**100 Years!**

On June 28th, the 100th anniversary of the signing of our Articles of Incorporation, Milwaukee Catholic Home kicked off its centennial celebration.

It was a day to remember.

The party started in the afternoon in the Health and Rehabilitation Center Courtyard with a “Walk Through Time,” celebrating 100 years of Milwaukee Catholic Home history through fashion, music and dance. The event was planned by Bridget McNair and the recreation therapy team, in collaboration with Goodwill Industries, and with the help of...
We know many of you who were not able to join us for our June 28th centennial event were celebrating with us in spirit, and we would like to share with you the toast given by our CEO, Dave Fulcher:

We all look for meaning and meaningful experiences in our lives. On a personal note, I can speak to how incredibly blessed we are as staff to have found meaningful work lives where we are able to express our faith, help others, and continue to grow in spirit.

Tonight as we begin our celebration of Milwaukee Catholic Home’s centennial, we give thanks to the fine women of the Marquette Women’s League, who founded this great organization in 1913. We celebrate our 100 year history and the many lives of the people who have called MCH home and made such an impact in our communities. Our residents have included a teacher at Brown Street School, a Supreme Court Justice, a State Governor, a Santa Claus at Gimbels, engineers, business owners, and honored military men and women. Each of them has been the caring parent, grandparent or even great –great grandparent, the loving spouse, the advisor, the trusted friend. We thank them for lives that are often perceived as ordinary, but that are really so extra-ordinary in their impact on each of us today!

Before we raise our glasses and retire to the patio for good conversation and a night cap, I’d like to share this quote from St. Ignatius in honor of our Jesuit heritage:

Ad maiorem Dei gloriam inque hominum salute.

The basic English translation is: For the greater glory of God and the salvation of man. However, the Latin to English translation often misses the fuller meaning of one of the Latin words. The Latin word for “salvation” can also be translated as health, soundness, well-being, and a wish for a person’s welfare.

So tonight we raise our glasses, celebrating the fact that all of the work we do is truly consequential and meaningful because it is all for the greater glory of God and the health and well-being of each other. Cheers!
Construction Update

We’ve reached a couple of exciting milestones in our renovation of the Health and Rehab Center, and want to share our progress with you!

In the last week in June, just in time for our 100 Year Anniversary celebration, construction work was completed on our new Town Center and Courtyard. The Town Center is quickly becoming the center of community life in the Health and Rehab Center, with spacious and comfortable seating areas looking out on our Courtyard, a beautiful café serving coffee and snacks, and a gift shop and gallery with stunning displays of local art. The Courtyard itself has been completely rejuvenated with a new slate patio, new concrete walkways, fresh landscaping and the addition of a spacious deck with a fire pit.

Work has also been completed on our Assisted Living, with the highlight being the newly transformed Fireplace Lounge and Community Kitchen. This multi-purpose leisure and activity space is the perfect spot for our residents to enjoy everything from movie screenings to cooking classes to relaxing evenings by the fire.

The next stage of our work focuses on the second and third floors, including new finishes and remodeled community spaces and the continuing installation of private bathrooms for every apartment. We are especially excited to install new production kitchens on each floor, enhancing our residents’ experience with restaurant-style dining and cooked-to-order meals.

We will also begin work on our front entrance, including a new canopy and improved accessibility. We are excited to see our spirit of welcome and hospitality reflected in our building entrance.

As we move towards the final culmination of these years of work in October 2013, we want to thank our staff, residents and families for their patience and enthusiastic support as we build towards our future!
countless employees, residents, volunteers and friends of Milwaukee Catholic Home.

The afternoon began with a proclamation by Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, who proclaimed June 28, 2013 as Milwaukee Catholic Home Day, recognizing that “over the past 100 years, the Milwaukee Catholic Home has fostered a community based on the values of service and compassion, creating a welcoming, supportive and socially vibrant environment that is vitally connected to the larger Milwaukee community.”

Following the mayor’s proclamation, the event continued with an array of vintage fashions, some donated by MCH residents and others provided by Goodwill Industries. Each decade of MCH history was represented with such classics as the flapper dress, the poodle skirt and the leisure suit, as well as historic photos and artifacts.

Music and dance were also woven throughout the show. Ballroom dancers Aneliece Velasco & Ilya Velednitski transitioned the show from one decade to another with dances like the Charleston, the East Coast Swing and the Hustle. Also showcased were musical performances by The Joiners, the Marquette High School Choir, and Kate Welch from the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music.

The celebration continued in the evening at The Residence, with a special gala and dinner. Our guests represented an extraordinary cross-section of people whose lives are touched by Milwaukee Catholic Home: residents, families, staff, present and past members of the Board of Directors, volunteers, and representatives of local Church and civic communities.

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Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres were served on the patio as guests were serenaded by the Milwaukee Catholic Home Resident and Staff Choir performing nostalgic favorites such as “Try to Remember” and “As Time Goes By.”

Before dinner began in the Astor Room, Fr. Tim Kitzke lead those gathered in a prayer of gratitude for Milwaukee Catholic Home’s long history of compassionate service. An evening of good food and fellowship followed, ending with a show of cabaret classics by vocalist Brian Elsesser.

As we reflect back on a wonderful day of celebration, we at Milwaukee Catholic Home would like to offer our profound thanks to all who were part of this significant moment in our history. It is because of you that we are able to continue to provide older adults with a caring community into our second century.
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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. If you are interested in making a gift, please call our Development Office at (414) 220-3250.

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- **JULY 31st** – “Sing Me A Story” with Kay Stiefel and Jack Forbes Wilson
- **AUGUST 7th** – The Shinigans Irish Folk Band
- **AUGUST 21st** - Swing Nouveau Band

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3rd: OKTOBERFEST**
Our 100 Year Anniversary celebration continues with a traditional Oktoberfest celebration, with polka music, German beer tastings and more! All are welcome – stay tuned for more details appearing soon on our website.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24th: FALL BAZAAR**
Please join us for our annual Fall Bazaar, featuring books, handmade crafts, household items, jewelry, baked goods and our famous Chili Lunch! For more information or to make a donation, please contact the Development Office at (414) 220-3250.

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