



The Healing Hands

Autumn
2006

BROOKLYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HOME AND ADULT DAY HEALTHCARE CENTER



BUMCH provides Physical and Occupational Therapy for both Residents and Day Care Registrants of the Adult Day Care. In addition, a nursing rehab program on the floors maintains fitness when the formal therapy is completed. Here Ms. Alexander helps Ms. Jannet James take a walk down the corridor.

Healing of the whole person occurs in many ways, and the hands of so many persons are needed.

As you see some of the "healing hands" in this issue, we hope that you will consider adding your hands (and heart) in our effort to provide full medical, social, emotional and spiritual care for the Residents of the nursing home and the Registrants in the Adult Day Healthcare Center.

Also see our website:
www.bumch.org



When extra hands are needed to feed Residents, administrative staff volunteer their help, and have found the experience uplifting and enjoyable. The dining room has a festive atmosphere with so many helpers, providing a good social environment for Residents. Here Ms. Kamla Ramsumair, Director of Nursing gives tender loving care to Ms. Annabelle Nelson.

We welcome your help in this work, too!



Brunch @ BUMCH

Guests at our Brunches come to know the Home better, hear informative talks in the area of health care, and fellowship around delicious food prepared in our kitchen .

At the Autumn Brunch @ BUMCH on October 18, we took the opportunity to introduce the new Director of Programming of the Adult Day Healthcare Center, Ms. Awilda Rosario.

Welcome, Awilda!



"My Parents Are Getting Older, and . . ."
Peter Poulos, Director of Pastoral Care and Supervisor of Clinical Pastoral Education at New York Methodist Hospital, gave an uplifting talk about the problems as well as the potential of the elderly. Reciprocal sensitivity between the aging and those who care for them, whether professionals or volunteers, can produce miracles.



Greetings from the Administrator

The kids are back to school, summer's sun has set, we're enjoying autumn with winter just around the bend. Just small changes we make without skipping a beat. We transition through change all the time, often times very seamlessly. Some changes, however, are not so easy or seamless. Starting school for the first time, for instance — or entering a nursing home to live. Life altering changes where your world will be different from what it was. As we know, change is difficult, but it isn't necessarily bad. Change, while sometimes difficult, is good, and we all know that. Without change would we have television, computers, automobiles or the cell phone? What I am trying to say is that we all need each other, and change just affords us the opportunity to be there for one another. Sometimes a few well chosen words, a smile, a pat

on the back or a small investment of your time is all it takes to get someone through a rough patch. We all have it in us, so stop to recognize the need and be there for someone. May every season for you be blessed.

— Victor Orriola

*It takes a Community to Raise a Child...
and to Nurture a Nursing Home*

... AND THAT IS WHY every year at its annual fund-raising dinner dance, BUMCH honors persons from all sections of its greater community. We know that we need you all to sustain a high level of medical, social, emotional, spiritual care for our Residents.

Moreover, the proceeds of this fundraiser are used for grants not only to BUMCH but also to other non-profit organizations who are contributing to community health and well-being.

Join us for an inspiring evening
honoring valued leaders,
enjoying good food, music, fellowship and dancing

NINETEENTH ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER DANCE

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

6:30 p.m. Reception & Silent Auction

7:30 p.m. Dinner

Russo's on the Bay
162-45 Cross Bay Boulevard, Queens, NY

Information: Ms. Carolyn Roper-Smartt, 718-827-4500
Ext. 105, croper@bumch.org

Also see www.bumch.org for Silent Auction items
& directions

This year our honorees are from the spheres of community organizing, of banking and of the church.

All three honorees not only work in the areas of their professional calling but they also continually cross over into other spheres, wherever connections need to be made in order to improve the quality of life in the community as a whole.

What a pleasure it is to honor:



Walter Campbell, District
Manager of Brooklyn
Community Board 5.
**The Community Service
Award**

Rev. John H. Cole, Pastor
of Grace United Methodist
Church, Valley Stream,
New York.

**The William C. Kirkwood
Humanitarian Award**



Robert Rigoroso, Private
Banker-Vice President,
The Citigroup Private Bank.

**The Distinguished Service
Award**

President's Message

As a youngster I always looked forward to a summer of respite from the classroom and the possibility of new adventures. Trips with family and a couple of weeks at Ten Mile River Boy Scout camp plus ball playing in Juniper Valley Park made the days go quickly. Not a problem. This spinach loving kid also looked forward to the resumption of classroom activities. I suppose my consistently good grades, thanks to some really great teachers at P.S. 49 and Grover Cleveland High School, had a lot to do with it.

This summer and early fall our work at BUMCH continued with committee meetings and planning for the Fall. Past honorees Don Sheldon and Jay Lisnow as well as Robert Rigoroso, who will receive the Distinguished Service award on November 14, participated in meetings of our Dinner Dance committee.

Occupancy for the year has been strong, although the Adult Day Healthcare Center remains a challenge. Overall results for the year to date are on track, and we expect to move forward with planned capital improvements. To you, residents, staff, and good friends of BUMCH I continually offer my thanks for your support and wish you well in all that you seek and in all that you do each day as you continue your journey. "For you who wait on God will get fresh strength."

— Don Kirby, President, Board of Directors



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New Sound System in Chapel Enhances Participation



Residents Ms. Gladys McClellan (above) testifies, encouraged by volunteer Sister Dupree, and Ms. Yvonne Paul (right) and Ms. Julia Cherry (below) sing during the Wednesday morning service led by Missionaries Julia Chisolm (at the piano) and Edith Ketcham (right) of the Evangelist Prayer Group from Bethel Tabernacle A.M.E. Church.



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And Adult Day Healthcare Center
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BUMCH is proud of its New Adult Day Healthcare Center. The program, open Mondays to Fridays, 8 am to 4 pm, includes two meals and free transportation. We offer each registrant personalized health care addressing individual needs. We work closely with the family and caregivers, community doctors and other service providers to ensure the best quality of health care services. We provide a safe, clean, comfortable and supportive environment that allows growth, self-expression and adventure. Our recreational activities are designed to enhance sensory, physical and mental capabilities. Join us for a free day.

THE MEANING OF TRUE LOVE

It is sharing and caring
Giving and forgiving
Loving and being loved
Walking hand in hand
Talking heart to heart
Seeing through each other's eyes
Laughing together
Weeping together
Praying together
And always trusting
And believing
And thanking God
For each other.
For love that is shared
Is a beautiful thing.
It enriches the soul
And makes the heart sing!

By Lizzie Smiley, Registrant



Adult Day Healthcare Center

A Reflection by
Ms. Hyacinth Loney



"Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." (Psalm 127:1)

Four years ago, when I came to the Adult Day Healthcare program at the Brooklyn United Methodist Church home, I found only a handful of Registrants. Today that handful has tripled and there is still room for more. "Whosoever will may come." The program is:

INTERNATIONAL: There are Registrants from all parts of the world — Africa; North, Central and South America; and the Caribbean Islands.

INTERGENERATIONAL: There is a mix of older and younger people.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL: There are Protestants, Roman Catholics and Muslims, all together under the same roof.

For the physical body there are activities for each and every person who wishes to participate. For the spiritual body there is Bible study and meditation.

I believe the Lord had a hand in the building of this edifice. Surely He is in this place. His presence is felt during Bible study. The passages of scripture, carefully and lovingly selected by Pastor Ieva and by the folks from the Salvation Army group, are inspiring and uplifting of one's spirit.

I sincerely pray and hope that the doors here at ADHC remain open for many, many years and the numbers continue to grow. May the Lord continue to bless the ADHC.