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St. John's Community Care/St. John's Healing Community Board 2012 Annual Report

2012 included major efforts by staff and board members to find a location outside Collinsville for a second Adult Day Program. What we expected to be a journey of a few months eventually took more than a year, but God led us to a space we believe will enable us to provide this valuable service to many more families in the Edwardsville area. We signed a lease in the fall and are on target to open in mid-February. Having a physical presence in Edwardsville will also help caregiving families to find our Home Services and support groups. Other highlights:



ADP-Edwardsville
1015 B Century Dr.



Nancy Berry talks to Meridian residents

- Home Services increased daily hours of care from 68 in 2011 to 79 in 2012 – a 16% increase!

Meridian Village and Eden Village Retirement Communities invited St. John's Home Services to be their preferred provider of private duty services. We now have an on-site caregiver at Meridian Village and are working toward that at Eden Village.



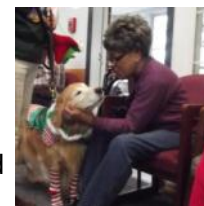
Home Services Care Coordinator
Gail Shaw talks to Eden residents

This arrangement helps residents prolong their stay in independent living situations.



- St. John's Adult Day Program (Collinsville) flourished in 2012, growing to fill our facility to capacity of 33 many days. The down side to that is that we were not always able to immediately serve new families or those who wished to increase their attendance days. Average daily attendance for 2012 was 26.

- Over 300 pieces of medical equipment were borrowed from our inventory - some for a day, some for extended needs. This is often the initial contact we have with families.
- Our Alzheimer's Support Group and Family Support Group continues to reach an average of 15 families each meeting, helping struggling families cope with caregiving issues.
- We celebrated Older Americans Month (May) with a special weekday worship service, lunch, and entertainment for anyone wishing to come. Thanks to our pastors and the Music Makers for a wonderful worship experience.



Assist Dog Daisy visits



- We co-sponsored the annual "Surviving Caregiving" conference in Faith Hall in April, working with the Area Agency on Aging, Hospice of Southern Illinois, and the Alzheimer's Association to reach family caregivers in Madison and St. Clair Counties.
- Our third annual golf tournament in August brought us more than \$7,000 to support our ministries, thanks to a hard-working committee led by Phyllis Waltermire.
- Our mid-year and end-of-year campaigns brought in over \$18,000.

- SIUE students from the social work program did their practicums in our Adult Day Program, bringing youth and energy to the program and to our annual "Caring for the Caregiver" night. (right)



- The Collinsville Rotary named CEO Nancy Berry a Paul Harris Fellow along key community leaders.
- The St. John's Community Care Team which includes Administrative and Caregiving staff raised \$2,000 at the Walk to End Alzheimer's, over \$3,800 for the United Way and purchased Christmas presents for two Children's Home & Aid families.



Congregation Ministries Under Healing Community Board

- **Helping Hands**, coordinated by Phyllis Waltermire, served 9 funeral meals for church families in 2012, providing welcome support during times of grief. 376 people shared these meals, thanks to 34 volunteers who made this ministry possible.
- Sue Blumberg coordinated the **Prayer Chain**, with many requests for prayer communicated through e-mail. The knowledge that fellow Christians were praying with and for them gave additional strength to many facing life's problems.
- The **Adopt-A-Shut-In** program reached isolated individuals at Christmas with cards, candy, fruit, and cookies, thanks to Evening Circle.
- Monthly **Blood Pressure Screenings** were available through St. John's Community Care nursing staff. Volunteers recorded and distributed recordings of worship services and the *Informer* on CDs for members unable to attend worship or read the *Informer*.
- Vicki Donovan mobilized St. John's **Meals on Wheels** team to deliver more than 30 meals per day over four weeks in 2012. This effort took ten to twelve volunteers.
- The **Caring Team**, which tries to keep in touch with homebound church members, sent cards and made calls and visits to remind these members that they are not forgotten.
- **Collinsville Faith in Action** is managed by St. John's Community Care staff, but has its own board and funding. Our church participates through volunteer caregivers who provide transportation and other services. Carol Holbert is our Congregation Coordinator and Barb Johnston serves on the Advisory Board.

While these wonderful ministries are technically under the supervision of St. John's Healing Community Board, they seldom ask for support; nor do they require guidance, thanks to the commitment of the individuals involved. We are blessed indeed to have so many dependable, willing volunteers.

Nancy J. Berry, Executive Director, St. John's Community Care

