

**A Hello From Herb - Our President & CEO,
 Rev. Herb Taylor**



Through this time of economic uncertainty and transition for our nation, Deaconess Abundant Life Communities continues to be focused on providing high quality service and needed care. The Deaconess is blessed with a heritage and history as a community-focused, mission-driven not-for-profit which for 120 years has steadfastly committed itself to responding to the changing needs of older adults. Therefore, you will see in this newsletter stories of new beginnings, wonderful programs, lives being made better and much more.

The Deaconess is ready and able to respond to whatever challenge might lie ahead. We have always been about offering comfort and security to people in difficult times, about providing predictability for people in the midst of transitions, about going above and beyond the call of duty to ensure people are provided care with dignity and respect and about offering affordable alternatives for people with differing financial means, and the Deaconess looks forward to continuing its mission. This is the way it has been for 120 years and this is the way it will be for the next 120 years as well. With the support of people like you, we will stand strong in our service to others.

It is our pleasure to share with you the exciting news of Deaconess Abundant Life Communities. I hope you sense and see in these words and pictures the difference the Deaconess mission makes in the lives of the people we serve. Thank you for your interest and involvement in the Deaconess and for the ways you help us to help others! 🌿



Seashore Point Grand Opening Celebration

On September 12, 2008, the efforts of an entire community culminated in the Grand Opening Celebration of **Seashore Point in Provincetown**, Deaconess Abundant Life Communities' newest addition, with a crowd of over 100 people. This new continuing care community designed for people over the age of 55 encompasses a new nursing home, which replaces the old facility previously owned by the town of Provincetown, as well as 43 new apartment homes and lovely common areas. **Seashore Point** is the only community of this type within 30 miles, and its new rehabilitation center will serve the general population of the outer Cape, eliminating the necessity of a long commute to obtain recuperative rehabilitation.



Grand Opening festivities kicked off with a luncheon for the Provincetown Community, and a ceremony that included a dedication blessing by Father Dahl, Pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church, a vocal performance of "America the Beautiful" by Denise Parks of the Provincetown Police Department and tributes and proclamations by Michele Couture, Provincetown selectman, Sharon Lynn, town manager, and Marilyn Downey, past and present board member. Representing the Portuguese Festival Committee, Susan Avellar presented an art piece from the Hebert Foundation. The festivities concluded with a ribbon cutting. The celebration continued throughout the day with an ice cream social and a live performance of the songs and music of Patsy Cline.

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Grand Opening, cont.

When asked what moving into Seashore Point meant for them, several residents replied, “New beginnings...new friendships...new adventures.”



Apartments are now available for occupancy. A second phase will offer underground parking, a fitness center and 37 new apartment homes, some featuring balconies.

For more information and to make a reservation, call Sylvia at 408-487-0771 or visit us on the web at seashorepoint.org. 🌿

Deaconess Abundant Life Communities Welcomes New Leadership

Steve Colarusso, Executive Director, Seashore Point

Steve attended Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. Steve relocated to Cape Cod in his final year of college and has been part of the community for the past 22



years. His professional career began in hospitality management within the hotel and restaurant arena. He became interested in healthcare and was employed as a nutritional services director for many years before transitioning into the role of an executive director for Kindred Healthcare. Steve accepted the position of executive director with a plan of combining his experiences within the hospitality and healthcare fields to provide a customer driven experience for the community at Seashore Point.

Chris Sintros, Executive Director, Concord Community



Chris holds a Bachelor of Science degree from College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA, and a Master's of Science degree in Gerontological Studies from Miami University, Oxford, OH. He comes to Deaconess Abundant Life Communities after eight years with a senior services

organization that included roles as Administrator / Executive Director in skilled nursing and assisted living environments. He and his wife, Erin, are expecting their first child in November. 🌿

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES:

A Gift That Benefits the Recipient AND the Giver

Whether earmarked for a specific purpose or for general support, *private generosity* plays a key role in the mission of Deaconess Abundant Life Communities. It helps us offer essential services that are not revenue generators, bridge the gap between costs and what the government supports, keep care affordable, provide opportunities for spiritual growth, assist residents experiencing financial hardship and weather economic downturns. One way of supporting the mission of the Deaconess is through a *charitable gift annuity*.

A **charitable gift annuity** allows you to support Deaconess Abundant Life Communities while benefiting from one or more of the following:

- ⇒ Guaranteed lifetime income
- ⇒ Management of assets
- ⇒ Combined income, capital gain and estate tax savings
- ⇒ Fund Long-Term Care insurance
- ⇒ Establishment of an education fund

A gift annuity can be created with a minimum of effort. If you are interested in learning more about how to increase your income with a gift annuity, please call Dorene Glynn, director of development, at (978) 369-5151 ext. 370 for more information on current benefits and next steps on creating your own gift annuity. 🌿

Zimbabwe Youth Chorus performs for the Deaconess' Concord Community

Zimbabwe's Watershed College boarding school's Youth Choir performed to a standing-room-only crowd in the Morrison Theatre at Newbury Court in the final days of their four-week American tour in September. Rev. Tsitsi Moyo, a Zimbabwe native and minister of South Walpole United Methodist Church, arranged the trip for the 23-member choir and their chaperones. The teens, ages 12 to 18, entertained the Deaconess residents with an exciting performance that included Christian and folk songs in English and the Zimbabwean language, Shona, African instruments and dance. 🌿



The Deaconess' Concord Community – An Artists' Community

In the mid-nineteenth century, Concord was known as the center of the country's literary renaissance and home to some of the nation's most influential writers including Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, Louisa May Alcott and Nathaniel Hawthorne. To this day signs of their influence remain and Concord continues to be a community of cultural and artistic abundance.

That artistic abundance is alive and well in all our Deaconess Abundant Life Communities, but nowhere is it more evident than at Newbury Court and Newbury Commons in our Concord community. We can count among our residents writers, poets, musicians, photographers, gardeners, quilters and, most notably, painters.



Over the past several months two art exhibits in the Main Lobby of **Newbury Commons** featured paintings of residents Miriam Korhonen Thoresen and Margaret Coffey.

Miriam's love for painting began when she was a child, and after an interruption in her art studies to raise a family and pursue her career, she is once again painting. Her exhibit was a retrospective with scenes of New England, Europe and Finland – the land of her ancestors. Margaret took her first painting class at age 52 and resumed painting after moving to the Deaconess six years ago. At the age of 96 she recently learned to create opaque colors, mixing two or three colors in each deliberate stroke. She is currently envisioning her next piece.

An annual highlight in a full calendar of art exhibits at **Newbury Court** is the annual Residents' Art Exhibit. Seventeen painters – both current residents and future residents – contribute pieces for a 30-painting exhibit in any medium. Husband and wife, Bill and Eleanor Malcom, began painting later in life – Eleanor at 65 and Bill at 75. They both view their painting in water colors as a way of remaining active and creative and moving forward in a meaningful way. As more physical hobbies and interests have been relegated to a younger past, painting has become their new passion for a future without limits. In fact, the belief that developing new skills in later life may slow down the aging process is endorsed by research, according to Barbara Willson, the geriatric nurse working with residents at the Deaconess.

The next Residents' Art Exhibit is scheduled for February 2009. In addition to this full exhibit, a small collection of art owned or created by a resident is featured




An Artists' Community, cont.

for a short period between scheduled exhibits throughout the year. One recent exhibit featured art created by residents in **The Gardens Alzheimer and Memory Support Community** – both works created before their struggle with memory impairment and current artistic expressions.

Residents of Newbury Commons gather for on-going opportunities to express themselves artistically in Studio 253, a designated artists' space for both the creation and exhibition of art. Residents of Newbury Court are currently making plans for the creation of a space that will allow them a place to paint, draw, sculpt, share resources, participate in demonstrations and exhibit additional art.



All art exhibits are open to the public. For more information on exhibit locations and dates, contact Dorene Glynn at 978-369-5151 ext 370. 

Playing With a Purpose

Thanks to the leadership of tournament sponsors Delphi Construction, EGA Architects and Howes Corporation/F.W. Webb Corporation and numerous other sponsors and golfers, it has been a full golf season for Deaconess Abundant Life Communities. The fifth annual golf event for Deaconess was held on August 25 at Sterling National Country Club. This sold-out event brought over 150 golfers out for a game to benefit The Gardens Alzheimer's and Memory Support Community.

Holding inaugural golf events in their own communities this year, **Rockridge Retirement Community** hosted an event at the Tekoa Country Club on July 18 to benefit The Gardens Alzheimer and Memory Support Community in Rockridge, and **Seashore Point** hosted an event at Chequessett Yacht and Country Club on October 16 to benefit the residents of the Seashore Point Wellness Center.

These three events raised over \$100,000 to help provide direct care and services to residents of these memory support and nursing care programs. On behalf of those we serve at the Deaconess.... thanks to all who supported these events through your sponsorship, participation or donations to our auction/raffle! 




The Mission of Affordable Housing Continues

From its inception on November 1, 1889, as the New England Deaconess Home and Training School, the Deaconess has been guided by a mission to provide homes to those needing “refuge, care and shelter.” This mission continues to guide the Deaconess today with a strong commitment to provide affordable housing options in each of the Deaconess Communities. Over 130 people (more than 30%) of our population are a part of affordable programs. This affordable care and services costs the Deaconess approximately \$3 million each year to provide.


The Chamberlin Apartments, constructed in 1967 on our Concord campus, provided the first 12 units of affordable independent living housing – most to retired Methodist ministers and their spouses. Twelve additional affordable units are now occupied at Newbury Commons. In the newly completed Phase I of the Seashore Point Community, 28 of 41 residents in the Wellness Center receive subsidized care, and there are 7 affordable independent living units with two more on line in Phase II. The Groves at Lincoln, currently under construction, will provide 30 units of independent living affordable units.

As a mission-driven organization, Deaconess Abundant Life Communities is the only continuing care retirement community in our area that offers an affordable housing option. No entry fee is required on an affordable unit and eligibility is based on the applicant’s total assets and yearly income level. The affordable housing options at Deaconess are primarily supported by the generous donations of individuals, churches and private organizations.

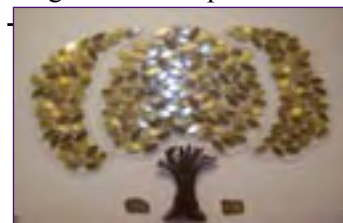
For more information on affordable housing options at the Deaconess, contact Sharon Buerhle at 978-369-5151, ext. 308. 

A Special Gift

Looking for a significant way to commemorate a special person in your life? Deaconess Abundant Life Communities now has Giving Trees at our **Concord, Rockridge** and **Seashore Point** communities. With a Giving Tree gift a brass leaf will be placed upon the tree in memory of a loved one, to honor the service of a special person or in celebration of a special occasion such as an anniversary, graduation or wedding. Gifts may also be designated for a specific use.

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Yes, I would like to honor a special person through the **Giving Tree!**

Enclosed is my contribution of _____ \$750 (Concord)
_____ \$500 (Rockridge, Seashore Point)



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If you would like us to send notification of this memorial or honor gift to anyone, please give us their name and address. Please make checks payable to the New England Deaconess Association (Concord and Northampton) or Seashore Point-Deaconess, Inc. (Provincetown). Contributions are tax deductible. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Project Updates

The Groves in Lincoln continues with construction and has made fabulous progress over the summer. Prospects and depositors can tour the main building with our marketing team and get a real feel for the view out the windows and size of their new home. A model cottage home is available to view as well, and right now you can actually walk through one as it nears completion. The main building has fewer than 20 suites available and cottages are going quickly. For more information call us at 781-259-0800 or visit us on the web at www.grovesinlincoln.org.

Wesley Woods still has homes available for immediate occupancy - lovely, spacious homes, some with basements and decks. For information, call us at 603-528-2555 or visit us on the web at wesleywoodsnh.org.

Parkview on the Fells continues its pre-sales efforts as we move closer to financing and the start of construction. The site of the old Malden Hospital will be transformed into a beautiful new community with views of the Boston Skyline. For more information, visit us on the web at parkviewonthefells.org or call 781-333-3081.



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