

Volunteer Views

Winter 2017

Glacier Hills Volunteer Sculpts Masterpiece



“Saint Anne of the Gospel”

Mike Kapetan is an artist—a sculptor and woodcarver. Mike collaborated with fellow artist, Sergei Mitrofanov to create “*Saint Anne of the Gospel*.” The sculptures are two identical 12 foot tympana (a semi-circular decorative wall surface.)

The tympana took two years to design and produce. They depict St. Anne, the Virgin Mary and the Christ Child. This summer, these beautiful works of art were installed overlooking the main entrance at Archdiocese of Detroit’s Chancery Building and the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

While he is an artist by profession, Mike is also a musician. He volunteers weekly in the households of Maple, Willow, Hazel and Birch. Mike visits residents with his guitar and sings to small groups. He lights up a room with his generous smile. People join in singing along to their favorite tunes.

Recently, Mike invited residents from Maple household to visit his studio and see “*Saint Anne of*

the Gospel” in production. They marveled at seeing these nearly completed works of art up close. They also enjoyed seeing a working artist’s studio.

Mike said, “I consider it a great honor to have been asked to create a major work of public art for the city of Detroit, especially one that pays homage to St, Anne, who is the Catholic patron saint of Detroit. It was a great joy to share the experience of working on the sculpture with our Glacier Hills residents.”

According to Vicky Smith, Maple Activities Specialist “It was an amazing opportunity to go into Mike’s studio. We got to watch his partner Sergei working on the sculpture. Mike and Sergei took the time to explain the work and the meaning. We all felt so very special that day. The tympanum was so big and overwhelming. We look forward to making another trip to see it installed at the Cathedral.”



Holiday Volunteer Opportunities

- PAVILION HOLIDAY PARTY 12/21 WED 5-9PM
- EVA’S HOUSE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE SA
12/24 2-4PM
- PAVILION NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY SA 12/31 2-4PM
- HANSON RM NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY SA
12/31 6:30-9:30PM

Yarn and Fabric Remnant Donations Needed.

Volunteers Jan and Gloria craft them into blankets. Residents treasure them as gifts and prizes.

Gently Used Magazine Donations Needed.

Short Term Care residents especially appreciate magazines. Please remove address labels.

Please bring donations to Gabby’s office, 2nd floor Manor Room 259D.

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Annual Volunteer Retraining: Please take a moment to review

In the right hand column, write the letter of resident's rights described in the left hand column.

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| a. Choice | _____ | The right to ask and voice concerns. |
| b. Refusing Treatment | _____ | The right to have personal property treated with care and respect. |
| c. Grievances | _____ | The right to refuse personal care assistance. |
| d. Environment | _____ | The right to decide what he/she will wear. |
| e. Personal Possessions | _____ | The right to live in a clean, safe atmosphere. |

Mark "T" for True or "F" for False.

- _____ It is okay to discuss a resident's condition with other volunteers on break as long as you whisper.
- _____ Breaking confidentiality is unethical and punishable by law.
- _____ If a resident is making too much noise, it is best to confine him/her to a room where others won't be disturbed.
- _____ Written permission from a resident or their guardian is required to post a photo of the two of you on Instagram—even if you don't list names.

Answers: c, e, b, a, d, F, T, F, T

Wheelchair Safety Refresher

- **Never** transfer a resident from their bed to a wheelchair or from a chair to the wheelchair.
- **Always** be sure hands, clothing and lap blankets will not get caught in the wheels.
- Consider **dignity** before leaving the household. If resident is not presentable, ask staff to help.
- **Always** use footrests when leaving the resident's household. Make sure feet stay on footrests.
- Please back wheelchairs onto **elevators**.
- **Always** sign out the resident before leaving the unit—remember to sign back in too!
- Both Wheelchair **brakes** must be set when you reach your destination.
- Walkers with seats are not wheelchairs. **Never** push a resident who is seated on a walker. Take a wheelchair instead.
- **Focus** your full attention on the resident when escorting them in a wheelchair.

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What would you do?

An arriving volunteer finds a resident in the parking lot wandering around the cars. What should the volunteer do?

Answer: Approach the resident and ask if you can help. Assist the resident back into the building and find an appropriate supervisor.