

2019 National Nursing Home Week Happenings

Steere House Celebrates Employee Milestones

It is a tradition during Nursing Home Week for Steere House to recognize the significant milestones of Steere House staff members. This year, we honored 14 employees at a festive ceremony held on May 16th. Join us as we say, "Thank you for your years of service and a job well done!"



Oh the Places You'll Go

Another fun part of Nursing Home Week was Cultural Day, planned by the Employee Relations Team. A number of employees participated by preparing display boards featuring their country of origin, pictures of family members and more – all to tell their stories. In some cases, employees wore traditional dress and, if you were lucky, created culinary delights for people to try.

*Pictured above: Charmaine Rousseau representing Jamaica;
pictured below (l-r): Maria Goncalves representing Cape Verde;
Carmen Williams representing Dominican Republic;
Quilma Perdomo representing Puerto Rico; and Comfort Boadih representing Ghana*





Making Our Garden Grow

A Letter from the Executive Director

Julie H. Richard, NHA, MA

Spring has finally sprung here at Steere House and we are pinching ourselves thinking, “Can summer be far behind?” We can only hope so, if the beauty of hydrangea and the sound of happy birds are going to grace the courtyards surrounding our building. Another sign of warmer weather is the ongoing activity outside in our largest courtyard off the main dining room – the first phase of a two-part effort to address and improve the courtyards that are such a unique feature to our facility.

Recently we excavated the main courtyard to totally clear it of walkways, benches and plantings. We did this to begin addressing issues with the roof of the underground garage which serves as the courtyard’s foundation. Repairing the roof will provide a stronger base for the courtyard. Of course, while this part of the project is important, the truly fun part will come when we can install the hard- and soft-scape design with new walkways that feature more walker and wheelchair friendly surfaces and

plantings.

Our vision for this and the other courtyards surrounding the building doesn’t stop there, however, and offers you an opportunity to help. These areas are intended to provide outdoor spaces to enjoy the fresh air, sunshine and a chance to simply watch the world go by. To maximize the access and beauty of these spaces, we would like to improve the seating options, the permanent shade structures and refresh our plants with new shrubs and garden décor.



This initiative has resonated with our Community and shows an understanding of the importance of providing a full and high quality of life to our residents. The efforts to deliver this comes in many forms, yet the environment plays an important role. We’re excited by the possibilities. When our project is completed, we hope you will join us here some time to enjoy a bit of fresh air and sunshine.

Until then, won’t you support this effort with a gift today?

Julie H. Richard

OSCT and Royal Little Foundation Award Phone System Grants

Steere House was awarded a \$5,000 grant from Ocean State Charities Trust (OSCT) and a \$7,000 grant from the Royal Little Family Foundation during their most recent funding cycles. These two awards added to the funds raised during our 2018 Annual Appeal and event proceeds. As a result of our Community’s generosity, we were able to raise the \$75,000 needed to purchase a modern phone communications system – one which encompasses business phones, over 20 wireless phones for clinical professionals and support staff and improved in-room phone service to our 120 residents.

Now with the system installed, we have been able to deliver direct dial service (and expand the total number of lines) by allowing those who call Steere House home to make local calls outside the facility and receive calls at their bedside at any time. We have also improved the service of administrative lines, enhancing communication between staff, resident family members, as well as other medical professionals.

Replacing the system was important to our nursing home operations and the safety of our residents. We appreciate the support we received from these two foundations and our individual donors who were able to make this project possible.

Steere House 145th Anniversary Celebration

It Takes A Village

As a part of Nursing Home Week, Steere House kicked off the celebration of its 145th Anniversary. On the evening of May 16th, Steere House held a reception in the facility's Atrium which was hosted by the Steere House Board of Directors. In preparation for the evening, staff and residents went all in to make the event festive. Together they worked to create parting gifts for guests. Here tiny terracotta pots are being rimmed with gold paint in preparation for a hint of lavender to be added.



An Anniversary Toast

Board President Linda Cannistra presided, saying a few words about Founder Henry Steere's legacy and the generosity of the Steere House Community. Linda capped the evening with a toast to the long history of the Steere House Community.



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**Steere House
Annual Meeting**
Monday, June 24, 2019
4:00 pm
All are welcome

Save the Date!
Autumn's Promise
Dinner & Auction
Friday, September 27th

In the News!



**Steere House
Launches New
Ad Campaign**

Steere House is running a new ad campaign in *Rhode Island Monthly*, *Primetime* and *Senior Digest*. The ads feature new creative and represent the first campaign in more than a year. Admissions and Marketing Director, Veronica Gazeryan says, "The advertising campaign's primary objective is to generate interest in Steere House, while delivering a consistent message about our distinct advantages." Look for the ads to appear over the next six-eight months in each publication, alongside a few Steere House placed articles.

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