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Administrative Note

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Valentine Cookie Sale

Tuesday, Feb 10 until sold out
\$1.00 per bag
includes 4 sugar
cookies and one valentine
Proceeds go towards
entertainment.
Buy your Valentine
a Sweet Valentine Treat !

We are very excited to finally be opening our newly constructed Therapy Department the week of March 1st. There will be a convenient entrance to this area, close to visitor parking. Keep in mind we also do outpatient Physical, Occupational or Speech Therapy for people from the community. This is especially nice for tenants in our apartment complex. This area certainly will enhance our rehab program that we have been very successful in for many years.

Our average length of stay for people coming to us for short-term rehabilitation is 23 days! In 2009, we admitted 280 people and discharged 268.

We will be honoring the following employees for their years of service:

Jean Anderson	35years	Housekeeper
Wanda Martell	30 years	Dietary Manager
Cathy Bowe	20 years	CNA
Maria Stoll	15 years	Dietary Aide
Amy Lunderville	15 years	Cook
Joe Clark	15 years	RN, Night Supervr'
Sarah Boos	10 years	Bookkeeper
Gary Vowinkel	10 years	Maintenance
Vicki Mulnix	10 years	CNA
Laura Prueher	5 years	RN
Angela Prueher	5 years	Nurse Tech
Lora Dankemyer	5 years	Cook
Nancy Lenfestey	5 years	Cook

Thank you for all of the visits, kind words, and treats for our staff during the holidays! Also, a special thank you to our Secret Santa's!!

Nursing Notes

by Nancy Hanson, Director of Nursing

Hard to believe the holidays are over already! I certainly had a good holiday season...so much fun watching the grandbabies open gifts!! Not so much fun watching the Packers lose their first play-off game!!

We had such a successful vaccination season! We were able to obtain sufficient H1N1 vaccine that nearly all of the residents/clients got the vaccine as well as the seasonal vaccine. Our efforts at giving pneumococcal vaccine continue the year around...pneumonia knows no season! If you have questions regarding vaccines or other things of an infectious nature, feel free to ask Karen Davis, RN,C who is our Infection Preventionist, but any one of the nurses will be able to help you.

We are fortunate in that Miranda Gray, RN, and Jessica Roseen, PT, are both certified in wound care. The two of them function as our wound care team and see patients who have MD referrals for wound care.

I would like to mention the use of recliners, particularly the ones that have remote controls. They are a comfy way to relax but can also present dangers to those who cannot operate them safely. Please check with nursing or social services before purchasing or bringing in a chair.

Enjoy the rest of the winter!! I am looking forward to spring and green grass!!

Office Talk

by Jennifer Buescher, Accountant

If you have any questions regarding the Medical Assistance program please contact Kelly Goettl at the Chippewa County Economic Support office. The number to call is 726-7847.

If you need an application for Medical Assistance or a Medical Assistance review form, there are some available in the Business Office. If you have any other questions, please feel free to call or stop by.

What's Cookin' in the Kitchen?

by Wanda Martell,
CDM

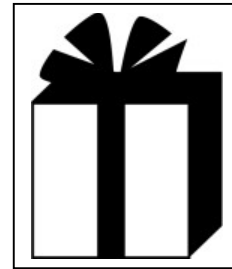
We have some special dinners and projects coming up. Please mark your calendars: We will be "rolling in the dough" on Tuesday, Feb 9 as we hold our Annual Valentine Cookie Bake. Volunteers are welcome to come help roll out the 2,000-some Valentine cookies!! We go right on to frost those cookies and bag them. Then they will go on sale in the Activity Department.

A Valentine Dinner will be held on Sunday, February 14 at 11:30 am. If you would like to join us as a visitor, please RSVP to the Business Office by Feb 8. The menu: Chicken Kiev, rice pilaf, Prince Charles vegetables cranberry sauce and red Jello cake. Cost is \$5.00 for guests (no cost to residents!).

February is Chocolate Month and we will feature a chocolate treat on each Friday afternoon in the month of February. Feb 5: Hot fudge sundaes, Feb 12: brownies and ice cream, Feb 19: Fudgesicles, and Feb 25: Mega Chocolate Cake.

On Wednesday, March 17 we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with corned beef and cabbage.

Social Service Corner
by Mary Proue, Social Worker



Did you know that Social Service has information on community resources that may be helpful to you or someone you know? We keep information on services available to help our residents who return home, such as home health agencies, supportive care services, transportation services and assisted living arrangements.

We also have information on Medicare and Medical Assistance as well as help groups like the Alzheimer's Support groups, Stroke education classes and support groups, and Parkinson's disease education classes, along with schedules and meeting places. If anyone is in need of specialized, adaptive clothing, we have several catalogs that may help your search. Please stop in at the Social Service Office and see us if you would be interested in any of this information.

If we do not have what you are looking for, the Chippewa County Department of Aging has a newer program called the Aging and Disability Resource Center which does have a great deal of information and we can help you connect. Please stop in the Social Service Office if you do have community resource questions as Tristi and I will be glad to help.

Thought for the Day:
One of the secrets of life
is to make stepping stones
out of stumbling blocks.

Employee Birthdays:

February

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| 1 | Ryanne Vavra |
| 1 | Stephanie Vach |
| 3 | Samantha Mayer |
| 3 | Claire LaBreck |
| 4 | Jean Anderson |
| 4 | Angie Ming |
| 5 | Amanda Mayry |
| 6 | Sarah Boos |
| 8 | Nicole Sarauer |
| 8 | Megan LeMay |
| 9 | Debra Lukes |
| 9 | Amber Parr |
| 10 | Jennifer Goplin |
| 21 | Billie Jo Tennenbaum |
| 25 | Laurie Ewings |
| 26 | Stephanie Daniels |

March

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| 2 | Laura Prueher |
| 13 | Nancy Hanson |
| 13 | Denise Brockel |
| 17 | Darlene Allard |
| 17 | Nancy Lenfesty |
| 24 | Aubrey George |
| 25 | Denise Henry |
| 31 | Angela Prueher |

February is Heart Month!
Have a Heart and Give to the
AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION!



Look What's Happening
by Cindy Tewalt, Activity Director

Happy February!! We have several activities we would like to highlight for you in the coming days:

-February 5, 2010 is **National Wear Red Day!** This is a day when Americans nationwide wear red to show their support for women's heart disease awareness. Join us at Chippewa Manor and wear red that day.

-Our Annual **Valentine Cookie Sale** will take place from February 10th until they sell out. You may purchase a bag with 4 sugar cookies and an attached Valentine all for \$1.00 in the Activity Room! We will be rolling out those cookies on Tuesday, Feb 9 at 9:45 am. If you could help, we would REALLY appreciate it! We will go on to frost and bag them the same day. Did I mention that we make over 2,000 cookies!! Let the Activity Department know if you can help. This fundraiser has been a long time tradition here and the proceeds go towards purchasing entertainment for the residents. Help it continue and plan on buying a Sweet for your Sweetie!

-February is Chocolate Month!! And each Friday we will be celebrating by consuming chocolate! Watch the calendar and come and indulge!

- "Shrove Tuesday" will be February 16, the day before Ash Wednesday. Often times you hear of special pancake feeds on that day and here at Chippewa Manor, we will follow that trend. In celebration, we will have a pancake breakfast on Tuesday, Feb 24 from 7:00 to 8:00 AM.

-We will be having our Annual Heart Fund Drive throughout the month of February. This fundraiser is to raise moneys for the American Heart Association and is sponsored by the Resident Council. We will be collecting moneys for that cause. If you donate \$5.00, a gold heart will be placed on our heart tree in the lobby; if you donate \$3.00, a silver heart and \$1.00, a red heart. For every dollar donated, your name will go into the jar for a drawing to be held on Friday, February 26 at 2:00 pm. We will be giving away gift certificates from area businesses and prizes from private donors. Last year, we raised a record \$1,600.00!!! HAVE A HEART and GIVE.

Upcoming special music will include the following: Diane Schindler with her accordion music will be February 5, 19, March 5 and 26... all at 2:00 pm. Dorie Marion will be here on February 12 (Her son Denny will join her that day!!) and March 19 at 2:00 pm. "Forever Young" is a group of 35 seniors from Eau Claire and they will be singing for us on Tuesday, Feb 16 at 2:00pm. The Chippewa Falls Music Makers will be here on Thursday, March 11 at 10:30 am. Donna Jones will be here on February 23 and March 23 at 10:00 am. Our prayers and thoughts go to Arlene Hofland, our faithful piano player who has played for so many of here at Chippewa Manor and in the area. She is battling lung cancer and no longer to come to share her incredible music with us. Please keep her in your prayers as she faces this journey.

-Looking back a bit... thank you from the Activity Department to all who made the holidays such a special time for the residents of Chippewa Manor! Your kindness was truly appreciated.

Living Services

By: Brandon Thorsness, NHA
Assistant Administrator

Many of you reading this are already aware that Chippewa Manor Residential Living (CMRL) now offers an additional continuum of care. This additional health care option is called “**Living Services**,” and is our version of high quality assisted living. With this component, our community now offers virtually a full continuum of retirement care, meaning fewer hassles of moving around for families, residents, patients, and tenants.

Residential Living offers some of the most spacious apartments in the Chippewa Valley, and boasts a health care program second to none. With **only** state certified and licensed nursing professionals available for support 24 hours a day, you are sure to receive high-end care.

Another innovation of Chippewa Manor is the offering of our own internal version of LifeLine, called **Health Link**. Our equipment is similar, however instead of calling out to a call center in another state, city, or various other locations – you’ll be immediately in touch with a certified or licensed nursing professional **right in-house**. What an additional comfort to know a professional will come into your apartment to check on you after signaling an emergency! This program means emergency responders will be called when necessary, and expensive ambulance bills will be avoided when unnecessary.

These new services reinforce our commitment to providing high quality care and living experiences. Several tenants have already made the switch from their old provider and now not only have great service, but also a little extra money in their pocket each month!

If you are interested in any of the above-mentioned services, or have questions, please contact the Residential Living Business Office at 726-2123.

--This newsletter is sent to the first informant of each resident. Additional copies are available at the beginning of Wing 3. Monthly Activity and Menu calendars not included in the newsletter may be picked up at the same area. You may also pick up our calendars online at www.chippewamanor.com. If you would like to be added or removed from our newsletter list, please give us a call and tell us.

--Library books are available in the Activity Office for sign out. Check it out! The Chippewa Manor Resident Council sponsors a Candy Cart. It is located in the Activity Office. Purchases help fund special programs for the residents as well as other special events decided upon by the residents. Stop in and make your selection! Candy bars and chips are 75 cents. And soda or water is 50 cents.

--If you would like to reserve a Day Room for a private family gathering, please contact the Activity Department for availability. Generally the day room is available from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

--Scheduled activities take place in many different areas of the building. But there is usually a day room available for visiting. Visitors are welcomed to attend our activities of interest, however, we ask that visiting be done in a different area so as not to disturb those in attendance of a program. We appreciate your cooperation.