Intergenerational Program on SCU funded by Rhode Island Foundation

Saint Antoine Residence Special Care Unit was the recipient of a generous grant from the Rhode Island Foundation, the state’s community foundation, through their Special Medical Grant Program. The grant is supporting the Intergenerational Program (IGP) on the Special Care Unit at Saint Antoine Residence, which specializes in caring for elderly residents who have Alzheimer’s or dementia on our 60-bed special care unit.

Through a partnership with Bishop Hendricken High School, Saint Antoine Residence has used intergenerational programs as a form of treatment with our residents affected with dementia. It has proven to be very effective in heightening positive affects and behaviors and, in turn, has proven to be valuable in educating high school students of the devastating consequences of the disease. However, due to limited funds, we have only been able to offer this program one time a year. The Rhode Island Foundation grant has funded 12 days of programming for the first half of 2017.

To date, we have offered eight classes which have included music therapy class, Tai Chi, tap dancing, and painting; much to the enjoyment of the residents and students alike. Most recently we were able to hire an art instructor who, along with the students, was able to create meaningful works of art.

Lisa Schenk, Social Worker and manager of the Intergenerational Program, remarked, “It was special to watch the students who have such empathy and respect for our elderly population interact both socially and artistically. The program...focuses on (the residents) abilities and strengths.”

Activities have been planned through May and are: April 6th - Music with Debbe Celletti; Pottery with Julia Freedman; April 27th - Magic with Lon Cerel; Music with Mike Colletta; Thursday May 4th - Art class with A Splash of Color; Music with Debbe Celletti; the last class for the 2016-2017 school year will be held on Tuesday May 9th. We have confirmed an Art class with Mark Freedman; and music with Billy Veader.

We are working with a program evaluator to determine the success of the classes in creating a better quality of life for our residents.

Residents of the SCU enjoy painting as part of the IGP.
Dear Friends,

Spring is a great time to renew and re-commit. And that is just what we are doing at the Saint Antoine Community. Today more than ever, the challenges that face healthcare programs are a bit daunting. Reimbursement systems, program development and staying one step ahead of the competition are among some of them. The importance of tucking in periodically and taking a deep look at where we are and where we are going is essential to the success of every organization.

Together with the Saint Antoine advisory board, our campus community joined together in March to work on Saint Antoine Community’s new three year strategic plan. With a full day of planning facilitated by Joan Kwiatkowski, CEO of CareLink, and sponsored by Frank Galleshaw of Wright’s Farm Corp., we made a recommitment to our catholicity as we developed new strategies to strengthen our mission to serve elders in need of our services.

A strategic plan is important because it sets the direction and establishes priorities for an organization. It defines an organization’s view of success and prioritizes the activities that will make this view a reality. The strategy will help everyone know the goals they should be working on, and what they should be working on first and foremost.

We still have much work to do on our plan as we refine our goals and priorities. We intend to have a completed draft to present to the board in June. We thank Joan for her leadership, for this bonding experience, for creating a fun and engaging day for all of us, and for helping us to clearly define a strong roadmap for the immediate future.

Blessings,
Wendy

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Saint Antoine Community announces new Director of Development

Miss Buono has all the attributes that complement our healthcare community’s needs including great people skills, commitment to mission, compassion and fabulous organizational and planning skills. I am delighted she has joined us.”

A native of North Smithfield, Ms. Buono resides with her husband in Douglas, Massachusetts.

Bishop Gelineau to receive Lumen Gentium Award

On May 17, 2017, the Diocese of Providence will host the Fifth Annual Lumen Gentium Awards Dinner. We are excited to announce The Most Reverend Louis E. Gelineau, a resident of The Villa at Saint Antoine, will receive the Lumen Gentium Award for Administration and Stewardship.

The purpose of this event is to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the life of the Church in the Diocese of Providence. The award recipients have been identified as outstanding men and women whose service and personal holiness testify to Christ’s presence in His Church as well as His concern for the well-being and salvation of the world. Congratulations to Bishop Gelineau for this well-deserved recognition.

Do you know that you could make a lasting impact on the future of Saint Antoine Community?

Consider becoming a member of the Monsignor Da尿ay Society by making a bequest, life insurance beneficiary designation, or annuity or charitable trust arrangement. It is quite easy to do.

Please contact Ann Buono, Director of Development at abuono@stantoine.net or at 401-767-2574, ext. 615
Villa at Saint Antoine pairs with Brown University

Beginning in the Fall of 2016, twelve residents of the Villa volunteered to pair with twelve first year medical students from the Alpert Medical School of Brown University as part of their Assisted Living curriculum. Villa residents served as mentors to help the medical students develop their clinical skills. Over the course of the academic year, the student and volunteer met five times.

During the visits, students practice the skills they are learning by conducting medical interviews and components of the physical exam. This is an important part of the process in learning to become a doctor. Residents reported this experience as being very positive. Tammy Summiel, Administrator for the Villa remarked, “This is our first year of participating in this partnership with Alpert Medical School, and we are pleased to be a part of a program designed to strengthen the skills of the physicians of the future. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship.”

Saint Antoine Community Wish List

You can help support the residents and staff of Saint Antoine Community with gifts in-kind. Presently, we are in need of:

- Four televisions 32” (wall mounts) for day rooms.
- Outdoor gazebo for residents
- Outside benches for staff area
- Dining room chairs for three small dining rooms
- Help in creating an outdoor structure for residents on second floor balcony
- Outdoor lounge chairs and umbrellas for Villa residents
- Kitchen cabinets for three small kitchenettes
- Immersion blender for food nutrition services
- Microwave and toaster oven for staff lounge
- Storage building
- Outdoor walking path (concrete) for safe wheelchair passage
- One car for resident transport to appointments and outings

Thank you in advance for considering a donation to Saint Antoine Community

Saint Antoine Community Welcomes New Advisory Board Members

New advisory board members were welcomed by Saint Antoine Community in January, the Saint Antoine Community welcomed new advisory board members as they begin their three year terms of service.

We are grateful to Michelle Godin, President of The Economic Development Foundation of Rhode Island; John “Chris” Woulfe, retired Administrator for Scandinavian Home in Cranston and one of the four founding members of Carelink; Paulette Hamilton, past town Administrator in North Smithfield, who recently joined in working for our State Lieutenant Governor’s office; and Frank Galleshaw, Owner/Operator of Wright’s Farm Restaurant in Northern RI, and a faithful member of the Saint Antoine Community golf committee for many years.

We thank them for giving of their time, talent and treasure as members of the Saint Antoine Community Advisory Board.
“To serve is our mission, to love is our tradition”

The 18th Annual St. Antoine Golf Tournament
Save the Date!

The 18th Annual St. Antoine Golf Tournament is Monday, August 7th at Kirkbrae Country Club, Lincoln, RI. We are thankful to the committee for their energy and enthusiasm.

Committee members include:
Mary Ann Altrui, Chair; Paul Carlson, Frank Gallehau, Bob Halliday, Normand St. Laurent, John St. Sauveur, Ron Ware; and staff members Ann Buono, Mario Macera, and Wendy Fargnoli.

Please consider golfing or becoming a sponsor of this premium tournament to benefit those we serve. Or join in the planning by becoming a member of the committee.