



VILLA VOICES

SUMMER 2015

DEAR FRIENDS,



Elizabeth J. Hickle,
MPA, LNHA, CDP

You always show me the path of life. You will fill me with joy when I am with you.
Psalm 16:11

The path of life God has for us is one of evolution. We began the year with a Sponsorship Transition Ritual and Missioning Ceremony on January 14. At that time Light of Hearts Villa came under the sole sponsorship of the Sisters of Charity Health System. The transition enhances our mission to provide the premier care that is our hallmark.

We have replaced our logo with the Radiant Cross of the Health System. This new look is gradually being unveiled. Our marketing and correspondence honors the identity of the Villa as it embraces the future. It also identifies us as one of the sixteen ministries of the Sisters of Charity Health System.

I am pleased to share with you highlights that have occurred over the past few months. The Villa has been blessed with a new payroll system and has executed a retirement program for our employees. The upgrade in our cable TV service took place at the beginning of May. It brings the Villa current with respect to digital service vs. analog service. The new programming allows residents to receive more than 55 channels. A Grant was received from the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland to support the women religious in our pastoral ministry department. The SC Ministry Foundation of Cincinnati awarded us a Sister Elise Grant Fund to enhance chapel services with banners, vestments, microphones, CDs and other items. This spring, an employee recognition program, honoring staff for their years of service, was set in place. On June 3, our first celebration took place.

Still to come is a new telephone system which will provide improved communications. The renovation of the chapel chairs is taking place. Lastly, the Villa has been working on a window replacement project. This project will begin later this summer with an anticipated completion date in 2016.

On behalf of the residents, families, Board of Directors and Staff of Light of Hearts Villa, thank you to our generous sponsors and donors. Our Annual Report on pages 4-5 indicates how many people join in support of our Mission. It does not indicate the thousands of hours our volunteers and friends provide. Anything you do lights up the lives of our residents and moves us forward. We are grateful for your encouragement, support and kindness.

May your paths be filled with light, joy and peace. As we welcome the summer season, please be assured of our prayers for you and your loved ones.

In faithful leadership,
Elizabeth J. Hickle, MPA, LNHA, CDP
Executive Director

OUR MISSION ::

We are devoted to providing premier senior residential living and community outreach services. Through our faith-based values, we affirm the integrity of each person and encourage them on their journey of aging.

LIGHT of HEARTS VILLA

Making God's Love Visible

MISSION AWARD

A smile. An easy laugh. A kind gesture toward a resident. An unexpected costume. A funny game. A bundle of creativity. Wrap these characteristics into one person and you have the 2014 *Making God's Love Visible* Mission Award recipient. Diann Kubinski, a seventeen year staff member of the Villa, received the Award from Betty Hickle at the annual Missioning Service for Employees and Volunteers on January 14.

The Award is the highest honor given to a member of the staff who is nominated by their peers. The title is taken from St. Vincent de Paul who said we should strive to "make God's love visible" with our lives. Diann felt "stunned and touched that I was thought of."

Q: Describe what the Mission of Light of Hearts Villa means to you.

A: We try to meet the needs of each resident. I am in the Life Enrichment Department, and we touch everyone. We aim to develop activities of interest to residents. We invite them to attend happenings. We engage residents one-on-one. We give them dignity. They have lost so much in life — independence, physical health, family members, etc. — so it is important to make them laugh, to allow them to live life to the fullest and experience moments they may have enjoyed in younger years. We celebrate anniversaries, birthdays, picnics, the Olympics. We go to parties in the park and other outings and bring entertainment to them. There is so much to living the mission.

Q: What is the best part of your work here at Light of Hearts Villa?

A: Knowing that I've helped somebody enjoy their day. That I've made a difference for someone. In Lumen Lane,

where I spend most of my time, I've learned that there is only THE moment. I accept them for who they are and that I have to have a healthy dose of humor.

Q: What do you consider the most valuable gift LOHV has offered you over the years?

A: I have developed patience here that I did not have. I continue to learn to appreciate little things because the pace is slower and the NOW is important to the residents.

Q: Does working in a faith-based setting make a difference?

A: Definitely. Most of the residents are religious and express it in their kindness and their prayerfulness. The residents, families, staff and volunteers become a family, caring for and looking after each other.

Q. You have creatively organized the monthly Teas for three years. Describe what happens.

A: I get a theme for the Tea and run with it. It is a time to give residents inspiration, joy and appreciation of being together, sharing and laughing with each other. When the residents say, "You did this for us?" my heart is warmed and I know I'm in the right place at the right time, giving others dignity.



Getting to Know our Sponsor, the Sisters of Charity Health System

We want to introduce you, our readers, to the Mission, Vision and Values of the Health System. You will see that there is compatibility with our mission and our vision.

Mission: In the spirit of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, our mission is to extend the healing ministry of Jesus to God's people.

Vision: The Sisters of Charity Health System is a beacon of hope devoted to healing and addressing the unmet needs of individuals, families, and communities through a network of innovative services.

Values: Compassion, Courage, Respect, Justice, Collaboration



Pope Francis is calling 2015 the Year of Consecrated Life with the theme, “Wake Up The World!” Light of Hearts Villa is a living testimony to Sisters, who continue to do just that!

On an empty hill, Lumen Cordium High School took shape and the Vincentian Sisters of Charity formed young women. When God indicated another direction was needed, the Sisters closed the school in 1987 and opened Light of Hearts Villa in 1989. In 2001, as business takeovers became the norm, the Vincentian Sisters and the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine entered Light of Hearts into a 50/50 partnership. 2004 marked the merger of the Vincentian community with the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati. Though the management of LOHV came under the Sisters of Charity Health System in 2009, the co-sponsorship continued until this January when the Health System became the sole sponsor. “A Legacy of Love” Sponsorship Ritual on January 14 marked the transition. Candles were used to represent the cumulative light that these groups give to the Villa.



Sisters continue to “Wake Up The World” and make a difference in many ways here at Light of Hearts Villa.



1. L to R: Elizabeth Hickle, LOHV Executive Director; Melissa Rogers, Senior VP & CFO Sisters of Charity Health System; Sr. Joan Cook, SC, President of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati; and Sr. Judith Ann Karam, CSA, President of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine.
2. Sr. Joan Cook and Sr. Christine Rody presented a portrait of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to LOHV.
3. Members of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati and the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine marked the special occasion.
4. The residents and staff presented flowers to our staff Sisters to mark the Year. L-R Sr. Sandy Emrich, SCN [Human Resources], Sr. Regina Kusnir, SC [Pastoral and Special Ministries] Sr. Estelle Chopnak, SCN [Pastoral Ministry]
5. Our pastoral ministers arrange opportunities for our residents and members of local parishes to share in spiritual growth. This Lent, Fr. Dan Begin, pastor of St. Mary’s directed “With A Song In Your Heart” a retreat afternoon which included prayer, song, sharing, Mass and Anointing of the Sick.
6. Sr. Helen Therese Scasny spent 17 years as Executive Director. The Administrative Wing and the Sr. Helen Scasny, SC Benevolent Fund recognize her service. She continues as the volunteer director of Cozy Corner and the Flea Markets and has a constant presence at the Villa where she is well known.
7. Annually, the Sisters host coffee and donuts for the March 15 feast of St. Louise de Marillac. This is an opportunity for expanding mission awareness and learning more about the saints and individuals who shape the ministry at LOHV.
8. Sr. Sandy joins Betty for the Blessing of the New Bus.

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~Sr. Margaret Mach, SC and Sr. Regina Fierman, CSA are members of our Board of Directors.

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THE ART OF WELCOMING

“Welcome!” We hear it daily. We say it to those whom we invite into our space, our home, our office. There are greeters in many places who say it hundreds of times a day. So, just what does “Welcome” mean for us at Light of Hearts Villa? Welcome has its roots in the words “well” and “come.” It references “wellness” or “well-being”. It offers a kind of blessing as we bring others into our embrace. It is an invitation to be part of a wonderful ministry at LOHV.

WHO IS WELCOME?

We welcome seniors to enjoy worry-free living in a faith-based setting. Our “aging in place” philosophy is characterized by professional care that allows residents to be “light of heart” despite life’s challenges. We provide Independent and Assisted Living, Memory and Respite Care. We offer a variety of affordable, spacious, private suites, each with a kitchenette, private bath/shower, and other amenities. Plentiful activities and individualized care plans help residents maintain a good quality of life. The campus encompasses a variety of gardens, a private courtyard, a beauty and barbershop, transportation, state-of-the-art computer lab, and the list goes on. Call 440-232-1991 for further information or to schedule a tour.



1. 65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Peter and Linda Vallejo celebrate 65 years of marriage two months after making LOHV their home. They are not new to the Villa. They are the parents of 3 Lumen Cordium alumnae, Lisa, Linda (pictured), and Cindy.

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2. WELCOME TO THE PROM!

Residents, back in the day, had few proms to attend. Everyone joined the King, Queen and Court for a “Viva Las Vegas” prom on May 28th. King Don Rohm, Queen Sophie Vargo and Court, Ray and Margaret Hlavaty were the residents’ choices for a time of dancing, entertainment, games, desserts and pictures under the arch (Anne Bender)

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3. WARM WELCOMES LINGER

The goodness of our staff finds them offering welcome services to our residents and each other for years. The Employee Service Recognition Celebration on June 3rd highlights those who have been with LOHV for 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years. 25 Years of Service: Sr. Helen and Joanne Reardo.

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4. A WARM WELCOME

Lonny Gatlin: Dietary Manager/Assistant Cook
Justin Fegan: Staff Accountant

LIGHTING THE WAY FOR SENIOR CARE

Blessings come to us in every resident, staff person, family member, volunteer, organization and group that teams up with us. Our Mission breathes life and love in givers and recipients of the gifts. Creativity and joy seem to go hand in hand.



1. GILMOUR ACADEMY

Juniors from Gilmour came for an April Retreat Day with a focus on reaching out to others. During the day they went to Mass with residents, conversed with them, laughed and shared stories, and even had time for selfies with Steve.

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2. FCSLA

Once again, our summer landscape is enhanced by the generosity of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association. On May 16 FCSLA members, a Girl Scout Troop, resident family members and Villa Volunteers gathered to celebrate Join Hands Day. Over 50 individuals planted flowers, trimmed bushes and cleaned out beds around the front of the Villa, in Lumen Lane and in the back patio. The morning ended with residents and volunteers joining for a prayer service, recognition of our veterans, since it was Armed Forces Day, and a balloon release while participants sang "God Bless America." The Villa is beautiful thanks to the FCSLA and their generous and loving spirit.

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3. FCSLA MATCHING GRANT

FCSLA St. Mary's Branch S475 sponsored a "Lucky Spring Basket" to raise funds for the chapel chair renovation project. Helen Basa (c) is a resident and President of the Branch. Her daughters Christine Kiggins (L) and Kathleen Sejba (R) are the Secretary/Treasurer and Vice-President. In a mere 17 days 200 tickets were sold at \$5 apiece totaling \$1000. The FCSLA is adding \$600 to that amount. The winner, Bobbi Gurko, delighted in the basket which held \$50 in restaurant gift cards and \$100 worth of lottery tickets.

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4. TARGET VOLUNTEERS

LOHV was pleased to welcome regional and district team leaders from Target stores in Macedonia and Bainbridge, Ohio for their company-wide Corporate Day of Service on May 1st. The volunteers found LOHV a fit for their mission, "...work together to foster connections and conversations both inside and outside our doors."

LOHV VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers at LOHV bring thousands of hours of service to our residents each year. They staff the receptionist desk, do behind the scenes efforts, travel with residents on shopping or adventure trips, run evening activities and games for residents, bring music to the house, partake in liturgical activities, and the list goes on. A Picnic in the Park is being held on June 25 to show our appreciation.

If you would like to Volunteer, call 440-232-1991 and ask for the Volunteer Coordinator.



LIGHT of HEARTS VILLA

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UPCOMING *events*

Light of Hearts Villa provides independent and assisted living, respite and memory care.

Below are some of our upcoming events. For more information call 440.232.1991.

September 13-19

Assisted Living Week

"Nourishing Life: Mind, Body, Spirit"

September 27

Feast of St. Vincent de Paul

October 11

Our 26th Annual Fall Fest Dinner Fundraiser

See details on the Save the Date postcard.

For information, or, if you do not receive our mailing by September 16, please call 440-232-1991.

Follow the Fall Fest at www.lightofheartsvilla.org.

November 3-7

Flea Market

November 11 7:00

Mass Remembering our Deceased Residents.

Family Members and Friends. Refreshments afterwards.

November 15

America Recycles Day

November 21 4:00 PM

Mass for All LOHV Benefactors

December

Christmas Wafers (Oplatky) available at the front desk.

December 5 10:00 AM - NOON

Christmas Decorating Day.

Lunch provided. Families and friends are welcome to join us as we turn LOHV into a Christmas delight for the Residents. Please RSVP by Nov. 30.

December 12

A Christmas Celebration

Sponsored by the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association for the Residents. Mass following at 4:00 PM.

April 6, 2016 9:00 AM - NOON

Ethics Seminar 3 CEUs.

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