

Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

## Windows of the World

S teere House is pleased to announce the completion of our window replacement project.

Started in 2015, the project's objective was to replace every window in the building (over 400 of them!) in an effort to better control the building's environment.

A multi-phased effort, the project took the estimated four years to complete and cost over \$450,000. Phases focused on common space windows, as well as the replacement of individual patient room and administrative office area windows with double hung style windows



to aesthetically blend with the overall design. A majority of the project's funding was provided by The Champlin Foundation, with additional grants from the Fred M. Roddy Foundation, the Horace A. Kimball Foundation and the remainder from

Steere House event proceeds and operating budget. With the project now completed, we know our residents, patients and staff will be positively impacted by the improved environment in which they live and work this summer.

## Steere House Welcomes Two New Board Members

Steere House is happy to formally introduce two additions to its volunteer Board of Directors.

#### Debra Page-Trim

Debra Page-Trim is the Economic Development Director for the Town of Barrington, RI. Her career has focused on creative direction and project guidance for the design and development of core marketing materials and related assets to support brand strategy. Deb assumed these responsibilities for a number of clients under her own firm, Page Trim Design + Communication and as a director for such organizations as St. Andrew's School, The Boston Globe and The Providence Journal. Comfortable working in a results-driven work environment, Deb brings an entrepreneurial spirit to endeavors she pursues. She is a University of Alabama graduate, with a BA in Communications. Welcome Debra.

#### Jonathan L. Cabot

Also serving on the Board is Jonathan L. Cabot, who recently joined Adler Pollock Sheehan P.C. as a member of the firm's Business & Corporate Law Group. At Adler Pollock Sheehan, his practice involves mergers and acquisitions, commercial finance, and general corporate matters. Prior to joining the firm, Jonathan was an Associate Attorney with Hanson Curran, LLP and served in a number of capacities within the Rhode Island court system and corporations. Jonathan received his law degree from Roger Williams University School of Law and he received a BA in Business Administration from Florida Atlantic University. Welcome Jonathan.

fulfilling the promise



## A Letter from the Executive Director One Ringy Dingy, Two Ringy Dingy...

Julie H. Richard, NHA, MA

ur Annual Appeal Campaign is for a cause which affects each of us on a daily basis: communication, specifically phone communication. We can all

specifically phone communication. We can all agree that the phone is one of our most important tools, whether it be for work, play or the pleasure

of reaching a loved one. At Steere House a reliable phone system is important to our operations and our residents' safety. That's why we are reviewing proposals for the installation of a modern phone communications system one which encompasses business phones, wireless phones for clinical

professionals and support staff, and improve inroom phone service to our 120 residents.

This might sound like a simple project, yet a phone system serving our two distinct groups will need to be a multi-tiered system. Our research indicates that we can continue to deliver direct dialing capacity to residents, allowing those who call Steere House home to make and receive calls at their bedside at any time. We will also be



able to improve the service of administrative lines, enhancing communication between staff, resident family members, and medical professionals.

This project is important because currently Steere House is operating with a phone system which is ten years old. While not as old as our

> friend, Miss Tomlin's, our current system utilizes dated technology that makes the system featurelimiting, expensive to maintain and to service as costs increase due to the lack of technicians familiar with the programming. In other words, this phone system is generally obsolete.

To fund this project, it is estimated that a new system will cost \$75,000. And while we have already taken steps to secure grant funding, I hope you too will play a role by supporting this effort – because we all love the ring of the phone when it's a call from someone we love.

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# Nursing Home Week 2018

Steere House residents enjoyed a string of activities to mark Nursing Home Week 2018. The Activities Staff organized events during the week of May 13<sup>th</sup>, ranging from a Mother's Day Dessert Buffet with music in the atrium to a paint group, garden bingo to enjoying relaxation techniques with manicures and aroma therapy. Not to be forgotten was an outing to the PawSox. Although a chilly spring day, the event proved to be fun for everyone.







## Steere House Celebrates Employee Milestones

t is a tradition during Nursing Home Week for Steere House to recognize the significant milestones of Steere House staff members. This year, we honored nearly 20 employees at a festive ceremony held on May 17th. Join us as we say, "Well done and thank you for your years of service."

Name	Title	Years
Frances Lowell	. CMT (2nd floor)	35
Gina Williamson	.Activities Director	25
Grace Dauda	. CMT (2nd floor)	15
Sandra Pineda	.Nursing Assistant (2nd floor).	15
Jana Viquiert	. Weekend Receptionist	15
Hazel Suah	.Nursing Assistant (2nd floor).	10
Myra Roman	.LPN (2nd floor)	10
	.Executive Director	
Carol Cokely	.LPN (3rd floor)	10
Rasheedat Lamina	.LPN (1st floor)	10
Euphemia Nyanneh	.Nursing Assistant (2nd floor).	10
	.Medical Records	
Cynthia Donyen	.Nursing Assistant (2nd floor).	5
	.MDS Coordinator	
Myriam Pierre	.RN (2nd Floor)	5
Rosalyn Threats	.Nursing Assistant (3rd floor)	5
	.Nursing Assistant (2nd floor).	
	.RN (2nd floor)	











### **Resident Corner: Meet Elaine Berriman**

eet Elaine Berriman, one of our newest Long Term Care (LTC) residents. Elaine came to us after a fall and while her intention was to go home after her stay on our TCU, it was determined that our LTC would best meet her needs. So, move in she did and Elaine now feels it was the best thing she could have done. She finds that she enjoys the activities, loves socializing with other residents and staff, while during her down time (what little she has), Elaine enjoys watching her favorite Netflix shows. "The staff is so warm and friendly," says Elaine. "The Activity Staff are more like old friends than people who work here". Beyond the Steere House environment and staff, Elaine is happy with the progress she has made through our Restorative Exercise programs. She was the first to use the portable elliptical machine or "2step", as she calls it. Way to go Elaine!

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Calendar of Events

## MONDAY JUNE 25 ANNUAL MEETING

SAVE THE DATE! FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28 AUTUMN'S PROMISE

#### Admission Packets are Available

If you or someone you know is interested in placement at Steere House Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, please call for information. (401) 454-7970

#### **Go Steere House Green!**

Steere House is taking steps to reduce, reuse and recycle wherever we can. You can help by sending us your e-mail address so that whenever possible we can communicate to you online. Just send your address to mail@steerehouse.org. We will not share your e-mail address and you can request to be taken off

our list at any time.







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# **DINNER & AUCTION**

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