



*Alvin W. Allison, Jr.
President & CEO
Baptist Homes Society*

A Message from the President

The opportunity to serve

It is both a pleasure and an honor to write this letter as the newly appointed President & Chief Executive Officer of Baptist Homes Society. As many of you may know, I have been with this organization since the Fall of 2007. I have had the opportunity to serve our constituencies in a variety of roles, including Executive Director of the Baptist Homes, Chief Operating Officer for Baptist Homes Society, Executive Director of Providence Point, and Interim President & CEO of Baptist Homes Society.

For those of you whom I have not yet had the pleasure to meet, I would like to share my professional background. After earning a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Penn State University and a Master of Public Health degree in Health Administration from the University of Pittsburgh, I devoted my 35-year career to health care, transitioning

from the hospital environment, to long term care, and finally to senior living services.

Throughout my service with Baptist Homes Society, one of the things that has most impressed me is the commitment of our Board of Directors, our staff, and our many supporters, to the mission, vision, and values of the organization. As a faith-based, not-for-profit organization, we remain faithful to the same core values and mission that inspired the formation of Baptist Homes over 100 years ago.

My personal objective, as we enter our second century of service, is to assure the fulfillment of the mission, vision, and values that guide Baptist Homes Society today, and to continue to enrich the tradition, heritage, and reputation which have been entrusted to us.

As I assume the role and responsibilities of the President & CEO, I am humbled by the faith and vibrance of all those who have served Baptist Homes Society through our first 100 years. As we face the daunting and unknown opportunities and challenges that lie before us, I encourage us to always remember that our mission arises

out of our Christian faith and our Baptist heritage.

As I reflect on my personal life and professional career, I clearly see that God has guided me each step of the way, particularly in bringing me to Baptist Homes Society at this time. It is important that our focus continues to reflect the fact that Baptist Homes Society was organized to be a witness to the love of God through the way we offer care, compassion, dignity, and an unsurpassed quality of life to all those we are privileged to serve.

Many people have asked me how they can help me as I begin this new position. My answer to them, and my request to you, is twofold. First, I ask for your prayers for me...that God will provide me with the insight, wisdom, and direction I will need to lead this great organization. And second, I ask for your prayers for Baptist Homes Society...that God will continue to bless and lead us as we work to fulfill our ministry of service to all those who are part of the Baptist Homes Society family.



Our Mission

Building on our 100-year tradition of excellence, we offer a full continuum of enriched living, compassionate care, and benevolence to a broad spectrum of individuals. We promote a lifestyle of growth, creativity and independence, while respecting the dignity and self-determination of those living and working in our Christian communities.

Performing Arts in our communities

Developing new interests and skills is one of the best brain workouts there is. According to research presented by AARP, people who continue educational pursuits as they age may benefit from longer, happier, healthier lives because they remain stimulated by new concepts and contacts. The National Center on Creative Aging also found that participation in the

visual and performing arts often builds physical endurance, memorization skills, and social interaction. The arts also contribute to communicating, building a sense of identity, preserving social capital, and strengthening social networks in communities.

One of the six components at the heart of Baptist Homes Society's wellness philosophy is intellectual

wellness. Therefore, performing arts are integral to our communities' lifestyles.

Of course, everyone is not ready to take the stage. There are art classes, trips to theater, cultural and arts venues, and many other ways for Baptist Homes Society residents to reap the benefits of participation in the arts.



Larry Lipovsky and Harry Thomas sing Irving Berlin's "Anything You Can Do."

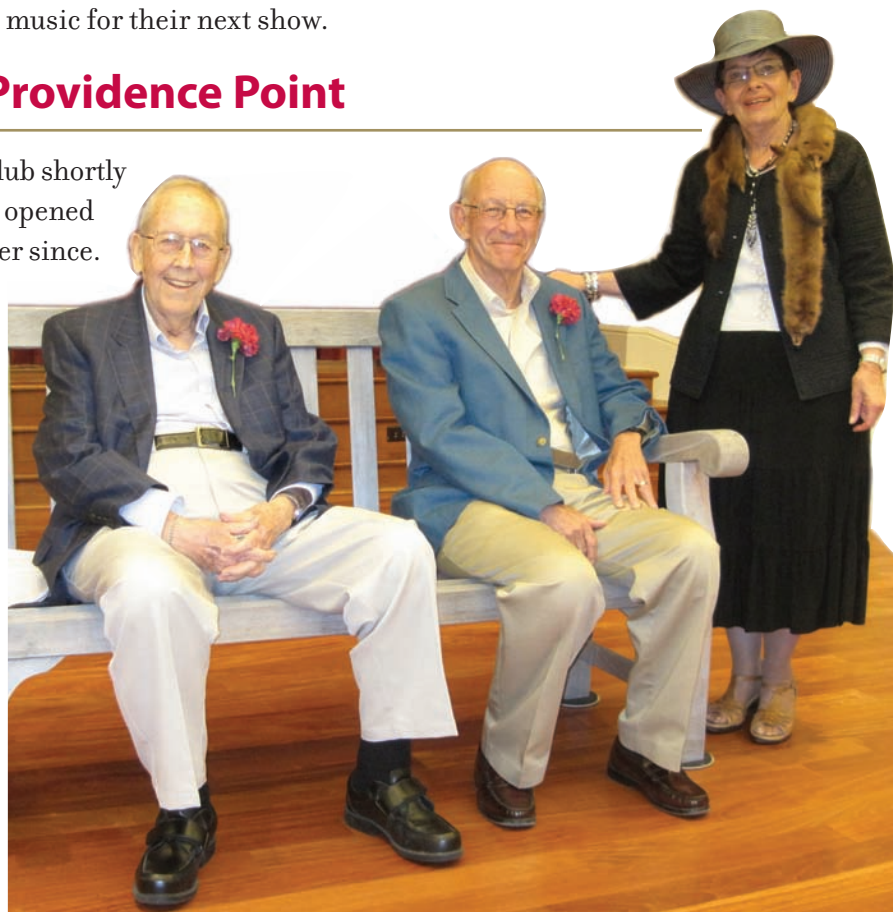
Baptist Homes on Broadway

Baptist Homes residents recently held a performance called "Baptist on Broadway" for a standing-room-only crowd in its Chapel. Residents performed various songs from classic Broadway musicals. Preparations took months. Some of the participants, like Harry Thomas, were familiar with singing in front of an audience; Harry has sung in his church choir for years. For others, it was their first foray into performing in front of an audience. Though a few found themselves experiencing "opening night jitters," all enjoyed the experience. In fact, the buzz about the show had barely faded when residents were spotted hard at work learning the moves and music for their next show.

Drama takes center stage at Providence Point

Providence Point residents started a Drama Club shortly after the doors to the retirement community opened in 2009. Participation has grown steadily ever since. Recently, the Drama Club's meetings had to be relocated from the community art studio to the larger Chartiers Room.

Each month, club members present a short play, taking turns as actors, directors and producers. The depth and complexity of the performances has grown along with the groups' talents. In May, the Club performed "A Marriage Proposal," a one-act farce by Anton Chekhov. In June, when residents (right) Jack Bosley and Robert and Carol Miller performed "Red Carnations," a comedy by Glenn Hughes, they drew record attendance and rave reviews, inspiring others to join the club.



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Queen for a Day

The women living in the personal care and nursing residences at Baptist Homes had an opportunity to get a little pampering in celebration of Mother's Day, thanks to staff, volunteers and friends who organized "Queen for a Day."

The activities room bustled as women took advantage of the manicures, make-up, and chair massages. After the pampering, the participants were invited to get a "glamour shot." There were also chocolate covered strawberries, cookies, and punch to enjoy during the festivities. The glamorous group included (from the top, above) Helen Bard, Mary Schneider and Jean Cheek.



What's New at

Baptist HOMES

Live gracefully.

The Auxiliary Holds annual luncheon

The Baptist Homes Women's Auxiliary held its annual luncheon on May 24 in the Baptist Homes dining room. The event is a celebration of all the volunteer work this group has done for Baptist Homes residents since its origin in 1943. Proceeds support the Samaritan Fund for Resident Assistance. Following lunch, there was entertainment by a banjo duo. The Women's Auxiliary continues to support Baptist Homes in many ways—from running the gift shop to helping with various services and events.



Appreciation & Information Day during the week of Memorial Day. About 55 people attended the event, which included entertainment, a blessing and several speakers. It was planned in partnership with Gallagher Home Health Services, Gateway Hospice and Comfort Keepers. Guest speakers included PA State Auditor General Jack Wagner, Congressman Tim Murphy, representatives from the Veterans Administration, the American Legion and professionals in the health and senior services fields. Dirk Riggs, just back from deployment in Iraq, whose mother resides at Baptist Manor, was

Partnering for veterans

To honor and support those who serve and have served in our Armed Forces, Baptist Homes held a Veteran's





Upper St. Clair artists show at Providence Point

For the second year, the Upper St. Clair League for the Arts presented a variety of painting, fabric, glass and ceramic art in the Chartiers Room for residents and visitors to enjoy as part of the League's juried show. The show opened with a reception on June 24, and residents were asked to vote for their favorites. Awards were then presented during the closing reception on June 28. Three of the artists who were delighted to be a part of this show are (left to right) Dot Strott, Alice Goldbach and Virginia Laux.

Annual Benefits Fair increases awareness for staff

Baptist Homes Society held its annual Benefits Fairs in conjunction with its open enrollment period. Fairs were held May 26 at Providence Point and June 3 at Baptist Homes. Staff could attend either event with shuttle service provided between communities. Benefit providers and others were on hand to answer questions about medical/vision, dental, long-term care, short-term disability, long-term disability, and life insurance. Staff could also sign up for sick bank, flexible spending accounts, credit union, EAP, a 403b-retirement plan, Work Perks, and wellness programs. Providence Point's fitness coordinator, **Jessica Higgs**, (right) provided information about the many fitness classes and wellness programs available to staff.



Board and residents enjoy informal meetings

The Baptist Homes Society Board of Directors held a "Meet & Greet" with residents of Baptist Manor on June 30. Residents who attended included a few who just moved in, as well as one of the three residents who have lived at Baptist Manor since it opened in 1979. The "Meet & Greet" sessions are scheduled on a regular basis prior to board meetings and are held at various locations throughout the two communities. "Meet & Greets" help board members develop a fuller understanding of the individuals we serve, and give residents an opportunity to talk about things that are important to them as members of Baptist Homes Society communities.



Baptist Manor residents enjoy relaxing on the balconies during the summer months.

Staff updates

Baptist Homes Society staff members, **Carol Fierst, Beth Visnich, Tom Keifner, Tom Knaus, Bill Loveland** and **Lynn Mastran** attended classes offered by Mental Health America Allegheny County. The classes were geared toward frontline staff to increase awareness of the signs of stress, depression, and addiction, and how to interact with residents experiencing such symptoms. These Baptist Manor and Baptist Homes staff members, plan to continue training offered by Mental Health America. Carol Fierst stated, "With all of us working together we can be more aware of changes in our residents that need to

be addressed either directly with the residents or with their families."



Deborah Brooks

Deborah Brooks, Dietitian at Baptist Homes, obtained a certification in Adult Weight Management from the American Dietetic Association. This involved a 2-1/2 month course of study, followed by a 3-day, on-site workshop in Chicago. The certification demonstrates Deborah's expertise in weight loss counseling.

Fabiana Cheistwer, Director of Wellness at Providence Point, received the Certified Wellness Practitioner designation in May, 2011 through the National Wellness Institute (NWI). This certification demonstrates Fabiana's professional leadership in the wellness field, and commitment to continuing education, scholarship and professional development.



Fabiana Cheistwer

Congratulations to our MVPs

During the year, staff nominate their coworkers for the MVP Awards. Each month, staff volunteers have the difficult task of selecting one MVP recipient per campus. The winners are then recognized for their contributions to Baptist Homes Society. The MVP award, stands for Mission and Vision Personified. Winners are selected based on their contributions to the mission and vision of the organization and their commitment to the Society's cornerstones of service: Respect, recognition, responsibility, and results. Congratulations to the following staff members for their dedication and commitment to excellence:

Baptist Homes Monthly MVPs

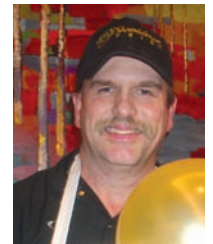
- February - Rose Provan, Nursing
- March - Dale Winton, Nursing
- April - Andrew Haeck, Dietary
- May - Evonne Arrington, Housekeeping
- June - Hannah Maley, Nursing

Providence Point Monthly MVPs

- February - Joe Hallas, Dining Services
- March - Tammy Heid, Laundry
- April - Brittan Curigliano, Nursing
- May - Rachel Payne, Clinic
- June - Janice Crouse, RN supervisor



Tammy Heid



Joe Hallas



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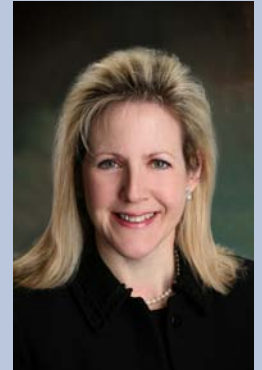
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Ms. Zoe A. Kelly

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To better serve our friends and families, the office of the Baptist Homes Foundation has moved to a new location.



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All mail directed to the former address at 489 Castle Shannon Boulevard is still received; however, it can be delayed for a short time.

Our new address is:
Baptist Homes Foundation,
500 Providence Point Blvd.,
Suite 201, Pittsburgh, PA 15243.

Our phone number has also changed as part of the relocation. To reach **Mary Frances Dean**, Vice President for Development, please call 412-489-3502.

As always, we welcome your support and encourage you to stop by our new office to say hello and learn about the fund-raising arm of Baptist Homes Society.

I thank you for your continued support and hope to hear from you soon.

Mary Frances

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Please contact Baptist Homes Foundation at 412-489-3502 if that has been the case.

