

## Birthdays!

Happy birthday to our residents and staff celebrating in January and February.

### Residents:

**Josie Jones**, February 11

**Karen Terry**, February 22

**Willene Hennemann**, February 23

**Lorraine Reisinger**, February 25

### Staff:

**January:** Hafsa Ali, 1st; Amy Lepper, 20th

**February:** Doris Albanese, 1st; Terrence Crump, 15th; Kathy King, 24th; Carol Rice, 26th; Annette Webb, 29th

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To be added to our newsletter list, email [info@maryculverhome.org](mailto:info@maryculverhome.org) with either "email newsletter" or "mail newsletter" in the subject line. If you want to receive it by mail, add your name and mailing address in the body of the email.

February may be the shortest month of the year, but it is certainly packed with fun, celebration and meaningful moments here at MCH. Take a peek at pages 2 and 3 to see what the ladies have been up to recently.

Looking ahead, please save the date for our annual **Grounds Beautification Day**, which will take place Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to noon. We welcome families, friends and volunteers to join us as we prepare our outdoor spaces for spring. Email [info@maryculverhome.org](mailto:info@maryculverhome.org) if you plan to attend.

Also, we will participate in **GiveSTL Day**, powered by the St. Louis Community Foundation, Thursday, May 7, to help generate support for St. Louis-area nonprofits. More details will be shared soon on how you



can support our mission through this special day of giving. Thank you for being such an important part of our community. Your generosity and involvement mean so much to us!

*Amy*

A warm and sunny day, even in February, prompts a familiar question: When is the patio furniture coming out? While we probably have a couple of months until that happens, Jane and the other residents took advantage of unseasonably warm weather to spend time outdoors in mid-February.



**Amy's Updates**

## How Do You Want to Be Remembered?

By **Rene DeFiore**

*Development Director*

Several people have already put the Mary Culver Home (MCH) into their estate plans. These kind people are members of our **Visionary Society**.

Amazing **Visionary Society** members took the step to ensure that the women who live here will always have a warm and loving home that addresses the special needs of visual impairment.

Knowing that a planned gift exists helps MCH plan

responsibly for the future. Planned gifts are vital to the ongoing success of our Home.

Have you put MCH in your will or trust? Do you have questions? If so, please contact Executive Director Amy Lepper at [amy@maryculverhome.org](mailto:amy@maryculverhome.org) or 314-966-6034. You can also reach me at [rene@maryculverhome.org](mailto:rene@maryculverhome.org) or 314-606-7383. **Visionary Society** members may remain anonymous.

If you would like a **Visionary Society** brochure, please go to this link on our website, <https://maryculverhome.org/get-involved/>.

## Fast friends



Janet, left, and Virginia get to know each other during a speed-friending activity.



Jenny, left, and Rosalie find common ground.



Helen, left, and Jane introduce themselves.



Pictured clockwise from above left: Dorothy, Donna, Bobbi and Willene.



During the Valentine's Day party, Activity Director Brooke Lorenz shares with residents a quote attributed to Helen Keller: "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."

## Valentine's Day



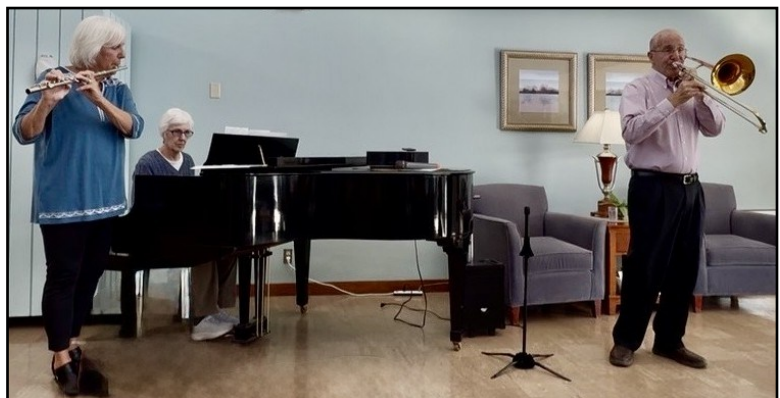
Above, Mary enjoys a snack at the party. Below, Donna gets a valentine.



Children from Kirkwood United Methodist Preschool deliver handmade cards to Dorothy, above, and Susan, below.



## Musical family



We love showcasing the talents of our residents' families! Millie had a front-row seat when her daughter-in-law, Sue, brought her sister, Donna, and brother, John, to perform for the ladies. Pictured from left are Sue playing the flute, Donna on the piano and John playing trombone.

## Mardi Gras Parade



Donna, above left, and Willene parade past cheering employees and family members. Below, residents play a game.

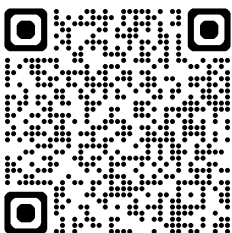


Bobbi, escorted by Activity Director Brooke Lorenz and facility dog Gunner, serves as the unofficial grand marshal of the Mardi Gras Parade.

## Ash Wednesday



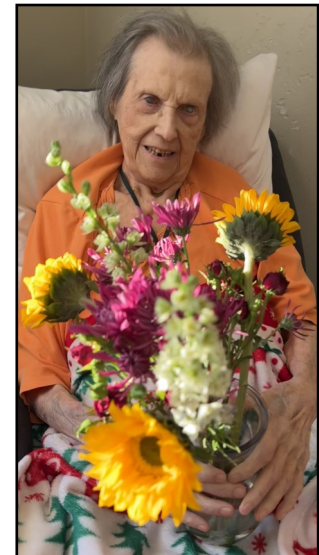
Thanks to Father Gary Vollmer rearranging his schedule, residents were able to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday. Father Vollmer usually says Mass on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.



### Scan to donate

To make a donation to The Mary Culver Home, scan the QR code using your phone's camera app. We are a 501(c)3 organization, so your donation may be eligible for a tax deduction. Thank you!

## Joy Petalers



Shirley welcomes a delivery from Joy Petalers, a nonprofit organization that spreads joy by bringing the residents old flower arrangements that have been recycled into beautiful new bouquets.

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*The mission of The Mary Culver Home is to provide visually impaired women with dignified, compassionate, holistic nursing care in a warm family atmosphere, as well as to promote security, confidence, and an excellent quality of life.*

## Meet the team



Activity Director Brooke Lorenz and Activity Aide Tianna Stewart are tasked with planning and carrying out activities for the residents. Their focus is keeping the ladies mentally stimulated and entertained.

### Wish-List Items

- Birdseed
- Assorted miniature chocolate candy
- Penny auction items: body wash, toothpaste, scented hand lotion and body spray

## Staff star



The Compassion in Action Award winner for January-February is day-shift CNA Rachel. Residents unanimously praise her as caring, patient and always willing to help.

In every newsletter, we'll take the opportunity to honor an employee identified as outstanding by residents and management.