

Steere House

NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER

FALL 2019



fulfilling the promise

Holiday Cheer

A Letter from the Executive Director

Julie H. Richard, NHA, MA



Holiday cheer. Just the two words can make you smile and that always leads to a lighter spirit.

I particularly like the Fall edition of our newsletter. It's at this time of year we're celebrating a fun evening with friends and colleagues at Autumn's Promise (with plenty of pictures as proof!); recognizing our staff's teamwork, and the generosity of others, to help end Alzheimer's; and telling everyone about the upcoming holiday dessert buffets and events planned so that everyone can gather with loved ones and be thankful.

Sound a little too much like a Hallmark card? Maybe so, but the spirit of the holiday season will do that to you. The combination of having a reason to celebrate, a place to come together and the time to sit with a loved one – sharing favorite family recipes and fond memories – is something worth cherishing. I hope you think so too.

Come to Steere House this holiday season to celebrate with a loved one – or two. It's the best way I know of spreading around a bit of that holiday cheer.

Happy Holidays,

Julie

The logo for the Walk to End Alzheimer's, featuring the text "WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S" in white on a purple background, with a white arrow pointing right. Below the main text is the Alzheimer's Association logo and the text "alzheimer's association".

**WALK TO
END
ALZHEIMER'S**
alzheimer's association

The Steere House 2019 Walk to End Alzheimer's Team participated in this year's walk in Providence on October 6th. The Team raised over \$2,500 – the highest amount raised in recent years. Thank you to our walkers and to those who supported their efforts.





Steere House Recognizes Royal Little Family Foundation with 2019 Legacy Award

Steere House honored the Royal Little Family Foundation with the 2019 Steere House Legacy Award at this year's Autumn's Promise Dinner & Auction on September 27th. Foundation Executive Director, Jann Leeming planned to accept the award on the Foundation's behalf, but unexpectedly took ill that evening. Graciously stepping in to accept the Award was her husband, Arthur Little and Associate Foundation Director, Cameron Little.



Steere House Board Treasurer, Norma Owens presided over the presentation, recalling both the Foundation's work with a number of Rhode Island charities, as well as the personal connection Steere House has with past-resident Edward Alton Leeming, Jann's father. In closing comments, Cameron shared additional details of the two organizations' ties, generating a few smiles and touching memories. Congratulations.

Carol Yarnel Appointed to Steere House Board

Recently, Carol Yarnel was appointed to the Steere House Board for a three-year term. A past Steere House resident family member and long-standing volunteer, Carol brings a unique perspective to the Board. Since the Fall of 2008, when her mother Marjorie became a Steere House resident, Carol has visited often. She's gotten to know the staff and has volunteered her time to support a variety of fundraising efforts. A retired Warwick school teacher, Carol is a multi-year member of the Steere House Corporate Development Team. Now as a Board member, Carol will expand her breadth of input and time. And while we've conveyed our appreciation for her efforts before (honoring her in 2016 at the Association of Fundraising Professionals Partners In Philanthropy recognition ceremony), saying "Thank You" can never be said enough. So, we thank you, Carol, for agreeing to serve in this important way.

(l-r) Carol Yarnel with board member Carol McMahon at this year's Autumn's Promise Dinner & Auction



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Happy Holidays



Thanksgiving Dessert Buffet

Thursday, November 28, 2019 • 1:30 pm

Christmas Day Dessert Buffet

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 • 1:30 pm

Piano Entertainment by James Cavallaro