer, President of Wealth Transfer Solutions, conducted a charitable estate planning seminar to explain

the many tools available to help us redirect taxes to support our families and the work of Baptist Homes Foundation. (Excerpts of the presentation will soon be available at www.bhf.plannedgiving.org.)

Baptist Homes Foundation takes this opportunity to thank everyone who supports our mission, especially those who are members of these two important giving societies.

For more information on the President's Circle or Samaritan Society, please contact **Jack Miller** or **Erin Engel** at 412-489-3260. 🐦

Reaching out to the larger community

Baptist Homes Society reaches out to serve the community in many ways, but none have quite the 'competitive' spirit as the annual food drive to benefit South Hills Interfaith Ministries (SHIM). This spring, Baptist Homes rallied to win the soup can trophy by donating more items/cash than Providence Point. **Janet Wasko** accepted the trophy from **Jessica Higgs**. BHS President and CEO **Al Allison**, Baptist Homes Executive Director **Bernie Erb**, and SHIM Executive Director Jim Guffey were also on hand. Other community benefit efforts during the past year include a shoe drive for Soles 4 Souls, fundraising for the Alzheimer's Association, and in-kind donations to Brother's Brother. 🐦



Golfers beat weather to benefit BHS



Golfers prepare for the start of the 21st Annual BHF Charity Golf Invitational on the Allegheny Country Club lawn.

A week of rain forced Baptist Homes Foundation to move its 21st Annual Charity Golf Invitational at Allegheny Country Club from its original date of May 19 to a bright and sunny day on June 23, 2014. In spite of the minor setback,

100 golfers and another 50 dinner guests were on hand to assure a day of fellowship that also netted more than \$92,000 for the Baptist Homes Foundation's Samaritan Fund for Resident Assistance.

The highlight of the day was Bill and Mary Mitchell's heartwarming story about the impact Baptist Homes and its employees had while serving their son, Billy, who has an intellectual disability.

Special thanks to our major underwriters and sponsors (listed at right), and everyone who helped make the day a success. We are grateful to the board members, staff and others who helped organize and run the event. It was an enjoyable day of camaraderie and golf that will benefit a most important cause—our seniors. Visit www.baptisthomessociety.org and www.bhf.plannedgiving.org to see photos from the day.

Please mark May 18, 2015 on your calendar as the date for the 22nd Annual Baptist Homes Foundation Golf Invitational.

Internationally renowned golfer Carol Semple Thompson will return as

honorary chair of the event, which will again be held at Allegheny Country Club. 🦅



Bill Mitchell and his son Billy relax on the veranda at Allegheny Country Club before dinner.

Thank you to our golf outing sponsors

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Community Day

Saturday, September 20, 2014

Noon - 3:00 pm

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Baptist Homes Society is a not-for-profit organization providing quality care for seniors of all faiths for more than a century.

Auxiliary begins 76th year of serving seniors

If you want to learn how to make a difference in the lives of people in need, just look to our Baptist Homes Auxiliary members.

This group of dedicated volunteers not only provides countless hours staffing the gift shop, shuttling residents from one activity to another and serving where needed, but has also become a catalyst in getting others to put their resources where the Auxiliary's heart is.

In addition to raising dollars for the Samaritan Fund for Resident Assistance through raffles, rummage and bake sales, and their annual luncheon, Auxilians have used their resources to attract matching gifts for larger projects they deem important to our residents.

Last year, their \$35,000 grant helped to leverage a \$50,000 grant from the George H. Campbell, Lilian S. Campbell and Mary S. Campbell Foundation and another \$15,000 from Joerns, Inc. to purchase 42 new

beds that effected a 60 percent decrease in resident falls, along with other documentable health-related improvements.

In July, the Auxiliary committed

importance of selling cupcakes and working toward our goals," said Auxilian **Gail Friedman**. "I know we are making a real difference in the lives of these people, and it feels great!"

While the group is small in number, it's large in promoting the BHS mission.

"Everyone here cares about each resident on this campus and we do what we can to support them," says Auxiliary President **Sally Barnett**. "After a long discussion, we decided that we aren't raising money to accumulate it, we're raising it to make a difference... and that's what we're going to do."

In addition to these grants, individual

members have established gift annuities and included Baptist Homes Foundation in their estate plan.

"You couldn't find a better group of ambassadors for who we are and what we're about," says BHS President Allison. "I only wish there were more of them!" 🐦



At the annual luncheon are Auxiliary members (l to r) Jean Baldwin, Cathy Luck, Marilyn Zielinski, and Gail Friedman.

\$50,000 more to encourage another \$65,000 in matching gifts. This will result in 19 more beds for our Healthcare residents and 200 ceiling fans for our Baptist Manor residents.

"When I heard of the positive outcomes achieved with the beds, I gained a whole new insight into the

Baptist Homes Society major need wish list

If you'd like to help Baptist Homes Society address a major need, contact the Foundation office at 412-489-3260. There are recognition opportunities as well as ways to give anonymously. Here are a few current priority needs:

Endowment to perpetually fund art therapy \$500,000
 ¾-ton pickup truck & plow\$45,000
 New resident meal carts.....\$25,000
 New windows for the chapel\$17,500
 Commercial washing machine.....\$17,500
 Mechanical lift for residents in healthcare.....\$7,500

The Eldersong Inventory (music library)\$3,000
 Assorted Christmas decorations.....\$2,500
 Vital signs equipment and monitoring cart.....\$2,500
 Brain health program speaker fee\$1,500
 Pool supplies/equipment\$1,500
 Laptop computers\$1,500

Foundation Board expands to meet growing needs

During the past year, the Baptist Homes Foundation Board of Directors was expanded to 15 members and seven special advisors. The change allows the Baptist Homes Society Board to increase its focus on developing and implementing the organization's strategic plan and policies. The Baptist Homes Foundation Board will focus its time, talent, and treasure raising the resources necessary to fulfill Baptist Homes Society's mission. The Baptist Homes Foundation Board members and advisors are:

BRIAN GONGAWARE is Board Chair and a licensed Certified Financial Planner and Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor. He is a Principal and Regional Managing Director of McKinley Carter Wealth Services, Inc.

JAMES FRANTZ is president of TEDCO Construction and has been with the firm since 1992. He is an active member of the Master Builders Association and the Associated General Contractors of America.

WORTH HELMS is a retired Northwestern Mutual representative. He serves on the Boards of Goodwill, Alderson Broadus College, HOPE, and the Christian East African and Equatorial Development Trust.

PHIPPS HOFFSTOT is past CFO of Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation. Prior to that, he worked at Shenango Furnace Company. He has served on the board of American Exploration Company and numerous non-profits including Harvard University and Carnegie Institute.

LARRY W. JACKLEY is Board Treasurer and President of Booksmarts LLC, a tax and accounting franchising organization. Larry is a CPA and a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the Pennsylvania Institute of CPAs.

JOSEPH KOTARBA is an Enrolled Agent who still represents clients before the IRS, and worked as an IRS customer service representative in Pittsburgh. Since retiring he enjoys volunteering at Baptist Homes.

CATHY LUCK has been an active Baptist Homes volunteer since 2005. She is the treasurer of the Baptist Homes Auxiliary. Prior to retirement, Cathy worked with West View Savings and Bell Atlantic.

VIKEN MIKAELIAN co-founded VirtualGiving.com, the first company focused specifically on bringing planned giving to the Internet. Through VirtualGiving.com, he has helped more than 1,000 nonprofits build web-based identities. He has produced more than 1,600 publications on planned giving strategies.

JACK OWEN is a partner with Rhoades & Owen, LLC and has represented nonprofit organizations, business owners, and others in business law, employee benefits, nonprofit, tax and estate planning matters. Jack is a licensed minister in the Assemblies of God Church.

DEB SMITH is Board Vice-Chair and the Chief Development Officer for Girl Scouts of Western PA. She is an active member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and has 20 years of experience and expertise in fundraising and major gift development.

BECKY SURMA has served as a Baptist Homes Board member since the early 90's and currently serves as Secretary. She has a background in health planning and administration and is a past member of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

JAN O. WENZEL is an attorney with Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney Pittsburgh and a member of the Allegheny County Bar Association. He is a Foundation Board member in light of his role as Baptist Homes Society Board Chair. 🌿

Advisors to the Baptist Homes Foundation Board

IRENE CLARK, Community Leader and Past Board Member

ED JOHN, Partner, J & J Resource Development, LLC

SCOTT KEFFER, President, Wealth Transfer Solutions, Inc.

BOB PATTON, Retired Chairman, Union National Bank and Retired Trustee, McCune Foundation

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MARILOU RUBRIGHT, Director, Outpatient Services and Home Care Services, AOT, Inc.

JOHN VIEHMAN, Retired Chairman and CEO, Brentwood Bank

What's new at *Baptist* HOMES

Live gracefully.



some fun posing for photos, solo and with friends. Several residents wanted to share their

images with friends and family, so many of their photos, like the one of **Beatrice Tompel** and

Virginia Enscoe, below, can be found on our Facebook page.



Meet and Greet

Prior to quarterly Board of Directors' meetings, board members are invited to Meet & Greets with the seniors living in our residences. These events give the residents and board members a unique opportunity to learn and share, and get a fuller appreciation of our mission and communities. Recently, board member **Laurie Butler** chatted with **Emily Doublet** and **Virginia Rhyner**, longtime friends and Baptist Homes residents.

Queen for the Day

Just before Mother's Day, Baptist Homes celebrates Queen for a Day—a day to primp, pamper and get a glamour shot! This year, about 80 women joined in the fun. They got manicures and makeovers, then had

Men's BBQ

Not to be outdone by the women's day of pampering in May, the men of Baptist Homes held their

annual Men's BBQ during the week of Father's Day. The weather didn't fully cooperate, so most of the picnic-style activities were held indoors, but family, friends and volunteers brought plenty of smiles to create their own sunshine in the Activity Room. Above, **Donald** and **Mary Ann Halligan**, with their daughter and grandchildren posed for a family photo.





Art for all ages and abilities

Baptist Homes recently completed a nine-week art therapy program made possible by grants received from the Hafner Charitable Foundation of the PNC Charitable Trust and the Snee-Reinhart Charitable Foundation. Participants, including Carmella Polito and Stephanie Slabe, above, created works of art and enjoyed the social, cultural and educational opportunity. Their finished artwork will be on display during Baptist Homes Society's Community Day on September 20. We are grateful to these organizations for contributing substantially to the quality of life for our residents.

Spring blossoms

Many seniors enjoy gardening, so when spring arrived at

Baptist Homes, the soil and pots came out, and residents like Helen Baxendell, below, potted seedlings that would be placed on window sills and planted in the courtyard once the threat of frost was gone. The event is part of Hope Grows, an educational activity in which residents can learn about gardening and watch their seedlings blossom.

Shear the Beard

To celebrate the renovation of the hair salon,

and support the Samaritan Fund for Resident Assistance, Maintenance Supervisor **Tom Kiefner** offered up his beard. Anyone who enrolled in the Foundation's

Many Hands One Heart employee giving campaign via payroll deduction, or raised their current giving level, got a chance to win the opportunity to shave Tom's beard. On July 31, the lucky winner, Accounts Payable Clerk **Lori Kiefer**, jokingly donned some protective gear and took razor in hand. The event corresponded with the re-opening of the salon, now called *Cuts & Curls*.

Animals breed smiles

Baptist Homes relies on volunteers to escort residents, set up and coordinate activities, help in the gift shop, plan special events—the list goes on. There's one



volunteer guaranteed to bring smiles just by sitting around and looking cute. That is our four-legged friend, *Chu*, escorted by her human owner and volunteer, **Linda King**. On a recent visit, **Marvin Eicher**, **Judy Hirschberg**, **Barb Johnson** joined Linda to pose with the adorable pup.

Animals of all sorts are popular. In fact, during the spring, residents were fascinated by Pittsburgh's nesting bald eagles. They watched streaming video on the large screen TV and invited National Aviary's Bob Mulvihill to come and speak. 🦅



Happy birthday to you...

Providence POINT

*Where active seniors and a vibrant lifestyle
create a unique living experience.*



On June 17, 2014, Providence Point celebrated its 5th anniversary as Pittsburgh's premier senior living community. Cake, ice cream and a champagne punch toast led by Resident Council President **Jack Bosley** followed opening remarks by BHS President & CEO **Al Allison, Jr.** and Executive Director **Bob Kocent**.

Guests were also treated to a surprise flash mob! The Zumba class participants had practiced a routine for several weeks. Following the greetings and toast, one by one, the



women strolled from out of the audience to Pharrell Williams' hit song "Happy."

Following the flash mob performance, residents were invited to watch a slide show of photos that spanned more than eight years—from construction planning to present day.



A few residents pointed out that, though June 17 was the anniversary of the official opening, there were several people who had already been living on the property as early as November of the previous year.

From the Personal Care



residence to the healthcare corridors, balloons, ice cream and various renditions of "Happy Birthday" with staff and residents helped celebrate the special milestone.

Clockwise from top left: Jack Bosley leads the toast; Ben Cox offers champagne punch; Myrna Kreischer gets a scoop of ice cream from Anna Sachse; about 20 women formed a flash mob, including Ruthe Fleming, Laura Colarosa and Sally Lindsay (in the foreground).

5-star team

For two years in a row, the Healthcare Residence of Providence Point has received no deficiencies during its annual Department of Health survey. It takes great teamwork and dedication to make this happen. Team members stopped briefly for a photo following the survey results. Congratulations!

Chronic Disease Workshop held

A chronic disease management class, *Better Choices, Better Health*, developed by Stanford University finished up its six-week run at Providence Point with 18 graduates. The objective of the Wellness program was to offer support and to educate residents and other community members in managing their chronic conditions.



Fresh from the farm

New this summer, Providence Point dining services staff, including **Abbey Daum**, **Alicia Koloski** and **Caleb Hicks**, has set up farmers markets in the Washington Room to give residents an easy opportunity to enjoy some of the local summer bounty right at home!



Providence Point's five-star healthcare team includes: (front) Brian Colon, Sharon Silkroski; (2nd row) Mary Ann Nagle, Gale Grossi, Tiffany Lazear, Alicia Koloski, Kizzy Hatcher, Terry Crawford; (back) Briana Mroz, Carla Garrett, Noreen Preteroti, Helen Beal, Lana Van Voorhis, Karin Gossett, Gary Lindenfelser, Katrina Lee, Jennifer Ward, Phil Keib and Norman Kalina.

Savor the Seasons

Providence Point's quarterly dining series continued with a Farm to Table event on August 5. The set menu dinner featured local fresh foods like stuffed squash blossoms and roasted green tomato tarte tatin with sorrel and golden beet salad. The dinner and ensuing entertainment were a big hit with the sell-out crowd.

Golfer goes for record

Providence Point resident **Robert Moore**, celebrated his 90th birthday and achieved another major milestone. Bob has played golf at

least once every month since his retirement 25 years ago. On his birthday, he golfed for the 300th consecutive month. He did so at Valley Brook Country Club, a club he has been involved with since its inception. Family and friends joined him on the course and at dinner on his special day. 🍷



Above, enjoying the Savor the Seasons dinner are Tony and Pat Waterman, Rosemary Killmeyer, Bill and Lavisa Ward, and Judy and Leroy Snyder.

Milestones and more

George Sandora

joined the organization as Chief Financial Officer in February. Prior to joining Baptist Homes Society, Mr. Sandora

served as a Financial Consultant for Clearfield Hospital and as Vice



Erin Engel

President of Business Operations at Alle-Kiski Medical Center.

Erin Emily Engel joined



George Sandora

Baptist Homes Foundation in April as the Development Assistant. Her 10 years of development experience includes data management, events, and donor relations at the Senator John Heinz History Center, and event coordination at Carlow University.

Ronna Stewart, RN, NHA, joined Providence Point as the Director of Nursing in Healthcare in July. She is filling **Terry Crawford's** position. Terry has been with



Ronna Stewart



Terry Crawford

Providence Point for more than five years and is retiring in August. We thank Terry for her years of service and wish her a fulfilling retirement.

Congratulations to Providence Point Event Planner **Sarah Mae Gross**, who was selected as a member of the Pittsburgh 50 Finest for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. She and the other accomplished young people were featured in *Whirl* magazine. 🍀



Sarah Gross

Congratulations to our MVPs

Baptist Homes Society celebrates the excellent work and dedication of our staff to our mission by honoring employees on a regular basis. Each month, a volunteer committee reviews nominations made by staff and selects a monthly winner. Monthly winners receive PTO, preferred parking for the month and are eligible to be recognized as MVP of the Year. Congratulations to the following who were selected by their peers as MVPs.

BAPTIST HOMES MONTHLY MVPs



Chrissy Cottrill
January 2014



Ben Gbolo
February 2014



Laura Flaus
March 2014



Christy Reeves
April 2014



Bill Loveland
May 2014



Jodi Druga
June 2014

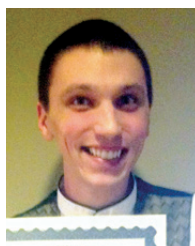
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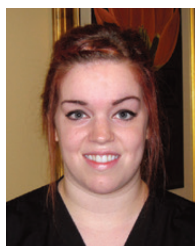
Roumian Kamenov
January 2014



Rebecca Frazier
February 2014



James Masilunas
March 2014



Gina Manning
April 2014



Vivian Statheros
May 2014



Cynthia Clinton
June 2014

Stay connected

Like the rest of the world, Baptist Homes Society continues to expand its electronic communication services. We now have four websites and two Facebook pages. We Tweet, too. We hope you'll take a moment to visit our sites and learn more about us. If you'd like to receive communications electronically, send an email and request to be added to the list. Let us know the sorts of information you would like to receive. We can send information about our series of continuing education classes for Nursing Home Administrators, Social Workers and Nurses; We can send out *Along the Journey* as a PDF document; and provide information about our various volunteer opportunities and community events. 🐦

Baptist Homes Society's E-Profile

Our websites:

www.baptisthomessociety.org - This is the site for the overall organization that has links to the two campus websites and the Baptist Homes Foundation site. You'll also find Wellness information that is of use to people of all ages.

www.baptisthomes.org - Baptist Homes' website has information about senior living services at our Mt. Lebanon campus, as well as information about our rich 105-year history. You'll also find employment and volunteer opportunities.

www.providencepoint.org - Take a virtual tour and learn more about Pittsburgh's premier retirement community. You can also access information about our Personal Care and Healthcare Residences and find employment opportunities.

www.bhf.plannedgiving.org - Although all of our websites provide links to our online giving page, the Baptist Homes Foundation site offers in-depth information on maximizing gifts and numerous ways you can support our mission.

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Kind gifts and words

Baptist Homes Society relies on the generosity of families, friends and organizations to sustain its mission of benevolent care. Support is manifested in many ways. Outright gifts of cash, in-kind donations, and legacy gifts (insurance and will/trust benefits) are essential to our ability to provide continued care for individuals whose funds have been depleted.

This year alone, thanks to generous donations, we were able to provide about \$1.8 million in direct and indirect aid to residents of our communities.

Kind words are also a valuable gift. When residents, family members, and others who have entrusted loved ones to our care take a moment to remember an experience or recognize an employee or volunteer, it is proof that we are living and working toward our mission and touching lives of the seniors in our care.

We thank those who acknowledge staff with such kind words, especially at a time when they may have quite a bit 'on their plate.'

We are proud of the quality of our services and happy to share some of their comments here. Thank you. 🐦

"We would like to thank all the wonderful caregivers who are always willing to sing, joke and act silly just to bring a smile to the residents of the special care unit..."

"We appreciate the caring members of the staff that I call 'angels.' We are so blessed to have found the Baptist Homes for our mother."

"Your staff across the board is exceptional. From front desk to servers, to nurses...exceptional."

"I miss everyone at Providence Point—nursing staff, residents, dining workers, aides, therapists—everyone was great! Best care I ever had, except for my home!"

"Dear wonderful healthcare staff,

Thank you for the excellent care I received from you. I can't remember all your names, but I do remember your kindness, patience and good humor."

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM GIFTS
to Baptist Homes Foundation
January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014

Gifts in Honor

**Baptist Homes Personal Care staff for
their commitment to the residents**

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Rasheedah Bey

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Baptist Homes Society fondly remembers two employees who recently passed away:

Larry Pace, a caring, hard-working CNA in Skilled Nursing, had been with Providence Point since 2011.

Barb Owens, a Providence Point cook since early 2013, was known for always lending a hand..

Great care has been taken in preparing this list. If we have inadvertently omitted the name of one of our supporters, our apologies are offered along with our desire to correct the information. Please contact Baptist Homes Foundation at 412.489.3260 if that has been the case.



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**September 10, 2014, 4:30 - 6:30pm
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*presented by Dr. David Mayernik,
Interim Health Care Hospice*

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*presented by Jessica Higgs,
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**Saturday, September 20, 2014
Noon to 3:00 p.m.
in the Baptist Homes
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**Food • Entertainment •
Information Tables • Activities
for Children and Adults •
Petting Zoo • Wellness demos
and more!**

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**Friday, September 26, 2014
Baptist Homes and
Providence Point**

*If you don't want to participate in
the big walk on the North Shore, but
want to join BHS in the fight to end
Alzheimer's, join us at either campus
for a pleasant stroll and
brain health tips.*

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