I hope everyone is starting off the New Year wonderfully! As we welcome in 2017 and the challenges it brings, I want to welcome new residents, families and friends to the Beverly Farm Community. We are pleased you have chosen Beverly Farm as the home for your loved one. It is a privilege to provide great opportunities for a full life to all the residents in our community.

Even though the challenges will be great, this is an exciting time to come to Beverly Farm. Our Board of Directors will be engaging in a strategic plan review and update. Patti Downey, Chairman of the Board has provided the leadership to the Board and Management over this past year. There is great enthusiasm for expanding our marketing and development efforts and involvement on behalf of our great Board. Continuing our mission is the priority.

Part of the internal marketing efforts will include starting off 2017 with a focus on employees and providing them with additional training that will include personal growth opportunities. The training will focus on respect, trust and care for one another. The training is basic with a belief that a quality of life is achieved with quality relationships. We all deserve this.

2017 will be a great year, Beverly Farm will celebrate 120 years of Growing, Living, Caring.

2016 –A Year in Review

There were 37 admissions and 24 discharges/deaths. This number of admissions is the largest we have seen in many years. It was due to the increased efforts of our Admissions and Marketing Department. Laventhal Cottage was re-opened to accommodate the increased census.

Resident programs received community recognition and grants:

• Local Chamber provided $3,000 to fund the addition of photography to the Art Program.

• Local Rotary chapter provided $2,000 for softball equipment and upgrades to the ball diamond.

These two programs are an example of the variety of activities available. Residents have many opportunities to be as active as they want.

Residents who were part of the Butterfly Dreams Pageant were invited to attend an event with actress Jane Seymour. She was awarding an Open Heart grant to the Butterfly Dreams Pageant. The softball teams played ball with the Cardinal baseball club members. Some residents volunteered in the community during the year.

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We also participated in choir, karaoke, dances, movies, volleyball, drama club, art, special Olympic practices and competitions, swimming and bingo. Residents completed some of their highest contract work at DT selling an all-time high of $299,395 in product for FY 2016.

The residential homes all completed their regulatory inspections with good reviews. Remodeling efforts in the homes continued throughout 2016 and will carry into several years to come. Construction started and finished in 2016 for a new CILA home built to ADA specifications. An additional home was purchased before the end of the year growing our CILA program to 3 homes.

State of Illinois ran without a budget but continued to reimburse Beverly Farm regularly. Legislative relationships proved to be more important in 2016. US Representative Rodney Davis toured our programs with his staff, complimenting us along the way. A tour was also given to Senator Bill Haine and his wife. Shrinking State dollars hurt the DD industry. Social Service programs must lobby against each other for the resources. Legislative relationships keep us connected to the decision makers when policies are being considered that impact our services.

A new union contract was ratified. Wage increases were effective in September even though we continue to operate with the same reimbursement rate from the State. Staff shortages continued throughout the year and were made worse when an Amazon Distribution Center came into our area and our employment numbers dropped requiring massive overtime to be necessary.

Earlier in the year hourly wage add-ons were given for voluntary overtime during weekends. This was an incentive to encourage voluntary overtime. These wage add-ons were only possible because of unrestricted donations received during the year. We currently are using some temporary agency staff to help with the required overtime. The staffing issue continues to be a number one priority for 2017. An Employee/Management committee formed to work together on solutions for the staffing issues.

Department of Labor put out new rules for salaried employees which would have negatively impacted BF but a court ordered a stay in the implementation of the new rules. No word on where this is headed.

Contributions continue to be needed to supplement our State revenue and help to cover the costs of our programs like the Recreational Program, Medical and Dental Clinics, to name a few.

Increased efforts by our Board of Directors, Management and Development staff have our fundraising moving in the right direction.

A Corporate sponsorship program kicked off in 2016 with good results. A Donor Recognition program had their first kick-off party with beautiful gifts and recognitions for the varying levels of giving. The Donor Reception this year will be at Argosy Casino, one of our new Corporate Sponsors. Diamonds and Denim was very successful in 2016 by bringing back a “live auction” which increased the net proceeds of the event. It’s back for 2017. Last summer, a Chicago area family and a few board members organized an event held at the Arlington Heights Horse Racing Track. The event, “A Day at the Races” was a great success filled with fun times. New contacts and relationships are growing in the Chicago area thanks to this event. The families are already working on the 2017 Day at the Races.

Grant proposals were developed and submitted to various Trusts affiliated with Beverly Farm and its residents. The Trust efforts were successful by increasing distributions from those trusts.

Contributions from the Parent Groups made dollars available for an Employee Christmas luncheon for ALL Employees. This appreciation luncheon was well attended and well deserved by our hardworking employees. On behalf of the employees, thank you to the family groups for making this possible.

There was greater emphasis on social media in the Beverly Farm community. There were both positive and negative impact on operations. Our marketing and development efforts were enhanced with improvements to our website and development of a Facebook page. Social media however can be problematic for some of our residents so it requires increased efforts to protect the residents. There can be employment issues created with the increase use of social media by all of us.

Thank you to all for the support in 2016 and in past years. Your generosity has been instrumental in making Beverly Farm a caring community for the residents who call it home.
Did you know that Beverly Farm has its own Venture Scout troop? Venture Crew No. 2630 began in 1989 through the Lewis and Clark Council of the Boy Scouts of America for Beverly Farm residents who wanted to continue with the Scouting program after reaching the maximum age. Venturing’s purpose is to provide positive experiences to help prepare individuals to become responsible and caring adults. Venturing helps individuals develop the ability to make responsible choices that reflect their concern for what a risk is and how it will affect others involved. Leaders expect the scouts to employ empathy, invention, and selection when they think through their position and work toward a solution.

Venture Crew No. 2630 celebrated its 10th year partnering with Toys for Tots. This year, the Scouts were on a budget of $250 — half for boys and half for girls — to select the most fun-filled and ideal gifts from the Godfrey Walmart. The toys were gathered by the Marine Corps League for 40 Scouts to hand out on Dec. 17 at the Wood River VFW Hall.

In honor of the 10th anniversary, the Toys for Tots Coordinator, Glenn Heimer received a special gift himself, a canvas of the Toys for Tots logo personally painted by an artist, Jeff D. Rosalie Huebner, vice president of the Marine Corps League’s 5th District and a liaison to the Scouts, was also honored at the party with a hand-crafted painting for her continuous support.

The highlight of the evening however, came with the introduction of the Big Guy in Red – Santa Claus! The Scouts presented Santa a special picture book of last year’s visit to Beverly Farm before receiving their own gifts. This evening was a moment for the scouts to give back, enjoy the holiday spirit, and celebrate with friends. We at Beverly Farm are grateful for our community partners and look forward to collaborating even more in 2017!

Written by: Cody Hinkle
Did you know?

When you retire, your child becomes eligible to receive SSDI benefits which guarantees they get $30.00 each month deposited into their personal accounts regardless of how much they earn each month. SSDI is drawn from a parent, after the parent’s retirement.

Any money over the $30.00 from SSDI would then be applied to their cost of care.

After your child is on SSDI for two years, they then become eligible to receive Medicare benefits.

Having Medicare benefits opens up a larger choice of physicians to our residents.

The state of Illinois only allows our residents to keep up to $50.00 of their earnings each month, any earnings they make over the allowed $50.00 is applied towards their cost of care reducing the amount in which the state pays.

Individuals drawing only SSI (SSI is drawn from the individual) benefits only receive $30.00 per month, and that money has to cover all of their personal expenses such as copays on pharmacy, haircuts, clothing, outings, etc...

Individuals that draw SSI only, are limited to how much money they can earn before their SSI benefit is either lowered or stopped all together.

Written by: Crystal Runion

Reporter Correction from October 2016

Please note that in the “Building Community Connections with SIUE” article, GRP Mechanical Co. should have been listed in the project. Thank you GRP Mechanical!

IN LOVING MEMORY OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE PASSED

October 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

Ruth Ann McAnnally
9/6/1952 - 10/19/2016
Ruth lived at Beverly Farm since 1980.

Mark “Bucky” McCollen
10/14/1954 - 12/6/2016
Bucky lived at Beverly Farm since 1958.

Ernest “Ernie” Morgan
4/10/1928 - 12/19/2016
Ernest lived at Beverly Farm since 1953.

Ruth, Bucky, and Ernie will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.
MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

LISTED GIFTS RECEIVED OCTOBER 1, 2016 - DECEMBER 31, 2016

• RUTH ANDERSON
  Joe and Janet Schutter

• PAUL BARNARD
  Joe and Janet Schutter

• DAVID BRUCE BLACK
  Ray Black and Son, Inc.

• JEANNE BOHNKE
  Joe and Janet Schutter

• WALTER BRONSON
  Brian B. and Lee Birnbaum
  Louise Doyle

• BRIAN BROUILLETTE
  Joe and Janet Schutter

• BERT S. BROWN
  Matt Brown

• BONNIE BROWN
  Matt Brown

• JOANNE BROWN
  Matt Brown

• KATHY BRUEGGMANN
  Jeanette Craig

• DR. LEOPOLD BUERGER
  Carol Ann Buerger

• WILSON BYRUM
  William and Nancy Cathey
  Bill and Joan McCormick

• CHARLOTTE CAIN
  Joe and Janet Schutter

• S. FRANK AND RHODA COBB
  David and Cynthia Delbruegge
  Larry Efflein
  Ted Helkebusch
  Delores Miller
  Laverne Oetting
  Joseph and Marilyn Schroeder
  Sharon Steffan
  Rita Stewart
  Jerry and Judy Trower
  Tony and Elizabeth Washer
  Rona Wilson
  Julie Worsham

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  Gloria Joann Aldridge

• SYLVIA DEYOUNG
  Marjorie J. DeYoung

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  Roger W. and Carol Queen

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  Monsanto Fund

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  Anonymous
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  Joan Brown

• BILL JANKE
  Elizabeth J. Nichols

• JOE KULT
  Joe and Janet Schutter

• GWENDOLYN HAY LADD
  Joe and Janet Schutter

• LORI MICHELLE LANDSMAN
  Merry Elrod
  James and Leslie Landsman

• BART LEVY
  Art and Fern Fischer

• CATHY LICHAMER
  Jeanette Lichamer

• KENNETH LITWAK
  Judith Hart
  Elaine Litwak

• JOHN LOCH
  Richard and Barbara Ireland

• FRIENDS OF FELICIA MAITZEN
  Paul and Denise Speidel

• JACK L. MAITZEN
  Paul and Denise Speidel

• JOSIE MAITZEN
  Paul and Denise Speidel

• NED MALONE
  Frank and Barbara Fitzgerald

• WILLIAM MARSHALL
  Roger W. and Carol Queen

• WILLIAM (BILL) MAYHALL
  Robert and Judy Blain

• RUTH ANN MCMANUS
  Robert and Judy Blain

• RYAN MORAVCIK
  James and Lucille Moravcik

• JOHN MOTT
  John and Doris Mott

• DAVID NIEWINSKI
  Curt and Alice Misavage
  James and Lucille Moravcik

• ERIK LLOYD PAULAUSKIS
  Jacquelyn Paulauskis

• DICKIE PEEK
  Robert and Nada Carrigan
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We welcome contributions of news of interest to our families, friends, and businesses.

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