

Webster Comfort Cares

Webster Comfort Care—built by a compassionate community

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Schroeder Soccer Team A Big Help

With fall in the air, on September 19th the Varsity and JV Soccer Teams from Schroeder High School once again came to Webster Comfort Care's rescue in helping to do many projects in our gardens and on the grounds. Forty boys from the two teams, along with several parents arrived at 10:00 a.m. ready to work.

Breaking up into work teams, they willingly worked on a long list of projects. The list included:

- Demolishing a desk that had been in the woods and stacked the lumber so that it was ready for the garbage truck.
- Digging two holes large enough to put drainage buckets in and out far enough into the grounds so that the gutters would drain into the wooded area.
- Trimming trees and other branches in the yard.
- Edging out the slope on one side of the gazebo for the mower.
- Cleaning out behind the shed and nursery, then cutting and weeding in that area.
- Raking and cleaning up the weeds and debris behind the gazebo.
- Raking, cutting back weeds, pulling weeds from the back garden, along the side of the driveway and along the bridge.
- Enlarging and edging around the Webster Comfort Care sign.
- Washing all the windows inside and out.
- Washing all of the screens and replacing them.
- Moving items from the garage into the basement.

This was all accomplished in just two hours! Our gratitude and thanks to all the young men who diligently worked for us and all the parents who helped and supervised.



Thank you Hank's for sponsoring a fundraising evening on September 22 and to all of those who ate dinner and ice cream to help with the donation.



Wine Tasting

Webster Comfort Care will host the Fifth Annual Wine Tasting Party at the Webster Golf Club on Friday, October 23, from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m..

Tickets are \$40 each or \$75 for two.

The event will feature area vintners, an auction, a silent auction, music, tasty hors'douvers and great fun.

Call Barb Jones at 265-1088 for tickets and information.

Volunteer Corner

Hello Volunteers!

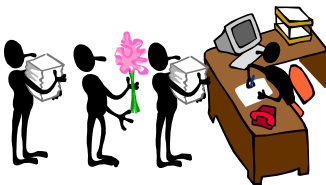
Thank you to the families of some of our former residents for their donations in memory of their loved ones.



Safe Travel Snow Birds!

Because some of our dear volunteers will soon be heading to warmer climates, we hope that some of you who are staying in Webster will help out WCCH and volunteer for a weekend shift.

Appreciation



To all of the dedicated volunteers who share their time, talents, and care to Webster Comfort Care Home, our residents, their families and the staff. All that we are we could not be without your service and teamwork, Love shows in so many ways in our care giving, our facilities and our community.

I would like to thank everyone who has given so generously of their time this summer. If you were a part of our little group over the past few months, you know we laughed more than we cried. We had visits from 2 horses who gave several of us a ride, a wallaby, a huge turtle and a servile cat! Add to this the wonderful baked goodies from our very own baker man, as well as from a variety of volunteers. It was a full summer.

We were also blessed with residents who welcomed us as much as we welcomed them. It was truly an honor to play a role in this tender time in their lives.

As the summer has come to a close, it is time to really look at our need for volunteers. Many of our volunteers go south for the winter. This really throws a kink in our scheduling. My goal is to welcome at least 20 new volunteers for the next training session coming up in the late fall.

To accomplish this goal, I need your help! Word of mouth is one of the greatest advertisers there is! When your friends hear the stories of your experiences here, I know they would not want to miss out on such a wonderful and meaningful experience. I would also like to see some of the volunteers we rarely see more often. You are missed here, and we would very much like to have you here more often.

Enjoy "Indian summer" and I do look forward to working with you throughout the remainder of 2009!

Annie Gilmore

When We Care For Others We Need To Remember To Take Care Of Ourselves

Many of our wonderful volunteers (about 50) enjoyed a picnic and some social time together at the August 16th picnic at Kathy DiPaolo's. Everyone brought a dish to pass. Good food and fun was had by all who attended.

Those who forgot to bring their recipes, should bring them in to share with others, as well as be included in the Webster Comfort Care Cookbook.

Nurse's Corner

We have a new nurse at WCCH and I would like to give her an open welcome. Pat Jackson is a LPN who I have known for over 20 years. I don't know where she was before I met here at The Genesee Hospital but I knew when we first met that she was someone I was going to like working with. Pat has a gentle way about her and greets you with a smile. I quickly learned that her assessment skills were sharp and she had a deep compassion for the patients that she cared for. At that time she worked on a respiratory unit, which I might add can be a very tough place to be. Her sense of humor helps her through the daily stress of nursing.

Pat now works full time in a Primary Care Medicine Office where she manages the nursing practice for 9 physicians. One has to have a sense of humor and great strength to cope with that!! Whenever I would go in to see my PCP she was there to greet me. One day we actually had a few moments to talk and she asked about WCCH. So I told her how happy I have been working here and I asked her if she would consider working here per diem. It took a few times to explain the job because she was quite busy but she continued to show interest. Then one day she said yes and I was thrilled. Pat is an excellent nurse and she likes weekends. That helps to meet her needs and the needs of the house, so it's been a good fit. Pat also has another good quality and that is she has a mild case of OCD. That has paid off in that she helped us by coordinating some of our files and made it easier for all the nurses to find paperwork quicker. THANKS PAT!!

Congratulations go out to Pat as she recently became a Grandmother for the first time.

News from the Board of Directors

It is with great regret that we accept the resignation of David Whitlock from the Board of Directors. Dave is one of the original founders of Webster Comfort Care Home and has served faithfully and with great dedication for eight years. He will not be going far as he has agreed to serve on the Advisory Board and of course Dave will continue to volunteer as a resident caregiver. We, the Board of Directors, extend a very big "Thank You" to David for all of his dedication and efforts on behalf of Webster Comfort Care.

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors was held on August 11, 2009. The following officers were elected for the 2009-2010 year:

Katherine Fulton, Chair; Ruth Fischer, Vice Chair; Deke Beh, Treasurer; and Kay Coleman, Secretary. Chris Kotary and Ruth Fischer were re-elected to the Board of Directors for another three-year term.

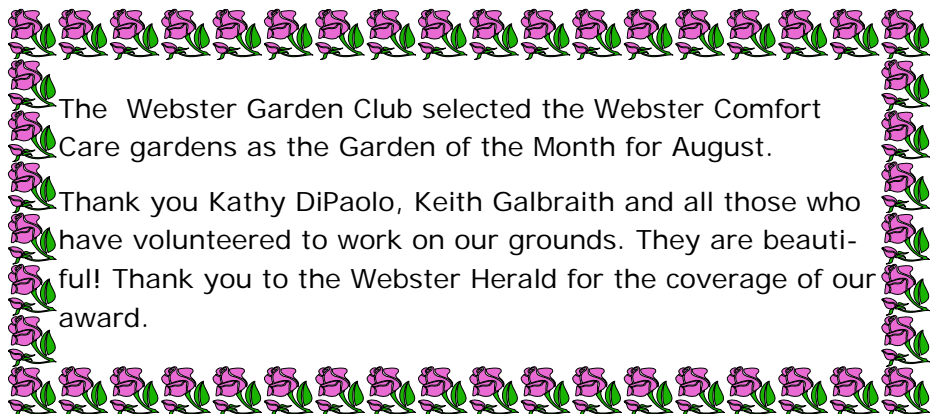
The Board of Directors would like to thank each person who takes time out of his or her busy lives to volunteer at Webster Comfort Care. We have a very important, compassionate and caring mission to carry out and one that would be impossible to do without the help of so many wonderful people. Thank you.

Kathy Fulton, Chair

Executive Director's Greetings

To all those who helped out with extra duties while I recovered from knee replacement surgery – a big thank you. Your thoughtful expressions of kindness are greatly appreciated and I will be sure to pay that forward. It is truly gratifying to see and experience the generosity and concern of this wonderful community of caring.

Alan



The Webster Garden Club selected the Webster Comfort Care gardens as the Garden of the Month for August.

Thank you Kathy DiPaolo, Keith Galbraith and all those who have volunteered to work on our grounds. They are beautiful! Thank you to the Webster Herald for the coverage of our award.

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Webster Comfort Care Home Mission : It is our desire to allow our residents to live in a warm, loving, home-like atmosphere of support and encouragement during their final months of life. We believe in the hospice philosophy of care: all persons have the right to die with dignity, to have an enhanced quality of life for the remainder of their days, and to be as comfortable and pain free as possible.

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