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n the cover you see six simple words. These words are our new tagline, but they also sum up everything we believe about our ministry.

We have been working on our new Mission, Vision, and Values statement for more than six months, and you'll find those key concepts written at the top of each section throughout our magazine, and illustrated by the article below it. As you explore the following pages, we hope you will see how these are being lived out every day on our eight Magnolia Manor campuses. All are captured in the six words of our new tagline on the cover, *It's about life...It's about living!*

Our new Mission statement was designed to be short, simple and to the point. We wanted it to be memorable and easy to recite. Those words, "We serve all through love and support for a lifetime," don't mention that we serve seniors, even though that's at the heart of what we do. The short word "all" captures the reality that we see our ministry as being to the seniors who live here AND to their families and friends. But it is so much more because we also have a responsibility to those we serve in non-residential services such as therapy, to our employees and their families, as well as to the aging community here in Georgia, across the nation, and around the world.

The recent visit by Hurricane Matthew to our coastal campuses was probably one of the truest examples of who we are as an organization and how we live out our mission. As you will note in the pages ahead, the evacuation of our residents from the storm exemplified the compassion and dedication our staff has for those we serve daily. I'm proud of Magnolia Manor!

During the next year you will see lots of exciting changes taking place, and they are all born out of our new Mission, Vision, and Values.

Join us in taking this bold step into the future!

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ust like people, organizations have driving forces. Here at Magnolia Manor, our Values are what motivate us and lead us forward. During our Strategic Planning process early this year, we began a process to articulate those things that are so deeply ingrained in our DNA that they are at the heart of all we believe and do. The end result is five short Values statements, but volumes could be written about each one.

As you will see later in this magazine, *Commitment to our faith tradition is our first stated Value*. As a Methodist ministry born out of a vision of the South Georgia Conference, our Wesleyan values are deeply ingrained in all we do. We love because Christ first loved us (*I John 4:19*). We serve because He came to serve, not to be served (*Matthew 20:28*). Like John Wesley, we strive to:

Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.

The five simple *Values* are intuitive, but they determine our *Mission*, as well as our *Vision*:

Our communities are about life and living.

This Vision is simply what happens when we fulfill our Mission. Although we're not there yet; we are, as Wesley said, "going on to perfection." As people of faith, we are committed to being Servant Leaders in the field. We strive to live by these Values every day here at Magnolia Manor. It's what we believe. It's who we are. It's what we do.

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MISSION

We serve all through love and support for a lifetime.

<u>VISION</u>

Our communities are about life and living.

VALUES

- · Commitment to our faith tradition
- · Dignity, respect, care and compassion for all
- · Integrity through excellence
- · Healthy mind, body and spirit
- · Creative change and constant improvement



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How do we fulfill our Mission? Many of the 1,200 employees at Magnolia Manor believe they have a calling to work in this ministry. Yes, we believe it's a ministry. A ministry to care for, pray with, and support the residents who call Magnolia Manor home. The means by which we serve are as varied as the personalities of the employees themselves, but there are many examples across the organization. In this section of this magazine, we will highlight a few.

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord

Romans 12:11



Senior Chaplain
John Walker is a
newcomer on staff,
but no newcomer
to ministry. John is
a third generation
pastor. His
grandfather was a
bi-vocational pastor
in the Free Will
Baptist tradition

and his father was a United Methodist Minister. In his sophomore year of college at Brewton-Parker, John entered the ministry, taking his first appointment in June of 1989. After 27 years of pastoral ministry, the Bishop of the South Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church appointed John to serve Magnolia Manor. It was an answered prayer for him, as he had previously given serious thought to pursuing chaplaincy in the US Navy years before. While God didn't open the door at that point, he did spend many fulfilling years serving as a United Methodist pastor. John and his wife, Nancy, recently sensed a new calling and pledged

to answer it when it came. God was faithful to hear John's prayer. "I was overjoyed that my prayers were answered and I would be joining the Magnolia Manor family," John shares, "The sense that I am exactly where the Lord wants me in ministry now is such a blessing." John embraces the fact that our residents have lived life and are full of wise counsel and amazing stories. "Our residents are grateful for every act of love, mercy, and grace shown to them," says John. "As the Senior Chaplain, I see the need to provide opportunities for our residents and staff to live out both their spiritual and religious life." Along with the other pastors in the Magnolia Manor Ministry, John is fulfilling his calling and Magnolia Manor's mission. (Read more about the work being done on our Values page).

John is grateful for the support from his family. His wife, Nancy, is a special education teacher at Pulaski County Elementary School. His oldest daughter, Holly, has begun Nursing school at ABAC, and younger daughter, Anna, is a sophomore at Fullington Academy in Pinehurst. "I hope and pray I can remain in this ministry setting as a chaplain for many years to come," he says.

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

Ephesians 4:2



Eleven years ago
Lutrina Gordon
came to Magnolia
Manor as part of the
housekeeping team,
although in her heart
she knew she always
wanted to be a nurse.





Marriage and family responsibilities were a top priority at the time, but working in housekeeping at least allowed her to be in the field she had always loved. Her sweet spirit and obvious love for the residents whom she came to know led her co-workers to encourage her to consider becoming a CNA, so she did. Two years later, she made the commitment to go back to school to fulfill her dream of being an LPN. Lutrina credits Administrator Dawn Cason and her co-workers for helping her through those years by offering their support and flexibility with her school schedule, thus allowing her to finish. "Lutrina is the kind of employee that you want to help achieve her goals," says Dawn. "She has the heart to help and care for others," she adds. As for Gordon, she is now at the place she'd hoped to be all along. She currently works as an LPN at the Nursing Center, where her current administrator, Susie Fussell says, "Her dedication to Magnolia Manor brings an added level of compassion and commitment for quality service to our residents." Lutrina says, "I love taking care of the residents and being a positive influence in their lives. I hope to be at Magnolia Manor a very long time." The residents she cares for surely hope that's the case too!



Louise Bush served in the United States Army, and since 2002 has been serving the Magnolia Manor of Columbus residents – first as a CNA and now

as Activities Director. She wholeheartedly believes activities are important for the residents. "I enjoy making a difference in the residents' lives," says Louise. Along with her three activity assistants, she does so by

providing fun and stimulating events for them, whether it be a movie, pizza, or everyone's favorite – BINGO! "It gives them a sense of being," she explains, "knowing that they have something to do every day." She goes above and beyond to entertain and show love to each of the residents, whether it be through friendly conversation or an Elvis Presley impersonation!

Louise has also been on the receiving end of that love and remembers a heartbreaking time in her life when she lost a son in Iraq. The residents and staff showered her with prayers and support. "Residents made cards and all different kinds of things, and it made me feel

special," she shares.
She is indeed special and never ceases to brighten the room with her passion for enhancing the lives of everyone she meets.



The different personalities represented here are only a small portion of the loving staff of Magnolia Manor. They desire nothing more than to love the residents they serve. To hear more of their stories, visit the staff testimonies page on our updated website www.magnoliamanor.com.

and Support for a lifetime

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There is indeed a new excitement in the air at Magnolia Manor regarding our new mission and branding. It's been a time to reflect carefully on our vision as an organization. We desire to be a place where our residents are enjoying life and living. While for some, it can be a stressful stage of life, we want to do our best to make the transition into their Magnolia Manor home a pleasant experience. Gathering the many video testimonies for the new website, (visit us at www.magnoliamanor.com) provided a real glimpse into the lives of our residents. Lives that are filled with love, activity, spiritual fulfillment, and family. Without a doubt, there is a lot of life in our Magnolia Manor communities.

Would you like to enjoy life? Do you want long life and happiness?

Psalm 34:12

There are just some people you want to be around. Harold Hicks is one. He's well-traveled, funny, talented, and embraces life to the fullest. This St.



Simons
resident
walks a mile
a day, takes
Spanish
lessons, is
learning
ballroom
dancing,
participates in
online classes,

bakes pies for friends and acquaintances, and happily shares jokes or uplifting words of wisdom. Oh, and he's lived 98 wonderful years!

Harold certainly could brag on all the places he's traveled, worked, and served, but this humble gentleman seems to prefer talking to other residents and hearing their stories. "I love everybody here. We are all different, yet all the same," he says. "We all have

life stories to share." He has even encouraged others to write their stories down.

Harold's accomplishments are many. He served in WWII, raised a family, had a successful career as a chemical engineer and later as a book store owner, and also volunteered with the International Executive Service Corps, helping third world countries grow



and thrive. His love and compassion for people and life stem from a life-changing moment he experienced during his military service. While in Dachau, Germany he witnessed the horror of the Nazi concentration camps. "It really touched my heart," Hicks remembers. "I think that's one reason why I care about people here...and anywhere." Harold

puts his words into action by continuing to volunteer to this day with various organizations in the St. Simons area. He loves his life and the people at Magnolia Manor so much he is not opposed to asking God to let him stay around a little longer. "I talk to God. It's a local call from here," he says with a grin. He acknowledges that he's on "borrowed time," but is having such a good time enjoying the many blessings around him, that he'd like to stay at bit longer. As he played *How Great Thou Art* on his well-worn piano, it was even more abundantly clear that Harold is at peace and enjoying

every moment of every day. "God has been very generous," Harold says. He finds his home at Magnolia Manor to be a "happy place" with plenty to do...and he does it



all, joyfully aware that God has blessed him with the gift of a long life.



In Moultrie, resident Janet Cauthen has also found life at Magnolia Manor by taking in all that is offered on campus, from the many activities to the sights and sounds around her.

Janet and her husband, Clyde, who was a retired educator and Methodist musician, had talked about moving into a retirement community before he passed away in 2010, but had never gotten to it. When she found herself lonely and moping around with no one to do things with, she decided it was time to make the move, and Magnolia Manor was the place to make her home. Five and a half years later, she has no regrets. "The main thing people do is wait too long...because they don't want to let go of all their possessions. Now when people say, 'how's your life?, 'I say it's great!' I don't have to cook or clean," Janet says with a big smile! The free time allows lanet to be with new friends, go to the movies, concerts, and the arts center. She's active in her church and sings in the choir, in addition to doing volunteer work.

One of her favorite activities is the weekly art class. She loves painting bottles, jars, and containers, as well as old churches. Most recently, she completed a painting of her granddaughter. When she's not busy with art class and her many other activities, Janet simply enjoys her

surroundings. "The campus is so pretty. I'm especially proud when I have friends with me that it is such a nice place to live," she shares.

From lonely to living fully, Janet feels content to call Magnolia Manor home. "I like the sounds of life around me...and I feel I have that here."





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ur new mission statement focuses on five values. Here are examples of our on-going effort to adhere to those values and keep them at the forefront of all we do.

Commitment to our faith tradition

It was to this that God called you, for Christ himself suffered for you and left you an example, so that you would follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2:21

Senior Chaplain John Walker sees the need to provide opportunities for Magnolia Manor residents and staff to live out both their spiritual and religious life. "I take seriously the need to work with other staff to offer holistic care for our residents, their families and our staff." states Walker.

The Ministry of our Magnolia Manor Chaplains is comprised of the following:

Mrs. Iris Archer is our current lay assistant chaplain on the Macon campus. She works part time – visiting the hospitals two days a week. She leads a Bible Study once a week and on Sunday afternoon leads two Vesper Services.



In Moultrie, we have volunteer pastors and lay persons who lead worship three Sundays a month. On the Third Sunday, Senior Chaplain John Walker serves the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Meanwhile, we continue to search for an additional part-time chaplain. Moultrie does have a once a week resident-led Bible Study group.

Rev. Mark Carter is our full-time Chaplain in Columbus offering daily spiritual care on the campus with residents and staff. He visits in the local hospitals as needed. Rev. Carter leads two Bible Studies and three worship services during the week.

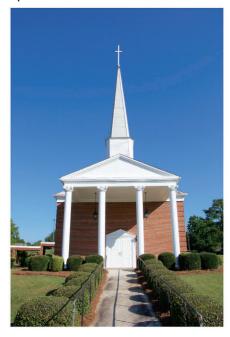
He is currently directing the Spiritual Care program on our Buena Vista Campus as well. Rev. Carter spends Thursday afternoons on this campus visiting with residents and staff. He addresses any spiritual care needs as they arise.

Rev. Madison Morgan, a retired clergyman, serves as a part-time chaplain on our Richmond Hill Campus. Rev. Morgan leads two Bible studies and two worship services a week. He visits in the Savannah Hospitals as the need arises, and offers spiritual care to residents and staff. On some Wednesdays and some Sundays, pastors from the community also volunteer to lead worship.



Rev. James Boyd, another retired clergyman, serves our St. Simons campus as a part-time chaplain offering a Bible study and worship twice a week. Rev. Boyd visits the local hospital as needed. He offers spiritual care to residents/staff two days a week. Rev. Boyd also serves as the part-time chaplain on our St. Marys campus where he offers a weekly Bible study and Sunday worship. Local pastors in the community also volunteer to lead worship.

Along with Senior Chaplain John Walker, Ms. Betty Lee Scott, a lay assistant chaplain, assists Rev. Walker by leading worship on alternating Sundays at our Americus campus.



One of the things Walker has established is a Spiritual Life Team made up of five to seven residents who will work closely with him in planning spiritual enrichment opportunities for our Magnolia Manor family. He also plans to utilize the Martha McDonald Moore Chapel for special services of worship, and hopes to offer an additional regular worship service.

John explains, "My goals of developing and implementing more opportunities for worship and spiritual enrichment will help us live into this

commitment to living a life of faith in the Magnolia Manor community. My hope and prayer is that we can convey to all of our residents and our staff that at Magnolia Manor, it truly is all about Life and Living. When I think about this vision we have for our family here at Magnolia Manor, I am drawn to a familiar passage in Galatians. Galatians 2:20 says, 'I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.' Walker says, "As we live out our lives at Magnolia Manor, we strive to live by faith in Jesus, the one who first loved us and who gave himself sacrificially for us. This is truly our commitment to our faith tradition, to live a life of faith through Christ our savior."

Dignity, respect, care and compassion for all

You are the people of God; he loved you and chose you for his own. So then, you must clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Colossians 3:12

It is hard to fully understand and have compassion for what people are going through unless you can walk in their shoes. Magnolia Manor West in Columbus recently had a humbling and eye-opening experience by participating in a Virtual Dementia Tour (VDT®) allowing



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them to experience for themselves the physical and mental challenges those with dementia face.

Based on research conducted by P.K. Beville, M.S., a specialist in geriatrics and the founder of Second Wind Dreams®, this ground-breaking Virtual Dementia Tour (VDT®) equips participants with devices that alter their senses. They are then guided by trained facilitators who navigate them through basic tasks residents would complete daily. Meggan Scott, Social Services Director at Magnolia Manor West, stated "It was such a humbling and eye opening experience. Our staff members went through this tour, and it definitely prepared us to provide a higher quality of person-centered care by allowing us to see what our residents see every day. We are so thankful for this tour and how it truly taught us the value of patience and understanding."

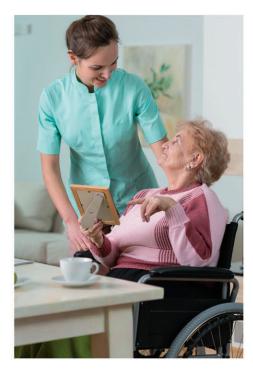
Integrity through excellence

This is a true saying: If a man is eager to be a church leader, he desires an excellent work.

I Timothy 3:1

The 5-star rating system for nursing homes was created by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to help consumers compare nursing homes. Another way to look at quality from a systems perspective (basically, a bigger picture perspective) was developed by The National Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative (NNHQCC) with the goal of further improving care for nursing home residents across the country. Called the Quality Measure Composite Score, it monitors progress at the national, QIN-QIO (Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization), and nursing home levels. Currently, it is optional, but will be a requirement by 2019. The desired score is six or less and is made

up of 13 quality measures within the long-term care setting. Magnolia Manor has been using this measure to determine how well our facilities are doing and where we need to focus our attention. And the good news is...out of our five skilled nursing facilities, Columbus West and Marion County have already scored below six, and Americus is just above six – three years ahead of schedule!



With our renewed focus on our organization's mission, vision, and values, we pledge to continue to assess quality measurement standards, ensuring that we meet and surpass "excellence" in nursing home care.

Healthy mind, body, and spirit

Being cheerful keeps you healthy. It is slow death to be gloomy all the time.

Proverbs 17:22

One good way to be cheerful is to take care of and brighten up your surroundings. **Telisha Gibson**,



LPN Restorative Supervisor at Magnolia Manor of Columbus, enjoys gardening and landscaping at home and brought her love of gardening to a campus green



space. When asked what inspired her to do this she said, "I did it for my birthday and because I spend a lot of time here at work, I enjoy seeing this area when I come in. Since I like seeing it so much, I thought maybe those family members who come to visit our facility would like to see it also." She and her mother donated the supplies, and Telisha regularly cares for the area.

In Buena Vista, a group of volunteers work tirelessly to make our campus a happy place and has recently been rewarded for it. The Ladies Auxiliary for Magnolia Manor of Marion County won Group Volunteer of the Year by the Georgia Society of Nursing Home Activity Directors.

Formed in 1976, the auxiliary does a Love Light tree project every year. With the funds raised, they have purchased outdoor furniture, a gazebo for the front lawn, and TVs for resident rooms.

Auxiliary members Julie Taylor, Louise Minter, Shirley Bryan, Judith Smith, Barbara Powell, Hilda Brown, Rosemary Russell, and Rachel Posey (shown below) raise money through bake sales and other means. They also pay to maintain the bird aviary. In addition, they provided the activities department with MP3 players so residents can enjoy music.

One of the biggest blessings for the residents occurred some years ago when the auxiliary rallied the community together and built a beautiful chapel on the facility.

Thank you Telisha and The Ladies Auxiliary for going above and beyond to brighten up Magnolia Manor!



Creative change and constant improvement

Do yourself a favor and learn all you can; then remember what you learn and you will prosper.

Proverbs 19:8

The most obvious change and improvement going on at Magnolia Manor is what has been mentioned throughout this publication — our new look and mission, vision and values, as well as our new website (www.magnoliamanor.com). Additionally, many other improvements are taking place.

We are currently working to implement the TCGRx Multi-dose packaging system in our nursing and personal care facilities. This is a change in the packaging of medications from a single-dose bingo card delivery to a multi-dose envelope delivery. The complete multi-dose medication delivery will come in a single envelope from the pharmacy, saving tremendous time on the delivery of medications by each nurse.

The amount of time that can be saved is exponential. A medication pass with the single-dose card could take about an hour and forty-five minutes to complete. The new system will take one hour. In the Americus Nursing Center, we conduct 60 medication passes per day. Multiply that by 45 minutes of savings per pass, and you save an average of almost 5 hours per day!

There are also control systems built into this system that eliminate some of the human error in judgment in delivering medications, and place more controls over compliance. There are also efficiencies gained in the pharmacy operation, as well with more checks and balances in Quality Control.

The time not spent administering medications is time nurses can spend in social interaction with residents, helping to meet so much more than just their medication needs. A touch, a laugh, a hug. Small things that go far in the quality of life of our residents.



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We've all heard it said, "Change is good," but sometimes we don't believe it. More often than not, change can result in growth. As witnessed throughout our "new" magazine, Magnolia Manor is changing the wording and look of our message, but our commitment to serve residents is not changing. In fact, our goal is to do a better job of serving our residents and to share the good news of what is happening with those who may have not heard it before. Our updated logo, website, and message will help us accomplish this. Getting the word out allows us to grow and helps us fulfill our mission.



Our new logo is the visual element that represents our organization. You will see it on all printed materials, promotional products, and even our clothing. It is a reminder to people of who we are, all wrapped up in one design.

Our updated website will be the place to go to find everything you need to know about Magnolia Manor. Each of our eight campuses is unique, so we have added current photos to give you a glimpse of how each one is different, and we have highlighted some of the beautiful landscapes that surround them. You will also be able to find contact information, events, and types of care offered. And when it's complete later this year, you'll see some amazing new resources and handy tools. We are especially excited about our video testimonials, which are coming soon to the site. As you learned in the article on our mission page,

there is lot of life going on around our campuses! These videos provide a way to hear it firsthand from our residents, their family members, and our staff.

Many have a love/hate relationship with social media. Whether you like it or not, it's important for an organization to have a presence there in order to remain relevant to the generation coming behind us. We will increase our visibility on these mediums by sharing great stories coming out of our campuses. By reaching out on such platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, we are touching lives we have never been able to reach before. For instance, if the grandchild of one of our residents sees Grandma on Facebook having fun and living life to the fullest, he or she will realize Magnolia Manor truly IS about life and living! The seed has been planted. We hope when it's that grandchild's time to decide on a place to spend his or her senior days, Magnolia Manor will be at the front of their minds.

So, take time to explore our new website. Check us out on Facebook. Read this magazine cover to cover. Then, reach out to our communications department if you have a story idea, and questions or comments. We'd love to hear from you!



Service



Congratulations

"Martha Mixon has been a true servant leader for 22 years. Her spirit, love, and determination has been defined through her willingness to do anything for our residents. No job has been too big or too small and her extraordinary flexibility to get the job done has been invaluable. We will miss her, I will miss her."

- Mark R. Todd, President & CEO



Congratulations

"Portia Eusery's willingness to be part of our team, contribute her gifts and graces to our residents and to always be counted for on for 29 years of faithful service has made such an impression to so many people. She has been invaluable to the success of Magnolia Manor of Macon and she will be missed by the residents, their family members and her co-workers".

- Mark R. Todd, President & CEO

Upcoming Events

Movember

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- Picture Show at the Manor (Macon)

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- Indoor Fall Festival (Columbus West)

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- Family Thanksgiving Social (Columbus West)

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- Annual Thanksgiving Dinner (St. Marys)

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- Musical Extravaganza (St. Marys)

December

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- Light the Night (St. Simons)

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- Open House (Richmond Hill)

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- Chairman's Invitational Fall Feather Classic

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- Open House (Americus)

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- Tour of Trees (St. Marys)
- Open House (Columbus West)

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- Cookies & Cocoa (Columbus West)

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Resident/Family Party (St. Marys)

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- Christmas Caroling (Columbus West)

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- Resident Santa Gift Giveaway (Columbus West)
- Resident/Staff Christmas Party (Columbus West)
- Christmas Sweater Party (Macon)

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- New Years Celebration (St. Marys)

February

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- John Gill Memorial Quail Hunt

^{**} For times and more information, please visit our website www.magnoliamanor.com, Facebook page or call the campus.

Evacuated Safely

As soon as it was evident Hurricane Matthew was making a path toward our three coastal campuses, Magnolia Manor staff and management immediately took steps to ensure the safe evacuation of our Richmond Hill, St. Marys, and St. Simons facilities. While some residents were able to shelter with family members, more than 160 were transported to our Retirement and Nursing Centers in Americus, Buena Vista, Moultrie and Columbus, GA.

It was a monumental task, but with the gracious help of staff, local first responders, and volunteers, evacuees were greeted and welcomed with open and loving arms. Residents were cared for until the all-clear was given to return home.

We are especially thankful to members of the Americus Fire Department who went out of their way to help, even if they were off duty. Their compassionate strength in assisting each and every evacuee off the bus when they arrived and then back on the bus the they left, is deeply appreciated. Their assistance provided a sense of security for us all.

While this situation had numerous reasons for concern and fear, the evacuation and return occurred without incident. We saw that our mission statement is more than just hollow words: we witnessed love and support in action. We are grateful no facility suffered major damage and pray that the residents who had to endure this temporary misplacement are settling back into their Magnolia Manor homes.



























The Lesson of the Video For the next several monture we'd call sometimes to see

Early in my ministry, I was blessed to meet two amazing people. Elmer and Erna Ruth raised a few cows and barely scratched out a living. But they had a dream to one day open a catfish restaurant. They saved every penny they could and buried the money in fruit jars in the barn. Occasionally, Elmer would dig up a jar, buy some fuel, dig a pond and stock it with catfish fingerlings.

Years passed, the number of ponds increased and the fish grew. Then, it was time. Elmer dug up all the fruit jars and built a simple structure with bare concrete floors and picnic table seating. It was rustic, but folks drove for miles because they had great prices, friendly service and plenty of fantastic food. Lines formed and customers waited for seating. The restaurant was a huge hit, even though it was in a tiny little community, miles from town.

I was their pastor, and although I served six churches, preached three sermons on Sunday mornings and led a youth group in the evening, I was only paid \$4,200 a year. At 19, my wife and I were both in college, so we were especially poor. If it were not for understanding parishioners who gave us peas and butter beans from their gardens, and this amazing couple, we would have starved to death!

It was an answer to prayer when Elmer called to beg for help. They and their kids couldn't serve the hordes of people eating at their restaurant, so we were asked to wait tables. Little did they know that we had nothing to eat and not even enough money to buy gas to make it to church the next day, much less to class on Monday. At the end of a very busy night, they fed us and gave us money for helping. They apologized that it wasn't more; but we felt RICH!

For the next several months, we'd help if they called, and we'd call sometimes to see if they needed help.

It didn't take long for all of their home grown fish to be eaten, so they had to start buying their catfish. With this unanticipated expense, their profits quickly dwindled until they totally disappeared – along with their dream. One day, the restaurant closed.

I'm sorry I never told them what they'd done for me: I was too proud. I now realize they were just as poor as we were. Yet, they gave, just like the widow who gave her last cent in Luke 21:1-4.

At Magnolia Manor, we cherish every gift we receive. Some of our donors give out of abundance as God has blessed them. Others give cheerfully, but they have tremendous needs of their own.

The type and amount of gifts we receive are as varied as the people who give them, and we thank you for them all. An employee in the corporate headquarters recently gave funds to help decorate the Americus campus during the holidays so other funds could be spent on resident care. A foundation gave money to upgrade our outdoor lighting, saving us hundreds of dollars each year on utility costs.

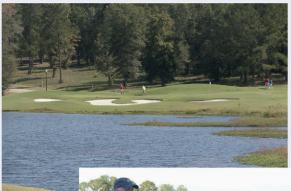
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will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

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