



Bringing Joy, Companionship and Quality of Life to Nursing Home Residents

# ONE TO ONE

The Key to Compassion

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## AR Nursing Homes

Alma Health & Rehab  
Ashton Place  
Chapel Ridge Nursing Home  
Covington Court H & R  
Crawford Health & Rehab  
Fianna Hills Nursing Home  
Golden Years Retirement  
Greenhurst Nursing Center  
Greenwood Retirement  
Legacy Health & Rehab  
Methodist Nursing Home  
Ozark Nursing Home  
Paris Health & Rehab  
Pinkbud Nursing Home  
Pointer Trail H&R  
Rich Mountain Nursing Home  
River Valley Health & Rehab  
St. Scholastica Infirmary  
Van Buren Health Care

## OK Nursing Homes

Medi-Home Arkoma  
Oaks Healthcare Poteau  
Sequoyah East Nursing Home



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## Fourth Annual Golf Tournament



## Susie Hood and Wanda Daniels Honored



*Gloria White Award*



*Sue Sherman Award*

## Abbie On The Go!



Abbie Taylor Cox, 2009

Every newsletter in the future will highlight one of our wonderful long-term facilities. I want to tell you about Greenhurst in Charleston.

Located on Highway 22, just after you pass through town, you will find the beautiful grounds of Greenhurst. On my first visit last year, I didn't find Kriss Schaffer, the Administrator, in his office but in the dining room visiting with the residents. This is a family-owned and operated facility and includes many employees who have been there ten years or more, which is a good indicator of quality. Maggie Schaffer served as Administrator for the first 16 years. Jonas Schaffer is Business Manager.

Last year when we were getting ready for Hearts of Gold, Dona Sosobee, Activity Director, called to tell me how the citizens of Charleston donated so many

items for the residents, there were just a few who needed gifts. We were able to provide the things needed. It was a joy to work with these wonderful, caring people.

I was surprised on my way out of the facility to see little dogs in everyone's laps and smiles everywhere. The local animal rescue group comes over to provide pet therapy on a regular basis. If you have ever wondered if that might be a good thing to do in your facility, I encourage you to check out pet therapy day at Greenhurst.

Smiles, laughter and incredible care are part of the norm at Greenhurst.

## Activities of Note



### **The Mayor's Birthday Brunch was a joyful event March 11.**

This was a wonderful celebration of the 38th year of Project Compassion's mission to bring one-to-one companionship to nursing home residents and the opportunity to present the Gloria White Community Angel Award to Susie Hood. Thank you, Mayor Baker for all that you do to support our work.

### **The United Way Day of Caring/Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon were both held on April 22.**

We honored Wanda Daniels as Volunteer of the Year. This was held in conjunction with the United Way Day of Caring, during which community volunteers visited nursing homes and provided services.

### **The Fourth Annual Project Compassion Golf Tournament was July 13 at Fianna Hills Country Club.**

The weather was hot but everyone had a good time. Medi-Home took first place again, so our traveling trophy is in Ark-homa again this year! Fianna Hills provided a round of golf to our winning team. Our "Friends of Project Compassion" Team (George McGill-Allstate) took second place and received golf balls from the Gold Nutt.

Paul Summerhill made the longest drive and received a driver, donated by Mark Buegler and a Golf USA gift card. Kevin Robinson received a golf gift basket, donated by Simmons First Bank for closest to the pin. Congratulations to all for such outstanding performances! First National Bank furnished lunch and we were able to nibble on brats and hamburgers all after-

noon.

Thank you to Mark Buegler, chair of the golf tournament for the third year, and to all of the teams and their sponsors. Thank you to all the donors and to Pat Fellner, Charlie Price, Sister Elise and, of course, Abbie, who was the wind beneath everyone's wings.

Fianna Hills Country Club and the golf course provided the perfect venue for the tournament. It was a fun, fun day!



## Project Compassion Officers and Board Members

Project Compassion Directors serve 3-year terms, without term limits.

Officers serve 2-year terms.

The Board meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 12 noon in Room 110 of St. Scholastica.

We do not meet in July or December.

### **Officers for 2009-2010**

Debbie Findley, President

Dr. Eric Stein, First Vice-President

Betty Coots, Second Vice-President

Sister Elise Forst, Secretary

Kris Hope, CPA, Treasurer

### **Other Board Members**

Dr. Calline Ellis Rep. Jim Medley

Pat Fellner Toni Holderfield

Sister Judith Marie Keith

Carmelita Adams Mark Buegler

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# Applause for Our Supporters

March 1, 2010—July 31, 2010



## Golf Tournament Teams

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Pinkbud Nursing Home  
Chapel Ridge Nursing Home  
Simmons First National Bank  
Medi-Home Arkoma  
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**Honor someone or remember someone with your gift to Project Compassion. When someone asks what you would like for a gift, ask them to make a donation to Project Compassion.**

**We are a 501 (c) 3 non-profit agency so your gifts are deductible.**

We have enclosed **an envelope for your donation.** Thank you for what you have done, for what you are doing and for what you will do

## Gloria White Community Angel Award

Susie Hood, of Charleston, received the 2010 Gloria White Community Angel Award. She was lauded for her community service and, especially, her work with the Greenhurst Family council at the Greenhurst Nursing Center in Charleston. Susie was unable to attend the Mayor's Birthday Celebration Luncheon so her plaque was presented to

her by Kriss Schaffer, Administrator of the Greenhurst Nursing Center. This award was created in memory of Gloria White, founder of Project Compassion in 1972, and is given to those who exemplify compassion for others and work tirelessly to meet the needs of others. Ms. Hood is the 18th person to receive this award since it was first given in 1992.

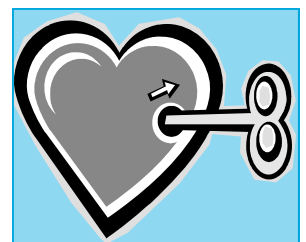
Past recipients are: Judge Warren Kimbrough, Mac McGehee, Mayor Ray Baker, Dr. Earl White, Dr. Sandi Sanders, Bill Beall, Polly Crews, Ed Dell Wortz, Rep. Jim Medley, Patricia Shaw, Paul Willis, Helen Francis, Shirley Rowe, Kathy Fuhrman, Nancy Zornes, Betty Stutts and Dr. Calline Ellis. Congratulations to you, Susie Hood!!

## Sue Sherman Memorial Award

Wanda Daniels was selected as the Project compassion Volunteer of the Year for 2009 and was given the Sue Sherman Award during the United Way Day of Caring and Volunteer Appreciation luncheon on April 22, 2010. Ms. Daniels is a regular, dedicated volunteer at Chapel Ridge,

formerly known as Medi-Home Fort Smith, where she has served tirelessly since 1980. Her 30 years of service are greatly appreciated by the residents and the staff. Ms. Daniels does whatever needs to be done to brighten the days of the residents and she can do that just by walking into the

room! Thank you, Ms. Daniels, for all that you do to bring joy, companionship, and quality of life to CR residents!





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### *Dates to Remember*

- August TBA Key Person Workshop
- September TBA Fund Raiser
- December 1 Hearts of Gold Open House
- December 1—20 Hearts of Gold Campaign
- December 14 Key Person Brunch and Marion Stephens Award

