

## An Enthusiasm For Life

by Shawn Michael Kernaghan

If you were to sit next to Bill Magladery on a bus, you would find a quiet, unassuming man who enjoys going to work every day and swapping sport scores from the Toronto Star with his friends at Booth Industries. If you were to take a moment to talk with Bill, you might be surprised at the amount of enthusiasm he has for his life in and around Our Lady of Victory Place, including contributing articles on a trip to Florida and how he enjoyed the Gala events for this newsletter.

Bill seems to have found a niche as he is considered to be a regular at the building's bingo and movie nights. Recently, he placed fourth in pool tournament held at Our

Lady of Victory. He also had the opportunity to visit Prince Edward Island, he saw the play Anne of Green Gables and went fishing, which was something new for him. Bill has also made

connections in going to Aqua fitness class during the winter months. He hopes to continue these new friendships as he learns about what makes him a well-rounded person.

## Raffle



Winner of 2nd prize - Brian O'Malley

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who sold raffle tickets for us. A special thanks goes out to Sister Kathleen Kelly, of Holy Rosary Parish, who sold four books. Because of the generosity of Mary Centre's friends, our 1st Raffle was such a success that we will be holding another Raffle. The raffle raised \$3,400.

Prize Winners were:

**1st Prize** - Brigitte Lampe won the A.J. Casson numbered reproduction  
Valued at \$1,000

**2nd Prize** - Brian O'Malley won the Quilt  
Valued at \$600

**3rd Prize** - Altoinette Wilson won the Steel Mantle Clock  
Valued at \$120

## Angelo's New Apartment

By Anthony Hughes

7 years ago when Greenbriar opened, Angelo Sodaro was one of the residents who moved in. This was an exciting and anxious time for him. Moving into a house with 3 ladies he had never met was a big change. Since then, Angelo has come a long way and is ready to make the next step

by getting his own apartment. With support from the people around him, Angelo has started to gather furniture and other items for his new place.

Although the final move is still some months away, his wishes are becoming a reality.

Over the next while Angelo will become more familiar with his new home and the surrounding area. The slightest mention of his new place brings a giant

smile and excited tone to his voice, as he takes pride in his newly found independence.

Way to go, Angelo.

## Nissan Challenge 2000

By Paula Murphy

Circle June 11, 2000 on your calendar and start thinking about collecting pledges. Start asking your friends, neighbours, co-workers and family for a donation.

Pledge forms will be available in late

April/early May and can be picked up at any of our residential locations, our main office or you can call us at (416) 630-5533 and we will send you one...it's that easy!

Last year a group from Mary Center participated in the Nissan Challenge. This is an annual run/walk that raises money for agencies that support seniors. Mary Centre participants raised \$2500. This year we want to make it even more successful!!

So lace up those shoes and come join us for a great Sunday morning walk or run.



## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We would like to thank the Following people for their Contributions since our last Newsletter:

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## Staff Salute

By Dominic Conforti

Lorna Duquette has been the Integrated Seniors Co-ordinator since 1991. She proudly says she has the best job in the agency and loves her work. Lorna has many responsibilities: she co-ordinates the volunteers, the Newsletter Committee, and the Program Evaluation process. Most importantly, she ensures that the residents of Mary Centre are included in

activities of their choice. Lorna is an excellent ambassador for Mary Centre. She is well liked by her colleagues, community partners, the residents and their families. If you want Lorna to do something - chocolate is an excellent bribe.

At present Lorna is on maternity leave. Lorna and Alex are now the proud parents of Kaitlin Duquette, born on January 12th, 2000. Congratulations!

PS. Gotcha!!!

## A New Face At Mary Centre

By Anthony Hughes

When a new person begins working at Mary Centre, everyone wonders what he or she will be like? How will they fit in? Before starting employment with Mary Centre, Angela Pierce completed a DSW field placement at Aberdeen so everyone knew she would fit in perfectly as a part-time staff member.

Since 1992, Angela has brought considerable talents to her work at Aberdeen. Not only does she treat the residents with dignity and respect, she also treats her co-workers similarly. Angela co-ordinates our Staff Social Fund and she is also a Health and Safety Representative. She does an excellent job of juggling her classes at York University, her various job duties at Mary Centre and her other jobs.

We all appreciate the energy and effort that Angela brings to Mary Centre, its staff and, most especially, to the residents. On behalf of everyone... Thank You, Angela.

## A Family Perspective

Mary Centre's Whitecap Residence gives opportunity for community living to those who are challenged. When you enter, you immediately feel satisfied with the pleasant atmosphere. My cousin Isla lives in this house and we are relieved that she is part of this environment. The staff is very supportive of her physical and emotional well-being which includes setting medical appointments, helping with her daily routine and accessing community programs. All of these contribute to increasing her self-esteem. She loves her room and enjoys the friendship with all other members of the household, be they fellow residents or staff. The staff are amazing! With so much understanding and patience, they diligently protect the individuality of the residents under their care. This is Christianity in action and I speak for all my family in giving thanks to Mary Centre.

## National Volunteer Week

April 9-15

Volunteers Open Doors To A Better World

Thank A Volunteer Today

# Volunteer Corner

By Lynnell Blind

Spring is in the air, and the smell of freshness and the feeling of newness creates a smile, and enthusiasm for new adventures and experiences that may lie ahead. What is ahead is National Volunteer Week, April 9-15, 2000. This week is firmly established as the highlight of the year for paying tribute to Volunteers, people who make a difference in their communities. It is the perfect opportunity to reach out and thank our volunteers.

National Volunteer Week also increases public awareness of the vital contribution

volunteers make and continue to make to communities and the society as a whole.

Again this year, Mary Centre will be participating in the National Volunteer week at Scarborough Town Centre, April 13, 2000. There will be a full day of entertainment and recognition of volunteers. Come join in the fun!! And let's not forget to thank a volunteer today.

Are you getting spring fever? Looking for new adventures? Volunteering may just what you are looking for. Sharing your talents and wanting to be a part of helping to shape your community may just be the ideal thing for you. Mary Centre has many opportunities to get involved in. If interested call Lynnell at 416-502-1910.

## Wishlist

The staff and residents would like to thank the following people for their donation: Bob and Donna Murray, for the telephone/clock radio. Some other items needed are:

- automatic camera
- curio cabinet
- clock
- toaster/toaster oven
- mixing bowls
- kettle
- can opener
- tea towels
- oven mitts
- dish drainer
- coffee table
- end table
- lamps
- backyard shed
- patio set
- ghetto blaster
- computer desk

If you are able to help us out with a donation, please call Lynnell Blind at 416-502-1910



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If you would like more information about Mary Centre and/or you would like to make a donation, please clip out this section, complete the information and return to our office.

- I would like more information about the agency
- I would like information on becoming a volunteer

I enclose a donation of: \$200.00  \$100.00  \$50.00  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque enclosed. I wish to use my \_\_\_\_\_ Visa Card

Card# \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like to donate a gift in kind. Please specify \_\_\_\_\_
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