

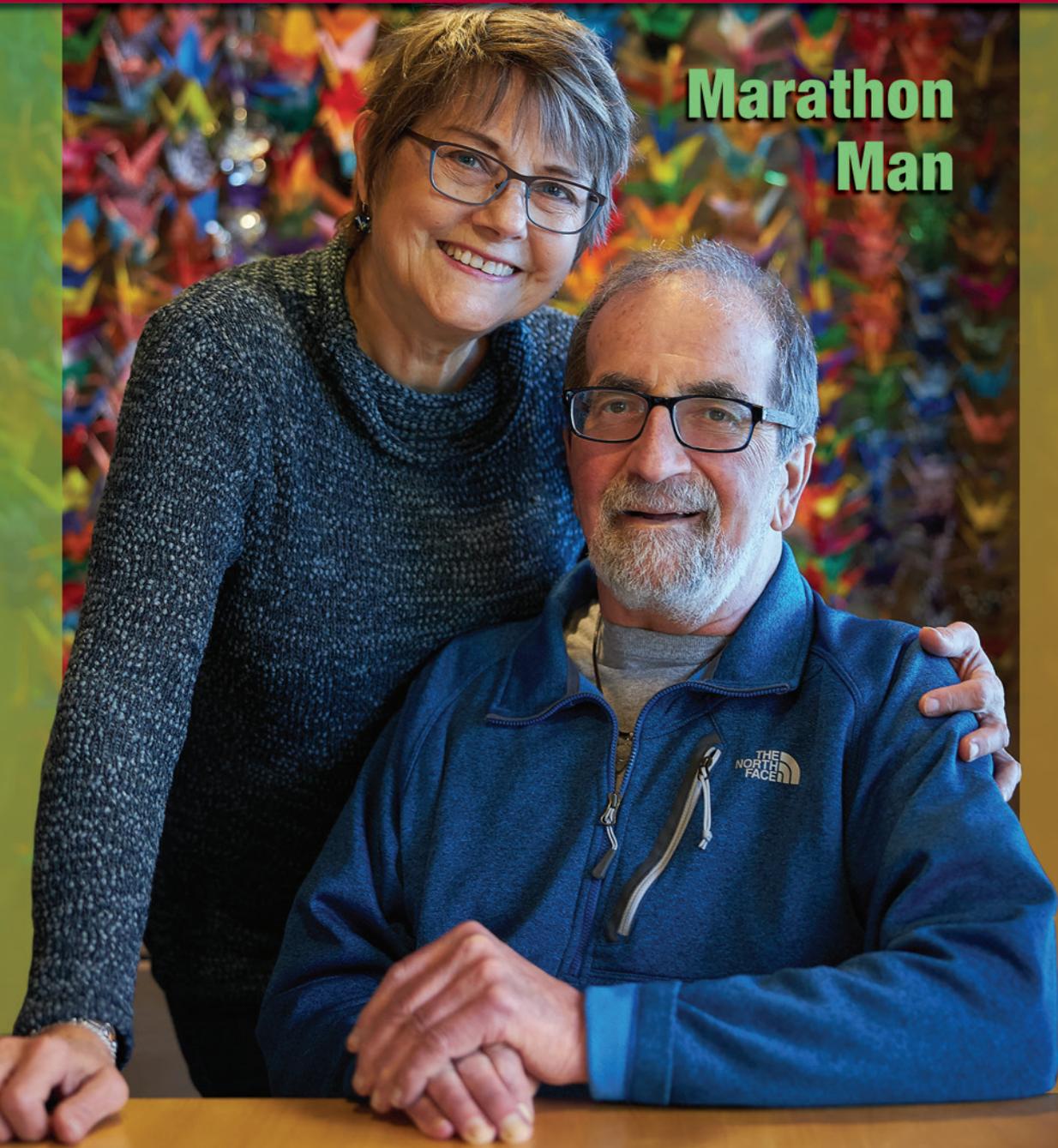


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Best Friends Never Met

Dear Friends,

As the year draws to an end, it is only natural to reflect on both our blessings and the moments that challenged us to rise above difficult times. Looking back at the many inspiring stories we have shared with you in *Sweet Charity* this year, I am humbled by the hope, courage and gratitude shown by our patients and residents as they face daunting obstacles that would put anyone to the test.

Some of our bravest patients are also among our youngest. I think of Luisiel Diaz, 6, who is triumphing over frightening brain seizures and has not lost his child's spirit of play; Kaeli Pietraszkiewicz, 13, who is breaking the bonds of chronic pain from amplified musculoskeletal syndrome thanks to Good Shepherd's pediatric pain management program; and Caia Moran, 16, who is overcoming physical and emotional difficulties with help from Good Shepherd's pediatric neuropsychologist.



Further along on the age spectrum, but no less courageous, is Paul Tetor, 68. As his wife Karen says, he is running a marathon, not a sprint, in his fight to recover from traumatic brain injury and stroke. This couple's devotion to one another and Karen's dogged determination to support her husband literally every step of the way shows us the healing power of love when paired with the expertise and compassion of Good Shepherd's care givers.

No two people have the same story, but what they do have in common is Good Shepherd and behind the scenes, a cheering section of donors like you. Whether you give to the Year-End Matching Gift Challenge or Holiday Wish List benefiting our long-term care residents, pediatrics, neurorehabilitation, or your gift is unrestricted, every dollar matters. So, from Luisiel, Kaeli, Caia, Paul and Karen, and all of us at Good Shepherd, thank you. Sometimes the best friends are those we never meet, but we know them by their charitable hearts.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Schmidt". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Gary Schmidt, MA
Chair, Board of Trustees
Interim President & CEO

Marathon Man

1,000 colorful origami cranes symbolizing hope and healing were handmade by Karen's cousin and sent to Paul during his hospitalization at Good Shepherd. (Seen in background here and on the cover.)

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Our Mission

Motivated by the divine Good Shepherd and the physical and cognitive rehabilitation needs of our communities, our mission is to enhance lives, maximize function, inspire hope, and promote dignity and well-being with expertise and compassion.



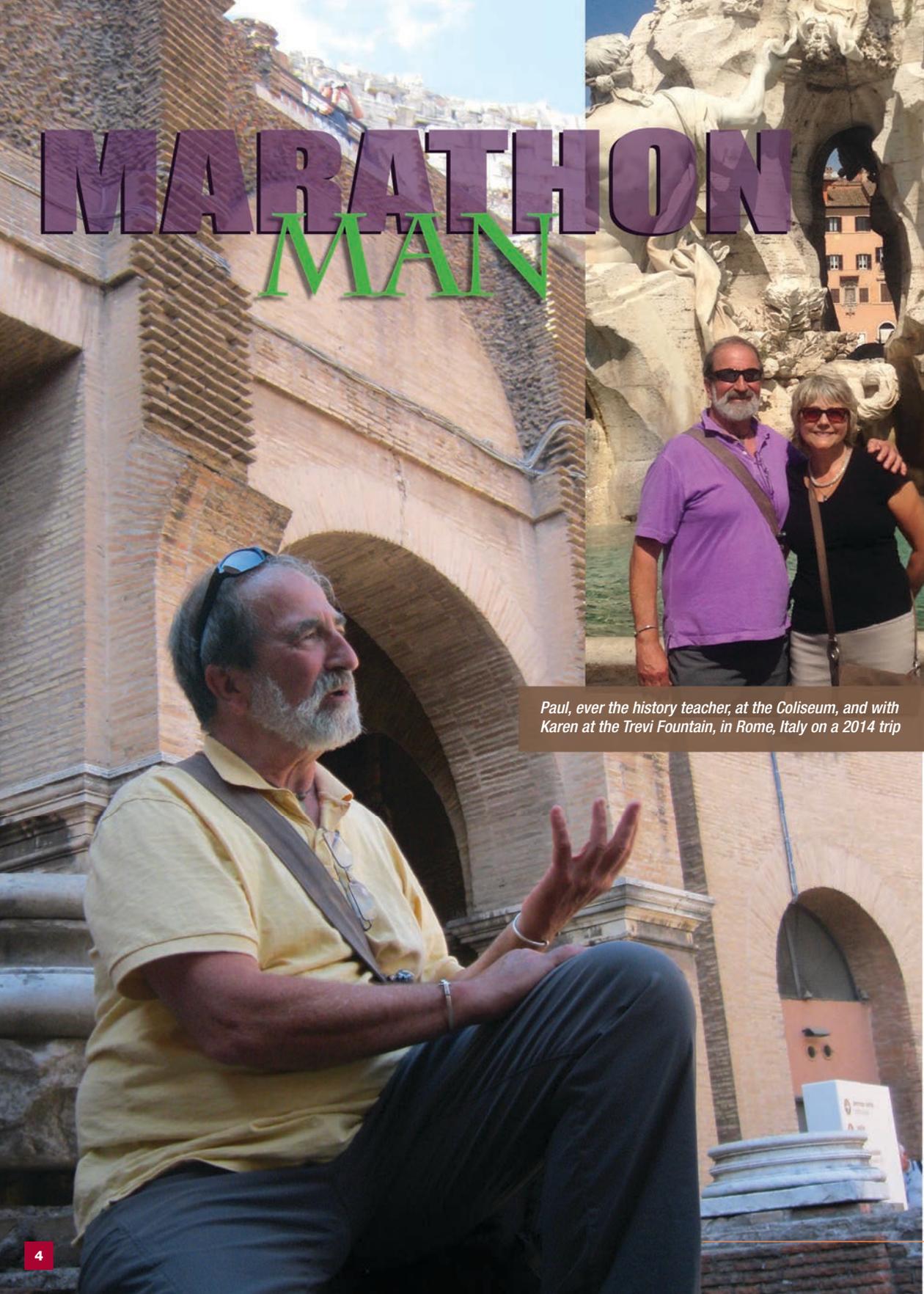
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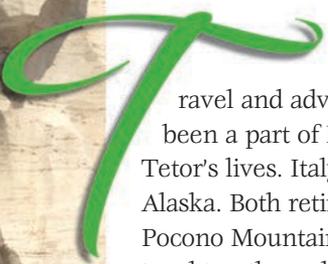
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MARATHON MAN



Paul, ever the history teacher, at the Coliseum, and with Karen at the Trevi Fountain, in Rome, Italy on a 2014 trip



Travel and adventure have long been a part of Paul and Karen Tetor's lives. Italy. Spain. Greece. Alaska. Both retired teachers from Pocono Mountain High School; Paul taught anthropology, philosophy and Russian, Karen taught English; the couple was fulfilling a dream when they set off to ski the Austrian Alps in January 2019. Crippling snow storms and trails closed by avalanches didn't hold back these two intrepid skiers, and with the help of a guide, they tackled the terrain with their usual gusto.

Karen remembers Paul seemed disoriented that day. "It wasn't like him," she says of Paul, a man whose considerable intellect propelled him full throttle through life on an international scale. The next day at dinner, Paul had a "mind-numbing headache" causing excruciating pain. One of their travel companions, a close friend, looked in Paul's eyes and told

them he needed to get to a hospital immediately. An ambulance arrived, and Paul was admitted to a hospital in Innsbruck, an hour away. Fortunately for Paul, who had been stricken by a subdural hematoma requiring an emergency craniotomy and blood drained from inside his skull, it was one of the top neurological hospitals in Austria. Communication, however, was a challenge.

"One of the hardest things was trying to understand what the doctors and nurses were saying because they spoke in German," says Karen. "We used apps on the phone and body language (to interpret)."

The pressure on Paul's brain was traumatic, causing several strokes and rendering him unable to move or communicate. "The only response we could get was slight movement

in his left thumb, and sometimes fluttering of his eyelids, says Karen. "I knew this was going to be a marathon and not a sprint."

Paul remained in the intensive care unit in Austria for two weeks, his prognosis anything but certain. Karen was grateful for the long-distance support from family and friends. And just as she and Paul did at their home in Lake Wallenpaupack in the Poconos, Karen found solace in nature. "I took a lot of walks and drew tremendous strength and energy from the mountains around me," she says.

Paul finally stabilized enough to return to the United States on a private medical flight. Karen was relieved to learn that the travel insurance she and Paul bought at their friend's insistence before their trip would cover the cost. "We were so grateful, because we had never bought insurance before," says Karen.

Paul was admitted to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Therapists with Good Shepherd Penn Partners embraced the challenge of Paul's recovery. He was barely responding to stimulus, showing little cognitive improvement. The strokes left him unable to speak and physically helpless. "I couldn't imagine how in the world anybody could do rehab with him," says Karen. "It took a long time before he would even open his eyes. There was a musician who played "Norwegian Wood" and I kept playing "Spirit in the Sky" to him (Paul) over and over again. It was music that made him open his eyes."

Over the next month, therapists worked with Paul to get him stronger. Even though he could not move his hands or legs, therapists had him on his feet in a standing frame. Gradually he was able to utter a few words at a time. "They kept telling me, 'He has nerve connections,'" says Karen. "We can get those connections working.' I was stunned. I didn't



see how. Evidently they could see things we couldn't."

During the final two weeks at Penn, Paul was sitting up and talking. He had improved enough to be transferred to a rehabilitation hospital. Karen was given a short list of places to consider. None were near their home. After touring two other places and based on the glowing recommendation by the social worker at Penn, Karen and her daughter visited Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital in Allentown. The hour-and-a-half drive back and forth between their home and Allentown would be difficult, but Karen instantly knew Good Shepherd was where she wanted Paul to be for his inpatient rehabilitation. "It had this personal feel. It didn't feel institutional," says Karen. "Rehabilitation is what Good Shepherd does. There was real confidence in making that choice."

Paul was admitted to the brain injury unit and began up to three-and-a-half hours a day of physical, occupational and speech therapies. "We got there on a Friday and couldn't believe they had him in therapy all week-

end," says Karen. "They needed to jump-start him. They weren't going to let him sit there all weekend."

Laura VanArsdale, Paul's physical therapist, remembers Paul could not stand or hold himself up while sitting. He also needed help from two people taking steps. Progress, however, came quickly. "In one week, Paul went from tolerating the standing frame for five minutes to 30 minutes, which was a huge improvement," says Laura.

The Ekso Bionic exoskeleton played a big role in Paul's recovery. "The Ekso was critical in getting him on his feet," says Karen. "In a little over two weeks he was able to walk with a walker."

Laura adds, "It allowed him to be upright and walk for longer than he would tolerate without it, and it helped him get a reciprocal walking pattern down. "

Having stepped into a world more foreign than any they had ever visited on their travels, Karen and Paul were comforted by the compassion and expertise that would serve

Karen well as her husband's caregiver at home. "What made me feel good is every single day they allowed me to be very involved in Paul's therapy," says Karen. "They actually embraced it. There's not a person in this place that's not a teacher. Even the aides."

Karen was further impressed by the level of communication among all Paul's caregivers. "It's a coordinated team that's putting all the puzzle pieces together," she says.

"I've been happy with Good Shepherd," says Paul. "Not many people can say that about their medical institution."

Laura also gives credit to the couple's strong bond and love for one another. "Both Paul and Karen had a positive spirit throughout the experience, but it was definitely Karen's determination, hard work and support that made the difference in Paul's care," says Laura.

After two months at Good Shepherd, Paul could stand, walk and climb stairs with help. He returned to the peace and quiet beauty of the Lake Wallenpaupack home he shares with Karen. They savor the simple things, like sitting on their porch, watching the leaves turn glorious colors matched only by the sunsets over the lake. A robust social life reconnecting with friends keeps them happily busy. Their traveling days are not over either, and they are planning a cruise up the Mississippi.

As they look back to the start of their medical journey together, Karen and Paul marvel at how far he has come with Good Shepherd's help. Paul can feed himself, get in and out of the car with a little help, and every week walks farther with a walker. There have been setbacks, but true to form, he keeps rebounding. "Paul's brain is still waking up," says Karen. "Even though he's very good intellectually, he still has processing issues. But his sense of humor is returning."

Reflecting on the randomness of life, Karen says, "I tell my friends, this didn't happen to Paul. It happened to the two of us. If you want to make God laugh, tell him what you're doing tomorrow."

Paul has his own philosophical take. "It's easy to say, 'Why me? I didn't do anything to deserve this.' But I'm accepting of it. I've taken the inability to walk a whole lot better than I thought I would. I'd like to lead as normal a life as I can."



Paul with Laura VanArsdale, physical therapist

Making Dreams Come True

When Karen Geller found out her cousin's son was getting married in Connecticut and she would be invited, she knew with all her heart that she wanted to attend. Getting there, though, was going to be a challenge. Karen, who is a resident of the Good Shepherd Home-Raker Center, is wheelchair-reliant and unable to travel on her own because she also requires help with her daily needs.

And, the cost of the trip – food, lodging, transportation – was beyond her means.

For Karen, a pediatric neuropsychologist until multiple sclerosis forced her to quit working in 2011, it was a heart-breaking dilemma. “My cousin said there aren't many people on the groom's side, and the idea of having more family members was important to him,” she says.

It was important for Karen, too. Where there's a will, there's a way, and Karen *found* a way thanks to the donor-supported Community Access Fund. “I knew that through community access that other residents were able to go on trips for important events, or just fulfill a dream,” says Karen.

Karen took her save the date card for the March 2019 wedding and approached Melinda Guffy, a recreational therapy specialist, asking if community access

Karen Geller and her mother, Bette Ehrenberg, at the 2019 Raker resident Home Sweet Home Ball.



funds could be used for her to make the trip. Melinda told Karen, "I haven't failed anyone yet," in making residents' dreams come true, and she was determined to do the same for Karen. "Behind the scenes, she managed to get it approved," says Karen. "I was very excited and so were my cousins."

It took some planning to arrange for the wheelchair-accessible van, two aides and a hotel that could accommodate Karen's physical needs. But Melinda did it, and Karen was on her way to the wedding.

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and they create
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"I hadn't gone away since probably 2002. It was a huge treat to be spending a night away," says Karen. "To be able to participate in life and the life of your family is phenomenal. It clearly made a great difference to my cousins that I was able to be there, because they knew it was difficult. The ceremony was a traditional Jewish wedding. It was beautiful. I had a wonderful time."

Take the **Year-End Matching Gift Challenge**

Nobody knows better than the families of Good Shepherd residents how important it is for their loved ones to get out to restaurants, concerts, shopping, and much more so they can enjoy greater independence. The Community Access Fund makes all that possible.

As in years past, several families have agreed to match funds up to \$30,000. Karen's mother, Bette Ehrenberg, has been a devoted donor to the Year-End Matching Gift Challenge because she knows what an impact it has on people's lives, like Karen's.

"When Karen told me that she would be able to go to her cousin's wedding, I was overjoyed but not surprised," says Bette. "Good Shepherd always seems to find a way to make good things happen. It would not have been possible without Good Shepherd and the many generous donors who support the Community Access Fund. Your donations make such a difference in the lives of every resident, and they create lifelong memories."

Karen adds, "When you give to the Community Access Fund, it's a mitzvah, literally a blessing for the giver as well as the receiver."

Double your gift and help us reach our goal of \$70,000 by taking the Year-End Matching Gift Challenge and sending your tax-deductible donation of \$25, \$50 or even \$100 before December 31. Gifts can be made at SweetCharityOnline.org or by using the envelope in this issue. On behalf of all our long-term care residents, thank you!



2019
FALL
Classic



A Winning Day for All

An enthusiastic group of golfers, and tennis and pickleball players came together at the Fall Classic on Monday, September 9, at Lehigh Valley Country Club, and raised \$170,000 for the Good Shepherd Pediatrics Program.

The day, with perfect weather, began with brunch and ended with a barbeque and awards ceremony. The success of this annual event was made possible thanks to the Fall Classic committee chaired by Jon Warner, and all our participants, sponsors, volunteers, and Good Shepherd associates. Jon also was honored with the Bob Ford Volunteer Leadership Award. Congratulations!

GOLF WINNERS

Best Ball Format

1st Gross (61)

The Morning Call:

Jim Feher, Tyler Hildebeidel,
Patrick Rex, Paul Snellen

Modified Scramble

1st Gross (62)

John Yurconic Agency:

John Yurconic, Dan Gagnier,
Jim Rodgers, Jack Daddona

1st Net (63)

PenTeleData:

Scott Masenheimer, Rick Kunkle,
Ed Kiss, Jack McGeehan

Specialty Contests

Closest to the Pin (6'5")

Patrick Rex, The Morning Call

Longest Drive Men

Mike Butz, Alvin H. Butz, Inc.

Longest Drive Women

Vicki Warner

Straightest Drive

Bob Kennedy, Computer Aid

Pot of Gold

John Yurconic

Putting Contest

Paul Emrick & Pete Kareha

TENNIS

Sabina Olenchock

Tony Wong

PICKLEBALL

Dan Ginter

Mike Schiffer

Brian Sullivan

Dottie Kelly

JoAnne Bergardino

Joannie Rich



Jon Warner, center, recipient of the Bob Ford Volunteer Leadership Award, with his wife Vicki; Mary Elaine Ford (left), wife of the late Bob Ford; and Good Shepherd Interim President and CEO Gary Schmidt.

A Daughter HONORS Her Parents'

Legacy OF Caring

Harriet Herb has lived her life in service to others. It was a habit instilled by her parents who taught Harriet to give back through their own examples of volunteerism and charity. "When I started my first job, dad told me 'Follow the Bible and give the first 10% to the church.'" In addition to tithing, Harriet's parents supported other organizations and always helped a friend or neighbor in need.

In 2013, Harriet retired from Air Products after 46 years. She continues to volunteer through her retiree group and at her church. As a member of the

Air Products chorus, Harriet looks forward to their annual concert for Good Shepherd Home residents. Good Shepherd is one of her favorite charities because of the great care her mother received following a stroke. "Whenever I visit Good Shepherd, I'm always impressed and know that my gifts are being put to good use," she says.

In gratitude, Harriet named Good Shepherd as a beneficiary of her retirement account. When received, her gift will establish the Edward and Olivia Herb Endowment Fund in honor of her parents and continue their legacy of caring for others in perpetuity. "Everything I have is a gift that I want to share with others," says Harriet.

Is there is an important person in your life you would like to honor? Would he or she appreciate your support of Good Shepherd's mission? Contact Jeannette Edwards, Kim Stolarik or Greg Wilson at 610-778-1075 to learn more.



The Resident HOLIDAY Wish List

In 2005, Bob Kisatsky and his wife, Mary, were driving home from an anniversary dinner when they were hit by another car. It was a devastating accident. Bob sustained a traumatic brain injury. After receiving treatment in the hospital, Bob came to live at the Good Shepherd Home-Bethlehem, where it didn't take him long to make friends and endear himself to the staff.

Because Bob was adjusting to his new life, therapists wanted him to enjoy some of the hobbies he loved before his accident. Knowing how much Bob loved and missed racing his radio-control cars, Bob's wife brought three of his favorite cars to Good Shepherd. Bob had the perfect race track: the pathways in the therapeutic garden. Here, Bob had a blast as he sent his cars flying through the tomato plants. Seeing the fun Bob was having, three other residents joined in. And so, the RC Car Challenge club was born. Now, on Monday mornings weather permitting, Jennifer Szakacs Strohl, a recreational therapist, takes members of the club out to the garden where they can race their cars to their hearts' content.

"This is so good for these guys therapeutically because it helps improve eye-hand coordination," says Jennifer. "And, they don't feel like they have a disability because they only need their hands to operate the controller. It doesn't matter that they are in wheelchairs."

Unfortunately, one of Bob's favorite cars finally gave out, and the batteries in the other cars drain quickly. With Christmas around the corner, Bob and his pals filled out their Resident Holiday Wish Lists hoping for new cars to continue their fun. And they're not alone in anticipating some holiday surprises. Good

Shepherd's other long-term care residents have lists of their own with requests ranging from gift

certificates to restaurants, concert tickets, sports memorabilia, and CDs to cologne, scented body sprays and cozy comforters.

"We try to give the residents anything they ask for," says Jennifer, "and we're able to do all this for them because of our donors. We are so very grateful."

Won't you make a donation now to the Resident Holiday Wish List? Please use the envelope in this issue or visit us on the web at SweetCharityOnline.org. Thank you!



*“May the
God of
hope fill
you with all joy
and peace in
believing, so that
you may abound
in hope by the
power of the
Holy Spirit.”*

Romans 15:13

Reflections

— by The Rev. Corrine Dautrich

Hope. Peace. Love. Joy. These words define the holiday season at the Good Shepherd homes in Allentown and Bethlehem. This will be my second holiday season as a chaplain for the long-term care residents who I feel so privileged to serve.

Knowing many of our residents have lived here for quite some time, there is a hopeful expectation for good things to come during the holiday season. There are wonderful traditions that will continue this year, and there will be worship services to prepare our hearts and minds for the holiday.

The Jewish residents will again light the menorah as we celebrate Hanukkah. And for those of us who are Christian, we will hear scripture tell the story of a loving God who became incarnate as a child; a God who continues to offer us hope, peace, love, and joy even when we may not be feeling the excitement of the season.

All these expressions of the holiday spirit offer us glimpses of how our faith shines through others and uplifts our spirits. And just as I was last year, I am humbled and awed by the strong faith that sustains so many of our residents who live with challenging disabilities.

Amid your own holiday activities, take a moment to consider your contribution to our residents during this special time of year. When you commit to this charitable act, you give our residents the gifts of hope, peace, love, and joy knowing they are cared for, loved and supported by your generosity.



good NEWS

A Lasting Gift for the Children

The late Brian Perin was fondly remembered Tuesday, November 5, at the Good Shepherd inpatient pediatric unit in Bethlehem where a plaque recognizing the Brian Perin Fund for Sustaining Pediatrics was dedicated. A successful Northampton businessman, Brian passed away on February 6, 2017, at the age of 56. Good Shepherd Pediatrics Program was a designated beneficiary of a portion of his estate, reflecting Brian's desire to ensure that any child in need would receive care regardless of a family's ability to pay. "Brian was a very generous man, who could be a card. He was always laughing," said Brian's sister-in-law, Linda Mill-Perin, who was very close with Brian. "But deep inside he had a really good heart and he loved helping others. I'm so happy this gift is going to be used for people who really need it." (From left: Jamie Zanelli, director of clinical operations; Linda Mill-Perin; Kimberly Kuchinski, MD, medical director, pediatric physical medicine and rehabilitation; Amanda Kleckner, director of pediatric therapy; and Gary Schmidt, interim president and CEO.



great GIFTS

Donor Generosity Benefits MS Wellness

The Good Shepherd MS Wellness Program recently received generous donations from **GiveBack Lehigh Valley** for \$18,500 from its 2019 softball/cornhole tournament in September at Hockey Park in Whitehall, and **Hockey Fights MS** for \$11,750 from its Pennsylvania men's and women's hockey tournaments in August at the Bethlehem Steel Ice Rink. Aurora Brunovsky founded **GiveBack Lehigh Valley** with her husband, Joe, as a way of supporting local charities. "He and I both share the same passion in making our Lehigh Valley community even better than it already is," says Aurora, pictured here with Joe.

Since 2011, **Hockey Fights MS** has raised more than \$94,000 for the MS Wellness Program. Hockey Fights MS was founded in 2005 by Candice Arnold, an avid ice hockey player since childhood, who started developing symptoms of MS entering her senior year at Muhlenberg College. Candice chose to support the Good Shepherd program after learning of its reputation and mission.



Good Shepherd held its 34th annual Raker Memorial Awards on Friday, November 8, at Fuente de Vida church (formerly Grace Lutheran Church) on St. John Street, Allentown. Donors, associates, volunteers, residents, and friends gathered to honor award recipients the Good Shepherd Women's Giving Circle, and Bill and Laura Bachenberg. Nilsa Matos, therapy aide, was nominated by her colleagues and received the Raker Spirit Award.



Bill and Laura Bachenberg

A passion and commitment to enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities has long motivated Bill and Laura Bachenberg to provide unique opportunities for greater independence. As owners of Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays and hosts of Good Shepherd's annual sporting clays fund raiser benefiting long-term care, the Bachenbergs have created a world-class, disability-friendly facility second to none. Bill and Laura also established and operate Camp Freedom providing outdoor

adventures for people with disabilities. Bill also has served on Good Shepherd's board of trustees and three times chaired the sporting clays fund raiser. Laura (who was unable to attend) is a member of the Good Shepherd Women's Giving Circle, and is involved with Faith Church, Family Promise and Parkland Cares.

THE 34TH ANNUAL RAKER MEMORIAL AWARDS



The Women's Giving Circle

In the decade since its inception in 2009, this group of philanthropic women supporting Good Shepherd's programs and services, has grown from a core of eight pioneering women to almost 60 members. Now in its eleventh year, the Women's Circle has raised more than \$500,000 to support things like a wheelchair-accessible van for long-term care residents to go on community outings, Good Shepherd's adaptive driving program, the Needy Patient Fund, and nursing and therapist scholarships. Carol Carpenter and Carrie Fellon accepted the award on behalf of the group.



Raker Spirit Award

This award is given to the Good Shepherd associate who embodies the Raker legacy of caring on the job and in the community. For more than 35 years, Nilsa Matos has worked as a physical, occupational and rehabilitation therapy aide, bringing selfless compassion and expertise to patients and colleagues alike. Always willing to go above and beyond, Nilsa mentors fellow associates, organizes department events recognizing staff and their achievements, and is active with her church and her daughter's school.



(From left) Touring Choir Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts; Good Shepherd Interim President & CEO Gary Schmidt hugs Nilsa Matos; drummer Victor Marte from Fuente de Vida church; Raker resident Josh Cryder reading scripture.



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AROUND THE World BALL



It wasn't exactly the 80-day excursion from the well-known song, but the Around the World Ball on Friday, October 11 was the next best thing for the residents of the Good Shepherd Home-Bethlehem, their family members, volunteers, and staff members. The ballroom of the Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center had international panache.



Each dinner table featured a flag from a different country, a globe, lights, and educational information table tents with fun facts and pictures. Attire among the 160 attendees reflected the spirit of the ball. There were pilots and a stewardess, several world travelers, a handsome Frenchman, a Geisha girl, and lots of cultural heritage

proudly displayed. Thank you to: Metro Beauty Academy for donating their services to beautify the residents; Shelley Rex and her staff from the Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center for generously donating the cost of the linens and providing the uplighting; and the many Good Shepherd associates for help decorating and meeting our residents' needs.

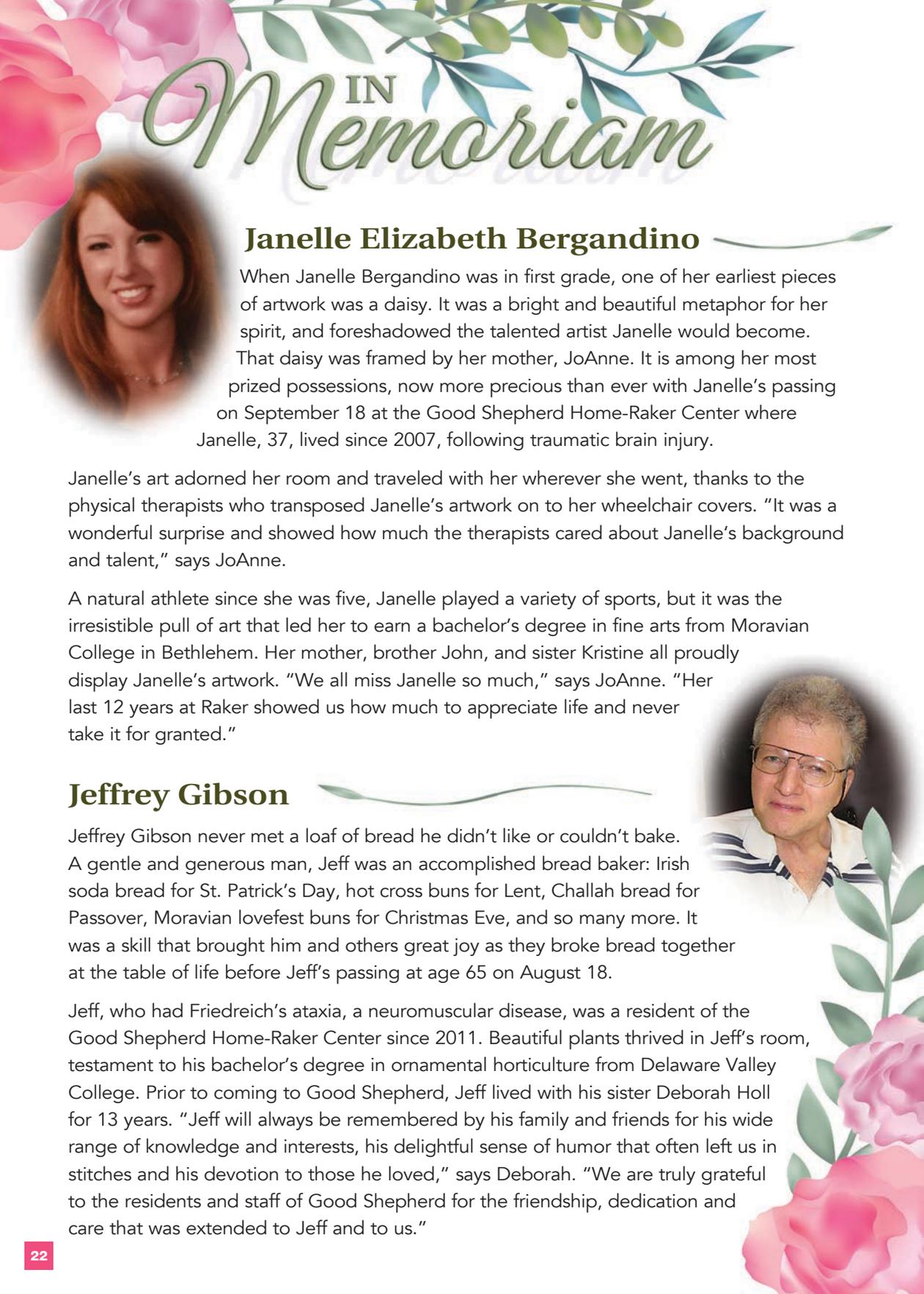


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IN Memoriam

Janelle Elizabeth Bergandino



When Janelle Bergandino was in first grade, one of her earliest pieces of artwork was a daisy. It was a bright and beautiful metaphor for her spirit, and foreshadowed the talented artist Janelle would become.

That daisy was framed by her mother, JoAnne. It is among her most prized possessions, now more precious than ever with Janelle's passing on September 18 at the Good Shepherd Home-Raker Center where Janelle, 37, lived since 2007, following traumatic brain injury.

Janelle's art adorned her room and traveled with her wherever she went, thanks to the physical therapists who transposed Janelle's artwork on to her wheelchair covers. "It was a wonderful surprise and showed how much the therapists cared about Janelle's background and talent," says JoAnne.

A natural athlete since she was five, Janelle played a variety of sports, but it was the irresistible pull of art that led her to earn a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Moravian College in Bethlehem. Her mother, brother John, and sister Kristine all proudly display Janelle's artwork. "We all miss Janelle so much," says JoAnne. "Her last 12 years at Raker showed us how much to appreciate life and never take it for granted."

Jeffrey Gibson



Jeffrey Gibson never met a loaf of bread he didn't like or couldn't bake. A gentle and generous man, Jeff was an accomplished bread baker: Irish soda bread for St. Patrick's Day, hot cross buns for Lent, Challah bread for Passover, Moravian lovefest buns for Christmas Eve, and so many more. It was a skill that brought him and others great joy as they broke bread together at the table of life before Jeff's passing at age 65 on August 18.

Jeff, who had Friedreich's ataxia, a neuromuscular disease, was a resident of the Good Shepherd Home-Raker Center since 2011. Beautiful plants thrived in Jeff's room, testament to his bachelor's degree in ornamental horticulture from Delaware Valley College. Prior to coming to Good Shepherd, Jeff lived with his sister Deborah Holl for 13 years. "Jeff will always be remembered by his family and friends for his wide range of knowledge and interests, his delightful sense of humor that often left us in stitches and his devotion to those he loved," says Deborah. "We are truly grateful to the residents and staff of Good Shepherd for the friendship, dedication and care that was extended to Jeff and to us."



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