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### *from the Director of Development...*

This is a very special year for MCH! Our entire community is thrilled to be celebrating and enjoying our 100th anniversary.

We've had parties and dinners and fund-raisers and special events. All of this will continue – hopefully with your participation – until the celebration of the actual date of the arrival of the very first residents (October 1, 1915).

You can 'feel it in the air' at MCH – partially because we are in the midst of updating and renovating our open spaces and gardens and courtyards... everything done to enhance and improve the living experience of our residents. There is the feeling that we've all made it together: residents, family members, staff and friends. And there's lots more to do! Our next 100 years!

We've learned a lot and changed a lot over our first 100 years. But one thing never changes – our number one priority, our residents. We hope that you enjoy the profiles of our resident/donors in this Focus.

From day one of the establishment



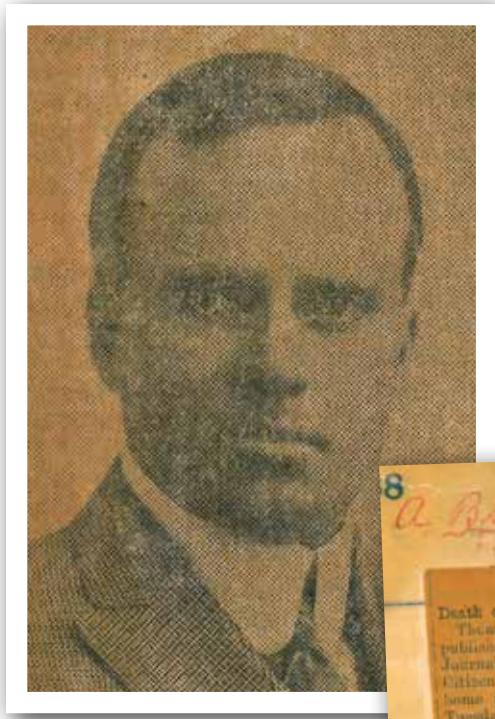
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of MCH we have been the recipients of many generous gifts and, in all honesty, we probably wouldn't be here today had it not been for these gifts. We mean it when we say "We couldn't have done it without you!" Our gratitude is both sincere and immense. We literally cannot thank you enough.

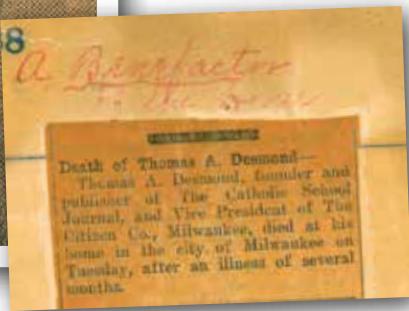
We would love to see you here at the Residence or the Health Center - please stop by and visit at anytime. Come for Mass, a meal, a program. In the meantime, please know that we sincerely thank all our donors and friends, and pray for God's blessings on you and yours.

Anne Catalane,  
Director of Development

# 100 Years, 100 Lives: Thomas Desmond



● Early MCH supporter Thomas A. Desmond



**Milwaukee Catholic Home was built on the support of families. The Hackett and Cudahy families led the way, and other families soon stepped in, recognizing the continuing need for excellent senior care with a strong Catholic identity and firm roots in the local community.**

Many of those families have maintained their connection with Milwaukee Catholic Home throughout its 100 year history, continuing to support the organization and participating in its services and programs.

One such family is the Desmond family. The first mention of the Desmonds in the Milwaukee Catholic Home archives is from 1915, the year the first residents moved into

MCH's initial home on Astor Street.

The archived clipping is the obituary of Thomas A. Desmond, accompanied by the simple tribute, "A Benefactor."

Born in 1875, Thomas grew up in Milwaukee and attended Catholic parochial schools. He went on to study journalism at the University of Wisconsin and was the editor of both the student paper and the monthly student literary magazine.

His first job after graduating was as the editor of the Green Bay Daily Gazette, and he also worked occasionally with the Associated Press.

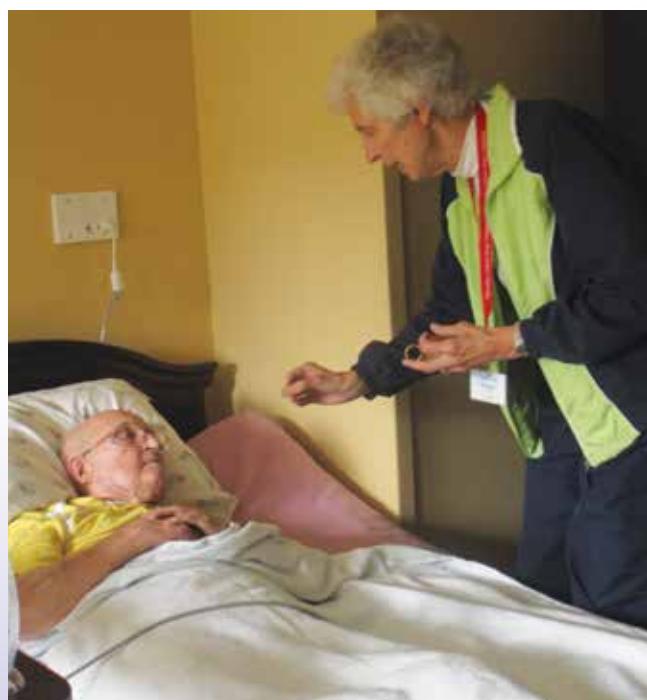
In 1901, Thomas left the Gazette and founded his

own monthly publication, The Catholic School Journal. The paper provided a resource for Catholic educators and school administrators, including teaching aids and methods and discussions of educational topics.

Thomas died at the young age of 41, but not before offering significant financial support to the newly-founded Milwaukee Catholic Home.

In the years since then, Desmond family members have lived at and volunteered with Milwaukee Catholic Home. We are honored to be part of their family history and grateful for their ongoing support of our mission and ministry. ■

● Volunteer Sr. Janet Desmond, Thomas's grand-niece, distributes communion at Milwaukee Catholic Home.



# Meet Our Donors

We've been working toward a number of important goals over the past year, and are highlighting just a few of the many donors who have been instrumental in helping us achieve them.



## Marie C. Hasenoehrl

**Marie moved to Milwaukee Catholic Home over seven years ago, and says she hasn't had a dull moment since. She loves the opportunity to attend daily Mass and participate in the many meaningful activities and events at MCH.**

"It feels like a real home," Marie told us. "Everyone feels like a member of my family."

Marie recently made the decision in her estate planning to donate her refundable entrance fee to Milwaukee Catholic Home. Several residents have taken advantage of this giving option, which provides a creative way to ensure their ongoing financial security while supporting MCH.

In Marie's case, she chose to specifically designate her entrance fee gift toward the renovation of the Fitness Center at The Residence. She hopes the renovation will encourage more residents to take



advantage of the wellness opportunities available at Milwaukee Catholic Home.

"It is a wonderful place to live and I would like as many people as possible to have the same opportunities that I have had." ■



## Jean and Bill Jermain

**Jean and Bill first became involved with Milwaukee Catholic Home in the 1990s, when Bill was invited to become a member of the Board of Directors. Jean and Bill were major contributors to the Seasons of Life campaign that raised funds for the construction of the new Health and Rehabilitation Center in 1997.**



The Jermaids moved in to Milwaukee Catholic Home three and a half years ago and enjoy the vibrant social environment. They say they most value the friendliness of both residents and staff as well as the Catholic atmosphere.

## Jim Wudi

**Jim Wudi moved in to Milwaukee Catholic Home seven years ago with his wife, Phyllis. When Phyllis passed away in 2009, Jim was able to find support in his new MCH family.**

Jim values the fact that the Milwaukee Catholic Home community is small and close-knit. "It gives me a chance to know and relate to all," he said.

He is an active member of that community, coaching the employee softball team and volunteering on a regular basis in the Health and Rehabilitation Center.

For several years, Jim has donated to Milwaukee Catholic Home multiple times annually, usually designating his gifts toward specific funds which have personal meaning for him. He especially likes to support the Patio Pops

Most recently, Jean and Bill chose to make a significant donation to the Benevolent Care Endowment Fund. This permanently endowed fund assists those who are experiencing unexpected financial hardship, allowing them to remain in their MCH homes and to receive assistance in their time of need.

"We think that it is important to help those that may need financial help to stay here," Jean said.

When asked why they think it is important to support Milwaukee Catholic Home financially, the answer was simple. "Because it is our home." ■

summer concert series and the St. Anne Chapel, which he calls "a big part of my life."

Jim said he thinks it is important to do "a little extra" to support the place he now considers home, and has enjoyed seeing the fruits of his investment in the programs which make MCH "a fun and good place to live."

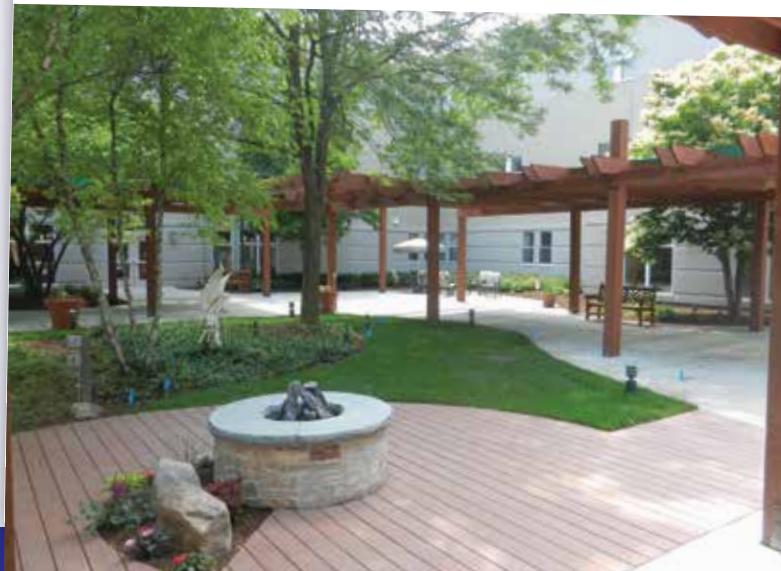
Jim recently agreed to co-chair the 100 Year Anniversary campaign, happy to serve as an ambassador for Milwaukee Catholic Home in support of its mission. ■



## Thanks for supporting our courtyard renovation!

Thanks to the generosity of nearly 100 donors, the first stage of the renovation of our Health and Rehabilitation Center courtyard is now complete.

In the past few months, staff and residents have already created some wonderful memories while enjoying our newly renovated outdoor spaces. ■





# Gifts from the heart

Milwaukee Catholic Home gratefully acknowledges our generous benefactors. Gifts of cash, property, securities, bequests and other gifts assist us in providing outstanding retirement and health care services for our residents. We encourage gifts in memory or honor of a loved one. We will be happy to notify the individual or family member of your generosity.

The following gifts were received between July 1, 2013 and August 31, 2013

## IN HONOR OF...

### Miss Marie Hasenoehrl's 90<sup>th</sup>

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- Mr. Jim W. Wudi

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# Summer fun at MCH

Here are just a few of the many memorable moments from a busy and eventful summer.



▲ At the Residence Picnic, staff and residents enjoyed lunch from the grill, games, and a stroll by the lake.

► The Patio Pops outdoor concert series was as successful as ever, with Robin Pleur and the Chris Hansen Band one of the summer's favorites.



▲ Our annual State Fair Week culminated in the always popular Livestock Day.



◀ Our yearly Corn Roast had a maritime theme, and was enjoyed by staff and residents alike.

For more great photos of Milwaukee Catholic Home events, visit our website at [milwaukeecccatholichome.org](http://milwaukeecccatholichome.org)

# save the date

## FALL BAZAAR

Join us on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM to 3:00PM for our Annual Fall Bazaar! The bazaar features handmade ornaments, crafts, books, household items, jewelry and baked goods. For more information or to make a donation, please contact Anne Catalane at (414) 220-3250.

## MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Our next Mass of Remembrance will be on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM in the St. Anne Chapel. This special liturgy is held in memory of recently deceased members of the Milwaukee Catholic Home community. Please come and pray with us.

For more information on any of these events, please visit our website at [www.milwaukeecatholichome.org](http://www.milwaukeecatholichome.org) and click on "Community Life."

## CAREGIVER RETREAT

The east side parish cluster of Old St. Mary's, Our Lady of Divine Providence, Saints Peter and Paul, and Three Holy Women will be holding a day of retreat for caregivers, hosted by Milwaukee Catholic Home, on Saturday, October 19, from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Cost is \$20 including lunch, with scholarships available. For information, please call Terri Balash at 414-469-6173.

## ANNUAL MEETING

The 2014 Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Make sure you are up to date on your corporate dues! Contact Anne Catalane at (414) 220-3250 with questions.



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