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

Messenger

Meet Eldon...84 Years Young!



Eldon came to live at the Manor 43 years ago. Here he shows off his Special Olympics silver medal he won recently for his basketball skills. This picture was taken as he “works out” in the physical therapy room . Keep up the great work, Eldon!

President's Message - Bruce Fitzpatrick

An Open Letter to Our Donors

Dear Families and Friends,

Good Shepherd Manor isn't the same today.

You changed it. You did that through your gifts. Your continued generosity has made it possible for the Manor to evolve over the past 43 years to meet the needs of our special men.



Jerry and James, two men who came to Good Shepherd on March 1, 1971, and the other 36 men who have called Good Shepherd home for at least 40 years are still able to call the Manor home because your generosity has allowed us to expand our residential and healthcare services to better meet their needs.

Your generosity made it possible for us to build a new, single-level group home on the Manor campus. The Brother Alphonsus Michael Brown House is patterned after our uniquely-designed Alzheimer's group home. This home will allow us to care for the increasing number of men with dementia and health-related changes.

We have also been able to refurbish and update our older group homes, both in Momence and on-campus houses. Because of you we have been able to add automatic generators and fire sprinkler systems to each of our group homes. With the incredibly bad weather we had this past winter, the generators were utilized often...providing safety and security for both the men and staff.

Most recently you made it possible for the addition of a lift at the front entrance to our main building, Camillus House. With this addition, our Chapel and staff offices are now accessible to the men and visitors. I am happy to report that Robert and James, two long-term clients, and all of the other men with mobility-impairments, are now able to attend the bi-weekly church services if they choose to do so. They will also be able to attend memorial and funeral services when one of their Manor friends pass away.

I deeply appreciate the trust you have demonstrated through your support of the Manor. You have moved our mission of care forward. Thank you.

Warmest regards,

Bruce

Work is almost complete on the new lift entrance into Camillus House.



Infirmary/Nursing Services

by Janis Land, Director of Nursing

We are very excited and appreciative that the "Meet a Manor Need Auction" at the Brunch will raise funds to supply the Infirmary with new wheelchairs.

Short-term, temporary-use wheelchairs are needed for use by the Infirmary. The men are encouraged to be as active as possible but sometimes because of health conditions or injuries, those who do not typically need a wheelchair require one temporarily. For example, someone may have a minor injury that makes it difficult for them to walk from classroom to classroom or to other areas of the Manor. They may only need to utilize the wheelchair for a couple of days. Or someone who may have had surgery needs assistance with getting from one place to another as they heal.



The wheelchairs are also used for quick transport of clients in an emergency and are used for clients whose permanent wheelchair needs repairs or updates. The current wheelchairs in use are second-hand donations from friends of the Manor and all of them are in some way damaged because of their age and past usage.

The Manor is a large facility and the addition of a few wheelchairs will greatly aid the men who may have ambulatory issues on a short-term basis. THANK YOU!

Welcome to Two New Infirmary Staff Members



L-R: Lupe Gresens and Jackie Springer

Please join us in congratulating Jackie Springer on her promotion to Infirmary Manager. Jackie has been with GSM for 16 -1/2 years and has worked in several areas of the agency. She has worked as a DSP (Direct Support Person) at Herbstritt, Lombard and Hayes houses. She has also worked in the kitchen/dining area. Her most recent area of employment prior to her promotion was working in the Infirmary as an aide. Jackie knows the men well and is a valuable source of information in the Infirmary.

Jackie has been married for 16 years and has three sons and one daughter. She has always lived in Pembroke Township and enjoys spending her free time with her family.

Also, please join us in welcoming Guadalupe Gresens as our new Infirmary aide. "Lupe" has been with GSM for 10 years. She started as "a floater" on the midnight shift then became a full time DSP at Maple Street House. Lupe is also a valuable source of information and history of the men of GSM. She is rapidly learning how the Infirmary "ticks" and readily jumps in to help out.

Lupe has been married 20 years and has two children. She has lived in the Momence area for the last 50 years. Lupe enjoys spending her free time with her grandchildren and loves playing cards with her siblings.

Day Program

by Dr. Lyell Stark, Day Program Director

2014 has already been busy and challenging. We recently had our Resident Council Induction Ceremony. After the induction of the new officers, the men enjoyed a special canteen in the lunchroom. It was a very nice time, and a great way to start the new year.

Our new Resident Council officers are:

Bill Byrne - President,
 Paul Hamann - Vice President
 John Crozier - Secretary
 Mark McElroy and Jeff Childs - Members at Large
 Dave Heflin and John Rice - Alternates.

This is a very strong Council and all of the men are excited to see what future events unfold during 2014.



As everyone knows, the extreme winter weather presented us with difficult times over the past several months. We kept the men's safety at the forefront and, as a result, closed the Day Program on several occasions. My thanks to all of the Day Program staff for their work at the group homes each of these days. I also want to thank the residential staff who helped us cover gaps when travel became dangerous. It is this team approach that contributes to the well-being of the men, and it is greatly appreciated.

Recently, consultant Dr. Sharon Duncan visited the Day Program. Dr. Duncan, an adjunct professor at Purdue-Calumet University, also serves as Director of Abide In Me, a non-profit organization that helps people with disabilities live active and engaged lives. Dr. Duncan's area of expertise is working with DD populations and is volunteering her time to assist us. We are excited about the fresh perspective she will bring to the Day Program and look forward to her input over the next few months.

During the month of February the men had fun watching the Olympics, particularly the hockey games. Other activities the men participated in included a Valentine's Day party, Black History Month show and special lunch, as well as learning about President's Day. In March the men celebrated St. Patrick's Day.

Everyone in the Day Program is anxious for warmer weather to arrive. We look forward to getting outside to enjoy the return of the birds and the new life Spring brings. Warm weather can't get here soon enough!

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for their support and would ask for your continued prayers and blessings as we work to help the residents live productive fruitful lives. *God bless!*

Wish List Item for Jerry's Lounge!

A Flat Screen TV...specifically a SHARP 70" Class LED 1080p 120Hz HDTV and a new DVD player.

Call Amy at 815-472-3700 ext. 332
 if you can help us with this wish for the guys! Thanks!

SPOTLIGHT ON THE QIDP – QUALIFIED INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY PROFESSIONAL

The QIPD is the person held directly responsible by the State and Good Shepherd Manor to assure the residents receive appropriate care based on a variety of behavioral and physical assessments.

The Department of Human Services requires a QIDP to have at least one year of experience working directly with people with developmental disabilities **and** a Bachelor degree in the human services field.

Good Shepherd Manor requires the QIDP be able to:

Write an annual habilitation plan, a mid-year review, monthly progress notes, skill training and behavior training programs with measurable goals and objectives for each resident on their caseload. This will also include writing plan revisions as needed based on resident progress.

Assure that documentation demonstrates the implementation of care and training. Assure that appropriate consents are obtained and on file.

Interview, hire, train, evaluate and schedule staff. Assure that staff is in compliance with agency policies. Assure the group home is clean and safe. Provide agency supervision during evening and weekend hours. This may include assuring adequate staffing, problem solving, direct care or supervision, morning and lunch duties.

Conduct regular and as needed meetings with families, psychiatrists and staff. Assist with surveying entities (several) regarding the implementation of the plan and resident care.

Serve as the resident advocate.

The role of the QIDP is critical to the care and training of the men and the operations of the Manor. This includes the residential and day programs, and the healthcare settings which the men encounter.

The Manor Board of Directors is very proud and appreciative of the work performed by the QIDPs and would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank them for their dedication to the men and the Manor.

Good Shepherd Manor's QIDPs are: L - R



Amber Burnett - Hayes House

Kerianne Malm - Helen McAllister House & Park Street House

Heather Anderson - Webber House & Robert Leonard House

Emilia Davis - Colnon-Wild & William McAllister House

Crystal Rose - Herbstritt House & Blagrave Biesemier House

Molly Rinehart - Zurek House & Br. Alphonsus Michael Brown House

Chancie Tracy - Opler House & Lombard House

Hollie Pierce (not pictured) - Maple Street House

Manor Scrapbook



Special Olympic Global Messengers

GSM residents Andrew Robertson (L) and Mike Odom attended a two-day conference through Special Olympics to become Global Messengers. These two men did a great job writing and giving speeches throughout the weekend. They are now in a select group of Special Olympics athletes that can be called upon to speak to different groups about Special Olympics and how it has and can change lives. Great job, guys! We are proud of you!



Kroger Promotion

Steven Kalafut was recently promoted to Lot Captain at Kroger Grocery Store. Steven has worked at Kroger, on average, three days per week and began his employment on July 2, 2006. He takes Showbus public transportation to work to Bourbonnais.

Kroger Store Manager, Kim Debord, states, "He is doing a really, really good job. We love having him here."

Congratulations, Steven!



GSM Celebrated Black History Month

GSM staff member, Dr. Leonard Porter, and friends shared the significance of Black History month through stories and song with the men of the Manor.

Pictured L - R: Bill Bryne, Resident Council President; Walter Lenton, Delinda Watson, Anthony Richards, Dr. Leonard Porter, Paul Hamann, Resident Council Vice President

Manor Matters

Our Condolences to the family of **Jack Wild**, brother of resident Stephen Wild, who passed away on June 28, 2013. Jack was the brother of resident Stephen, Rev. Robert Wild, and Ann Wild. A funeral service was held at St. Phillip the Apostle Church in Northfield on July 11, with interment at Calvary Cemetery in Evanston.

Our Condolences to the family of **Bessie McElroy**, who passed away November 19, 2013. Bessie was the mother of resident Mark McElroy.

Our Condolences to the family of resident **Nathaniel Skolnick**, 63, who passed away on December 19, 2013. Nate came to live at Good Shepherd Manor on June 27, 1972. A graveside service was held with close family members present.

Our Condolences to the family of **Marguerite Pommier**, mother of resident Mike Pommier, who passed away on December 20, 2013. A funeral Mass was held at St. George Church.

Our Condolences to the family of resident **David Haefner**, 66, who passed away on January 22, 2014. David came to live at Good Shepherd Manor on October 7, 1971, one of the Manor's earliest residents. Services were held at the Manor on January 27, 2014. Burial took place in the GSM cemetery.

Our Condolences to the family of **William Dujsik** who passed away in Florida on January 30, 2014. William was the brother of resident Donald Dujsik.

Our Condolences to the family of **Lawrence (Larry) Dujsik**, 63, who passed away on February 5, 2014. Larry was the brother of resident Donald Dujsik. Services were held at Infant Jesus of Prague Church in Flossmoor with interment at St. Mary's Cemetery in Evergreen Park.

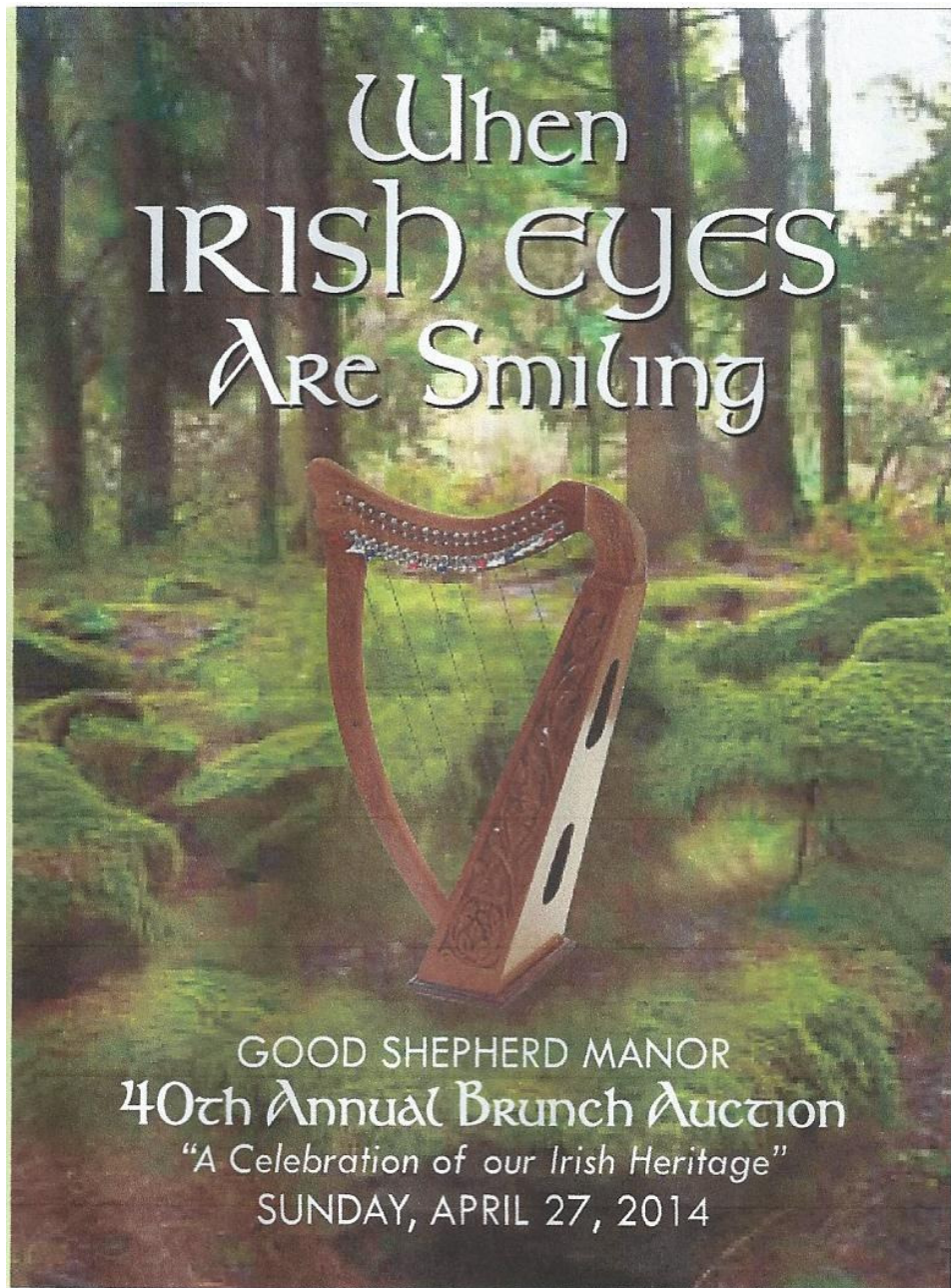
Our Condolences to the family of resident **Robert Leonard**, 76, who passed away on February 23, 2014. Robert came to live at Good Shepherd Manor on January 3, 1972, less than a year after the Manor opened. Services were held at the Manor on March 1, 2014.

Our Condolences to the family of **Gina Gavin** who passed away on March 19, 2014. Gina was the mother of resident Bill Gavin.

Correction: Resident **David Yenshaw**, who passed away on September 3, 2013, was 58 years old, not 61, as was reported in the previous Messenger. Our apologies!

**YOU
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**WE
ARE
ALL
IRISH
ON
April 27!**



Join us as we celebrate the 40th ANNUAL Brunch!

NEW location this year!

Odyssey Country Club, 19110 Ridgeland, Tinley Park, IL
Directions: I-57 to Vollmer Road West (north of highway 30), to
Ridgeland Road North, Odyssey CC is on the West side of the road.

Call Amy at 815-472-3700 ext. 332 or Jan at ext. 201 for more information.

NIGHT AT THE RACES



GSM's Night at the Races was held on November 2 at Maternity BVM Church in Bourbonnais. Roars of cheers were frequent as the horses raced to the finish line!

Pictured above in the Winner's Circle L-R: Race Sponsor Rick Byrne, and winners Sandi Malpasuto and Debbie Dujsik

Pictured top right: Kathy & Gene Gremlay help with set-up.

Pictured right: Volunteers Mark Jackson and Gary Bettega took bets from Debbie and Jerry Dujsik.



The Jim & Marlene LaMotte family supported the event. L-R: Lori and Don Henry, Jim LaMotte, Sandi Malpasuto, Marlene LaMotte, Jackie and Bill Haas, Bob Malpasuto

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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Gone, But Not Forgotten

It is quite natural to desire that our lives continue to count for good after we are gone. We don't want our values and influence to evaporate into thin air.

One of the reasons parents and grandparents seek to instill their values into the younger generation is so their influence will stretch into the future through these family members to help shape the world of tomorrow.

"Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes real happiness. It is not obtained through self-gratification, but through fidelity to a worthy purpose."
- Helen Keller

Good Shepherd Manor is preparing for the future because we expect to be around, doing what we do, for generations to come. We plan to be here perpetuating the same values and mission of care you now appreciate and support.

The Shepherds Endowment Society was established to provide perpetual support for the Manor and to also give a vehicle for our friends and supporters to have their values and resources to continue long after they are gone.

Gone, but **never** forgotten. Give us a call today to learn how you can build your legacy!

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.

	<u>Deferred</u>	<u>Lifetime</u>
	<u>Gift</u>	<u>Gift</u>
<i>Innkeepers</i>	\$ 30,000	\$ 15,000
<i>Angels</i>	\$ 60,000	\$ 30,000
<i>Archangels</i>	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000
<i>Magi</i>	\$ 250,000	\$ 125,000
<i>Guiding Stars</i>	\$ 500,000	\$ 250,000

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Good Shepherd Manor's Future**

For more information about leaving a legacy through membership in the Shepherds Endowment Society, contact Br. Alphonsus at 815.472.3700 ext. 302 or Amy at ext. 332

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