

Supporting the Troops
Mayfield Manor I, II and III
Canton, Ohio

Residents of Mayfield Manor know all too well from other wars what it means to U.S. troops overseas to receive holiday gifts. So they organized a fundraiser for the USO. The planning committee collected \$100 in donations during morning coffee hour and matched it with funds raised throughout the year by selling greeting cards and sandwiches and snacks at bingo games. The Residents' Club also donated from the account they have from bake sales and an annual rummage sale. The donation to the USO totaled \$300. Every year, the USO sends small decorated Christmas trees, cookies, candy, snacks, greeting cards, and food and personal items to military personnel stationed overseas. The Mayfield Manor donation paid for nearly a quarter of the cost of shipping, so the funds were much appreciated.



Mayfield Manor residents and service coordinators deliver funds to the USO warehouse in northern Ohio.

"Age is nothing but experience, and some of us have more experience than others."

- Humorist Andy Rooney

Celebrating a Silver Anniversary
Torre Jesus Sanchez Erazo
Bayamon, Puerto Rico

It was all smiles and celebration in Bayamon, P.R. as EHDOC community Torre Jesus Sanchez Erazo celebrated its 25th anniversary. The Bayamon Municipality and Mayor marked the event by providing food, music, and entertainment. The Mayor gave the facility a plaque in recognition of the benefits they provide to local seniors. Three residents who had lived in the facility since 1983 also were honored.



Residents and staff celebrated Torre Jesus's 25th anniversary.

Birthday Cheer
Prete Apartments, Chicago, Ill.



Byung Yul Lee, Won Do Hwang, Tae Jung Kim, and Byung Ho Chon distributed birthday presents with Stella's help.

Each month a birthday party is held at Prete Apartments for the residents. Each celebrant receives a birthday card signed by each staff member and the residents provide special decorations and refreshments for the party. At the December birthday party, Korean resident Byung Yul Lee brought wrapped gifts for each attendee and distributed them with the help of fellow residents and his granddaughter, Stella, who never misses this monthly celebration.

Holiday Surprise Chateau Des Amis Ville Platte, La.



EHDOC's Steve Protulis and Pat Kohnke on a visit with residents after the recent board meeting at Chateau Des Amis.

A holiday surprise was bestowed on EHDOC Executive Director Steve Protulis and Director of Field Operations Pat Kohnke by members of the Residents' Association of Chateau Des Amis during a board meeting

for Louisiana EHDOC properties. Each was presented with a Christmas lap quilt in appreciation for their work on behalf of the communities. EHDOC has 11 facilities in Louisiana. In 2005, after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated New Orleans, 50 evacuees were temporarily housed at six EHDOC properties, including Chateau des Amis.

A Century to Celebrate Council Towers, Miami Beach, Fla.



Sara Molina celebrates her 100th birthday along with the residents and staff at Council Towers.

The residents and staff at Council Towers organized a celebration for Sara Molina, in Miami Beach, Fla. who recently turned 100 years young. Ms. Molina has been a resident of Council Towers since 1987. Residents and staff honored her with cards, gifts, and best wishes for continued good health and happiness.

Keeping in Touch Steel Plaza, Los Angeles, Calif.



Steel Plaza residents traded their phones for new amplified ones with large keypads and programmable buttons.

The California Public Utilities Commission Deaf and Disabled Telecommunication Program provided free phones for the residents at Steel Plaza. The phones are great for those with low vision, memory difficulties, or hearing problems. Needless to say the residents were very excited about having a new amplified telephone with a large visual keypad, and easy-to-recognize photo programmable buttons. The application process was very easy, the phones were delivered within a week of being ordered, and of course the staff at Steel Plaza has been available to assist the residents with any questions they may have regarding their brand new phones.

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EHDOC Leadership Conference Emphasizes Service

Winter Haven, Fla.



Violet Stoever was joined by EHDOC officers and staff as she celebrated her 102nd birthday.

Serving residents of EHDOC facilities was top of the list at EHDOC's fall leadership conference in Orlando, Fla. EHDOC staff, including managers, administrative assistants, maintenance personnel, and service coordinators, from across the country gathered to take part in training and informational sessions. Topics included tenant safety, risk management, management duties and responsibilities, HUD updates, and budget development.



First Christian residents had the chance to talk with EHDOC President Morton Balr (left) and Executive Vice President Steve Protulis.



EHDOC maintenance staff volunteered to paint the common area of First Christian Towers, one of EHDOC's newest facilities.

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Home Care and Hospice Gathering Highlights Housing Needs

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.



EHDOC officers discuss senior needs for housing and health care in home settings.

Seniors' needs for housing and health care were emphasized at the National Association for Home Care and Hospice (NAHC)'s annual meeting in Ft. Lauderdale. More than 4,000 senior advocates attended. Participants, including EHDOC residents, officers, and board members, heard former President Bill Clinton speak about the important role that home care and hospice will play in the future of the U.S. health care system. EHDOC Executive Vice President Steve Protulis and Board Member Tony Frantsetta participated on a panel that discussed the importance of allowing seniors to remain in the least restrictive setting: their own homes.

The Right Prescription: Service Coordinators

For many seniors, the most overwhelming part of dealing with Medicare is when the open enrollment period for Part D – the prescription drug plan – occurs each November and December. The rules change and the drug cost comparisons are difficult to decipher. Service coordinators often are the best resource to help residents determine what their options are and which plans may best suit their needs. EHDOC offers special thanks to Service Coordinators who provided extra assistance to residents this season.



Residents Corner

Love Transcends Ages

Clyde F. Simon II, Bath, New York

When Henry Coil was a teenager in Elmira, N.Y. in the 1930s, he lived next door to Anna Campbell. They started dating – but World War II intervened.

Henry, now a resident of Clyde F. Simon II in Bath, N.Y., joined the Army National Guard and was shipped to the Pacific. Henry and Anna kept in touch, but she wrote to tell him that she had married another man, someone he knew. He was heartbroken. During the war, he began corresponding with a friend of Anna's from Elmira, Jane Tanner. They were married in 1945 a week after he returned stateside, and enjoyed a 62-year marriage.

Jane passed away November 2007, and Henry started wondering whatever happened to Anna.

"I had never forgotten her," he recalls, "even though I loved my wife." His daughter Connie scoured the internet looking for Anna, and located her with the



Henry Coil and his teenage sweetheart Anna Campbell married after spending more than 60 years apart.

first phone call. Anna's husband had died nine years earlier. The two began to talk by telephone, recalling their lives, old friends, and long-ago events. They found they had a lot in common, including daily activities like music, television shows, and food.

After 60 years of being apart, Anna, 86, and Henry, 89, married in June 2008.

"I couldn't tell you how many bullets went by me, the shells that exploded, and fragments that went by," he comments. "I think the fellow upstairs is looking after us and is going to give us some time together."

EHDOC's 2009 Expansion Plans Include New Construction, New Management



EHDOC plans to expand its portfolio significantly in 2009 so that more low-income seniors can age with dignity and peace of mind in safe, secure, and affordable housing.

Palermo Lakes, a brand new 109-unit project in Miami, Fla., will be fully occupied in February 2009. Teamsters Residence, a 52-unit facility in Maumee, Ohio, is now an EHDOC-managed property.

There are three additional EHDOC projects under development: Ed Romero Terrace, a new 42-unit property in Albuquerque, which will be EHDOC's first property in the state of

New Mexico. Richard J. Daley Apartments in Chicago, Ill., with 31 new units, will join Senate Apartments, Prete Apartments and North Park Village Apartments, becoming the fourth property in EHDOC's Illinois portfolio. John Piazza Apartments in Fontana, Calif., with 60 units, will be adjacent to Dino Papavero, with 155 units. John Piazza Apartments will be EHDOC's fourth property in the state of California.

For more information on current and upcoming projects visit our website: www.ehdod.org