Happy Summer from LSMNJ. We’re proud to bring you this NEW, quarterly newsletter filled with exciting updates from each of LSMNJ’s programs. With so many wonderful stories to share – this quarterly newsletter just isn’t big enough. You can always visit www.lsmnj.org for more news, or sign up to receive our monthly E-Newsletter. Call our Marketing department at (609) 699-4153 or email marketing@lsmnj.org to be added to our email list.

Donor Honors
Lutheran Crossings at Moorestown with Gift

Lutheran Crossings at Moorestown received the generous donation of a standing frame alternative positioning device to its rehabilitation center. The gracious donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has gifted the community with this piece of equipment on behalf of her husband who received rehabilitation care at the community. The standing frame is a piece of equipment that assists wheelchair-bound patients who have generalized weakness and difficulty standing and walking, to be able to go from a sitting to a standing position with ease. The equipment will be utilized for inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation therapy – both of which are offered at Lutheran Crossings.

Campus Renovations at Crane’s Mill Continuing Care

During the summer months, we all enjoy spending time with family and loved ones. The combination of longer days and warmer weather brings about memories of barbeques, vacations, trips to the shore, and walks on the boardwalk. This season always seems to bring out the best in people, and at Crane’s Mill Continuing Care in West Caldwell, our best is currently being made even better.

This summer, improvements to the campus are accentuating the great care and fine reputation the community enjoys. Construction projects abound across the campus, and I am happy to share the details. We recently finished a complete overhaul of the community’s five-star CMS rated skilled nursing area, and an addition and renovation to our memory support neighborhood.

Changing healthcare needs, advancing technology, and a desire for privacy and upscale finishes drove the renovation process. It was a team effort, and I could not be prouder of what we have accomplished. The response from residents and the community has been overwhelmingly positive.

With the health center renovations complete, Lutheran Social Ministries has shifted its focus to other areas in need of an update. The community’s pool, fitness center, and wellness center are all currently under construction. The wellness center will play host to the community’s medical director, wellness director, visiting physicians, and outpatient rehabilitation department. The fitness center and indoor pool area are being redesigned and expanded to place a further emphasis on wellness and healthy aging.

Once those projects are complete, work will begin to transform Towne Square, the community’s main hub. Attached to every apartment, Towne Square is home to the community’s multiple dining venues, pub lounge, library, gift shop, and more. The area serves as the main entrance and focal point for much of the community’s wellness programming, entertainment, and socialization. The renovation to Towne Square will include fresh paint, new woodwork, furniture, and fixtures.

Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey’s continued reinvestment in its residents and properties is exceptional. Meeting the needs and expectations of future generations of residents is how Crane’s Mill will continue to be a leader in senior living for decades to come.

We are excited to share the news of these renovations, and will be sure to keep you updated as the projects progress.

Enjoy your summer!

Chad Murin
Vice President and Executive Director, Crane’s Mill
One More JOURNEY to the Beach

In early 2018, LSMNJ acquired Journey Hospice. The program provides care and support to individuals and their loved ones during an advanced illness, ensuring that every person's journey of life is allowed to end with dignity, compassion, and comfort.

The Journey Hospice staff not only empower patients to make every moment of their remaining journey count, they also help to grant last wishes — or One More Journey. In May, Olive, a hospice patient, mentioned to her social worker, Madeline Martinez, that she always loved the ocean and watching the waves crash into the shoreline. Madeline knew she could help make Olive's wish a reality. With a little help from her care team, Olive was able to see the ocean and hear the familiar sounds of the beach. While there, they called her son and she said to him “They've got me right here. I can see the waves coming in. Oh this is great – I love it! Look at those beautiful waves.” Madeline explained, “I could hear in Olive's voice just how happy she was. That's what makes our job so rewarding!”

LSMNJ Spends The Longest Day Supporting The Alzheimer’s Association

As a proud supporter of The Alzheimer’s Association, LSMNJ and its various programs hosted events across the state to raise money and awareness in the fight against Alzheimer’s Disease. Crane’s Mill, The Villa at Florham Park, Lutheran Crossings and Journey Hospice each held special events, like yoga on the beach, that raised $1,695.50. Thank you to all who participated and showed your support for such a great cause.

The Villa at Florham Park Receives CMS 5-Star Quality Rating

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has recognized The Villa at Florham Park with the prestigious and highest rating of five stars for its skilled nursing and sub-acute rehabilitation care programs. Communities that receive this honor are known to provide a quality of care significantly higher than average. The Villa offers a complete range of rehabilitation services with 24-hour admission capabilities.

CMS created the 5-Star Quality Rating System to help individuals, families and caregivers compare nursing homes more easily, and to identify key areas related to the quality of care. Key areas include: recent health inspections, staffing ratios, and quality measures, which encompass 11 essential areas. Those facilities that have achieved a 5-star rating are considered to deliver a quality of care significantly above average.

Campbell’s Soup Volunteers at LSM of Camden

LSM of Camden was blessed with a visit from the talented volunteers from Campbell’s Soup on May 15th. The team of volunteers spent the day painting and sprucing up the foliage outside of the building. We are so grateful for the time they donated and the hard work they put into enhancing the beauty of our housing property!

LSMNJ Upcoming Events

Bid n’ Bowl Fundraiser
Tuesday, September 24, 2019 • 6 - 9 pm
Pinsetter Bar & Bowl
7111 Maple Avenue, Merchantville, NJ 08109
Proceeds benefit LSMNJ's Senior Programs.
$45 per person includes 3 hours of bowling, shoe rental, food and drinks. $30 per person Age 21 and under.
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For more information to purchase tickets contact (609) 699-4115, gverlander@lsmnj.org. or visit www.lsmnj.org.