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**April 2010**



**Department Heads**

**Julie Logan, Administrator**

**Becky Pearce, RN, Clinical Director**

**Lu Franseen, LPN, MDS /Care Plan Coordinator**

**Sue Reitz, LPN, Restorative Director**

**Karen Grover, LPN, New Beginnings Director**

**Thomas Motley, Medical Records, Central Supply**

**Nakia Johnson, Concierge Director**

**Steve Pahnke, Certified Dietary manager**

**Angel Rach, Social Services Director**

**Janice Clinton, Activity Director**

**Sue Ferris, RN, MSW, Community Marketing Director**

**Alicia Torrez, Business Office Manager**

**Paul Pearce, Maintenance Director**

**Mike Carlson, Housekeeping/Laundry Manager**

Spring Greetings!!!

April showers bring May flowers but I will be happy to see the sunshine again. Please forgive our dust as we prepare to fully sprinker our building and add the final touches to our newly expanded "New Beginnings" neighborhood.

If you did not get a chance to join us for our St. Patrick's Day party, I would encourage you to plan on being here for our next special event. It is a joy for us to watch our residents having fun dancing or singing and their guests have as much fun! Watch our flyers for National Nursing Home Week special events coming in May.

I would like to offer a special Thank You to all of our volunteers here at Amberwood. From our many churches and gospel groups, to the individuals that visit the residents one to one- whether it is crafters or Bingo or Texas Hold 'em players- our residents' lives are enhanced by the services they provide. They are truly angels here on earth.

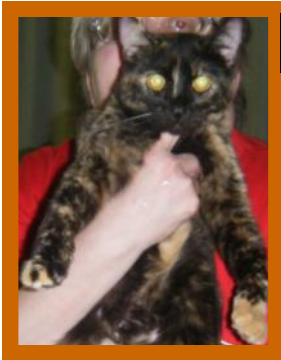
Regards,

Julie Logan, Administrator

On March 10 Rebecca Kreger received the Jennifer Carlson Scholarship at an awards breakfast in Belvidere. The scholarship is awarded to single moms who are attending school and working toward a degree. Jennifer Carlson was killed in a fire in Chicago just two weeks before she was to graduate as a medical massage therapist. Her parents, Mike and Barbara Carlson, established the scholarship fund to assist moms in a similar educational situation. Each year a benefit is held to raise money to fund this memorial tribute. Rebecca is employed at Amberwood. Congratulations Rebecca!



Rebecca and daughter, Maryisa



< Jasmine reluctantly posing

You may have seen this adorable little kitty at Amberwood. She is Jasmine, our new resident. Still quite shy, she is adapting quickly and is a welcome addition. Thank you Petland!

### April Birthdays

Lawrence M., April 5

Jerome M., April 7

Bernice W., April 15

Robert C., April 21

Ruby S., April 23

Anna H., April 24

Patricia T., April 27

Eugene J., April 27



Becky looks on as Karen speaks to the senior group at Christ Methodist Church.

### National Nursing Home Week, May 9-15, 2010

Beginning on Mother's Day Amberwood will celebrate National Nursing Home Week. This year's theme is "Enriching Every Day" chosen to honor those who are adding value to life and overcoming many of the infirmities of age and disability. Watch for programs and activities as we prepare for this special week.

Nurses Becky, Karen, and Sue have been presenting health and wellness programs to senior groups in our area. The primary focus has been memory loss and related topics. Contact Amberwood if you or your group is interested in booking a program. We bring treats and sometimes we even have a prize drawing!



## News from New Beginnings



**Alzheimer 's Association Greater Illinois Chapter Presents:  
2010 Northern Illinois Family Forum  
Half-Day Event for Families Affected by Memory Loss  
Saturday April 24, 2010 8 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Clock Tower Resort Wallingford Center  
25.00 per person**

Amberwood Care Center is a premier sponsor of this event. Programs include: current research and emerging trends in treatment of Alzheimer 's and related dementias, help for caregivers in negotiating difficult circumstances in order to relieve stress and maintain important relationships with those with memory loss, and more. Also featured are door prizes and a resource fair. Contact Karen in New Beginnings , Julie , or Becky. You may also contact Amberwood front desk for more information.



On May 11, 2010, Amberwood 's New Beginnings will host a Family Open House from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. We invite families of New Beginnings residents and other Amberwood dementia residents to join us for refreshments and informal discussions related to issues of memory loss.  
*Please RSVP to Karen in New Beginnings.*



Rena Berry is an Amberwood volunteer. Originally she became involved as part of an English class project. She graduated from Christian Life High School and is studying at Rock Valley College to be a medical assistant. In addition Rena is a licensed cosmetologist employed at a local salon. A busy lady, Rena has been employed at Highlander since the age of 16. Rena says she really enjoys interacting with the residents and plans to continue as a volunteer. Thanks Rena!



The St. Patrick 's Day Dance was a great time for everyone! There was dancing and singing and lots of great treats and prizes! A big thank you to Heartland Hospice, Passages Hospice and Able Home Health for their contributions of treats and participation. Everyone enjoyed themselves!

National Volunteer Week April 18-24 We salute our volunteers!!