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A NOBLE NURSE

Dorothy May, born in a small town in Southwest Wisconsin, left her hometown to become a nurse. Little did she know that this career path would take her from Wisconsin, to California, Brazil and the Caribbean – and many places in between.

Dorothy grew up in Mineral Point, a historic town southwest of Madison. Her family was very large, as she was the sixth in a family of nine children. After graduating from high school, Dorothy moved to Milwaukee to attend St. Mary's School of Nursing.

Upon completion of nursing school, Dorothy wanted to join the service, so she enlisted in the Navy Nurse Corps during World War II. She was stationed as a nurse in Mare Island, California, which was the amputation center for the West Coast at that time. She served in California for more than two years, but she continued her service in the Navy reserves until her retirement, serving periodically in navy hospitals throughout the country, including Bethesda, Maryland; Pensacola, Florida; and the Great Lakes Naval Hospital. Throughout her service in the Navy, Dorothy met many interesting people and retired as a Navy Captain.

After she had completed her Navy service in California, Dorothy returned to Wisconsin and earned her Bachelor's Degree in nursing from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. She then taught nursing students at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, where she was employed for several years. During that time, Dorothy went back to school and received her Master's Degree in Nursing from Marquette University. A few years later, Dorothy accepted a position in public health with the Shorewood Health Department; in this

role she was responsible for school and community health programs. During her career, Dorothy was a member of the Governor's Committee for Children and Youth and was honored by the Wisconsin League of Nursing.

After retiring, Dorothy served as a volunteer nurse at St. Jude's Hospital in St. Lucia. She worked there for about 6 weeks at a time, for about two years. To honor all of her professional and volunteer achievements, Dorothy recently received the Distinguished Alumna in Nursing Award from Marquette University. The award was presented at a ceremony in April.

Throughout her life, Dorothy has always enjoyed traveling, and has visited locales such as China, India, Russia and South America. On her trip to South America, Dorothy included stops in Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Brazil. In Brazil she visited a friend she had met while they both lived in Madison. Dorothy was a bridesmaid in her wedding, and they still keep in touch to this day!

Dorothy was a longtime resident of Shorewood and a member of St. Robert's Catholic Church. Two of her sisters, as well as her niece, live in the Milwaukee area, and Dorothy is happy she is able to see them often. About one year ago she moved to Milwaukee Catholic Home to simplify her life.

At MCH Dorothy enjoys participating in the MCH Choir and attending music programs like Patio Pops and lectures such as the Lifelong Learning series. With all of her education, experiences and awards, we could probably learn a few things from her as well!



Dorothy May



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Paul Connolly,
Executive Director

Milwaukee Catholic Home recently underwent a thorough strategic planning process. Through strategic planning, a group of the organization's leaders attempt to define its direction and strategy for the future. At MCH, the strategic planning group consisted of board and staff members, who were led by a moderator.

Throughout the process the organization assesses its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats using a SWOT analysis. Taking into account the SWOT analysis, the organization devises its mission and vision for the future.

MCH's leaders decided to slightly modify its mission statement to read, "In an environment of Christian love and service, Milwaukee Catholic Home is a continuing care retirement community that provides older adults with an array of residential, healthcare, and spiritual services, respecting dignity, independence and individuality." This mission statement defines the essence of what MCH stands for.

The key values that Milwaukee Catholic Home will center on are: compassion, excellence, integrity, benevolence and stewardship. These values, along with a new vision statement and strategic goals, will guide management decisions as the organization looks to the future.

MCH's strategic goals are to:

- Run its core operation to maximize resident satisfaction and financial viability.
- Develop, retain, and recruit the most qualified people to ensure organizational and individual success.
- Adapt, diversify, and expand its service offerings and markets.
- Expand fundraising to compliment all strategic goals and objectives and grow our benevolent efforts.
- Implement a rigorous strategic management process through a partnership with the Board of Directors, Management and Staff.
- Expand beneficial strategic partnerships.

Milwaukee Catholic Home has enjoyed 95 successful years of serving seniors and their families in the community. With its leaders guided by the vision, mission, values and goals set forth during strategic planning, MCH will be in a great position to thrive for many years to come.

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—MCH MISSION STATEMENT

MCH CELEBRATES 95 YEARS OF SERVICE



Fr. Tim Kitzke and Carl Muenzner

This year marks the 95th anniversary of Milwaukee Catholic Home. To celebrate the occasion, MCH held a commemorative mass, followed by a luau on the patio of The Residence.

The evening began with a mass that was concelebrated by Archbishop Timothy Dolan, Bishop William Callahan, Monsignor John Donovan, Fr. Tim Kitzke, and Fr. Charles Keefe. The mass included a performance by the Milwaukee Catholic Home choir, comprised of residents and staff members. Following the service, MCH Executive Director Paul Connolly presented highlights from the organization's vast history.

At the conclusion of mass, MCH residents, board members, donors, staff and guests enjoyed a cocktail hour, followed by a luau; tiki torches and palm trees set the atmosphere on the patio. Throughout the cocktail hour, attendees were entertained by steel drum and guitar musicians, who enhanced the setting of the tropical celebration. The expansive buffet dinner included a pig roast, shrimp and a variety of tropical foods.



Former Board President Mike Benton celebrates with his mother, MCH resident Ellen Benton

Following dinner, Hawaiian dancers performed an interactive show, in which residents and staff members learned Hawaiian dances. The celebration was the perfect way to mark MCH's 95th anniversary and look ahead to great things to come in the future. Thank you for being a part of Milwaukee Catholic Home's success over the past 95 years!



Residents and staff learn a Hawaiian dance during the luau.

HERE COMES THE BRIDE!

BRIDAL FASHION SHOW FEATURES GOWNS SPANNING DECADES



Steve Kunkel and Natalie Schwobe

Milwaukee Catholic Home recently held a Wedding Fashion Show in the courtyard of the Health and Rehabilitation Center. Residents, their families and MCH employees donated their wedding gowns, while volunteers, family members and staff served as models, groomsmen and bridesmaids to walk down the aisle of the beautifully decorated courtyard. The show featured gowns spanning more than a century, from 1897 to the present; a string quartet provided beautiful background music throughout the program. The fashion show, organized and narrated by Bridget McNair, Director of Recreational Therapy, is intended to inspire the residents and bring about joyous memories of weddings they were a part of in the past. Following the fashion show,

residents savored wedding cake and punch. It was a beautiful day for a wedding!



Colleen Moran

WEDDING SHOWER SUPPORTS RESCUE MISSION

In conjunction with the Wedding Show, residents of The Residence held a wedding shower to benefit those less fortunate. Each resident who attended brought a typical wedding shower gift, and the gifts were donated to the Joy House of the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. Residents enjoyed cheesecake and assorted desserts, as well as champagne punch, while sharing memories of their own weddings. Harp music set the tone in the Solarium, which was decorated with photos from the residents' weddings. The residents loved seeing the photos of their friends from years ago!



"Bridesmaid" Maxine Gilboy and Inez Tamayo

PLAY BALL!

This summer the residents and staff of Milwaukee Catholic Home teamed up to participate in the Milwaukee Department of Recreation's Co-ed Adult Softball League. About 20 staff members from numerous departments throughout the organization played on the team, which was coached by three of MCH's independent living residents.

The MCH bus brought residents to several of the games, and when the bus was not available, the devoted fans carpooled to the park. They even brought their own food and refreshments to "tailgate" at the game! The MCH team had, by far, the most enthusiastic and numerous fans of any team in the league.

Participation on the softball team has served to boost morale amongst employees and promote positive relations between staff and residents. The team members – and their fans – look forward to another successful season next summer!



The MCH softball team and resident coaches

A NEW TAKE ON OLD FAVORITES



MCH residents have recently been learning to play some of their favorite sports without picking up a bowling ball, golf club or tennis racket. Thanks to generous donations, MCH residents are learning to play Nintendo Wii Sports. The video games, which replicate the actual sports through a video game system, require participants to imitate the physical actions of rolling a bowling ball or swinging a golf club, while holding just a small remote. Thus, residents can enjoy their favorite sports without the physical impact that often comes with them.

Wii is increasingly being used for therapeutic purposes, since it encourages hand-eye coordination and coordinated arm movements. Residents in all levels of Milwaukee Catholic Home are learning to play Wii Sports with the help of volunteers and Recreation Therapists. Some residents are even checking out the systems and playing the video games with their grandchildren, many of whom are Wii experts.

Bruce Best learns to play Wii Bowling



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Residents and their families, friends and guests are enjoying the seventh annual Patio Pops summer concert series. Concerts are held on The Residence Patio every other Wednesday evening through August. Patio Pops has something for every musical taste, as performances range from classical to cabaret to Celtic and more! Concert-goers enjoy wonderful music, camaraderie and refreshments in the beautiful setting of the Milwaukee Catholic Home patio. MCH would like to thank everyone who makes Patio Pops possible through donations to The Residence Fine Arts Fund.

SAVE THE DATE!

Milwaukee Catholic Home's Annual Fall Bazaar will be held on Thursday, October 23rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The bazaar features handmade ornaments and crafts, books, household items and accessories, jewelry and baked goods. For more information or to make a donation, please contact the Development Office at 414-224-9700.



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