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Steere House Employees Take On Electric Bed Initiative

As part of the 2013 Gifts From The Heart (GFTH) Campaign, many Steere House employees pledged a portion of their paychecks throughout the year to fund the purchase of the remaining electric beds needed to supply the entire facility. Prior to the start of the campaign, Steere House was well on its way with 98 electric beds already installed throughout our 120-bed facility. With only 22 beds left to replace, employees wanted to do their part to ensure that every room and every resident had an electric bed.

This was an ambitious goal, as electric beds cost more than \$1,000 each. The Employee Development Team (EDT), sponsor of GFTH, determined that funding the remaining 22 beds would cost nearly \$30,000 and that it would take more than one year to raise all the money needed. However, electric beds offer attractive benefits to residents and the nursing staff alike. For residents, they are more comfortable and simpler for them to adjust on their own.

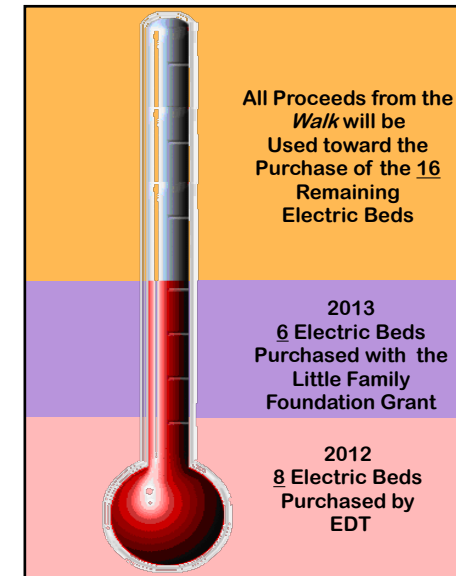
Staff members also appreciate the flexibility the electronic adjustments provide, making it easier and more efficient to care for patients or residents and with less back strain.

Enter the Little Family Foundation. The Foundation has generously supported Steere House in the past and this year Steere House requested that a grant from the Foundation be used to support the employees' efforts. As a result, \$8,000 was awarded

and went toward funding six beds. With the GFTH funds pledged totaling nearly \$5,000, Steere House anticipates being able to purchase another four beds this year, leaving just a dozen more beds to purchase.

However, the employees aren't done yet. Recently, the EDT voted to designate the monies raised at this year's Steere House Walk-A-Thon toward the purchase of even more electric beds. With this kind of tenacity, the employees hope to purchase all the beds needed sooner than they thought possible.

Want to get in on the action? Walk with us on June 8th, sponsor a walker or simply make a donation to benefit the electric bed initiative. Help our employees meet their goal and ensure an electric bed for everyone at Steere House. Visit www.steerehouse.org today and click on 2013 Walk-A-Thon for more details or to donate online.



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Remembering



May brings the blooming of flowers and the warmth of fresh air. May is also the month that we celebrate Mothers. Family member, Pam Anderson remembers her special mother ~

My mother, Vivian Johnson was a true lady and it was evident in everything she said and did. Married for 68 years, she was the perfect homemaker and mother of two adopted children. She was quiet and unassuming, yet she was a woman of strong values and a friend to all.

As the cherished daughter of Vivian Johnson, I would love to live the rest of my life emulating the Godly woman that was my mom and share her loving spirit. My mother went home to be with the Lord just a year ago. Her last days at Steere House were full of love, respect and dignity.



Mission Statement – Steere House is an independent non-profit organization, serving adults who require skilled, restorative and long-term care services within a secure and caring environment. Steere House also provides education and research experiences that enhance the care of those we serve.



A Letter from the Executive Director

Julie H. Richard
NHA, MA

2013 APPEAL

Every day we touch the lives of those within our care with compassion and hope. Whether their stay with us is short or long, patients and residents we care for experience that important human touch from our staff of doctors, nurses, therapists, volunteers, as well as many others here.

Today, when information technology is such an important part of nearly every aspect of our lives, Steere House is working to incorporate the use of electronic or digital communication to make a positive difference in the care we provide – all while maintaining the personal touch that is so important. We hope you can help.

Our efforts are underway to introduce a full Electronic Medical Record (EMR) software package to benefit our entire organization and those we serve. While nursing home EMR requirements are an unfunded government mandate, we are embracing this opportunity as we see a number of benefits:

- Ability to access accurate and complete information about clinical profiles and communication
- Ability to quickly provide care between clinical staff
- Ability to better coordinate care, improving quality and safety of the care given
- Ability to share this information easily

This investment includes not only the purchase of software, but a good deal of equipment. Initial estimates for this undertaking are more than \$100,000.

Certainly EMR is an exciting initiative, yet a considerable investment of resources. With your help we can bring the touch of technology, and all the benefits it brings, to the lives of the over 250 patients we serve every year.

Together, we can fulfill the Steere House promise.

Julie H. Richard



Events & Awards

Autumn's Promise Dinner & Auction Save the Date

For the entire Steere House community, Autumn's Promise is fast becoming a tradition and an evening highly anticipated for its food, fun and good friends. Of course, it has also become one of most important fundraisers of the year for Steere House.

Steere House Walk-A-Thon Register to Walk

One of the Employee Development Team's most significant fundraisers, this June 8th Walk-A-Thon will raise money for electric beds throughout the facility.

4th Annual Rob Carnevale Golf Outing Register to Play

Steere House is a beneficiary of funds raised at this September golf outing, organized by family members of Rob Carnevale in his memory.



Steere House Legacy Award

Meet Award recipients recognized for achievements and contributions through public and community service, as well as their role in inspiring volunteering in Rhode Island.

Outstanding Steere House Employee Award

Nominated by fellow employees, these Award recipients are individuals, who through their professional life here, have demonstrated commitment and service to our community and who make these values an integral part of Steere House.



Visit Our NEW WEBSITE

The screenshot shows the Steere House website with a navigation menu including: News, The Steere House Difference, Ways to Give, Media, and Publications. A central menu lists: Take a Tour of Steere House, SHORT TERM REHABILITATION CARE, LONG TERM CARE SERVICES, ADMISSIONS TO STEERE HOUSE FOR FAMILIES, ACTIVITIES, and ADDITIONAL RESOURCES. A callout box highlights the redesigned website features.



Admissions

Take a Tour

Take a virtual tour of the facility, including a spotlight tour of our newly expanded TCU with the latest equipment for a successful rehabilitation.

Schedule a Visit

Come on in and meet with Robin Knoderer, our Admissions Coordinator. She would love to meet you and answer any questions.



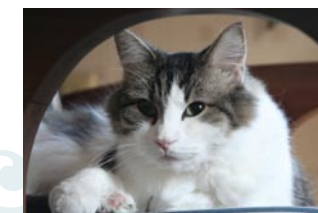
Make A Gift

Remembrance and Tribute Gifts In Memory

These gifts express your love and respect for someone special and are a wonderful way to say thank you for the care a loved one has received at Steere House.

Steere House Donations General Contributions

Make a gift that supports the immediate needs of Steere House and our residents. These gifts provide vital support for our most urgent initiatives in care, education and research.



Oscar the Cat

At Steere House, we believe in the therapeutic benefits of animal companionship and Oscar plays an invaluable role in patients' end of life care.

Calendar of Events

NATIONAL
NURSING HOME WEEK
May 12 -18

STEERE HOUSE
WALK-A-THON
Saturday, June 8

ANNUAL MEETING
Monday, June 25

4TH ANNUAL
ROB CARNEVALE
GOLF OUTING
Saturday, September 14

Save the Date!
AUTUMN'S PROMISE
DINNER & AUCTION
Friday, October 4

If you or someone you know is interested in placement at Steere House Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, please call for information. Admission packets are available

GO STEERE HOUSE GREEN!

Steere House is taking steps to reduce, reuse and recycle wherever we can. You can help by sending us your email address so that whenever possible we can communicate with you online. Just send your address to: mail@steere-house.org.

We will not share your address and you can request to be taken off our list at any time.

WWW.STEERHOUSE.ORG