



Joseph's Residence is Dedicated....

November 1, 2008

The more things change, the more they stay the same.... How true this is for Joseph's residence, Mercy Home's newest home. At the beginning of the 20th Century this very house was home to the nursery that was part of the original Mercy Home and a place where children in need of a home were brought. Today, adult men and women, who will create a home here, have welcomed friends and family who came to bless them and their new home.

Nadeige, Harry, Frances, Felix, Michael and Dexter proudly showed off their home on Taafee Place. They joined in the applause

that followed the naming of this home to honor Sr. Mary Joseph Lorigan, RSM, who has given years of service to Mercy Home and other ministries of the Sisters of Mercy. This home is adjacent to the garden at the Convent of Mercy and it was in this beautiful setting that Sr. Kay spoke of Sister Mary Joseph's life as a labor of love, from her teaching days to her co-founding of the group home at Jay Street and then to the years of volunteer service at CHIPS, a homeless center and at St. Rose's Home, a hospice in NYC and the Catholic Worker in the Bowery.

Joseph's residence and those who live there were beautifully blessed

by Fr. Michael Perry, a Mercy Home Board member. As guests toured the 2 apartments, all were pleased, not only with the sense of hominess but with the smiles of Mercy Home's newest residents. The sense of joy continued as everyone gathered around the feast fitting the kings and queens of this day. After everyone's digital camera memory cards were full of pictures, it was time to say goodbye and leave our newest residents to relax together after their first Mercy Home party. It is good to know that, in this home, the spirit of Mercy will continue well into the 21st Century!



Sr. Kay welcomes Sr. Joseph to the event.



Frances gives Gerard and Sr. Joseph a tour of her new home.



Sr. Joseph with family members Gerilyn, Wayne, Gerard and Diane.



Verna White, from the accounting department, poses with Sr. Joseph.



Paul, Nadeige, Felix and Dexter listen to Fr. Perry as he tells a short story.

Dancing With the “Mercy Stars”.....



Gene Skowronski from Sprint Recycling poses with Co Chairs— Steve Sonitis and Mike Carbone.



Committee Member Mike Romano and his wife Barbara cut a rug on the dance floor.

“Oldies Night” is a relatively new event for Mercy Home, but the 300 guests who enjoyed this splendid evening thought we were old hands at creating the 1950’ and 1960’s atmosphere that permeated the gathering at 101 River View in NYC.

Chaired by Mike Carbone, CEO of MJM Plumbing, and Steve Sonitis of Vornado Realty, the Committee truly outdid itself. First, they secured Vito Picone and the Elegants and The Teenag-

ers, to provide the music that had everyone up dancing and singing. With Ellen Carbone heading the decorating team they outdid themselves with the touches that helped everyone transport back in time to those 1950’s sock hops and school dances. To complete the ambience, David Turk and Indiana Catering provided a menu that featured everything from mom’s mashed potatoes to every kids favorite --- baked macaroni and cheese. Being able to take your picture with a 50’s or

60’s movie star rounded out this perfect night and we saw many camera flashes with Marilyn Monroe, James Dean and, of course Elvis.

This event was everything guests hoped for and Mercy Home is equally thankful to those who organized it so perfectly and to all those who came to support it.



Alice Keating, Joe Askin and Ellen Carbone enjoying the night.



Committee members enjoying the fruits of their labor!

Strategic Planning Grant helps guide Mercy Home’s Future...

In September 2008, Mercy Home launched a strategic plan with the help of a grant from the United Way of New York City. A planning committee was developed comprised of board and staff members who met five times over a period of two

months to discuss the mission and core values, define goals for residential and supportive programs, enhance goals for human resources, technology, fiscal management, fund raising and facilities management and review governance and

succession goals. The agency has articulated a Vision Statement based on the core values with an emphasis on “Life Skills...Lifelong.”

A special thanks to Alissa Baretta from the Non Profit

Connection for her guidance and board members Millie Shanley and Carmen Aquilone for volunteering their time to help complete the plan and move it forward.

Celebrating Direct Support Professionals Week...

Direct support professionals are those who bring to life Mercy Home’s mission to “assure the quality of life for persons with developmental challenges”. They come to work with smiles for “their” residents, provide quiet encouragement that spurs participants to try their best and they absolutely celebrate the successes and the efforts of those they serve.

So, when New York State and NYSACRA suggested that agencies initiate a special time to honor their work, Mercy Home re-

sponded with a luncheon in their honor.

Over 100 direct support professionals attended and were greeted and acclaimed by Sister Kay and Board Members. The Mercy Home band, Melodic Soul, added to the festivities with their fine tunes and rhythms and, of course, singled out many of the honorees who work with them at their band practices. It was a joyous event and one we hope each staff will long remember as “just for me”.



dePorres staff .



The staff at Santulli Residence.



The staff at Warren Residence.



Staff from the Main agency, Chrys and Frank residences.



Willie and the band belt one out for the staff!



Linda dedicates a song to our Direct Support Professionals.

And Away We Go.... "The Honeymooners" Perform at Mercy Home

October 22 marked a new event at Mercy Home, as some 200 guests at Gargiulo's Restaurant were re-introduced to the sights, sounds and skits of the 1950's TV show, the Honeymooners. The NY Dinner Theatre Co of Manhasset, NY presented the "Honeymooners". There were 2 acts, unfolding between tasty dinner courses, and guests were invited to participate in skits and trivia

contests. Several audience members were inducted into the "Racoon Lodge", with our very own Frantz chosen as the Grand High Exalted Mystic Ruler! Another group learned to dance the Hucklebuck with Ed Norton.

In addition to the fun, there were wonderful raffles, donated by IKEA, Fairway, 95.5 WPLJ radio, the SPA of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, Mercy Home's

Board and the Travers, Nolan, Hunt, Aquilone, Tufano, Casey, Crumlish and Keating families as well as our sponsors Adco Electric and Forest City Ratner. A special thanks to Gina Addeo from Adco Electric for underwriting the dinner portion of the event, and to Tom Tuffey from Forest City Ratner Companies for sponsoring the entertainment portion and to Committee members Carmen

Aquilone, Ann Dolan, Donna WhitefordCarmela Connolly, Tommi Murray and Rose and Bill Travers for their help. And, of course, Elsie Tweedy and Joann Miracolo created the most exquisite raffle baskets and prizes, once again.

Mercy Home thanks all those who donated, gave their time, and all our friends who attended and supported the event.



Frantz and Frank Keating and guests get inducted into the Racoon Lodge.



Gina Addeo of Adco Electric (left right) with her guests.



Bill Travers learns to do the Hucklebuck at the show.

Supportive Programs Grow...Something New..Something Old...

Mercy Home ushered in a new year for our adults and children's respite programs and for our Mercy Home-Mitsui & Co. Creative Arts center, the Gifted Artists Program and Melodic Soulour band. This September the doors opened to new members and their families with great anticipation! To date, 35 children, teens and

adults enjoy respite services, and 32 children participate in the Mercy Home-Mitsui & Co. Creative Arts Center.

And now...what's new! We have opened a second creative arts center at St. Joseph's College in Clinton Hill, Brooklyn, and named it the James P. Slattery (CPA) Center. To date we have 23

children with autism spectrum disorders and or a developmental challenge, enrolled in the program with a goal of providing services for a total of 50 children by year's end. Like the Mitsui Center, its offers music, art and dance therapies on 38 Saturday's throughout the school year. These early intervention programs have

proven successful for children in helping to develop social and attention skills.

Stay tuned for further news on these exciting programs.

Commemoratives July through October 2008

Memorials

Joseph Banovich
 Sr. Kay Crumlsh
 Michael DeGrottolo
 Mercy Home Staff
 Joann Miracolo
 Sr. Mary & Sr. Virginia
 Charlotta Small
 Gladys Santiago
 S. Caroline Tweedy
 J. Brennan
 Sr. M. dePorres
 John Casey's B.Day.
 Catherine, Eileen & Kay
 Crumlsh
 Sr. Patricia Conroy, RSM
 Srs. of Mercy-1st Fl.
 Srs. of Mercy -RH
 Sr. Caroline Tweedy
 Anne Crumlsh (1st Ann.)
 Catherine, Eileen & Kay
 Crumlsh
 Kevin Fogarty
 Carmen & Ed Aquilone
 Sr. Linda Esposito
 Randy Graeff
 Pearl Patterson
 Joseph Hayes
 Sr. Kay Crumlsh
 Mercy Home
 Mary King (Ann)
 Sr. Kay Crumlsh
 Gladys Labarbera
 M/M Joseph Riley
 James Lee
 Sr. M. dePorres
 Sean Maloney
 M/M Frank Sullivan
 Dan McCarthy
 Sr. Kay Crumlsh
 Mercy Home
 Richard Norman
 Sr. Kay Crumlsh, Mercy Home
 Sr. Caroline Tweedy
 Doris Odermott
 Pauline Blake
 Skippy Pryor
 Alice & Frank Keating
 Gene Rigant
 Ann & Gene Casey
 Mother of Mrs. Robert Rubin
 Judy & Armin Danter
 Richard Sheehan
 Cicely & Robert Michalk
 Louis Young
 M/M Gustavo Alford
 M/M Davod Bishop
 Marlon Boyce
 Barbara & Peter Callo- Okamoto
 M/M Andrew Chaglagian

Sr. Kay Crumlsh
 Cathy DePalma & Family
 M/M Richard Herder
 Joan Higgins
 Sr. Sharon Kelly
 M/M William Krant
 Betty & Dante Mancini
 Lisa Meehan
 Pam & Francis Meehan
 Ginette & Craig Morris
 Mr. Palladino & Family
 Nancy Rush
 M/M Laurence Schroder
 M/M Gerald Saloy
 Sr. Caroline Tweedy
 M/M Robert Wetzel
 David White
 Coleen Wolfred
 Dorothy Williams
 Doris & Jack Breza
 Sr. Kay Crumlsh
 Mercy Home
 Maryann Simon & Family
 Red Bank Area Chapter-
 SPCBSQSA
 Sr. Dolores Spinner
 Vintage Automobiles

Special Occasion

Birthday Wishes Lynn Baumgarten
 Sr. Barbara Faber
 Congratulations Sr. Mary Brenda
 M/M Timothy Carlin
 James Parkinson
 Loretta Sweeney
 Congratulations Brendan Dugan
 Carmen & Ed Aquilone
 Congratulations Sisters of Mercy Jubilarians
 Sr. Terry Agliardi
 Srs. Eileen Marie & Noel
 Sr. Sharon Kelly
 Srs. of Mercy-Covenant
 House
 Srs. of Mercy-RH
 Get Well Sr. Marie Carolyn
 Sr. M. dePorres
 In Celebration of the Feast of Our
 Lady of Mercy
 Carmen & Ed Aquilone
 In Honor of Sr. Frances Picone
 Tina Moore & Family
 In Honor of the dedication of Joseph's
 Residence
 Sr. M. dePorres
 In Honor of Patrick McAllen
 Sr. M. dePorres
 In Honor of Rose McGrath
 Sr. M. dePorres
 Wedding Anniversary Jeanne & Bob
 Marer
 Sr. Barbara Faber

In Memoriam

Dorothy Williams

With deep sadness Mercy Home announces the death of Dorothy Williams, age 95. Mrs. Williams was a former staff member at Mercy Home, Willoughby Avenue who worked as a nurse's aide in the residential treatment facility for 25 years until her retirement in 1987.

Ways to Help....

- ◆ If you shop on line during the holidays consider using the **Goodsearch.com** search engine. If you use this portal to shop at stores like the Gap, Banana Republic, Barnes and Noble, Staples, Best Buy and other top stores, the stores will donate anywhere from .5% to 5% to your charity. Go to www.Goodsearch.com for more information.
- ◆ **Re-Gift!** Did you get an unwanted gift card to a department store or boutique that you don't shop in? Consider donating it to someone at Mercy Home who might enjoy a shopping spree at that store.
- ◆ Use **Mercy Commemorative Cards** to remember someone's birthday, anniversary or special event. If you are getting married, consider making a donation to Mercy Home instead of favors. To see a list of Mercy Home's cards go to the website at www.mercyhomeny.org. or call us and we can print a special one just for you! Minimum donation per card is \$10.
- ◆ Be a **Secret Santa**. You can make someone's holiday special by becoming a Secret Santa. See the insert for details.
- ◆ Make an on-line contribution by visiting our website at www.mercyhomeny.org



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Family Day...Sharing the Fun...

Mercy Home held its Annual Family Spirit at the main agency this year and a record number of families , friends, board members and staff participated in the day long festival! A special thanks to Mary Morgan from Ludwig's catering and Phil Maguire from Majestic Foods for topping the day off with great food! An assortment of games and activities were available throughout the day with our good friend DOC Watt providing the music. As always, a good time was had by ALL!



Phil Maguire from Majestic Foods gets the hotdogs moving!



Millie Gioia and Bibi take to the dance floor.

Save the Date!

***Partners in Mercy Luncheon
honoring***

***Kathy & Ed Fallon
"Partners in Mercy"***

&

***Grace McLean
"Woman of Mercy"***

April 19, 2008

***Russo's on the Bay
12-5 pm***

***Golf Classic
Monday, August 3, 2009
Battleground CC
Tennent, NJ***