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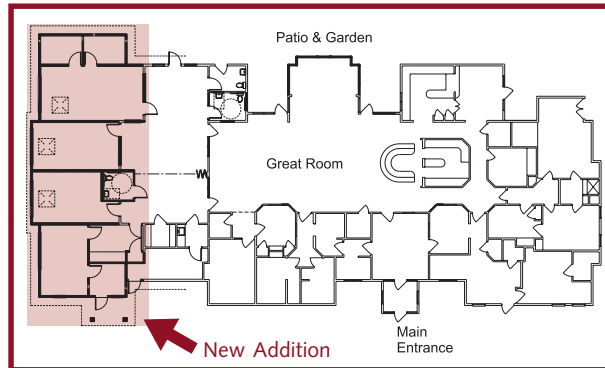
Spring 2005

Upcoming Events

**May 9
Candlelight Walk:** This event, held at Garden City Shopping Center, has become a tradition. Come light a candle in memory or honor of someone you love. Registration is at 6:30 pm and the walk itself begins at 7.

**June 27
Mini-Golf Tournament:** This year proceeds from the Phred's Drug Charity Classic at Mulligan's Island will benefit Hope Alzheimer's Center. The event starts at 7:00 pm and includes Taste of Rhode Island. To learn how you can participate in this fun and worthwhile event please call Christina Jagoliner at 401-261-1002 or Jay Midwood at Mulligan's Island, 464-8855.

**August 22
Third Annual Phred's Drug Tournament Classic:** It's back and better than ever. (See story page 1)



Expanding Hope: New Addition Will Mean More Room, Comfort and Flexibility

Hope Alzheimer's Center will break ground soon for a handsome new addition. Set between the existing building and the road, the addition will include a conference area for family education, support programs, intake, training and other services as well as more space for programs, a quiet area and additional storage space. As a result of the new addition we'll also be able to reconfigure existing space to provide a quiet and comfortable library for participants.

"One of the nicest things about the new space is that it provides more privacy to families and others coming to Hope for support and training," says Hope Executive Director Cynthia Conant-Arp. "And we're also excited about the new flexibility it gives us in providing both large and small group programs."

Cranston Community Development Grant

The addition is being funded by a \$500,000 City of Cranston Community Development Block Grant.

"Mayor Laffey, Cranston Community Development Director Al Storti and the entire CDBG Advisory Committee have been wonderful to us," says Conant-Arp. "They understand the needs of our participants and their families -- and they've consistently gone the extra mile to help us meet those needs."

Ground breaking for the addition is scheduled for late Spring or early Summer and the addition should be finished late in the year.

Celebrating Ten Years of Smiles

This year, Hope will celebrate its tenth anniversary. We've provided activities, comfort and medical supervision for hundreds of people -- and we've loved every minute of it.

In honor of this landmark year a 10th Anniversary Celebration Committee has been formed to help us meet the challenge of continuing this kind of care as the population ages. Members include:

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Save the Date!

Phred's Drug Tournament Classic Returns August 22

Good news for golfers and everyone who cares about Hope: the Third Annual Phred's Drug Tournament Classic is set for August 22 at the beautiful Alpine Country Club. This year's Classic will be

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Phred's Golf Classic

even more exciting, thanks to the participation of Celebrity golfer, Fred Campagna, ABC6 meteorologist.

The event will start with lunch at Noon, with a scramble format shotgun start at 1:00 pm.

The tournament will be followed by a cocktail reception at 5:00 and dinner at 6:00.

From noon until 8:00, players and guests will be able to take part in an exciting silent auction and at 8 we'll have the Mulligan's Raffle Drawing.

For information on how you can be a sponsor of the event -- or be one of the lucky players -- please call the Hope Development Department at 401-946.9220.



Two of the many beautiful paintings created by participants as part of the Art Program. The dazzling sunflower at left was painted by Phyllis John and the subtle and intricate sunset at right is the creation of Olga Quilici.

Beautiful Things: Hope's Art Program Focuses on Creativity, Joy and Pride

Maurice Turcotte doesn't recall exactly when he got the idea but he knew right away it was a good one.

"It dawned on me that most participants -- really most people who haven't drawn much -- find drawing something like a still life very difficult and anxiety provoking.

"So I tried something new," Hope's Art Facilitator continues. "I had them trace pictures as faithfully as they wanted. And I found that once they had that point of reference they could relax and focus on things like color at which they truly excel."

The results are often quite spectacular -- paintings that light up a room and bring real pleasure to everyone who sees them. Indeed, not only have they been the highlight of our annual Art Show, paintings by participants have been exhibited at the Cranston Public Library Gallery, the Warwick Museum and a variety of other sites.

Focus and pride

But results are only part of the story, says Turcotte. What pleases him even more is the quiet enjoyment and pride participants feel as part of the program.

"When they're working on their paintings the participants are very focused, very intent," he says. "But there are lots of smiles, too. We talk and laugh, tell jokes and generally

have a great time."

Just as important is the sense of pride participants feel.

"Seeing their artwork matted, framed and displayed gives people a real sense of accomplishment" says Hope's Executive Director Cynthia Conant-Arp. "There are lots of other benefits, too, like the stimulation of doing creative work, making decisions and using skills they may not have used in some time -- but the pride and pleasure they find in having made something beautiful is simply wonderful to see."

Love what you do!

Turcotte could not agree more. An artist himself, with his own private studio, he's also been working with elders in various locations for nearly 25 years. Over those years he's developed a philosophy that shines through everything he does: "Progress is measured by process, not production. Entertain... Laugh... Love what you do!"

Note: Our current funding allows us to offer our art program once each week -- but we'd love to be able to offer it more often. If you're interested in making a directed donation to help expand this wonderful program, please call our Development Department at (401) 946-9220.

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These enthusiastic volunteers, assisted by Hope staff members, are asking the community to support our efforts in years to come. If you'd like to volunteer to help with our 10th anniversary celebration, please call 401-946.9220.

Thank You...

...to the kind people who have made donations in memory of our participants between January and April 2005 and to those who have supported Hope through the United Way.

If you'd like to make a donation in memory of one of our participants please make your check payable to Hope Alzheimer's Center and mail to Hope Alzheimer's Center Development Department, 25 Brayton Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920.

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