

## ...told with care Webster Comfort Care Home

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### Executive Director Update



We are delighted to announce three new people have joined the board.



Ed Wynne, on the left, began his career at Eastman Kodak after completing his business administration degree at RIT. He worked for Kodak from 1982 until they divested his area to Carestream in 2007, where he currently works as a Worldwide Commodity Manager. Ed is very active in the Webster Trinity Council #4618 Knights of Columbus. He and his wife, Carole have been long-time supporters of WCCH.

Scott Gosert, on the right, is a native of Rochester and has lived and worked in Webster since 1989. He started Soho Imaging in 2000 providing

printing and supplies to companies throughout New York State. He is very active in the Webster Chamber of Commerce and visits the Monroe County Jail weekly to counsel young offenders related to drug/alcohol and life choices. Scott enjoys playing the guitar. He and his wife recently purchased a cottage on Sodas Bay where he enjoys doing the handy work and maintenance.

Dr. Michelle Carpenter-Bradley (missing from the picture) came to Rochester to do her residency and never left. She recently retired from Unity Hospital as their Division Chief of Palliative Care. Michelle was active on our first Board of Directors from 2000 – 2009. She was instrumental in supporting our founders to make WCCH a reality. She just became a grandma for the first time and is “loving this grandma thing”. Michelle also finds time to do quilting and is an avid reader.

We welcome our newest

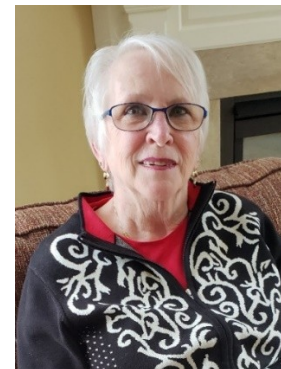


board members and thank them for saying yes!

### Karen Cares at Comfort Care

On-call nursing has been an important part of Karen Huttemann’s life for over a

decade. Friend Peggy Felipe, who already worked as an on-call nurse at the Home, told Karen about a job opening, and Karen has been happily a part of the nursing staff ever since.



Karen is a local girl through and through. She attended St. Stanislaus Elementary School, Nazareth Academy, Isabella Graham School of Practical Nursing, and Monroe Community College. She and her husband, David, live in Webster and have 3 grown children and 3 granddaughters, all who currently live locally. About grand parenting, Karen comments, “I love watching my granddaughters grow up to be outstanding young women.”

In her free time Karen enjoys going to the gym (imagine actually enjoying that), reading, sewing, quilting, crocheting, and knitting. She volunteers at Webster Public Library book sales. She and David are active with Sporting Events for Children and Adults With Special Needs. Their son, Michael, now 33 years old, has been a part of the adaptive sport program since he was 5 years old.

About her twelve years at WCCH Karen comments, "I feel good when I enter the Home and even better as I leave. Whatever is going on, it is always rewarding." Thank you, Karen, for your many years of dedicated service to the Home!

## Elves Keep Popping Up

You may recall that just over a year ago handmade angel



ornaments arrived at the home, enough for each volunteer and staff person to take one home to put on his or her holiday tree. The ornaments were the work of nurse Carrie Ogi and her seventeen year old twin boys, Derek and Ryan. "One day I was in resident Pat Mentz's room caring for her and the idea just popped into my head that it would be nice for her to have something to give to the volunteers who Pat called her angels." So Carrie and her two sons got to work and 90 beautiful angels later an elf mission of the nicest kind was accomplished!

This Christmas season another amazing elf shared her talents with everyone at the Home. Starting with a kitchen towel, nurse Mary Barnhart crocheted a flap along one edge with a button and button hole so that the towel could be neatly attached to an oven door.

What a neat idea! And she did it over 100 times!! "I wanted to be

sure I made enough for everyone." Another wonderful elf mission accomplished.

No wonder people say that individuals who work at the Home are a quite an amazing group. They are absolutely correct!

## Two Holy Blessings



Each Thursday morning two students come to our Home to help keep our residence clean. Anah, age 21 on the left and Shelby, age 19, on the right, arrive with their job coach Cynthia from the school program at Holy Childhood. They vacuum, dust, Swiffer, and restock supplies (toilet paper, paper towels, and water bottles). They work primarily in the kitchen, living room, hallways, and basement. They do not go into the residents' rooms. They bring in our garbage cans. Both young ladies also go to other sites. Anah likes to fold towels at the Sisters of St. Joseph Mother House in Pittsford and has been working there for 5 years. Shelby enjoys going to Asbury UMC serving meals to homeless through the Asbury Outreach Program.

Anah and Shelby are part of the Work-Based Learning Program which currently has 4 job coaches and 45 students.

Besides working at a variety of sites, they are part of Holy Childhood's Community Classroom; a transition program designed for students ages 18-21 and located in a community based learning environment. Here they work on building relationships, social interactions, and functional academics. Through the work program they learn to become independent, responsible and successful while performing a job that interests them.

Shelby and Anah bless us each week with their work in our Home. We wish them every blessing as they go forward with their lives.

## Spring is Coming!

As this newsletter goes to print, it's hard to imagine that spring is coming soon. But a wonderful harbinger of spring that we know for sure is coming is our annual Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show. The stores who will present their fashions are J. Jill, Chico's, and Chandeliers. It will be at Shadow Lake Golf Club on Saturday, April 6 from 11 to 2 PM. Tickets can be purchased at the Home or on line.

