

# Home Front

THE Mary Culver Home  
FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED WOMEN

January-February 2019

A Newsletter for residents, families, staff, and friends of the Mary Culver Home

## SNOW ANGELS OF MARY CULVER HOME



Where were you during the huge snow storm in mid-January? Here at the Mary Culver Home not a beat was missed! Dedicated nursing staff, caregivers, dining services workers, housekeepers and directors, all stepped up to work, even though not scheduled, filling in for those who couldn't get in.

Dining services made sure everyone was well fed, morning, noon and night. In addition, all the staff was offered the opportunity to spend the night and several took advantage of it so they would be ready to go the next morning.

Between Friday afternoon and early morning Sunday, 23 staff and directors made it into work, some staying an extra shift to pitch in where needed. And we can't forget those lengthy trips home, 4 hours plus for some, and they returned the next morning, some describing commutes that took twice as long as normal.

In addition to the dedicated staff, the Home was blessed with volunteers arriving to assist where there were gaps. Carol Heimbürger, an RN, and her husband, Corbett, a minister, came on Friday afternoon to help get the ladies through dinner. Then they showed up again Saturday morning to shovel the sidewalk. We whole-heartedly thank them for their commitment.

We are extremely proud of everyone who put the ladies' care ahead of their own comfort and safety in such extreme conditions. That's what makes the Mary Culver Home very special!



Everyone really got into the spirit of the holidays!

## NOTES FROM MARTY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Have you hugged a family member, friend or Mary Culver Home lady lately? Monday, January 21 is National Hug

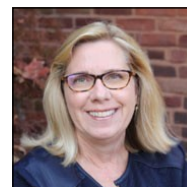
Day! After the holidays, visits to the home aren't as frequent but our lovely ladies would still enjoy special attention. So come on over and give someone a hug, even if it isn't January 21!

We are excited to introduce the newest member of the MCH staff—Gina March, our new Director of Community Relations. Many of you won't consider her a new face though, as she has served on our board of directors for over 7 years and has volun-

teered for many of our special events. Her mother also lived at the Home. Gina previously served as the Executive Director of the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce and Vice-President of Special Events for the Kirkwood-Des Peres Area Chamber of Commerce. Stop by and welcome her!

We also bid farewell to our colleague Sandy Gilfillan who left the home at the end of December. For over 13 years Sandy dedicated many hours as our Marketing Director. We will miss you Sandy!

Marty Schenk

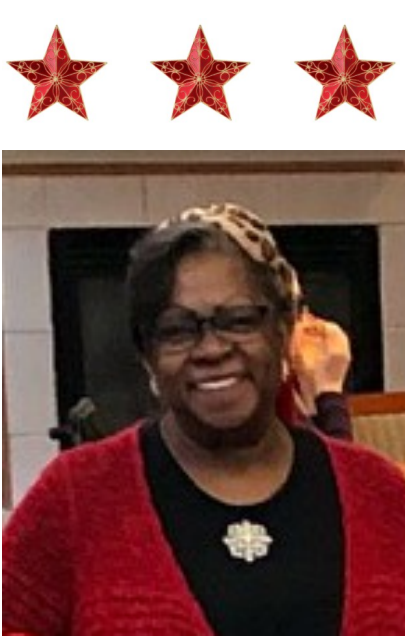




*The holiday season is filled with love and joy*







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### WISH LIST

- **Office Depot** gift card for office supplies
- **Chocolate candy** to keep our nurses happy
- 8-foot and round linen and disposable **tablecloths** for dining services
- **Cat litter** for Noah, our resident cat
- **Potato chips** (single-serve size) and **Fun-size candy** bars for Bingo prizes

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

#### January

16 Catherine Billups

21 Mary Knocke

#### February

No Birthdays



### THANKS A BUNCH!



- **Austin and Kaelynn Kozak** for being Santa's elves.
- **Judy Leach and Colleen Hill** for wrapping gifts.
- **Dennis Boris, Carol Jaquess, Jeff Gilfillan, Karen Robards and Rick Schenk** for putting up the Christmas tree.
- **Judy Leach** for icicle lights, Culver Mart and clothing donations.
- **Colleen Hill** for chapel services help.
- **Carol and Corbett Heimburger** for Coming in Friday night and Saturday during the snow storm to help with the ladies and shovel the driveway!

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