



Briarwood Village Honored with Awards

Briarwood Village is very excited to announce that HCF Management, Inc. recently honored Briarwood Village with several distinguishing awards for 2011. Briarwood Village was awarded the President's Award for the Southern Region, Barb Masella Quality Award, and Facility of the Year. Briarwood was also honored for its census leadership in 2011.

The President's Award is given annually to one care community in each of the three regions of the organization. Briarwood Village was honored with this award for the Southern region of HCF Management, Inc. This award is given to a care community that became uniquely distinguished in exceptional performance in census development.

Briarwood Village was also honored with the Barb Masella Quality Award. This is just the second year this award has been given to a HCF Care Community, and Briarwood Village was selected personally by the Vice President of Operations, Barb Masella, for providing the highest quality of resident care. According to Masella, "Briarwood has exemplified quality in all aspects of what they do and we as an organization certainly recognize those that have committed to provide above and beyond care."

Facility of the Year is awarded annually to one HCF Care Community that is recommended

to the Vice Presidents from HCF Regional Managers. Criteria for this award include customer service, financial performance, activities, volunteer program, and community involvement. Briarwood Village management and staff are honored to receive the 2011 Facility of the Year Award. This is the first time Briarwood Village has received this award.

Lastly, Briarwood Village was also honored for its 2011 census leadership. According to Mandy Wendel, Community Coordinator at Briarwood Village, "We are honored to be acknowledged by our corporate office for the efforts we have made in census leadership in 2011. Our achievements are a true reflection on

our dedicated team of care providers." The care community, which took fifth place out of 26 in census leadership, was acknowledged with a special award honoring the achievement.



Tara Sibert, Executive Director at Briarwood Village states, "It is an unbelievable honor to receive each of these awards and unheard of to receive all of these in one year. It is a true testament to the amazing quality care that each one of our staff members provides to the residents. I am proud that our staff at Briarwood Village strives to deliver service excellence and provides person centered care."

Briarwood Village Provides Comfort and Joy to 165 Senior Community Members

Briarwood Village provided 165 Holiday gifts to local senior community members during the month of December in affiliation with the Comfort and Joy program delivered by the care community.

"Every year we collect names from local organizations to see who has been sick or maybe lost a loved one in the past year. We put a gift together for these people and deliver these gifts around holiday time. This year we delivered a Christmas poinsettia," states Mandy Wendel, Community Coordinator at Briarwood Village.

Tara Sibert, Executive Director at Briarwood Village, continues, "It feels so good to give to people year after year. The faces on the recipients light up when they open the door and find us with a gift just for them. It is a true reminder of what the holiday season is all about."

If you know of someone who would enjoy a holiday gift next year or if you are interested in assisting Briarwood Village with their annual Comfort and Joy program, please contact Mandy Wendel, Community Coordinator.

Congratulations to our Retirees!

During 2011, Briarwood Village celebrated the retirement of three outstanding employees: Pat Osterholt, Resident Associate; Nancy Kroft, Medical Records; and Sharon Garman, Care Companion. These three ladies demonstrated dedication through the many years of service they provided to the residents at Briarwood Village; together they had over 90 years of combined service to Briarwood Village! Each celebrated their retirement with a cake and snacks with staff and residents and received gifts of appreciation from Briarwood, HCF, Inc, and their co-workers. We wish Pat, Nancy, and Sharon congratulations and a very happy retirement!



Mercer County Chapter of the Red Cross

Learn with Friends and join Mercer County Red Cross Director, Deb Hemmelgarn, as she discusses the many services, assistance, and opportunities provided right here in Mercer County through our local Red Cross Chapter. Deb will also discuss experiences and success stories of the Red Cross.

Thursday, January 26, 2012

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

at Briarwood Village

Lunch will be provided

Please RSVP by 1/19/12 to

419-678-2311

Briarwood Village Community Reminders

Gathering Place

If you are looking for a place to host your next family party, look no farther than Briarwood Village! Briarwood Village has several rooms available for residents and families to use, which includes the Gathering Place, Private Dining Room, or Garden Lounge. Remember, these rooms are available free of charge for residents and families to use for any type of event, whether it's a holiday, birthday, or anniversary party, a family get together, wedding or baby shower, or just a place to have a private family meal. These rooms can be reserved 6 months in advance. To reserve either the Gathering Place or Private Dining Room, please contact the receptionist.



Laundry

At Briarwood Village, it is very important to ensure that your loved one's clothing is marked. Briarwood Village is home to over 150 community members and that means a lot of clothes are washed each day. If items aren't marked, it is often very hard to find their owner.

As a friendly reminder, please be sure that as you bring in new clothing items for your loved one to give the clothing to any Briarwood care team member. They will take the clothing to laundry to be marked. This will ensure that our care team can easily read the label and clothes are sent back to the right closet. Also, if

you have elected to have a family member launder your loved one's clothing, please communicate this with all family members.

Winter Weather

Unfortunately, the Ohio Winter Weather is upon us. And while the glistening white stuff may mean snow balls, sledding, and snow men to some of us, to others it is a reminder of the extra carefulness we need to take during these winter months. Our maintenance department works extra hard during these months to keep parking lots, sidewalks, and main entrances safe for us to use. During the winter months, Briarwood encourages our visitors to use the main entrances when coming to Briarwood and to park near the main entrance. We ask that you be extra careful when getting out of your vehicle, entering and exiting the building, and using the sidewalks. Also, if you will need assistance at your vehicle, we ask that you call ahead and a care team member will be happy to assist you, especially when transporting a resident. And remember - think Spring! ☺

Volunteers

Briarwood Village is currently in need of a minister to do a rotating 4 week schedule for the interdenominational services on Thursday afternoons. We currently have 3 of the 4 weeks filled. If you, or someone you know, may be interested, please contact Cindy Koester or Vicky Barga in the Life Enrichment Department.

Newsletter

Briarwood Village publishes a newsletter to communicate any upcoming events, recent news, or other information we feel is pertinent to our family members. In the past this newsletter was published every two months. Beginning in 2012, as an effort to cut back on expenses, we are going to trial publishing the newsletter every quarter so you should receive four newsletters during the year.

The family member listed as the responsible party for our residents is the family member that receives the newsletter in the mail. Briarwood Village is also now going to be emailing the newsletter to those that wish to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter.

Save the date!

Oak Bridge A/B Family Dinner
January 19, 2012

Oak Bridge C/D Family Dinner
February 16, 2012

Maple Run Family Dinner
March 15 2012

Easter Egg Hunt
April 7, 2012

Books N Buddies

2nd & 4th Thursday of each Month

If you or any of your family members are interested in receiving an e-newsletter, please email Mandy Wendel at mandy.wendel@briarwood-village.com. Please note that we will keep your email address private and will use your email address only to communicate the current newsletter and any upcoming events.

Additional copies of the newsletter are available outside of Mandy Wendel's office. Also, the newsletter is available on our website at www.briarwood-village.com via the "newsletter" link on the home page. Additional copies of the monthly activities calendar are also available in the Post Office on Main Street. Please share this with your family members so everyone knows the happenings at the Village!

Briarwood Village Quarter Auction

More than 75 Items!!

Date: Thursday, March 1, 2012

Time: Door Opens at 5:30 p.m.

Auction Begins at 6:30 p.m.

Place: Briarwood Village Gathering Place

Cost: \$3.00 per Paddle

Bring plenty of Quarters!

Proceeds benefit the Briarwood Village Activity Department.

Sandwiches and snacks will be available in the Village Cafe.



Briarwood Village Entertainment & Events

JANUARY

Jan. 8Happy Hour with entertainment by Rita Heitkamp: 2 p.m.

Jan. 12.....Books n Buddies: 9:30 a.m.

Jan. 18.....Entertainment, Bill Purk: 2 p.m.

Jan. 19.....Oak Bridge A/B Family Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 22.....Ice Cream Social: 2 p.m.

Jan. 26.....Books n Buddies: 9:30 a.m.

Jan. 26.....K-Kids Bingo: 6 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1Bingo: 2 p.m.

Feb. 3Red Cross Blood Drive: 12-6

Feb. 9Books n Buddies: 9:30 a.m.

Feb. 15Valentine's Day Party with Alfreda & Elsie: 2 p.m.

Feb. 16Oak Bridge C/D Family Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 22Catholic Mass for Ash Wednesday: 2:30 p.m. (No Mass on 2/21)

Please join us!



Feb. 23Books n Buddies: 9:30 a.m.

Feb. 26Stations of the Cross: 2 p.m.

Feb. 29Guitar Guy: 2:30 p.m.

MARCH

Mar. 1Quarter Auction: 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 4Stations of the Cross: 2 p.m.

Mar. 8Books n Buddies: 9:30 a.m.

Mar. 11Stations of the Cross: 2 p.m.

Mar. 14St. Patrick's Day Ice Cream Social: 2 p.m.

Mar. 15Maple Run Family Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

Mar. 18Stations of the Cross: 2 p.m.

Mar. 19St. Patrick's Day Celebration with Spittin Image: 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 22Books n Buddies: 9:30 a.m.

Mar. 25Station of the Cross: 2 p.m.

Mar. 27Alzheimer's Presentation with Linda Pollitz: 7:00 p.m.

Mar. 29Entertainment, Brian & Becky Brenner: 6:30 p.m.



Briarwood Village

A community of friends

100 Don Desch Drive
Coldwater, OH 45828

Briarwood Village invites you to join us for a presentation:

The ABC's of Alzheimer's Disease & Dementia
Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 7:00 PM
Briarwood Village Gathering Place
100 Don Desch Drive, Coldwater, OH

The guest speaker for the evening will be Linda Pollitz, Program Coordinator for Northwest Ohio Alzheimer's Association. She will be discussing the "ABC's" of Alzheimer's disease and dementia and the differences between the two. Briarwood Village will be providing refreshments and a dessert bar. For more information, please contact Mandy Wendel, Community Coordinator, at 419-678-2311.

Briarwood Village Happenings

The holiday months at Briarwood Village brought numerous entertainment groups in for our residents to enjoy. Visitors included Thien Snipp's Harmony & Comedy Group, Ft. Recovery Bell Choir, Coldwater Bell Choir, Builder's Club, Key Club Caroling, Live Nativity by Our Lady of Guadalupe Youth Groups, Cindy Stienecker, numerous Caroling Groups, Denise Stammen's students' piano recital, Coldwater Second Graders, Coldwater Show Choir, Kelly Schmitmeyer's students' piano recital, Coldwater Kindergarten CCD Class, and many more! Thank you to all of our visitors from the residents and staff at Briarwood!

Briarwood Village Resident Tim James enjoyed his visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus during the Briarwood



Resident & Family Christmas Program. Tim was asking Santa if he was on the nice list this year and to bring him another Coldwater Victory for Christmas!

Also during the holiday months, Briarwood hosted its annual Holiday Bazaar & Resident and Family Thanksgiving & Christmas programs at Briarwood Village. This year's Holiday Bazaar brought in a record number of attendees and \$2100.00 in proceeds to benefit the Residents' Activity fund. The Thanksgiving program included entertainment by Brian & Becky Brenner. The Christmas program included visits by Santa & Mrs. Claus, Christmas gifts for the residents, and delicious food. Christmas carolers also strolled the building, filling the neighborhoods with beautiful Christmas music. Thank you to the Coldwater High School Show Choir and Thien Snipp's Harmony & Comedy Group for sharing with us the wonderful carols & music.



Briarwood Village employees Norm & Mary Zahn participated in this year's Holiday Bazaar and displayed information and products from their Alpaca farm, Coldwater Creek Alpacas. Thank you Norm & Mary for your support in this year's Holiday Bazaar!