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News from the Corporate Office

By Joyce Haberkorn,
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More than 500 guests shared a wonderful evening for the 15th Annual Earthen Vessel Dinner, held Oct. 9. Former Denver Bronco great Karl Mecklenburg entertained the audience with stories of his experiences on the football field and how they relate to success in life. Our Earthen Vessel award honorees this year are long-time CLC volunteers Clix and Alyce Meines who graciously accepted the well-deserved award. Proceeds from this year’s event will benefit redevelopment at Clermont Park. A capital campaign, finishing Touches, was also introduced at the dinner. The purpose of the three-year campaign is just as its name implies — a campaign to raise funds to provide the finishing touches — making the common spaces at Clermont Park beautiful, refreshing areas for socialization. The campaign goal is \$1,379,000. To date, we have reached 13% of that goal. More information will be coming your way soon. We can’t wait to share the excitement! If you have questions, please contact Pam Sullivan at 720-974-3558 or take a look at www.clermontparkfinishingtouches.org.



Our 7 Everyday Heroes from left to right: Jim Ungry, John Nelson, Mitch Jelniker (Channel 7 news anchor), Glennon James, Dub Browning, Russell Yost and Dutch Van Maaren. Staff in background congratulating our heroes.

Holly Creek Woodworkers Are Channel 7 Everyday Heroes!

On Sept. 24, Channel 7 News, anchor Mitch Jelniker surprised our Holly Creek woodworkers in their shop with the 7 Everyday Hero Award. This award is presented to Coloradoans who are making a difference in their community. Through the nonprofit project, “Toys For God’s Kids”, our woodworkers have made over 17,000 toy cars since January, 2007 which are sent to needy children all over the World. Congratulations to Dub Browning, Glennon James, John Nelson, Jim Ungry, Dutch Van Maaren, Russ Yost and Jack Zobel for showing Christ’s love to so many young children. You are making a difference in the lives of these children and their families. ☺

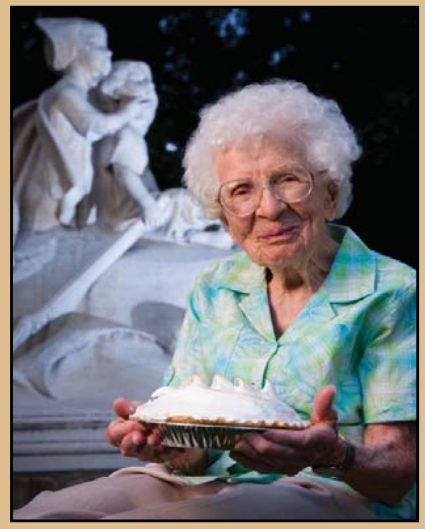
Volunteer Inspiration

“We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do.” -- Mother Theresa

“You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments when you really lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love.” -- H. Drummond

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when her volunteer work began she’ll tell you it was about 75 to 80 years ago. Her robust list of volunteer activities includes phoning and grocery shopping for shut-ins through Volunteers in Action, involvement in Youth for



Christ campaigns, assisting in church activities, and using her skills as a teacher tutoring students learning English as a second language. Her volunteer spirit has blessed Christian Living Communities for more than 10 years. Helen has become famous for the homemade lemon meringue pies she baked to support the communities’ fundraisers. She said that she usually baked 30 pies for each event; a little multiplication by the teacher results in about 500 pies. Helen still continues to bake her pies, but she has retired from producing them in volume. Helen remains an active and faithful volunteer serving coffee, tea and conversation to skilled nursing residents at Christian Living Communities’ Clermont Park location. The residents enjoy the warmth of Helen’s caring touch and genuine joy. Her generous heart and the happiness

she shares with so many is a priceless gift. Helen says she doesn’t have a recipe for longevity, but she says one ingredient is her volunteer service and her love of learning. ☺

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 If you have a volunteer story you’d like to see highlighted in a future issue of the *Volunteer Voice*, or are interested in volunteer opportunities, please e-mail us: Jeanette Preston (Johnson Center) — jpreston@clcmail.org, Kitty Dobbs (Holly Creek) — kdobbs@clcmail.org or Mary Ann Schrader (Clermont Park) — mschrader@clcmail.org.

For more information about CLC, please visit us online at www.christianlivingcommunities.org or call 720-974-3555.

Holly Creek

Grand Opening of Molly's Mercantile

The long-anticipated opening of Molly's Mercantile arrived on Sept. 25 in conjunction with the Grand Opening Harvest Celebration of Holly Creek's Phase II. Molly Brown herself (played by Polly Snow) attended. Molly's Mercantile is named after the famous Denver socialite and survivor of the ill-fated Titanic, Molly Brown. Molly's will be open Monday through Saturday from 1-3 p.m. Molly's will carry greeting cards, stamps, Colorado gifts, unique gift items, jewelry, Jerry's Nut House, candy and toiletries. Come visit our new shop!

Evercare Hospice Volunteers

Hospice volunteers are ordinary people with extraordinary love and concern for others, contributing their time, talent and energy at an extraordinary time of life. The common thread that connects all hospice volunteers is the gift of compassion and a heart to help others. Recently we had three of our residents (Nancie Kelley, Ruth Mitzekiet and Dorothy Wirfel) attend the 16-hour training to become a hospice volunteer in our new Suites. Thank you for wanting to make a difference and touch a life. If you are interested in this opportunity in the future, please contact Kitty Dobbs at 720-266-5616.

The Two Minute In-Service: Maintaining Confidentiality

All Christian Living Communities, volunteers can be found hard at work in areas where contact, directly or indirectly, with protected resident health information is a possibility. This unintentional contact may occur when volunteers are in close contact with residents and staff by simply overhearing a conversation or by what is observed.

As you know, at CLC we have always guarded the privacy and confidentiality of our residents as a part of our mission and in upholding resident

rights. Our volunteer orientation and training requires that all volunteers sign a Confidentiality Statement agreeing to abide by CLC's policies and procedures. In 2003, a federal privacy rule, known as HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), became law and includes specific regulations intended to protect privacy. The responsibilities of volunteers in protecting sensitive personal as well as medical/financial related information are equal to those of staff.

We ask that you please remember to respect the confidential conversations

Clermont Park (formerly University Hills)

News and Updates

Construction continues at Clermont Park and we are pleased to report that the redevelopment is progressing quite nicely.

To learn more about the latest happenings, please visit our Web site at www.clermontpark.org.

The exquisite merchandise at the Windmill Boutique now includes attractive and unique holiday items for all of your shopping needs. In addition, carefully crafted tote bags and hand-embroidered tea towels by Clermont Park volunteers are available. Stop, buy and say hi!



Clermont Park Executive Director, Ted Ahlem and Windmill Boutique Manager, Mary Ham invite you to join in the fun, six days a week, at the Windmill Boutique.

that you may hear. Protected health information is any individually identifiable information that can be linked to a resident by name, social security number, address, diagnosis, etc.

All volunteers are asked to be continually aware of the need to keep resident's personal information private and secure. If you are asked by a concerned friend or neighbor about the health of a CLC resident, please encourage those individuals to contact the resident or family members directly. Who knows...someone stopping by to say hello to an old friend may be tomorrow's volunteer! ☺

Calendar of Events



November 2008

- Nov. 11 — JC/Village Volunteer Advisory Committee Meeting
- Nov. 13 — Holly Creek Volunteer Advisory Board
- Nov. 14 — CLC Volunteer Council
- Nov. 26 — Pinewood Pantry

December 2008

- Dec. 11 — Holly Creek Volunteer Advisory Board
- Dec. 13 — 2-4 p.m. Christmas Volunteer Appreciation Open House
- Dec. 17 — Pinewood Pantry

Unsung Hero: Helen Hulstein — Clermont Park Volunteer

"If we take care of the moments, the years will take care of themselves."
-- Maria Edgeworth

Just a few minutes into a conversation with 102 year-old volunteer Helen Hulstein, one realizes that she has incredible energy and a zest for life that has carried her on a wonderful journey. Since 1944, Helen has enjoyed her home, nestled across the street from Washington Park, and still gets out for a walk in the park on most days.

"Getting out and doing" are second nature to Helen. When she's asked

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The Johnson Center & The Village

A crisp clear September morning was prelude to a beautiful day for the Fall Extravaganza. Ford Model A Car Club of Colorado polished their "Tin Lizzies" and arrived in high style with several drivers in

vintage clothes to complement their magnificent automobiles. While a steady stream of shoppers browsed, many folks quickly became fascinated by the fine automobiles. The yard sale was complete with a nice variety of treasures for the thrifty opportunist.

A bake sale, craft booths and book sale provided variety for afternoon attendees. Face painting proved to be

the favorite for all the kids. Everyone enjoyed the delicious Red Bird barbecue chicken sandwiches and hotdogs while sitting outside soaking up the sun. By



the end of the day, Don Decker won the Best of Show ribbon with his incredibly decadent chocolate brown Ford Model A.

This first annual volunteer fundraiser for Christian Living Communities, The

Johnson Center and The Village, grossed over \$3,000 which will directly enrich the lives of all the senior residents. The Volunteer Advisory Committee is deeply grateful to the incredible crew of volunteers from Grace Chapel who arrived early that Saturday morning and made quick work of the yard sale set-up. Our thanks also go out to Red Bird Chicken for their generous donation of food for this year's fundraiser. Throughout the day many volunteers helped out in various capacities, which, without their contributions of time and energy, this event would not have been possible. Thank you to all who participated and came to enjoy the day at the Christian Living Communities Fall Extravaganza. ☺



Clermont Park's Life Enrichment Director, Sandi Mellema, leads a wonderful volunteer program designed to put a smile on the faces of young girls. The Ladies "Toys for God's Kids" volunteers meet monthly to create darling purses and charming bracelets to accompany the wooden cars that are sent to children all around the world. Great work!