



Illuminations

December 2008

Upcoming Events

Join us, free of charge, for our Family Network Programs.

Jan. 14, 2009
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If you're caring for someone with memory loss, our Family Network can help with a variety of educational resources and support. Together, we can manage the challenges of memory loss.

Meetings are held from 2:30 - 4:00 pm at the Hope Alzheimer's Center in Cranston, and care services are available to participants who pre-register.

Please reserve your spot by calling Dottie Poveromo or Ellen Grizzetti at (401) 946-9220.

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For the second consecutive year, a piece of art created by Phyllis John, a long-time participant at the Hope Center, graced the cover of the event invitation and program. Mrs. John became visibly overwhelmed with emotion when Ms. Conant-Arp asked her to come to the front of the audience to accept a framed version of her original art work titled "Dancing Tulips."

2008 Building Hope Soirée *An Electrifying Evening*

The 2008 Building Hope Soirée was an electrifying mix of celebrity, high fashion, stunning art work, award recognition, auction bidding wars; and fine cuisine, wine and entertainment.

Celebrity auctioneer Gene Valicenti, WJAR news anchor and personality, was a huge crowd pleaser. He conducted a spirited live auction and worked the audience with good humor. Mr. Valicenti skillfully raised the winning bids of several items including game tickets to the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots; as well as a Florida get-away package with golf and Disney tickets.

The high bidder for the New England Patriots tickets was thrilled at her win. Lisa Ortiz, office manager for the Hope Center, said "I just couldn't resist. Gene made the Patriots football package sound so attractive. My husband and I are avid football fans and love to tailgate!"

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Hope Honors Stephen Kogut

Advocate for Quality Healthcare

This year's Michael F. Rossi Distinguished Service Award recognizes Stephen Kogut, PhD, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Rhode Island.

In addition to teaching, Steve, a registered and practicing pharmacist, explores effective ways to use medications to improve the health of people with Alzheimer's and other chronic illnesses. Steve's passion and commitment to improving the quality of healthcare for Rhode Island residents also touched the lives of participants at the Hope Center. For five years, Steve served on the Board of Directors and held many leadership roles, including president from 2005-2007.

"I receive this recognition with humility and immense respect

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Beyond the college campus, boardroom and research lab... Steve enjoys spending time at the Rhode Island coastline with this family. Here Steve and his son, Louis, look for seashells.

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2008 Building Hope Soirée

In addition to the silent and live auctions, the event featured the announcement of several recognition awards.

Michael F. Rossi Award

Hope Center Board Secretary Jean Lehman, CPA, revealed that Stephen Kogut, a well-regarded pharmacist, assistant professor at the University of Rhode Island and Hope Center Board President from 2005-2007, was selected as this year's recipient of the 2008 Michael F. Rossi Memorial Distinguished Service Award.

In comments addressing the attributes and qualities exemplified by this award, Ms. Lehman said, "Steve has been a tireless advocate for quality of life and quality of care for persons with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of memory loss. His integrity, devotion to excellence and distinguished service honors the memory of Michael Rossi and the mission of Hope Alzheimer's Center." (For more on the award, see page 1.)

Sophisticated Services Honored

The event also unveiled a first ever Sophisticated Services Award which Ms. Conant-Arp presented to Cranston Department of Senior Services Nutrition Division. Raymond Sinapi, Program Director, graciously accepted the award on behalf of his crew, and to fit the occasion, Ms. Conant-Arp also gave him a personalized photo apron. "As our annual Building Hope Soiree grows, one thing remains constant," said Ms. Conant-Arp, "and that is the exceptional service and quality of our catering. Our guests rave about the food!"

Gross proceeds from the event including the sale of raffle tickets,

artwork, pottery, silent and live auctions and sponsorships, topped \$42,000. According to Ms. Conant-Arp, net proceeds will be used to help close the gap between state reimbursement and the actual cost of providing services. "For more than a decade, in both prosperous and challenging economic times, people and organizations have contributed generously to advance our mission," says Ms. Conant-Arp. "We remain forever grateful for their commitment and ongoing support."

- Candid Moments at Hope -



Decade of Hope... On August 31st Margaret Christy celebrated her tenth anniversary at the Center. One of her favorite therapeutic activities is water-color painting.



Priceless... Celebrity auctioneer Gene Valcenti takes center stage announcing the opening bid on the evening's first live auction item, a beautifully stained wooden bench hand finished by Hope Center participants.



Guests carefully review the wide selection of silent auction items before placing their bids. This year, Soiree guests had the opportunity to eliminate potential competition in the silent auction and secure the winning bid with the new "Own it now!" option.

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Special Recognition... This year, the Hope Center presented the Sophisticated Services Award to the Cranston Department of Senior Services Nutrition Division. Raymond Sinapi (wearing the apron printed with his photo), Program Director, and his crew including (l-r) Evelyn Mazzaro, Julie Monticeli, Julia Macarucu, Viola DiFolco, Joyce Martin & Sean Greaves showcase the award plaque.

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Hope Center in National Spotlight

The Hope Center was prominently featured in two consecutive issues of *FutureAge*, a national magazine published by the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. This trade magazine reaches more than 5,000 leaders in aging services and the long-term care industry.

In its September/October 2008 issue, *FutureAge* highlighted the Hope Center's Therapeutic Arts Program as part of an article showcasing the vast creativity and flexibility among adult day health providers in serving diverse clients and needs. The magazine's November/December *ideas & innovations* section included an article adapted from the Spring 2008 issue of *Illuminations* about the *Memories Fade... Love Inspires Art Exhibit* held earlier this year in Providence.

"This national exposure speaks to the quality of our adult day program and our commitment to continual improvement and innovation," comments Executive Director Cynthia Conant-Arp.

You can read both articles on the Hope Center's web site at www.HopeAlzheimersCenter.org.



Trick or Treat... Hope Center staff changed into a rock star, devil, clown, cowboy and more fun costumes (even a table!) to celebrate Halloween!



In Memory of Pat Carpinelli...

Thanks for the Laughs!

The addition of the striking flag pole to the Building Hope Brick Garden was made possible by a generous donation from Marie and Meg Carpinelli in memory of their father, Pasquale "Pat" Carpinelli, according to Executive Director Cynthia Conant-Arp.

"There could not be a more perfect memorial to my father," comments Meg. "Dad had a flag pole in his yard, and when he lived at home he would salute the flag every morning."

Pat joined the Hope Center in 2007 and quickly earned the reputation of being a practical joker. Perhaps, his ability to make everyone laugh came naturally as the result of being born on April Fool's Day. Pat passed away in July of this year at the age of 83. We miss our sweet, funny man!



Walter Lada, Sr., a member of the Building Hope Brick Garden project team, finds the perfect spot to mount the dedication plaque on the new wraparound bench.

Building Hope Brick Garden

Phase II Coming Soon

Much has happened since our last issue of the *Illuminations* when we first reported on the progress of the Building Hope Brick Garden. Today, visitors to the Hope Center receive a stunning welcome following the completion of major landscaping over the summer.

During the day, the first thing visitors notice as they turn the corner from Brayton Park is the new, bright white flag pole with a high flying American flag that anchors Phase I of the Building Hope Brick Garden. The flag also stands proud against the night sky thanks to a bright spotlight.

The welcome continues as visitors walk into the Center along a path of inscribed bricks and pavers that is beautifully landscaped with a border of lush shrubs and flowering perennials.

Wrapped around a pretty dogwood tree on the front lawn is a teak bench donated to the Building Hope Brick Garden by Susan Ranone in honor of her husband, Robert Ranone, a participant at the Hope Center. Visitors can now relax and enjoy the pretty view or ponder the inscription on the bench that reads,

*"For there is hope of a tree,
If it be cut down,
That it will sprout again,
And that the tender branch thereof
Will not cease."*

In September, the Building Hope Brick Garden received a pledge from Frank Santos in honor of his parents, Frank and Evelyn. Mr. Santos' mother was a participant at the Hope Center for many years and loved nature and especially flowers. Every year on his birthday, Mr. Santos says he would give his mother a large flower arrangement to mark the occasion. "This pledge, along with other donations, will be used to support Phase II of the Building Hope Brick Garden," comments Executive Director Cynthia Conant-Arp. "Plans are currently being drafted for this expansion. The support for this project has been truly remarkable. Donations to the Building Hope Brick Garden help enhance our building and grounds, maintain quality programs for people with memory loss, and honor loved ones."

For more information about the Building Hope Brick Garden, please contact the Hope Alzheimer's Center Development Office at (401) 946-9220, or visit www.HopeAlzheimersCenter.org.



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Thank You...

- Candid Moments at Hope -



Sweet natured Casey, a black labradoodle, gets lots of love from Hope participant Ernest Ricci -- and gives plenty in return. The friendly pooch visited Hope with her owner, pet therapy intern Rosemary Warrenner.

...to the kind people who made donations to the Hope Center between June and October 2008.

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- Candid Moments at Hope -



Hope participant Mary DeMatteo enjoys some pampering as stylist Elena Belluso applies hairspray for the perfect salon set.

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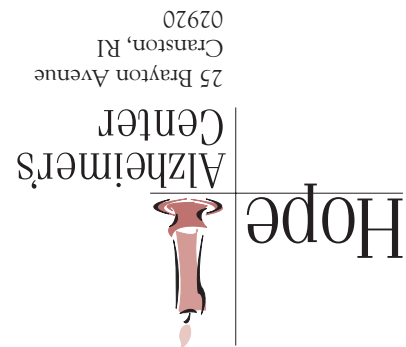
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for the dedicated caregivers and individuals who support the mission of the Hope Center," comments Steve. "During my tenure on the Board of Directors, I had the privileged to serve with Michael Rossi, and saw first-hand his unique ability to bring people together to accomplish a greater good. His outstanding example and passion for helping others will continue to inspire me for the rest of my life."

The Michael F. Rossi Distinguished Service Award was created by the Hope Alzheimer's Center in 2006 to honor the memory of Mike Rossi and his legacy of volunteer service and leadership.

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