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## Eastwyck Village Apartments to Open July 2011



Clubhouse Pool at Eastwyck Village

This July, a grand opening is scheduled for Eastwyck Village Apartments, a unique luxury retirement community in North Greenbush for seniors 62 and older. No entrance fee or long-term lease is required.

Eastwyck enhances DePaul Housing's mission to manage high quality senior communities that allow residents to lead active and healthy lives. A "Senior Engaged Life" (SEL) program is free to Eastwyck residents and focuses on health and fitness, lifelong learning, community activities, and leisure and recreation. The 10,000 sq. foot clubhouse is integral to the SEL program and features a state of the art

workout facility, men's and women's saunas, indoor pool, Jacuzzi, billiard room, arts and crafts area, media room, and a professional hair salon offered at an additional cost.

Equally exceptional are the distinctively designed apartments at Eastwyck which are equipped with stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, full size washer and dryer, and a porch or balcony. Monthly rents range from \$1,225 to \$1,915 and include full maintenance of the grounds and buildings, hot water, high speed internet, cable television, 24-hour emergency call system, and scheduled transportation. A wide variety of one-and two-bedroom floor plans are available ranging in size from 710 to 1,085 sq. feet. For more information, tours, or an application, contact the Eastwyck rental office at (518) 689-0750 or visit [www.eastwyckseniorliving.com](http://www.eastwyckseniorliving.com). ~Emily Pethic



All kitchens have granite countertops and stainless steel appliances.

## New Resource Empowers Mercy House Guests



N. Jean Evans, longtime neighbor and supporter of Mercy House shelter for women, passed away March 7. Friends and family lovingly honored her with an outpouring of monetary contributions to Mercy House in her memory. These donations funded a computer station, set up the first week of May for the sole use of guests during their stay. Guests are now able to keep in contact with loved ones, caseworkers and service providers via e-mail; search for housing and employment online; and prepare word processed resumes. Thanks to this outstanding support, two seniors currently staying at Mercy House were inspired to gain computer literacy skills. Other guests have taught them the basics of web navigation and e-mail—the first of many great outcomes to follow. Thank you to all the loving friends and family of N. Jean Evans for giving Mercy House guests this new resource! ~ Kathleen Ide

## Message From Deborah

The other day, Paul came to me with the CDs of the *Lord of the Rings* movies and said, "Which one has that section about stories?" He was referring to the end of *The Two Towers* when Sam begins an uncharacteristically philosophical reflection:

"It's like in the great stories. . . the ones that really mattered. Full of darkness and danger they were. . . But in the end it's only a passing thing this shadow. . . A new day will come, and when the sun shines, it'll shine out the clearer. . . folk in those stories had lots of chances of turning back, only they didn't. They kept going because they were holding on to something."

"What are we holding onto, Sam?"

"That there's some good in the world, Mr. Frodo, and it's worth fighting for."

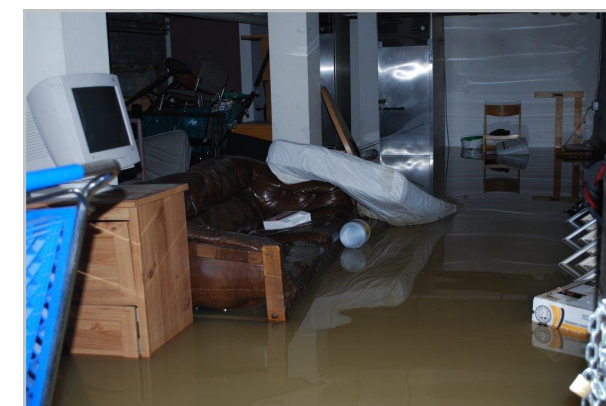
I thought . . . our great stories are the ones in this newsletter and the ones lived each day by our staff, guests, tenants, and visitors. The stories of those who worked together to bring sunshine to a tough time at the Waldorf . . . of Catholic Charities, continuing to miss the inspiring, warm presence of Sr Maureen welcoming a new leader for these times . . . of Mrs. Evans, a caring neighbor to Mercy House whose passing brings new opportunity for the women who find shelter there . . . of CCSSS experiencing the goodness of the Syracuse alums and "paying it forward" by participating in the community's effort to end hunger.

It is easy these days to think that the darkness is not a "passing thing" . . . we in Diocesan Housing have some of those times. Yet, we keep going on because every day we see good in the world . . . and it is God's grace that enables us to be part of bringing that goodness to light.

Thanks for your continuing support! ~ Deborah Damm O'Brien, Executive Director

# Reflections

## Flooding Strikes Day After Christmas



Flooded basement at the Waldorf Residence

A would-be tragedy struck the Waldorf Residence on December 26. At 11 a.m., following a water main break on Maiden Lane, four feet of water flooded into the basement of the building. The Fire Marshall ordered National Grid to shut down service on the entire block and residents were cast into darkness and cold as electricity, heat, the elevator, fire and security systems in the nine-storey building all went down. Code Enforcement issued an immediate order to evacuate the building, and staff and residents made their way by flashlight through the labyrinth of corridors and stairwells with small bags of belongings, not knowing how long it would be before they would be permitted back into their residence. The clock was ticking as a severe blizzard made its way to Albany and CCHO Staff worked tenaciously to find shelter for 46 tenants during a holiday weekend. Just as the first flakes began to fall at 8 p.m. that evening the last tenant was dropped off at a local hotel. . . *continued, page 3*

## DEPAUL HOUSING MANAGEMENT

- St. Vincent's Apartments  
Albany, NY
- Bishop Broderick  
Apartments  
Albany, NY
- Bishop Hubbard  
Senior Apartments  
Halfmoon, NY
- Carondelet Commons  
Senior Apartments  
Watervliet, NY
- St. Jude Apartments  
Wynantskill, NY
- Branson Manor  
Senior Apartments  
East Greenbush, NY
- Cabrini Acres  
Senior Apartments  
Watervliet, NY
- Sanderson Court  
Senior Apartments  
Watervliet, NY
- Marie-Rose Manor  
Slingerlands, NY
- Fontbonne Manor  
Senior Apartments  
Watervliet, NY
- Delhi Senior  
Communities I & II  
Delhi, NY
- The Lawrence Commons  
Schenectady, NY
- Father Leo O'Brien  
Senior Community  
Rotterdam, NY
- Franciscan Heights  
Senior Community  
Rensselaer, NY
- Ávila Retirement  
Community  
Albany, NY
- Eastwyck Village  
North Greenbush, NY

## A Gift of Service from Syracuse University Alumni



A group of nine volunteers from the Syracuse University Alumni Club of the Capital District (pictured at left) spent the day at Dayhaven on March 19 for their annual community service event. Dayhaven is Catholic Charities Senior Services in Schenectady's day services program for seniors with memory impairments and other disabilities. Earlier this year Dayhaven began providing service on weekends, and a few program participants were there for the visit.

The energetic volunteers cleaned out storage spaces, overhauling closets and rooms previously underutilized. They cleaned up the courtyard, providing a bright outdoor space for participants to enjoy the splendor of spring. They also gathered materials and furniture on hand to create a new quiet environment for participants. The new room is a calming refuge from the animated activities offered back-to-back throughout the day in the common area. One of the volunteers crafted a cheerful bulletin board and spring banner for the program. The new décor is suited to the spirit of light-hearted fun taking place at Dayhaven every day. Thank you Syracuse University Alumni for your dedicated efforts and support! 🙏 ~Kathleen Ide

## CROP Walk to End Hunger

Catholic Charities Senior Services in Schenectady (CCSSS) participated in the 30th annual CROP Hunger Walk in Schenectady, held on Sunday, May 1. CROP Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. Emmanuel Friedens Church and the Schenectady Inner City Ministry (SICM) organized the Schenectady event, and CCSSS Staff took part by walking, donating funds, registering walkers, directing parking, and coordinating and serving refreshments.

A group of approximately 500 walkers were there to raise awareness and funds to help alleviate hunger. Families, local church members, school groups and even four-legged friends participated—some pets sporting t-shirts like those worn by their human companions. Over \$37,000 was raised locally, exceeding last year's total. Seventy-five percent of the funds will aid international relief efforts in Japan, Haiti, and other areas in need, and the other 25% stays local to help food pantries, the Community Crisis Network, SICM, and Catholic Charities Senior Meals Program in Schenectady. Thank you to all of our 2011 CROP Walk participants! 🙏 ~Kathryn Horan

## New Walking Path for Seniors at Bishop Hubbard

Bishop Hubbard Senior Apartments in Halfmoon recently received a \$5,000 grant to construct a walking path through the attractive and serene setting of the community. The grant was awarded by the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region in conjunction with the Assemblyman Robert Reilly Salary Fund. The path is to be built this summer and will connect the community room and deck to the gazebo (pictured at right), and will continue through the wood lined grounds behind the apartment community.

We are grateful to the Foundation and to Assemblyman Reilly for selecting Bishop Hubbard Senior Apartments as a funding recipient this year. This award will make it possible for residents to safely enjoy life outdoors. 🙏 ~Emily Pethic



## Past and Future Partners in our Mission . . .

Our sincere condolences go to the family of Mr. Ernest Francis. Ernest, a long-time member of the Delhi Senior Community Board of Directors, passed away April 30. Ernest was known by fellow board members and DePaul Housing Management Staff as a committed and dedicated advocate for the seniors who made the Delhi Senior Community their home. We are most grateful for his many years of tireless service to Delhi Senior Community and its residents.

We are blessed by the support of a newly-appointed board member—Ms. Jane Sanders of Bethlehem Senior Services who now serves on the Marie-Rose Manor Board of Directors. Ms. Sanders coordinates services for seniors in the Town of Bethlehem, including residents at Marie-Rose Manor. She brings to the Board both expertise in and a commitment to services that support the independence and health of the seniors we serve. Welcome Jane! 🙏 ~Kathleen Ide

## Vince Colunno is Named Catholic Charities C.E.O.

Vincent W. Colunno, Commissioner of the Albany County Dept. of Social Services (DSS), has been named CEO of Catholic Charities of the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese. Colunno has served the county for more than 37 years in positions of increasing responsibility within the aging and social services delivery systems. He returned to the DSS as Commissioner in 2000 after serving as Commissioner of the Albany County Dept. for Aging. In these 37 years of progressively responsible positions in these agencies, he oversaw planning, implementing, directing, and evaluating the delivery of community and human services programs. Colunno will succeed Sister Charla Commins, CSJ, who has served as interim CEO for the last year, after the death of Sister Maureen Joyce, RSM, the longtime CEO of the agency. He will start his new position July 5. We look forward to his keen leadership and this exciting new stage for Catholic Charities of the Albany Diocese!

## Flooding Strikes Day After Christmas . . . continued from page 1

Tenants were scattered into the homes of family and friends, as well as rooms at the Schuyler Inn—thanks to the resounding support of Fr. Peter Young, who opened the doors to this transitional housing program for 20 tenants without a moment's hesitation. Twenty other tenants stayed throughout other CCHO housing locations. Tenants took the inconveniences of this unexpected relocation in stride, figuring out new routes to their workplace and other daily engagements from locations with which they were not familiar.

In the days that followed staff worked with vendors to have the furnace repaired, the fire and sprinkler systems recertified, the electrical system checked, and to have Albany Code Enforcement inspect and issue a permit to re-occupy the residence. Our vendors seemed to be in tune with the pervasive spirit of solidarity, working all hours to get the systems throughout the building back on line.

After three nights, tenants returned home to their Waldorf Residence. The buoyancy of spirit was palpable as each tenant climbed out of the CCHO van and walked through the door. Warm greetings and smiles filled the foyer. Most returned to their rooms only to lay down belongings, then gathered in the community dining room for the afternoon sharing their experiences about being away from home. Tenants lunched on sandwiches and fresh coffee prepared for their homecoming by staff from CCHO's shelters. Since their return residents have kept the newfound sense of community ties alive, congregating in the foyer to chitchat, smiling and nodding in passing and expressing good-will toward their neighbors in other small gestures. *And for weeks residents continued to express to Don, the site manager, how glad they were to be home.* We applaud the Waldorf tenants whose camaraderie and patience got us all through a near disaster! 🙏 ~Kathleen Ide

*Though major repair expenses associated with the flooding were covered through insurance funds, many out-of-pocket expenses were incurred to provide food, transportation, and incidental expenses for tenants during their displacement—if you would like to help CCHO with the cost of emergency provisions please consider making a donation to our emergency assistance fund: **Catholic Charities Housing Office 41 N. Main Ave., Albany, NY 12203***

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### Emergency Housing

- Mercy House  
Albany, NY
- St. Charles Lwanga Center  
Albany, NY

### Family Apartments

Lexington Avenue,  
Third Avenue,  
Clinton Avenue &  
Broad Street in  
Albany, NY

### Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Residences

- DePaul Residence  
Albany, NY
- Waldorf Residence  
Albany, NY
- Swyer Residence  
Albany, NY
- St. Peter's Residence  
Troy, NY
- SRO Residence  
Oneonta, NY

### Emergency Services for Refugees & Victims of Human Trafficking

### Support Services for Hispanic & Latino Individuals & Families

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES SENIOR SERVICES IN SCHENECTADY

### Aging Services Information & Assistance

### Dayhaven Adult Day Services

### Meals on Wheels

### Nutrition, Education & Outreach Program

### Senior Dining Centers

### Senior Transportation

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about these programs