Volunteers Celebrated at Annual Dinner  April 2019  
By Lexie Brown, Intern

Over 85 volunteers and supporters gathered in the Hanson Room to celebrate at the Volunteer Recognition Dinner on April 11. The Mexican menu and decorations accompanied the theme "Volunteers: Every Moment Makes a Difference." Centerpieces for each table included piñatas, sombreros, churros, chips and salsa for the volunteers in attendance.

Claire Wan, recipient of the Gaffield Youth Gift of Music Award shared her talents on the piano by playing a solo and accompanying Jeremy D’silva, recipient of the Gaffield Gift of Music Award, as he sang a solo. These outstanding performances were enthusiastically received by the audience.

A memorable moment from the fiesta came when Scott Matthews shared memories of his mother for whom the June Bennett Teamwork Service Award is named. He was pleased to present the award on behalf of the family especially the ukulele played an important role in his upbringing.

Brain Plasticity Ukulele Collective earned the June Bennett award this year. Under the direction of Mike Brooks, the uke band has performed monthly concerts in the Dobson Life Enrichment Center ever since Ellie Serras introduced the group to Glacier Hills about three years ago.

Brain Plasticity Ukulele Collective is a lively group featuring fun music, lots of laughter and audience participation. The group is comprised of about 20 members with experience levels ranging from beginner to lifelong professional. Instruments include ukuleles, guitar, flute, percussion, trumpet, accordion, and bass.

Arianna and Madeline Gregor received the Youth Service Award. They lead the St. Thomas Challenge Girls in helping with parties and special events in Manor Assisted Living. The Gregor sister’s team brings fun and energy to any activity.

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Join our Summer Volunteer Team! Complete an online volunteer application form www.glacierhills.org/volunteers
**Molly Osler: 2019 Volunteer of the Year**  
*By Lexie Brown, Intern*

The Volunteer of The Year award is designated for an individual whose dedication and sincere involvement stand out among all volunteers. This year Molly Osler received the honor from the staff and residents of Glacier Hills. Gail Pacurai, Assisted Living Life Enrichment Coordinator, says “Molly is so amazing and full of energy. It’s incredible how she juggles a job, family responsibilities, interests and volunteering. She’s been faithfully calling Bingo every Saturday for over 10 years as well as helping out on other occasions. I am so truly grateful for her help and her friendship”

Molly is immensely valuable to the Life Enrichment Department and a treasure to our residents. Thank you once again, Molly, for all of the time you spend with the residents here at Glacier Hills!

Molly’s name was added to a plaque bearing the names of all previous Glacier Hills Volunteers of the Year. You can see the plaque near the volunteer sign-in screen in the Manor Lobby.

**A Note from Lisa Puroll, Recipient of the Ruth Monahan Spiritual Service Award**

It was especially powerful to receive the Ruth Monahan award when I had met her in what I believe was her final hours, just Ruth, her niece and myself, to bring her Holy Communion. I only regret that I didn’t have a chance to converse. She probably would have been a phenomenal mentor for this ministry in her younger years.

I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunity Gabby has facilitated. This Spiritual Care ministry is truly a labor of love and I think of it as a mysterious gift that keeps on giving. I’m deeply thankful for the friendships I have formed here, the privilege of sharing the things we all value most - faith, family, friends, and work as well. Some of our older generation spent 40+ years dedicated to the same occupation. Hard to imagine for some of us. It’s been an honor to provide comfort and make connections with so many in the past 4 years of all ages in our Care and Rehab Center. I believe the bond remains with residents who have passed on.

We discussed events in their lives, both the ordinary and the extraordinary and they often had kind words for me or just expressed an interest in my life as well. We all have some need to feel cherished, especially when we are vulnerable due to aging, illness, surgery, accidents. My hope is that every person can experience what it means to RESPOND to God’s call to help each other. Comfort matters, laughter, listening, and the Holy Spirit reveals much if we just show up and respond. Our lives matter. Finally, I want to express my sincere thankfulness for our Chaplain, Rev. Paul Arnold. He’s an incredible person, extremely supportive of myself and countless others. We all benefit from a leader who walks his faith EVERY day here at Glacier Hills. Thank you!!

Lisa
Glacier Hills Welcomes New Residents from Huron Woods
By Lexie Brown, Intern

At the beginning of April, 34 former residents of Huron Woods Assisted Living Facility moved into a newly renovated area of Glacier Hills. We welcomed the new residents onto Hazel Household. Prior residents of Hazel Household have moved to the Care and Rehab Center.

The Pavilion building has been renamed “Huron Woods at Glacier Hills.” In the upcoming months, naming of the different households will be reviewed. This includes Hazel, Willow, Maple, and Birch. Volunteer Coordinator Gabby VanderMolen says "Change can be challenging. We appreciate how flexible our volunteers have been throughout the entire process as residents move. We are also excited to welcome new volunteers from Huron Woods."

The main Activities Specialist for the new residents is Sarina Guyton-Martin. She is currently working on getting to know them so that she is able to build a calendar of activities that will interest most or all of the new residents. She says "there is a lot of diversity in interests among the new residents. I am committed to offering activities that each of them will enjoy."

YMCA Childcare Center Celebrates Open House!
May 2019

The Glacier Hills YMCA Child Development Center is complete!

The child care facility has the capacity for 48-50 children ranging in age from six weeks to five years. Cost sharing is available for the children of Glacier Hills paid staff. This will be a great opportunity for intergenerational experiences. Residents are excited about this new addition to the community.

Parents attended an open house on May 28. Melissa Goings, Child Development Director said "We had a fantastic turnout for our open house last Tuesday, and we were so excited to put faces to the names of the employees and their children that will be attending our center, as well as new families that came to check us out and signed up! Our official opening is getting closer and closer we are just awaiting our final inspections and licensing review."
The Tom and Jeanette Gaffield Youth Gift of Music Award went to pianist and flautist Claire Wan. She has performed concerts in the Manor Assisted Living, the Dobson Life Enrichment Center, the Hanson Room, and the 3rd floor of the Manor.

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Alonzo Lewis, secretary of the GH Board of Directors presented the Tom and Jeanette Gaffield Gift of Music Award to Jeremy D'Silva for sharing music with Glacier Hills residents in many ways including an annual summer music festival that he organizes.

Yarn Donations Needed.
Volunteers craft yarn into blankets for our residents.

Gently Used Magazine Donations Needed.
Short Term Care residents appreciate recent magazines to read while they recover. Please remove address labels. Bring donations to Gabby’s Office, 2nd floor Manor.

Ideas For One-to-one Visits With Residents:

Stop by the one-to-one visiting cabinet to pick up a fun activity to enjoy with a resident. Take advantage of the puzzles, photo books, art supplies, games and more. IPads and Bluetooth speakers are available in the bottom portion of the cabinet. Ask the receptionist in Pavilion building which has been renamed Huron Woods for the key to the one-to-one visiting cabinet. The iPads are great for:

- Sharing Music: Use the Amazon Music app to access purchased music that our residents enjoy.
- Sharing Laughter: Watch videos of cats or babies together on YouTube.
- Sharing your photos, interests, vacation destinations.