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The Annual Beechwood Home Block Party Fun-Raiser Another Great Party!

By Bill Sandquist



Jennifer and her dad enjoying time together.



Mary Ann enjoying the music and the evening.

The Beechwood Home was hopping on Friday night, September 30. Never mind that it was a typical Friday night “football night” in Cincinnati, the Beechwood Home had its own blitz. Kids were running about, playing their games, and some were even climbing over the hedges. The smell of pizza was in the air, and whoa! from inside the hall of Beechwood, music was blaring, wheelchairs were swinging, and smiles were flashing. This was the night of the Beechwood Block Party, an annual event at Beechwood. *Soul Pocket* provided the music so that the

residents, along with their friends and family, could share in the fun. Family members, employees, board members and volunteers swung their partners round and round to the likes of Bruno Mars, Donna Summer, Aretha Franklin, Michael Jackson and others. The threatened lightning and rain did not occur, but had it done so, it might have postponed many a football game that night, but it would not have doused the fun at Beechwood. Can't wait until next year!

Thank you to our staff, volunteers and to the Balzer Family, Vere and Susan Gaynor, Kelsey Chevrolet, James McCall, Belinda Rose and Soul Pocket for helping to make the evening a huge success.



Denise (in middle) with her family.

In Thanksgiving

During this season of Thanksgiving, we, too, give thanks to all of the incredible Friends of Beechwood. We do not take for granted how these friends make a difference in the daily lives of our residents. We would not be where we are today without the benefactors, board members, friends and volunteers that grace the halls of The Beechwood Home. While enjoying the autumn season we are reminded to give Thanks for our wonderful blessings and gratitude for the endless selflessness that is bestowed upon us daily.

Patricia Clark, CEO

Beechwood Young Leaders – Getting Involved



Beechwood Home Young Leaders

Left to Right: Maria Moyer, Marty Walsh, Shasta Haddad, Tracy Sandquist and Emily Baechtold Pictured with Patti Clark, CEO to the far left and Judy Sandquist, Development Officer to the far right. (Not shown) Molly Sandquist and Lauren Stenger

There is a lot of enthusiasm in the room when the Beechwood Young Leaders get together. Thoughts flow freely and energy abounds. Ideas about social media, events, school involvement and ways they and their friends can help our Beechwood community are the topics of conversation. Led by chairperson, Marty Walsh, the group is coming up with new ways to introduce, educate and involve the younger generation into the Beechwood family. Since the inception of Beechwood Young

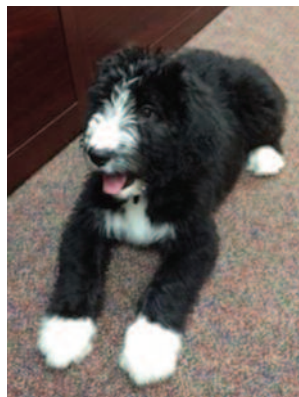
Leaders, they have already volunteered at the Shoot and the Block Party and held their first happening! The event was held at The Growler House in East Walnut Hills. Neither wind nor pouring rain stopped this full-house gathering. The House was packed and talk of Beechwood, crazy weather and laughter abounded. The beer was pretty great too! The Growler House is donating a portion from the sales that afternoon to Beechwood along with O Pie O who delivered food to our guests.

Thank you to the young leaders, The Growler House and O Pie O for making the afternoon a great success.

Beechwood Young Leaders Marty Walsh and Lauren Stenger with friend, Jenna Potts Schmidt in the middle



Beechwood Young Leaders volunteers at the Annual Clay Shoot, Maria Moyer and Emily Baechtold



Meet Winston

When you visit Beechwood, be on the lookout for a large ball of black and white fur rounding a corner with more energy than a 2 year old child. Meet Winston – our loveable new addition to our Beechwood family who is becoming a fast friend with our beloved therapy dog, Zeno.

As a Bernedoodle breed (Bernese Mountain Dog and Poodle), he is friendly, outgoing and mischievous. During the first couple of weeks Winston visited the residents, they were able to hold Winston on their lap. Now they pet him from their chairs and soon they may be looking at him eye to eye!

If you are visiting Beechwood don't be surprised if you have a new, playful best friend!

Spiritual Journey



Once again, the students at St. Ursula Academy volunteered for two days at Beechwood as part of their Spiritual Journey week. They enjoyed playing cards, doing art projects and visiting with the residents. The students also volunteer throughout the school year as a part of their service learning program.

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Annual Clay Shoot



High Overall Team L-R: Rich Oliver, Jack Oliver, Graham Vollmer and Will Vollmer pictured with Alex Vierling

The Sixth Annual Clay Shoot was held on a beautiful day at the Sycamore Gun Club on June 3, 2016. We are grateful to our major sponsors for helping with the event this year: The Heidt Family Foundation, Kirk's Castile, Messer, Western & Southern Financial Group, Bahl & Gaynor, MEP Holding company, Cornerstone Insurance and Financial Services – Dennis Shiels, and North American Properties.

A great meal was donated by U.S. Food Service, Commonwealth Foods, Premier ProduceOne and prepared by our own Beechwood Home Chef, Mayer Rosen and his staff.

The committee members, Dan Shiels, Sam Bortz, Chip Heidt, Rick Moore and the Beechwood staff did a fantastic job in providing the participants a great experience. We are also grateful to the Beechwood Young Leaders and two St. Ursula students who volunteered their time to help with the event.



High Overall Female: Gina McCord on right pictured with Alex Vierling



High Overall Male: Kevin Brown in the middle pictured with Alex Vierling and Dan Shiels



L-R John Borchers, Chip Heidt and Rob Heidt

The Ghost and Goblin Gala



L to R: Constance Reed, Dr. Robert Reed and Patricia Clark, Beechwood Home CEO

The 9th Annual Gala was held on October 29, 2016 at the Cincinnati Country Club and was a wonderful celebration. Dr. Robert Reed was honored for his tireless dedication and commitment to the M.S. community. He gave a memorable presentation sharing stories of his involvement with The

Beechwood Home and many of the residents. A heartfelt story was shared about a particular resident and Dr. Reed asked the resident to share his MS journey and his time at The Beechwood Home. Dr. Reed and our resident were inspiring to all those present.

The evening was filled with good friends sharing a passion for Beechwood. The Bluewater Kings Band provided music for dancing after dinner.

Thank you to our Major Sponsors: The Oliver Family Foundation, PNC Bank and Dr. and Mrs. Carl and Audre Sedacca.



Ghost and Goblin Gala Major Sponsors L to R: Dr. Carl Sedacca, Ms. Patricia Clark, The Beechwood Home CEO, Ms. Mary Alice Koch, Foundation Administrator, PNC Charitable Trusts, Mrs. Debbie Oliver, Mrs. Audre Sedacca, Board of Trustees member, and Mr. Rich Oliver, The Beechwood Home Board of Trustees President.



L to R: Brian, Tim, Gloria, Megan, Tommy, Sally, Theresa and Mary Ann. Residents and staff at The Beechwood Home.

Giving Tuesday

Maggie Elder

The Beechwood Home joins the Global #GivingTuesday Movement, a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate generosity worldwide. Occurring this year on November 29, #GivingTuesday is held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday to kick-off the holiday giving season and inspire people to collaborate in improving their local communities and to give back in impactful ways to the charities and causes they support. Watch your email in late November for details.



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Join Now and Impact the Future

Did you ever notice that sometimes a decision that you made had a much larger effect than you had anticipated? Perhaps you made a decision to help someone, and you were overwhelmed by the gratitude of the receiver. Perhaps a gift from you to The Beechwood Home might have such an effect. Seventy-seven out of the eighty residents at Beechwood are in wheelchairs due to neurological issues. The lack of ordinary chairs in the meeting rooms and parlors tells you that. But walking through the residence, you will see rooms artfully arranged to reflect the residents' tastes. You will see therapists working with the residents to help them remain as strong and in the best shape that their conditions will allow. If you enter the living room and listen to the laughter of the residents as they recreate together, you would know that Beechwood is a special place. Beechwood is more than a long-term care facility, it is a home. But like all places, Beechwood needs help.

Making any planned gift to The Beechwood Home entitles you to membership in the Tomorrow's Promise Legacy Society. With your permission, your name will be placed on the upcoming donor wall, and a brick will be laid in your honor in our resident Legacy Courtyard, along with a certificate of appreciation.

Help us by making a gift to The Beechwood home so that tomorrow Beechwood will be even better than it is today. You never know how that gift may impact lives.

Coming Soon...

Read all about the *future porch addition* in our Winter newsletter.



You can't wait until then?
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