

# THE REPORTER

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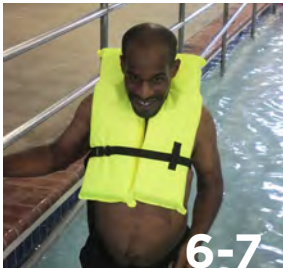
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Dear Beverly Farm Friends and Family,

At Beverly Farm, we measure success not by the absence of challenges, but by our response to them. This year reinforced what we've always known, that our mission is too important to let any obstacle diminish our resolve. The strategic investments we've made in technology, facilities, and our team reflect an organization that refuses to settle. The heart of Beverly Farm beats strongest when we're reminded why we exist, to create loving and caring homes for people with disabilities.

In 2026, our strategic investments will continue as we advance the implementation of our strategic plan, working to improve the employee experience, continue infrastructure projects, and explore opportunities to expand our mission impact and resident services. We're building upon the extraordinary here, and every decision we make will continue to honor the trust placed in us by our residents and families.

I hope you enjoy reading about all the wonderful activities and achievements highlighted in this issue of The Reporter.

With gratitude,  
Crystal Officer  
CEO



Dear Beverly Farm Families and Friends,

I would like to share some important updates about our financial landscape and recent successes.

### **Cost Increases**

Costs continue to rise for Beverly Farm, with an extreme example being increases in insurance costs. For example, coverage on Beverly Farm vehicles rose a stunning 379% from \$70K to \$333K per year, while general liability insurance rose 339% from \$75K to \$331K. This is an industry-wide story. We will pursue opportunities to manage rising costs while continuing to provide quality care for our loved ones. At Fall Family Weekend, we expect to review fiscal year-end financial results, further highlighting key financial issues.

### **Fundraising and Planned Giving**

We had a successful #Racing4BeverlyFarm campaign, resulting in about \$850,000 in contributions. Thank you and your family and friends for your generous support.

An equally important priority is expanding our planned giving program by encouraging supporters to name Beverly Farm as a beneficiary in estate trusts. Such trusts, like the June E. Michael and Carson Trusts create lasting legacies that ensure Beverly Farm can continue its mission for generations to come.

Thank you for being a member of the Beverly Farm Family. I look forward to seeing you at Family Weekend.

Jim Pardikes

*Chairman of the Board of Directors, Beverly Farm Foundation*

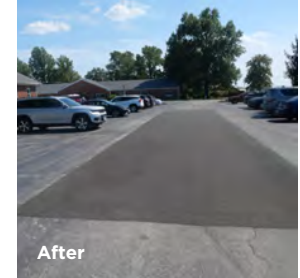
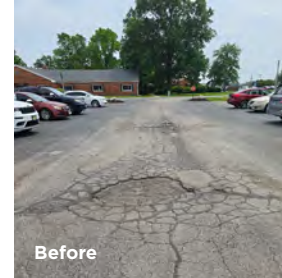
# CAMPUS UPGRADES

## JUNE E. MICHAEL TRUST MAKES THE DIFFERENCE BY INVESTING IN BEVERLY FARM

The acres of waving grasses dotted with cottages, group homes, apartments, other buildings, and recreation amenities at Beverly Farm create a peaceful setting where our residents can live well. But this much space also requires a watchful eye, a talented team, and the support of donors to keep everything running smoothly.

The June E. Michael Trust is the legacy of a forward-thinking family that valued the loving home we provided to their son and made us a priority in their giving. The trust names Beverly Farm as its beneficiary and gives us generous funds each year to ensure current residents can enjoy living here.

“The money we receive from the State of Illinois does not cover the high quality of life we provide to our residents,” said Taylor Justice, Chief Development Officer. “The June E. Michael Trust allows us to maintain and upgrade our property in ways that support health, wellness, and safety.”



And while asphalt repairs, painting projects, and new vehicles may sound like a typical check list, the Beverly Farm staff knows that these improvements have a major impact.



“When you have smooth walkways and spreaders for ice melt, it makes it easier for people with mobility challenges to get around campus in winter. When you have additional vans, it means people can get to CDS quicker or more capacity to get more people to doctors appointments. Repairs to the pool – which I think residents have been most excited about – means a place to socialize and also opportunity for physical therapy,” said Justice, explaining the importance of a few of the upgrades.

We are thankful to the June E. Michael Trust for their gifts that sustain our work. Their support demonstrates the lasting impact our donors can have when they invest in Beverly Farm.

# NEWS FROM THE FARM



## **Magic and Memories at the Masquerade Ball**

Residents gathered with their families and friends on April 26 for a Masquerade Ball, held during Spring Family Weekend. We got dressed up, put on our masks, and danced the night away under twinkling lights!



## **Pool Reopening Makes a Splash**

One of the most-anticipated features of our campus upgrade projects has been the grand reopening of the pool at the Groves B. Smith Recreation Center on August 1. Residents enjoyed music, games, snacks, and lots of new pool toys.

## **We're Really Going Places**

We are so excited about our new multi-passenger vehicles, which were added to the Beverly Farm fleet this summer. The vehicles are fully accessible and allow us to easily transport residents to their daily activities as well as medical appointments and events in the community. The 12-passenger van was funded through a gift of Madison County Transit and the Beverly Farm endowment.



## **We're always looking for volunteers**

to come have fun with us! Send a message to [volunteer@beverlyfarm.org](mailto:volunteer@beverlyfarm.org) to let us know you're interested.

## Farm Fresh with CDS

The CDS program had a wonderful season of growing fresh produce in their garden. From planting in the spring to watching the food grow to harvesting during the summer, we learned a lot and enjoyed nibbling on the delicious food!



## Party Down at the Block Party

The CDS team hosted a block party for residents that featured snow cones, cotton candy, face painting, temporary tattoos, music, and a foam party on the lawn.

# LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY

## THE POWER OF PLANNED GIVING AT BEVERLY FARM FOUNDATION



At Beverly Farm Foundation, we are humbled by the deep commitment of families who have chosen to support our mission for the long term. Over the years, we've been the fortunate recipients of planned gifts, each one a testament to the enduring relationships we've built with families who believe in the future of our work. As we look ahead, growing our planned giving program is more important than ever to ensure that Beverly Farm's mission continues to thrive for generations to come.

A momentous recent gift underscores the profound impact of these planned gifts. We are deeply honored to have received the remainder of a trust from a family whose son lived at Hardin Apartments many years ago. This remarkable gift, totaling more than \$2.5 million, has been invested into our Endowment Fund, a decision that is both strategic and essential to the sustainability of our mission.

The Endowment Fund is a cornerstone of Beverly Farm's financial health. Through it, we receive an annual disbursement that directly supports the programs and services that benefit our residents. Growing this fund ensures that Beverly Farm can continue to deliver the highest level of care and support, no matter what challenges the future may bring.

As we expand our planned giving program, we invite our supporters and family members to join us in securing the future of Beverly Farm. This is a critical moment for us to grow the Endowment and build a legacy that will have a lasting impact on the lives of our residents. It is through these thoughtful and strategic gifts that we can ensure Beverly Farm will continue to be a place of love, care, and opportunity for years to come.

In the coming months, we will share more ways you can make a meaningful difference through planned giving, and we look forward to partnering with you to shape a brighter future for Beverly Farm Foundation.

Taylor Justice  
*Chief Development Officer*

# FUNDRAISER RECAPS

## #Racing4BeverlyFarm Raised Over \$849K

Our 5th Annual 24-Hour Matching Gift Campaign, #Racing4BeverlyFarm, was a tremendous success! Together, we raised over \$849,000 in just 24 hours – all made possible by our generous donors.

These gifts didn't just meet a goal— they will fund our work to ensure inclusion, compassion, and empowerment for our residents.



## Second Annual Dice Race

Our Dice Race event on March 28 gave our Beverly Farm staff, residents, and donors an opportunity to come together for a good cause!



## First Responder Softball Game & Home Run Derby

We're thankful for the Alton River Dragons, Alton Police Department, Madison County Sheriff's Office, Alton Fire Department, Godfrey Fire Protection District and players from the Marquette Catholic High School baseball team for coming together on May 10 to make this event possible. Proceeds were donated to our #Racing4BeverlyFarm campaign.



# WAYS TO GIVE

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SUPPORT BEVERLY FARM!  
OUR GIVING PROGRAMS INCLUDE:



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## Have a Heart

A giving club that provides funds that support our programs and services for our residents. Donors choose to give monthly, quarterly, bi-annually, or annually.

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A SOUND  
FOUNDATION



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## Brick By Brick

Donors purchase a paving stone, with proceeds literally strengthening our Beverly Farm Foundation.



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## Magnolia Society

Our legacy giving society for donors who make plans to include Beverly Farm in their wills, estates, and trusts.



**To learn more about these giving programs** or to discuss other giving opportunities, please contact **Taylor Justice** [tjustice@beverlyfarm.org](mailto:tjustice@beverlyfarm.org) | 618.466.0367 x 649

# HR UPDATE

## Staff Updates

Beverly Farm thanks **Gerry Runion** for her five decades of service to our residents, making a lasting impact on the lives of so many. We were thrilled to celebrate her golden anniversary with a party full of love, laughter, and gratitude.



Congratulations to **Travis Hunt** for receiving his Licensed Nursing Home Administrator licensure. His commitment and expertise will help Beverly Farm continue provide outstanding care to our residents!



## Welcome to Our New HR Director

Beverly Farm is pleased to welcome **Toni Emery** as our new HR Director. Toni received her Masters in Human Resources Management from Webster University and has extensive experience in both healthcare and nonprofit work. She will be responsible for employee engagement, talent acquisition, labor relations, and compliance.

*Welcome,  
Toni!*

## Years of Service Award Recipients

### 1 YEAR

Mary Bunce  
Megan Childress  
Dedrionna Cowley  
Isabela Desouza  
Darrius Edwards  
Devon Fobbs  
Yaveion Freeman

Diamond Garcia  
John Lynch  
Haron Mnyapara  
Joshae Parker  
Golden Patterson  
Lissa Sido  
Kaelyn Stuller  
Keviona Usher

Gabrielle Wallace  
Ashley Weindel  
Keshon Young

### 5 YEARS

Devin Mathues  
Terri Watson

### 10 YEARS

Derreicia Eldridge  
Taylor Justice  
Ashley Robinson  
Sarah Russwinkel  
Kristal Withrow

### 15 YEARS

Kimberly Lott

### 50 YEARS

Gerry Runion

## UPCOMING 2025/2026 EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 26-27

Fall Family Weekend

### SEPTEMBER 27

TLC & Co. Variety Show

### OCTOBER 6-9

Camp Bell

### DECEMBER 11

Beverly Farm  
Christmas Play

### APRIL 24-25, 2026\*

Spring Family Weekend

### MAY 14, 2026

Beverly Farm "Joyful  
Noise" Choir Concert

### MAY 20-21, 2026\*

#Racing4BeverlyFarm  
Campaign

\*Tentative dates



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