

# OUR GIVING TREE



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## A Peaceful, Outdoor Retreat

### EVERGREEN RESIDENTS NOW ENJOYING NEW PATIO

This year's beautiful fall season was especially spectacular for the residents, patients and staff at Evergreen Health Care Center (EHCC), thanks to the facility's newly renovated outdoor patio. This special area, which features a gazebo, reflection pond, benches, birdhouses and more, was dedicated in September and is the result of a successful fundraising effort known as the *Reflections of Life* Campaign. Over the course of the past year, this campaign, which initially sought to raise \$15,000, went above and beyond its goal and raised \$23,000 toward the patio renovations.

Of the funds raised by the *Reflections of Life* Campaign, \$10,000 came from EHCC employees, while another \$10,000 came from past donors, residents' families, memorial gifts and local businesses. The remaining \$3,000 was donated in the form of time and materials by All-Phase Enterprises, which excavated the patio area and



poured the concrete, and by Rosewood Restorations, which created the reflection pond. Fran Winckle, the daughter of one EHCC resident, also donated her

time and talents to research handicap accessibility and to help design a garden that could be enjoyed by all residents, regardless of physical ability.



With all its natural beauty, the patio is a wonderful complement to EHCC's elegant interior. For years, the facility has enjoyed a reputation of being one of the most lovely nursing care facilities in eastern and north central Connecticut. The patio is located behind EHCC, outside the facility's interfaith chapel. Exquisite stained glass windows serve as a perfect backdrop for this peaceful retreat. ■

## Hospice Appeal Takes on New Dimension

*Tickets Now Available for Holiday Home Tour*

Home & Community Health Services, Inc., Johnson Health Network's visiting nurse agency, will add a new dimension to its Annual *Hospice Tree of Life* Appeal during the 2002 holiday season. Working in collaboration with Johnson Development Fund, Inc., the agency will sponsor a home tour in Somers on **Saturday, December 7**, from 1 to 6 p.m. The snow date is Sunday, December 8. Homes on tour will include those owned by the Antonacci, Landberg, Palermo, and Tingley families. In addition, the tour will also include visits to the Lindy Farms Show Barn, Somers

Day Spa, The Grammar School at Somersville, and the Old Mill Inn.

Tickets for the Holiday Home Tour are just \$20. They are available within the community at Alexander's Florist, Somers Day Spa, Benedetto's Florist, Colonial Flower Shoppe, The Country Diner, Kiddly Winks, La Petite France, Home & Community Health Services, Inc., and Johnson Development Fund, Inc. They are also available through the following committee members: **Franny Antonacci, Amy Howard, Diane Lerz, Mary Ann Olsen, Susan Olsen**, and Chairperson **Vicki Palermo** of Somers;

**Lynn Landberg** of Enfield; and **Chris Casey** and **Diane Perko** of Johnson Development Fund, Inc.

Several other holiday activities will also benefit the *Hospice Tree of Life* Appeal. As in the past, evergreens bearing tiny white lights lit by the generosity of those wishing to memorialize or honor past or present hospice patients will cast a warm glow in four local communities and in the hearts of many. The trees will be seen at the West Stafford Fire Department, on Main Street in Somers, on the Enfield Town Green, and at the Union Town Hall. A special

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It's All in a Name...

# 1912 Society

Reflects 90-Year Tradition of Generosity

Johnson Health Network's newly created donor society has officially been named the "1912 Society." As you may know, 1912 is the year in which Johnson Memorial Hospital originally opened its doors to the community, thanks to the generosity of Cyril and Julia C. Johnson. It's an appropriate title, especially considering that 2002 marks the 90th anniversary of this momentous occasion. In the years since 1912, the Hospital and its subsidiaries have relied upon the support of surrounding communities to help continuously expand and enhance their services.

The 1912 Society consists of those individuals

and businesses that give \$1,000 or more to the members of Johnson Health Network within a calendar year. While this does not include event fees or sponsorships, it can be a combination of donations to any JHN subsidiary. In addition to enjoying the tax advantages associated with donating to a non-profit organization, members of the 1912 Society enjoy many special privileges and benefits extended to them by JHN.

For more information about the 1912 Society, please call Chris Casey, Director of Johnson Development Fund, Inc., at (860) 684-8109 or (860) 749-2201, extension 8109.

## JHN Emerges as True Tournament Winner



More than 175 golfers turned out to enjoy a fun and relaxing day on the greens during Johnson Health Network's 21st Annual Benefit Golf Tournament, held in August at Elmcrest Country Club in East Longmeadow, MA. Winners of the Tournament were **Rich Tkacz, Carolyn Tkacz, Bill Slattery** and **Steve Merone**, with the mixed-team low gross score; **Doug Benedetto, Lou Bolella, Sean Daigle** and **Dave Peterson**, with the low gross score; and **Stephen Mann, Kevin McCadden, Sean Murphy** and **Jeffrey Vincequire**, with the low net score.

While these individuals may have taken home the titles of champion this year, the real winner of the day was Johnson Health Network. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors and the participation of golfers, the Tournament raised \$54,000 toward Phoenix Community Cancer Center and the refurbishing of patient rooms in Johnson Memorial Hospital's Medical/Surgical Unit.

## Cheers to a Successful Wine Tasting!

Approximately 75 guests turned out to enjoy an evening of fine wine, hors d'oeuvres and delectable desserts at Phoenix Community Cancer Center's Wine Tasting, held in early October at PCCC. This first-time event raised \$3,000 toward cancer education and programming. Sponsors included **Caravelle Wine Selections**, who donated the wonderful wine, as well as **Allied Community Services; Community CancerCare/NRRON, Inc.; Fallon, Shea, Tartsinis & Kissel, LLC; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Frassinelli, Sr.; Hartford Radiation Oncology Associates; Miller Oil Co.; North Central CT Oncology Hematology; Stafford Savings Bank; and Whittlesey & Hadley, P.C.**

The Wine Tasting Committee consisted of **Reanne Burke** of North Central CT Oncology Hematology; **Linda DeGray** of the Phoenix Community Cancer Center Advisory Board; **Frances Friend** of Northeast Regional Radiation Oncology Network; **Peter Kuzmickas** of Johnson Health Network/Northeast Regional Radiation Oncology Network; **Holly Phaneuf** of Northeast Regional Radiation Oncology Network; **Maria Frassinelli Sierra** of Phoenix Community Cancer Center; and **Chris Casey** and **Diane Perko** of Johnson Development Fund, Inc., through which the event was coordinated.



Guests at Phoenix Community Cancer Center's Wine Tasting enjoyed sampling fine wines from around the globe as they mingled with friends.

## Hospice Appeal Takes on New Dimension

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tree-lighting ceremony will take place on the Enfield Town Green on **Sunday, December 8.**

Other activities to benefit the *Hospice Tree of Life* Appeal will include the sale of hospice ornaments at Johnson Development Fund, Inc., in Stafford, and at Home & Community Health Services, Inc., and Westfield Shoppingtown, both in Enfield. In addition, volunteers will be wrapping gifts at Westfield Shoppingtown and at Barnes & Noble, also in Enfield.

If you would like more information about the *Hospice Tree of Life* Appeal or would like to purchase tickets to the upcoming Holiday Home Tour, please call Johnson Development Fund, Inc., at **(860) 684-8109 or (860) 749-2201, extension 8109.** To make a donation in support of hospice care services, please make your check payable to "Johnson Development Fund, Inc." and mail it to Home & Community Health Services, Inc., P.O. Box 906, Enfield, CT 06083-0906. Gifts can be made in memory or in honor of a friend or loved one and will be acknowledged in the spring issue of *Our Giving Tree* and in Home & Community Health Services Inc.'s *Homefront* newsletter. Donors may also request to have a note acknowledging their gift sent to appropriate family members or other individuals.



# Special People for a Special Cause

An enthusiastic crowd turned out to participate in Johnson Health Network's Annual *A Reason for HOPE* Walk/Run for Cancer in September. The event was a major success, raising more than \$12,000 for Phoenix Community Cancer Center (PCCC).

While many walkers in the event raised generous contributions for their participation, **Dick Cressotti** of Enfield won the prize for the most donations. He raised a total of \$2,020, for which he was awarded a pair of round-trip airline tickets courtesy of Continental Airlines. Dick, himself a cancer survivor, is an instrumental member of the Cancer Walk Committee. He got to PCCC at 5:30 a.m. on the morning of the event in order to ensure that everything was set up by the time walkers began arriving. Despite all his hard work, he had plenty of energy left when it came time to walk.

The second and third-place fundraisers were Enfield residents **Anne Smith** and **Stephanie Stauble**, respectively. Anne raised a total of \$1,008. Her commitment to Johnson Health Network extends beyond participation in this event. She is employed by Home & Community Health Services and was born at the original Johnson Memorial Hospital on East Street in Stafford. Stephanie, an eight-year-old student at St. Bernard's School, raised \$600. She walks in the event every year with her mom, Marlene, who works at the North Central CT Oncology Hematology practice located within PCCC. This year, she walked in honor of her grandmother, Gigi, who has been diagnosed with cancer.



WFSB Channel 3 Reporter Kara Sundlun (left) and Lieutenant Governor Jodie Rell served as honorary chairpersons of the A Reason for HOPE Walk/Run for Cancer. They are shown above in front of the Connecticut Department of Corrections Honor Guard Bagpipe and Drum Band, which led participants as they started out on the 5K walk.

The first-place man and woman in the timed 5K run, which followed the walk portion of the event, were **Bill Brosmith** of West Hartford and **Donna Kay-Ness** of Enfield. All of the runners put their best foot forward for a great race.

**American Medical Response, Continental Airlines, Dzen Brothers, The Phoenix Companies, Rockville Bank and Southern New England Ice & Oil** served as sponsors of this year's *A Reason for HOPE* Walk/Run for Cancer. Committee members who organized the event included the following community residents: **Kim Griffin** of Broad Brook; **David**



Johnson Health Network President and CEO Alfred A. Lerz was grateful to ALL of the participants in the A Reason for HOPE Walk/Run for Cancer, but he was especially appreciative of the efforts of the top three fundraisers. Shown above, left to right, are Mr. Lerz, Anne Smith, Stephanie Stauble, and Dick Cressotti.

**Gauthier** of Ellington; **Ray Aiken, Linda Aiken** and **Richard Cressotti** of Enfield; and **Pat Bachetti, Vicki Palermo** and **Cathi Smith** of Somers. In addition, the following business and corporate representatives also served on the committee: **Brenda Sommers** of Allied Printers; **Joanne Kane** of Asnuntuck Community Technical College; **Debbie French** of Fleet Bank; **Chris Cagenello, Jim Callahan, Gerry D'Agostino, Donna Hall, Pat Madott, Lori Parsons, Connie Provencher** and **Tina Muzzy** of The Phoenix Companies; and **Chris Casey** and **Diane Perko** of Johnson Development Fund, Inc. 🍎

## An Appeal Update

*Fresh Spaces for Comfortable Care*, Johnson Memorial Hospital's current giving appeal, continues to raise funds for the refurbishing of patient rooms in the Hospital's Medical/Surgical Unit. As of this printing, more than \$264,000 had been raised toward this exciting effort, and the refurbishing project was nearly half complete. The renovated rooms have had a major impact on patient comfort. In fact, many physicians are requesting that patients in need of hospital admission be placed in these rooms.

In addition to cosmetic changes such as fresh paint, wallpaper and window treatments, the renovated rooms feature state-of-the-art hospital beds, a new nurse call system, modern lighting, visitor chairs, recliners, bedside cabinets, over-bed tables, transfer devices, shelving units and more. All of the equipment is provided by Hill-Rom Company, the world's leading manufacturer of patient-care products.

If you would like more information or would like to make a gift to the *Fresh Spaces for Comfortable Care* Giving Appeal, please call Johnson Development Fund, Inc., at (860) 684-8109 or (860) 749-2201, extension 8109. 🍎



## Not Too Late for Year-End Giving

It's not too late to enjoy the tax benefits of making a charitable gift in 2002. Your year-end gift could significantly reduce your taxes, while providing meaningful support to Johnson Health Network. Whatever your income, if you itemize, you can almost always lower your income taxes through charitable giving. Gifts can be made in the form of cash or stock. Be sure to discuss this option with your accountant or other professional advisor.

For more information about charitable giving within Johnson Health Network, please call Chris Casey at (860) 684-8109 or (860) 749-2201, extension 8109. 🍎



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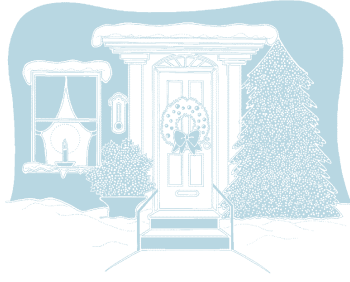
### Holiday Boutique

The Johnson Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will host its Annual Holiday Boutique and Bake Sale on **Friday, December 6**, from 9 to 2 p.m. in the Hospital's Lobby. Proceeds will benefit the Auxiliary's pledge to provide new enhancements to Johnson Memorial Hospital's beautiful pediatric suites.



### Holiday Home Tour

A special holiday tour will take place at locations throughout the Town of Somers on **Saturday, December 7**, from 1 to 6 p.m. (snow date, Sunday, December 8). Proceeds will benefit Home & Community Health Services, Inc.'s *Hospice Tree of Life* Appeal. See details on page 1.



### Tree Lighting Ceremony

A tree lighting ceremony for Home & Community Health Services, Inc.'s *Hospice Tree of Life* Appeal will take place on the Enfield Town Green on **Sunday, December 8**, at approximately 6:30 p.m., following the Town's Annual Torchlight Parade and Carol sing.

### Gift Wrapping

Volunteers from Home & Community Health Services, Inc., will be on hand throughout the holiday season to wrap gifts at both **Westfield Shoppingtown** and **Barnes & Noble Bookstore**, both in Enfield. All donations received as a result of this service will benefit the agency's Hospice Care Program.



### Ninth Annual Spring Gala

Johnson Health Network's Ninth Annual Spring Gala will take place **Saturday, March 29, 2003**. For the first time, it will be held at the Hartford/Windsor Marriott on Day Hill Road in Windsor. Watch for details on this exciting black-tie affair in the months ahead.




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