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A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR FAITHFUL SUPPORTERS



Earthen Vessel Dinner - A Night of Honor & Praise

More than 550 guests enjoyed dinner and a patriotic evening at Christian Living Communities (CLC) 14th Annual

Earthen Vessel Dinner. The grand ballroom at the Hyatt Regency Tech Center was adorned in red, white and blue and the evening opened with a moving tribute to WWII resident veterans who were invited to join the Mile High Honor Guard from Buckley Air Force Base for the posting of the colors. During dinner, guests were entertained by the Denver Municipal Band's Brass Quintet playing patriotic and 1940's tunes.

This year's Earthen Vessel honoree, **Dutch Van Maaren**, a long-time volunteer at Christian Living Communities, graciously and humbly accepted his award. Dutch doesn't keep track of his thousands of volunteer hours at The Johnson Center and The Village, but he's seen in the communities six days a week – and sometimes seven if there's an emergency. His talent for woodworking has produced pieces to be admired and treasured. But it is Dutch's spirit of servitude and hospitality that are the most treasured gifts he shares with residents and staff.

The evening continued an uplifting theme with the introduction of **Michael Reagan**, son of President Ronald Reagan. Mr. Reagan held the guests' attention with his candid, humorous and heartfelt stories about his life as the son of a President of the United States. Reagan closed by sharing touching accounts of connecting with his father in new ways as Alzheimer's disease clouded the President's mind.

In addition to a wonderful night of inspiration and entertainment, the Earthen Vessel Dinner raised **nearly \$65,000 net** to support our Residents Assistance Fund which helps seniors who are struggling to afford the care they need and deserve.

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Thank you also to **26 Blue Sponsors** and table hosts for your support!

A special thank you as well to Allen & Beverly Keesen who served as our honorary dinner chairs and to more than 50 volunteers who worked the event.



Honoree "Dutch" Van Maaren receives his award from Russ Den Braber, CLC President & CEO and Jim Kok, Director of Chaplain Services & Evening Emcee

Stewardship Fund Donations in Action

Your dollars in 2007 made a huge difference!

- **Construction of Adult Day Services** at The Johnson Center completed and opened
- **Renovation and equipment** purchases for Adult Day Services at Calvary Baptist Church
- **Resident Assistance** helped several seniors with meals, housekeeping and housing
- **Replacement** of broken big screen TV in the community room at The Johnson Center
- **Memories in the Making** program art supplies purchased for Adult Day Services at Calvary Baptist
- **Fund the initial renovation phase** of University Hills

THANK YOU!



Special guest Michael Reagan shares warm stories of his father President Reagan and urges guests to embrace seniors

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Enrich the lives of seniors

Tips for Year-End Giving

With Thanksgiving weeks away and Christmas right around the corner, thoughts turn to holiday gifts for family, friends and our favorite charities.

Year-end giving is a long-standing tradition for many families. Some save a little each month to be given during the holidays-sometimes as a gift in honor of that certain someone who is impossible to shop for!

For people who itemize their tax deductions, a gift in the appropriate amount may increase their deductions above the Standard, therefore qualifying them for a greater tax benefit.

For example, let's say a person who pays taxes at a 30% federal rate makes a gift of \$1,000 this year. It's as if that person actually only spent \$700. The \$300 difference is the tax that the donor would have paid if no gift had been made.

The charity receives \$1,000 (instead of

\$700) thus the gift generates 43% more benefit for the charity.

Timing your gift—

Timing may become an issue to ensure an income tax deduction is properly credited. Your gift must be delivered, transacted or postmarked by December 31st in order to qualify for a 2007 deduction. If you are considering a gift of stock, contact your broker now to ensure enough time for the transfer. Please call Pam in our Development Office if you would like to discuss a year-end gift to CLC at 720.974.3558.

Got an auction item?

We are actively seeking donations our 3rd Annual Aged to Perfection Silent Auction and Wine Tasting.

Be creative! Think of a unique item that you could donate in support of CLC.

Please call Pam Sullivan, 720.974.3558 .

Our Mission

Christian Living Communities ministers to senior adults through a continuum of services and care that reflects Christian love, respect and compassion, and that enriches the quality and dignity of life for each individual.

University Hills Renovation Update

On Friday, September 28th, CLC submitted our preliminary thoughts on the site plan for the renovation of University Hills to the City Planner assigned to our project. The site plan includes thoughts on proper drainage, parking and the layout of our proposed building structures.

The planner will now distribute these documents to the various departments within the City structure for their comments and suggestions. After that, we will sit down with representatives of the various departments in a work session to discuss the comments each department has to our preliminary plan. At the conclusion of those meetings, we will formalize our plan and make the official application to the City.

To view the renovation timeline and Read detailed information, please go to www.uhillsrenovation.org.