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THE
Mary Culver Home
FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED WOMEN

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

Birthdays!

Happy birthday to our residents and staff celebrating in May and June.

Residents:

Eleanor Anop, May 7



Welcome to the Century Club, Eleanor Anop! Eleanor, who turned 100 on May 7, is pictured with family at the Strawberry Festival. For more photos from the event, see page 3.



Staff:

May: Linda Effer, 13th; Christian Lepper, 20th

June: Yanni Powell, 3rd; Earline Ivy-Bott, 8th; Rachel Schwarm, 14th

Cleanup crew

Thank you to our hardworking grounds cleanup volunteers for helping to keep our yard beautiful for everyone to enjoy.



Summer is in full swing, and we are excited to enjoy all that the season has to offer!

One of the highlights so far was our annual Strawberry Festival, which brought together residents, families, volunteers and staff for an afternoon of fun. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a wonderful event. See our photos on page 3.

As we look ahead, we're anticipating a summer filled with outdoor activities, entertainment, barbecues and lots of ice cream!

Fall may feel far away, but please save the date for our 160th anniversary celebration that will take place October 3. More details to follow!



Amy's Updates

Amy



Owen and Lawson Mahley's family submitted the winning bid for a Ladue firetruck ride-along last August at our biennial Arctic Lounge fundraiser, which will return in 2027. Arctic Lounge is The Mary Culver Home's major fundraiser, and we're starting to compile creative auction items. The event includes live and silent auctions, and past items have included Cardinals and Blues tickets, weekend trips, spa packages and whiskey and wine baskets. If you have an item or unique experience to donate, you can reach me at 314-966-6034 or amy@maryculverhome.org. (We are a 501(c)3 organization, so your donation may be eligible for a tax deduction.)

Volunteers making a difference



Volunteers from Edward Jones provided assistance during Nursing Home Week — see page 2 for photos from their nature walk — and also organized the records storage area.



Nursing Home Week kicked off with Mother's Day and featured activities in line with daily themes like Spa Day, '70s Day and Tea Party. Above left, Dr. Ted from 100% Chiropractic Des Peres donated his time to treat employees to chair massages. Taking her turn is CNA Rachel. Above right, cook Darrell and dietary director Terry Beals serve lunch to residents and staff on Farmers Market Day.

Celebrating staff, residents during Nursing Home Week



Also on Farmers Market Day, the ladies embark on an outdoor nature walk around the block accompanied by MCH employees and volunteers from Edward Jones. The volunteers' visit was coordinated by Anne Elliott, whose grandmother was a former resident.



CMT Doris and receptionist Linda visit the flower bar to assemble a bouquet. Flowers were donated by Sarah at Spa721.

Fredbird bringing the fun



St. Louis Cardinals fans Terrence, Joan and Millie enjoy a recent visit by Fredbird to help kick off a new season.

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The strawberries and ice cream are a highlight of our Strawberry Festival, but nothing is sweeter than the ladies' smiles. Above, Susan gets a hug from her daughter Debby. Below, CNA Sandra, left, and Director of Nursing Ashley Coleman spend time with Janet, left, and Rosalie.



Executive Director Amy Lepper and Mary match.

Strawberry Festival is sweetest event of season



Above, Karen is surrounded by family members Matthew, Emily and Shawna. Below, Director of Dining Services Terry Beals welcomes grandsons Zayden and Zakariya.



Above, Virginia visits with her son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Debra. Below from left, receptionist Carol, Amy and Terry wear coordinating outfits.



Above, Diana welcomes her family, Anna, Merilee and John. Below, Ray Halagera, left, and Kevin Miller, members of The Home's Board of Directors, serve the strawberries and ice cream.



Above, Joe Mueller plays the piano for attendees. Below from left are Jenny, Jackie and her daughter Carolyn, Dorothy and Jane.



Donna visits with family members Karen, Max and Derek.

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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 our new activity director

Angela McCullough joined the team in June as the new activity director. Her predecessor, Brooke Lorenz, held the job for almost four years.

Angela has been working in healthcare for more than 20 years. She said before coming to The Mary Culver Home, her most fulfilling position – and the one that cemented her interest in working at a smaller community – has been being an activity coordi-

nator in a smaller assisted living community.

“I loved that it was really like an extended family very similar to The Mary Culver Home,” Angela said.

She enjoys spending time with her friends and family and trying new recipes in her spare time. She also likes to take her dog on walks on nice days to enjoy the weather, shop and check out thrift stores with her friend.



Angela McCullough



You'll be missed, Brooke & Gunner

Residents, families, coworkers and volunteers gathered recently for a going-away party for Brooke Lorenz, the former activity director, and Gunner, her certified facility dog who often accompanied her to work.