

Volunteer Voice

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KEEPING YOU CONNECTED WITH THE *VOLUNTEER VOICE*

by Mary Dumke

It seems like a long time since we've been able to host volunteers at the campus. Unfortunately, its not looking like COVID-19 is going to go away anytime soon. I just wanted to let you know that we do miss having you here and look forward to the time when you can return. In the meantime, please enjoy these encouraging and inspirational quotes about life.

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

Thomas A. Edison

"Happiness is not the absence of problems, it's the ability to deal with them."

Steve Maraboli

"Life is not a matter of holding good cards, but of playing a poor hand well."

Robert Louis Stevenson

"The important thing to you is not how many years in your life, but how much life in your years!"

Edward J. Stieglitz

"Never throughout history has a man who lived a life of ease left a name worth remembering."

Theodore Roosevelt

"You never fail until you stop trying." **Albert Einstein**

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present."

Bill Keane

2021 FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL CAMPAIGN

by David McMullen

As the summer fades into memory and the leaves start to fall, our 2021 *Leadership Council* fundraising campaign is now in full stride. This year's campaign will support initiatives such as the expansion of workforce development programs for the recruitment and retention of our employees, and the remodeling of GreenField Health & Rehabilitation Center to ensure best possible experiences for our residents and staff.

Workforce development initiatives that will be supported by our 2021 *Leadership Council* campaign include enhanced infection control training, leadership development programs, enhanced dementia and memory care training, and dining and hospitality services programs. Workforce development programs greatly increase employee recruitment, retention, engagement, and morale, and prepare our future leaders for tomorrow's challenges. These training initiatives will result in an increased level of employee expertise and satisfaction, which will also enrich the lives of our residents and their families across The GreenFields campus.

This year's remodeling initiatives at Green-Field Health & Rehabilitation Center include converting existing semi-private rehabilitation rooms to private rooms, and the conversion of the veranda to a safe COVID-19 visitation area. When the building was built, the veranda was designed to be used in the summer, as an alternative to residents sitting outside in the hot sun. The veranda cannot be used year-round because it has no insulation, heat, or air conditioning. Our 2021 campaign is supporting making this area ideal for use in all four seasons by renovating the space into a comfortable "family room," which can also be utilized as a safe visitation area for as long as the pandemic makes it necessary.

VOLUNTEER PERSPECTIVE

by Judi Wollen

Judi Wollen has been a volunteer here at The GreenFields for over 6 years. She started shortly after her husband Rolly passed away. Needing a sense of purpose, Judi and her rescue dog Dolly have been working tirelessly and were able to re-open our gift shop at GreenField Health & Rehabilitation Center. (GHRC).

Judi loves dealing with the families and employees here. They all just love Dolly, too. When Judi gets ready to come to the campus, she asks Dolly, "Do you want to go to work?" Dolly immediately knows what that means and goes to the door and starts to dance.

Judi wanted to share that Christmas items have been ordered and will be coming in soon. She hopes to see you soon so you can begin your holiday shopping!

We thank Judi and Dolly, for their dedication to the gift shop during the past number of months. They both have been a welcome and comforting addition to GHRC during these trying times.



DONATE TODAY AND HELP THE GREENFIELD CAMPUS

The Activities Departments at GHRC, Manor & Court, and Terrace are always in need of extras for the residents. Below are the Activities Department's "Wish Lists." Please consider making a donation of one or more of these items today. We may not be able to physically volunteer at this time, but this may be a nice way for you to still contribute.

All donations can be dropped off to the Niagara Lutheran Health System Corporate Office, 5959 Broadway, to the attention of Mary Dumke. (716) 684-0202 ext. 1802.

THANK YOU!

GF Court:

- "Phone Pals" to make regular phone calls to an assisted living resident (contact Mary)
- Snack size candy bars
- Beanie Babies

GF Terrace:

- Word search books
- Seasonal ribbon
- Fake flowers for arrangements

GHRC:

- Color books
- Colored pencils
- Snack size candy bars
- Large print books



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Since the launch of our *Leadership Council* fundraising program, these campaigns have raised over \$7.9 million for the Niagara Lutheran Health Foundation. For more information on how you can help make this year's campaign a success, please contact David McMullen, Executive Director of Development & Marketing, by calling 716-684-0202, ext. 1806 or via email at: *dmcmullen@niagaralutheran.org*.

Veranda Renovation in Progress





IN APPRECIATION LISA SCAGLIONE

A special Thank You to Lisa Scaglione for her 17 years of service As Creative Arts Director at GreenField Manor & Court.

She is thankful for all of the friendships and will miss the staff and residents the most. Her fondest memories are of the Holiday Bazaar, parties, pep rallies, and picnics.

Her plans for retirement include continuing her work in genealogy, volunteering at her church, traveling, and spending more time with her grandchildren.

Residents and staff wish her the best for the future and she will truly be missed.

GOOD LUCK LISA!





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