

Cherie's Lively Chatter

February 26, 2010

DONATE TO HAITI RELIEF EFFORTS

Several residents have expressed a desire to give to a trustworthy organization that is helping with the relief efforts in Haiti.

We have chosen *Feed the Children*, which is a non-profit relief organization with headquarters in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This organization delivers food, medicine, clothing and other necessities to individuals, children and their families who lack these essentials due to famine, war, poverty or natural disaster (such as the earthquake in Haiti).

During their 30-year history, they have grown into one of the world's largest private organizations dedicated to helping hungry and hurting people. Last year *Feed the Children* shipped 133 MILLION pounds of food and other essentials to children and families in all 50 states and 34 foreign countries, supplementing more than 760,000 meals a day worldwide.

They have a very strong "track record" of using approximately 91% of donated funds to actually helping those in need (6% goes to fundraising and 3% to administrative costs).

If you want to give to this organization, please write out a check to *Feed the Children*, bring it to the office and we will send all donations in one package.

A REMINDER CONCERNING FOOD IN COMMON AREAS

Sharing food with other residents in open containers is a "sure-fire" way to spread germs (especially during this flu season!!).

A reminder that only *individually wrapped* food (such as cookies, bars, candy, etc.) can be placed in elevator lobbies and other common areas.

WE NEED MORE MEMBERS!!

We have all very much enjoyed hearing our resident choir perform each year. However, this year the number of singers has drastically declined and if we don't have more participants, there's a good possibility the choir will disband for the remainder of the year.

Please don't let this happen. Come and "make a joyful noise" the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings of the month. You'll be glad you did!

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- The washer and dryer have been removed from the Garden Level. The residents on this floor will be using the laundry facilities on the other floors.
- We are still planning to close the dining room and use the Community Room for meals starting April 1.

RESIDENT AND STAFF CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

- Sandi Mellema continues to heal and pain is greatly reduced.
- Ella Haan is in the hospital.
- We are happy that Theo Dykstra has returned home from the hospital!

**The Hospitality Committee meets
Monday, March 1,
at 10:00 a.m.
in the Community Room.**

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS

- Dueling is legal in Paraguay as long as both contenders are registered blood donors.
- Al Capone's business card says he was a used furniture dealer.
- The United States has never lost a war in which mules were used.
- The only 15-letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is "uncopyrightable."
- Studies show that if a cat falls off the 7th floor of a building, it has about a 30% less chance of surviving than a cat that falls off the 20th floor. It supposedly takes about 8 floors for the cat to realize what is occurring, relax and correct itself.
- A snail can sleep for 3 years.
- Coca-Cola was originally green.
- What do bullet-proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers all have in common? (All were invented by women.)

A "BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE CONSTRUCTION!"

