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Providing a high quality life and compassionate care for men with developmental disabilities since 1971.

Messenger

GSM Raiders Play at United Center



You Make Us Proud. . . Again! Good Job GSM Raiders!

President's Message - Bruce Fitzpatrick

Dear Families and Friends,

Recently I watched several of our men participate in a Free Throw shooting contest held in conjunction with March Madness. Sean, one of our youngest men won the open competition, and Eldon, our oldest individual, took second place in the senior division. Their ages are separated by more than 50 years but they equally appreciated the thrill and fun of competition. It gives me great pleasure to know that we provide many opportunities for the men of the Manor to experience success. To achieve success in life, is this not what we all want?



With sadness we said good bye to residents Peter McBreen, Jim Urbancik and Craig Smith; they each will be forever remembered with

plaques in the chapel. We have also welcomed new resident Kenny Schnieder and his family, we are glad you joined the Good Shepherd family.

We continue to be challenged by changes in the state finances and the healthcare payment system. Over the past two years funding for the Illinois Department of Human Services, the program which funds Good Shepherd Manor, has been reduced by around \$700,000,000. This reduction has created a lack of funding increases from the state, delays in payments from the state and changes in funding for new admissions to community providers like Good Shepherd Manor. The "SMART ACT" and the "Integrated Care Plan" (a change from Medicaid to managed care for a portion of our population) are changes that have been implemented over the last several years to save money from the Medicaid system. Illinois Medicaid coverage and benefits for physician services and reimbursement have been reduced; benefits for medications have been reduced; these changes have also resulted in restricted access to some physicians and hospitals. These changes continue to make it more difficult to obtain appropriate healthcare.

To meet these challenges we have spoken and worked with area physicians and specialists, the area hospitals and managed care providers, and our local pharmacy to assure the men will continue to receive the medical care they need and deserve. We have also expanded our nursing staff to assure adequate care for our men and on-going training for our staff. Our area providers are to be commended for continuing to accommodate our men despite reduced and modified benefits from the Medicaid or managed care systems.

While the government sponsored programs may leave questions, there is no question that Good Shepherd Manor has been blessed by many generous families and benefactors. Your support of the Shepherds Endowment Society, the Christmas Appeal and the fund raising events allows Good Shepherd Manor to continue our Mission of Caring. We place our trust in God and He delivers friends like you. Thank you!

Infirmary/Nursing Services

Greetings from the Infirmary,

GSM McAllister Infirmary is fully-staffed with a team of healthcare professionals who we would like to spotlight:

- Ronda Brown, LPN, is the newest member to the team. She has been an LPN for 12 years and prior to that time, a CNA for 6 years. Her experience includes several different nursing homes and most recently she worked as a private duty nurse for a man with developmental disabilities. Welcome Ronda, we are glad you are here!
- Susie Ensrud, RN, also joined the team in February. She has been in nursing since 1982 and has experience working in a hospital, a DD geriatric facility, in home health care, and for hospice. The thing she likes the best about working at GSM is the *teamwork atmosphere* and *how well everyone works together*!



Kim Gartner, RN, at the Infirmary since January 2012, will celebrate 30 years in nursing this year! Her experience includes both long term and acute care nursing.

- Quteta Rodgers, RN, known as nurse Q, has been with GSM almost six years. She loves working with and for the guys as well as working with staff. She says, "I believe together we can form solutions that will benefit the group and the well-being of GSM. This is the residents' home and it is our job to promote quality."
- Vera Miller, RN, came to GSM in February of 2005. Her previous work experiences included a doctor's office, hospice, and Riverside Medical Center. She became qualified as an RN trainer and helps instruct Direct Support Personnel (DSP) and medication training.
- Donna Marcotte, LPN, a dedicated member of the team who has served at GSM for 10 years, has been a nurse for 43 years! Thanks Donna for your life-long commitment.
- Jackie Springer, CNA, according to all the other nurses, she is the right-arm, life-saver, and backbone of the Infirmary. Employed at GSM since May 1997, she has worked at Herbstritt House, the kitchen, Hayes House, Lombard House, and then became full-time in the Infirmary in 2009. Her team members say Jackie can answer questions no one else knows the answers to and she keeps supplies well-stocked. Thanks Jackie for all that you do!

When not at GSM, listed below are some of the things the Infirmary staff enjoy doing in their spare time:

- cooking and spending time with family and friends
- time with family and friends, especially grandchildren
- bowling, swimming and playing volleyball in the summer, and reading
- spend time with grandchildren
- bowling, play on the computer, watch movies, cross-stitch projects, knit blankets, and visit with family and friends

Day Program Services

by Kevin Wischnowski, Interim Day Program Director

Greetings from the Day Program!

We hope everyone enjoyed the winter season. Over the winter months the men were busy with seasonal activities, events, and celebrations.

In January the new Resident Council members were inducted and celebrated. These men are eager to serve and ready to plan new activities for the year! A Wii bowling tournament was held. Congratulations to 1st Place Winner... Kevin Conley; 2nd Place... Nate Coffman; 3rd Place... Allen Conley; 4th Place... Brian Conley; 5th Place... Mark Leyden,; and 6th Place...Don Flaska!

In February there were Valentine cards, music, and refreshments. Black History Month was celebrated with a luncheon and Boy Scout Day with a guest speaker. One afternoon the men were entertained by a local storyteller.

In March St. Patrick's Day included food, crafts, and lots of green! The men enjoyed "Spirit Week" by mixing up their clothing: wear green day, silly sock day, Hawaiian day, hat day, and Raider's day (blue and white). For March madness the men engaged in a free-throw contest. The last week of March, the men celebrated Easter through various activities.

The men also stay busy working and volunteering in the community. We are fortunate to have kind neighbors who provide for us and give us places to serve.

- Special thanks to Baker and Taylor the men are able to earn money repackaging DVDs and CDs.
- The men are also fortunate to work on the Merisant (EQUAL) contract which consists of repacking EQUAL products (packing, labeling, weighing, etc.) for shipment to Canada
- The men also work in janitorial duties at the local Easter Seals and Options Center for Independent Living offices and with merchandise at Kmart.
- Several men volunteer weekly at the Illinois Veteran's Home in Manteno and one client volunteers at the local humane society.

With the summer season here, additional community access, recreational activities, working and spending time outdoors will be much welcomed. We wish you a wonderful summer!

> Go CUBBIES!!! April 1...Opening Day on the big screen!



New Day Program Director Named

Hello friends,

My name is Lyell Stark and I am the new Day Program Director. I live in Bourbonnais Illinois with my wife Christine, and have two grown boys, Lyell R, and Landon.

I have been a professional educator for over 21 years. I taught in the Illinois public school system as a 4th and 6th grade teacher for 8 years, and spent 3 years as an assistant principal. Following that I was a principal for 10 years. Both of my parents were lifelong educators. My father was a school administrator, and my mother spent thirty-five years in the classroom teaching a variety of grades during her career, so education is in my blood.



I received my undergraduate degree in Elementary Education from Olivet Nazarene University. I completed my Masters Degree in Education Administration at Illinois State University and earned my Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

My leadership style is that of a servant leader. It is my desire to work closely with the staff to provide the men of the GSM with an educational and vocational program that is both challenging and rewarding. I look forward to building positive relationships with the men as we work together for the common good of all. Sincerely,

Dr. Lyell C. Stark



Pictured Above: The Seniors classroom enjoys passing the ball with the parachute Right: Let's Go Bulls!!! What a great outing!!!



Residential Services

by Deb Blake, Residential Director



New Special Olympics Head Coach at GSM

Congratulations to Sue Serafini, the new head coach for GSM Special Olympics team. Originally a part-time care worker at William McAllister House, she now serves in dual roles as a full-time employee. Her talents and abilities make her a great asset to the team!





Awarded two second places, one third place, and one fifth place, GSM men participated in the individual competitions March 16-17 at the Bloomington State Basketball Tournament. Players pictured from left to right are Roger Owens, Tom Kinsella, Sean Gazaway, and James Baier. Congratulations men!

A BIG THANK YOU to Emi Davis, QIDP, for organizing an event for the GSM Special Olympic basketball team. On April 9th they attended a Chicago Bulls game and took the court at half-time to play a 7-minute game against another Special Olympic district team. In addition to receiving free tickets for staff and the men, this is the first time GSM has been invited to play at a Bulls game. Kankakee Soldiers invited GSM to play in their "pre-game" on April 12th. This opener was a big hit the last time the men were asked to play.

The Raiders recently played against Maternity BVM in Bourbonnais. (Pictured at right)

Bocce Ball is underway and we have many on this team: Bill G, David M, Donald S, James B, Jeff H, Mike O, Josh L, Peter O, Joe B, Matt G, Rex H, Arthur Z, and Paul H.



Manor Matters

Our Condolences to the family of **Catherine R. Martin**, 87, who passed away on January 11, 2013. Catherine was the aunt of resident Tim Phillips and the sister of Rose Phillips. A memorial Mass was held at St. George Church, Tinley Park, IL.

Our Condolences to the family of resident **Peter McBreen**, 60, who passed away on January 22, 2013. Peter came to live at Good Shepherd Manor on May 26, 1972. A funeral Mass was held at the Manor on January 25 with burial at All Saints Catholic Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL.

Our Condolences to the family of **Brigitte Sandra Nikolic**, 61, of Momence, who passed away on February 11, 2013 after a battle with a brain tumor. Sandy was a long-time staff member at Good Shepherd Manor, most recently serving as an assistant in the Development office. A celebration of Sandy's life was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kankakee.

Our Condolences to the family of resident **Craig Smith**, 66, who passed away on March 22, 2013. Craig came to live at Good Shepherd Manor on July 11, 1972. A memorial Mass was held for Craig on April 24 at the Manor. Schmadeke Funeral Home of Worth, IL was in charge of the services.

Our Condolences to the family of resident **James Urbancik**, 69, who passed away on March 22, 2013. James came to live at Good Shepherd Manor on June 4, 2001. A memorial Mass was held for James on March 26 at Good Shepherd Manor. Cotter Funeral Home was in charge of the services with burial at Saint Casimir Catholic Cemetery.

Our Condolences to the family of **Rose D. Phillips**, 81, who passed away on May 21, 2013. Rose was the mother of resident Tim Phillips and wife of 63 years of Raymond. Funeral services were held at Zion Lutheran Church with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South.

Congratulations to **Cara Larson**, formerly a QIDP, who was recently named Food Service Supervisor at Good Shepherd Manor. Cara began her career at the Manor in August of 2001 and was most recently assigned to Lombard and Leonard Houses. We look forward to seeing what she "cooks up"!!!

Congratulations to **Amber Burnett** who was named to the position of Assistant Residential Director. Amber rejoined GSM in 2008 and has held the position of QIDP II.

Congratulations to **Crystal Rose** who was recently promoted to QIPD II. Crystal joined GSM in 2012 and will continue to manage Herbstritt ICF along with her new responsibilities of managing Blagrave Biesemier CILA.

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39th Annual Brunch Auction Held on Sunday, April 28, 2013

Angels Among Us was the theme for the 39th Annual Brunch Auction held at the Weston Hotel in Lombard. The theme was selected to honor our special men, both living and those who have passed. Providing entertainment for the event were the Good Shepherd Manor Chorus and Signers and the Tremper Golden Strings, a strolling high school orchestra from Kenosha, Wisconsin. Event co-chairs were Gary Ryan and Joan O'Brien. With this being the final year of chairing the Auction, Joan was given a bouquet of flowers as a small token of our appreciation for her many years of dedicated volunteerism.

David and Margaret Doyle Receive Amicus Certus Award



Pictured are: L-R Patrick Fitzgerald, GSM Board Vice-Chairman; David and Margaret Doyle; Ronald Bailitz, GSM Foundation President; James LaMotte, GSM Board Chairman

The 2013 Amicus Certus Award was presented to David and Margaret Doyle at the Brunch Auction.

For the past 22 years Good Shepherd Manor has greatly benefitted from the volunteer service of David Doyle. David serves as Corporate Secretary and on the Executive Committee of the Board. Leading to the request to serve, David had completed work on the Manor's by-laws while practicing with his former Chicago law firm. David also serves on the inaugural Professional Advisory Council of the Shepherds Endowment Society where he has provided insight and counsel in the growth and development of the Society. In 2010 Margaret also joined the Council.

David and Margaret Doyle have been married for 14 years and together with their two children, live in Arlington Heights where they are members of Our Lady of the Wayside parish. David is an attorney and maintains a law prac-

tice in Chicago focusing on counseling businesses and private investors in a wide variety of corporate and real estate transactions. Margaret is a Senior Vice President at Northern Trust Bank where she has concentrated mainly in their wealth management practice over the past 20+ years. Most of their free time is spent supporting their children's activities and involvement in their parish community. David volunteers as a Cub Scout Leader and helps to coach various sports teams, and Margaret serves on the parish finance council. They are also involved with the school board, the Family School Association, CRHP (spiritual enrichment), and Christian Family Movement, a group of families who together take action to help others.

Margaret grew up in the suburbs of Detroit, and went to St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN. After graduation, she joined The Northern Trust Company where she is currently a Senior Vice President. She now serves as a Senior Product Consultant in the Enterprise Product Group with responsibility for global account management tools. In this role, she works closely with individual client segments and information technology to develop and manage these enterprise-wide applications.

David was born in Evergreen Park prior to his family's move to Arlington Heights. He went to Loyola University of Chicago for undergraduate school, and then spent a few years doing cancer research and development at Abbott Laboratories, where he co-invented a patented product designed to detect bladder cancer. He then went back to Loyola to earn a law degree and masters of Law (LLM) degree. He opened his own law practice after spending five years at a large Chicago law firm.

Shepherds Endowment Society

Please join us in thanking these members of the Shepherds Endowment Society! Can we add your name to the list of individuals who have chosen to support the Manor in perpetuity?

Contact Brother Alphonsus at (815) 472-3700 ext. 302 or the Development Office at ext. 332

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Shepherds Endowment Society Member Spotlight

Members of the Shepherds Endowment Society represent a broad cross-section of people from around the country with a wide variety of "connections" to the Manor. We would like to introduce them to you in the *Member Spotlight* section of the Messenger.



Isabelle Blagrave Biesemier receiving her SES membership plaque from Br. Alphonsus

Meet Isabelle Biesemier

We take great pleasure in introducing you to Isabelle Biesemier, who has a long history of support for the mission of Good Shepherd Manor. Isabelle's son, Dennis Blagrave, came to live at the Manor on April 4, 1971.

When the former convent on the Manor grounds was opened as a group home in 1997, it was named the Blagrave House in honor of Dennis' father who was deceased. When the house was torn down in early 2012, CILA 11 was named the Blagrave Biesemier House in honor of Isabelle and her second husband Ernst, who continued the tradition of monthly giving to the Manor.

Ernst and Isabelle Biesemier joined the Shepherds Endowment Society in 2011. After a lengthy illness, Ernst, at age 89, passed away on June 27, 2012. He and Isabelle had been married for 30 years.

The Manor has been blessed many times over through its association with Isabelle Biesemier and now through SES, Isabelle and Ernst will be honored in perpetuity. We humbly say, thank you.

Shepherds Endowment Society Levels of Giving

The Shepherds Endowment Society provides five membership levels. The name of each level of membership corresponds to one of those who attended and watched over the Christ Child at Bethlehem.

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Good Shepherd Manor Fall Fest 5K Trail Run & 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk Sunday, September 15

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Saturday, September 14, 2013 Fall Festival Sunday, September 15, 2013 5K Trail Run and One Mile Walk Good Shepherd Manor, Momence, IL

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