

Steere House

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FALL 2017



fulfilling the promise



A Letter from the Executive Director *Gratitude*

Julie H. Richard, NHA, MA

Often, when sitting down to write this letter, I take the opportunity to thank you – for your support of our staff, our mission and so much more. This time I found myself thinking about something we did in preparation for Autumn’s Promise. In a planning meeting of the Corporate Development Team, we discussed how important it was to have more resident family members join us for the evening. We thought we would give a telethon of sorts a try, hoping that our personal outreach would convince a few more members to join us.

With lists of names and numbers in hand, we headed into separate offices and took to the phones. Surprisingly, we reached more people at home during that dreaded dinner hour than we would have thought. And not so surprising, we were graciously greeted by folks who not only warmly received our call, but thanked us for all that we do for their loved one. They thanked us for the reminder about the event and our efforts to hold something that raises so much for our work here and occasionally offered a donation as a show of support.

I, along with my fellow callers, found the response heartening. While we always welcome everyone in the Steere House Community to attend Autumn’s Promise, we so appreciated these words of thanks and encouragement. I thought how words of kindness and gratitude, when said aloud, can truly mean so much.

My thanks to everyone and best wishes for the happiest of holidays,

Julie H. Richard

If you or someone you know is interested in placement at Steere House, please call for more information, including our new Short Term Care Brochure.

(401) 454-7970



Joe Carnevale with Ann Saccocia's sister, Joy Cervone

8th Annual Rob Carnevale Memorial Golf Tournament Raises \$6,000 for Steere House

September was once again a time of good fun and good golf as Ann Saccocia and her son, Joe Carnevale hosted the Annual Rob Carnevale Memorial Golf Tournament in memory of Rob Carnevale, their son and brother as well as a Steere House patient for a short time. Members of the Steere House Community assisted and golfed in the event. Going on its eighth year, the tournament continues to designate a portion of the funds raised to support key initiatives at Steere House. This year, Steere House received a \$6,000 gift to support the renovation of the second floor kitchenette. In honor of this and past generous gifts from Ann and Joe, Steere House will name the kitchenette, “Rob’s Café”, in his honor. Thank you again, Ann and Joe.



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Steere House Recognizes Stars in Our Community



(l-r) Executive Director, Julie Richard; Sen. Donna M. Nesselbush; Board President Linda Cannistra and Charles J. Fogarty

At this year's Autumn's Promise, Senator Donna Nesselbush was recognized as the 2017 Steere House Legacy Award recipient. With friends and family members in tow, Donna celebrated the evening. Rhode Island Director of Elderly Affairs, Charles J. Fogarty honored her with a few words of introduction, citing Donna's professional career, while Board President Linda Cannistra spoke of Donna's dedication to Steere House and efforts to make it a facility recognized for the highest standards of quality healthcare in the Providence area. The presentation concluded fittingly with a presentation of gifts and citations from a number of government officials.

Steere House is preparing to honor a long-standing group of volunteers at this year's Association of Fundraising Professionals Partners In Philanthropy recognition ceremony being held November 17 at the Warwick Crowne Plaza. For over two decades, the Steere House Employee Development Team has organized fundraising activities to support programs or initiatives to help improve the quality of Steere House residents' daily lives. Through their efforts, they have raised more than \$100,000 over the last nine years, making an undeniable impact. With these funds, they have purchased an innovative Music & Memory program, twenty-two electric beds valued at \$30,000, a pergola and handicap door mechanisms for residents' enjoyment of our outdoor courtyards; spiritual, arts and entertainment programs and so much more. Four officers serve as EDT's leadership and all employees are invited to participate by contributing manpower and donations – all to make EDT efforts successful.



FLIK Hosts Heirloom Dining Event Series



Juanita Hammond and her brother share ribs, jag, and collards.

Recently FLIK Lifestyles, Steere House's dining services group, teamed with residents and their favorite "heirloom" recipes – creating an intersection between nostalgia and present-day dining. With recipes being a thread that connect generations – and precious heirlooms of their own – FLIK presented the program as a way to preserve heritage and tradition.

Speaking of the program's intent, Director of Culinary Services, Marcia Murphy said, "Family recipes conjure up memories of where we've been and they allow us to leave a legacy for our loved ones."

During Heirloom events, residents will journey through time, reliving special moments through their recipes. The "piece de resistance" is when residents venture down to the kitchen and assist in creating a favorite dish only to share it in the Steere House dining room for all to try!



Doreen Beattie shows off her beef stew.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

SAVE THE DATE

• **NOVEMBER 23** •

Thursday • 2-3:00 PM

THANKSGIVING DAY DESSERT BUFFET

• **DECEMBER 25** •

Monday • 2-3:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY DESSERT BUFFET