

Fall 2009

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From the Desk of the Administrator

Dear Residents, Families, and Staff,

First, I'd like to thank everyone that attended our annual family picnic, which was held August 8th, 2009.

It was a huge success even with the rain we had one of the largest turnouts ever. Pictures of the event are posted in the hallway near the social services office.

Next Year we are considering combining the employee and family picnics for a more interaction between, residents, family, and staff.

With summer coming to an end you might consider bringing in some warmer clothing for your loved one. Once again we suggest about 7 items or changes of clothing as to not clutter the closets, nightstands and dressers. We have also purchased a fabric labeling machine.

All clothing should first be brought to the laundry for proper labeling.

Extended cable TV is now available for all residents. So if you desire, and have an older TV, you can consider bringing in a TV that is cable ready.

With this you will not need a converter box.

The next family council meeting will be combined with the next resident council meeting, which is held once per month.

Social services runs the meeting and you will be notified by mail.

In the mean time if you have any questions or concerns you can contact either myself or social services.

Lastly, Medicaid has made some changes in funding that took effect August 1st, 2009.

There are no longer going to reimburse independent providers for customized wheelchairs, oxygen and concentrators, transportation, and co-insurance for physical, occupational, and speech therapies.

We are taking necessary

steps to secure uninterrupted services and rest assured we will continue to provide the highest quality of care and customer service possible.

As always if you have any questions or concerns regarding these matters please feel free to contact me at your convenience. I hope everyone had a great summer and as always I look forward to assisting you and your loved one this fall.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Valuckas

Administrator



Social Services

As suggested we will begin combining the resident council with the family council meetings. These are held on a monthly basis on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to focus on how as a group we can make our facility better.

If you have individual concerns they should be addressed at a care conference which are held quarterly or as need arises.

Please call if you have any questions.

Thank you

Kathy Kuhlman

Social Worker

Alzheimer's Support Group

For family and friends of persons who have memory loss problems from Alzheimer's Disease or related disorder.

Saturday Support Group

Meets the second Saturday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

Café Marie, Dussel Drive, Maumee

Across from Applebee's

& South on Rt. 23

Sponsored by

Alzheimer's Association of Northwest Ohio (800) 441-3322

<http://www.nwoalz.org>

Hints for communication.

1. Be calm.
2. Be aware of the tone of voice.
3. Use your loved ones name when speaking to them.
4. Speak slowly.
5. Only ask one question at a time.
6. Be patient.
7. Smile, Alzheimer patients can sense if you are tense or upset.
8. Gently touch your loved one when communicating.
9. Make direct eye contact.

Staff Development

There are several new employees that we would like to welcome to the Foundation Park Alzheimer's Care Center Team.

STNA'S

Sammuel Magack
Laverne Gipson
Beverly Cable-Davis
Jason Broderick
Donna Geis
Joan Ashu

Housekeeping

Tori Goodwin

Laundry

Amanda Navarre

Welcome to all of you,
and thanks for joining
our team!

Elaine Purse RN

Staff Development

Dietary

Thank you to everyone who came to the family picnic!

It was so good to see everyone enjoy themselves despite the rain.

We are looking forward to planning the holiday tea.

We will be starting the winter menu cycle this month.

Janet Hill , Dietary Manager

Nutrition is an important part in caring for persons with a dementia.

Eating and drinking can easily become a problem. Our dietary staff is skilled in this area and provides the needed therapeutic diets.

Some people have trouble sitting for meals and using utensils. We understand.

Our Philosophy: *Adapt the meal to the person-not the person to the meal.*



Activities

The Activity Department is designed to promote the physical, mental and psycho-social well being of each individual person. With variety and balance in our programming efforts we can offer appropriate activities for people at all functioning levels.

Dee Goodman, Activity Director

During the warm summer & fall days we are taking residents (wheel chairs & walkers) out for some fresh air on the paved walk way surrounding Foundation Park.

Everyone enjoys being outside, even for a short period of time.

Alzheimer's Association Toledo Memory Walk 2009

Come Join Us!

Sunday September 20, 2009

Toledo Zoo– Anthony Wayne Trail Parking Lot

Registration: 10:30 a.m.

Walk: 12 noon

You may call our center for information or to register with Foundation Park or you may visit

www.toledomemorywalk2009.kintera.org



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Admissions & Marketing

Admissions

Hello and happy fall!

I hope you are enjoying the warm weather.

In addition to being an Underwriter for the 2009 Memory Walk, (*see page 3 for details*) Foundation Park Alzheimer's Care Center will be attending the Senior Safari Tuesday September 22, 2009, at the Toledo Zoo. Admission gates open at 10:00 a.m. Our booth will be located in the Nairobi Events Pavilion on the Africa side. Hope you can join us for a day of fun!

Warmly,

Kimberly Brady

Director of Admissions/Marketing

We accept admissions 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Planning a vacation?

Respite Stays give you peace of mind in knowing your loved one is cared for by trained professionals. Please call 419-385-3958 for more information.

If you know someone that is caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's, we are here to help.



Looking for a speaker for your next club, luncheon, or church gathering?

Foundation Park is available !

Please call

419-385-3958

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To schedule a date.