Letter from the President

The Centers at St. Camillus served over 3,500 people in 2016 through our continuum of health care programs and services. What might surprise you is that almost three-quarters of the patients we served were in our home and community-based programs. These programs focus on helping people remain in the community or return to the community following a hospital or nursing facility stay. Home Care, which is the largest of our community-based programs, is featured as our cover story.

Just as the name implies, Home Care services are provided in a person’s home or apartment to improve or maintain health or lessen the effects of illness or disability. We have two home care agencies, St. Camillus Home Care, a Certified Home Health Agency, and Integrity Home Care, which is a Licensed Home Care Services Agency.

A Certified Home Health Agency provides intermittent skilled nursing and other therapy services (e.g. physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy). Typically, patients are seen for up to two months and Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance pay for the services provided. Medicare also rates Certified Agencies on a five star rating scale (five being the best) for its quality of patient care and patient satisfaction. I’m proud to share that St. Camillus Home Care Agency achieved 3.5 stars on its quality of care and 4 stars on patient satisfaction with the services. Information about Certified Home Care Agencies is readily available on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services website, www.cms.gov.

Licensed Home Care Agencies offer home care services to people who pay privately or have private insurance coverage. Typical services provided are home health aide or personal care. There are no ratings for Licensed Agencies. Information about this type of Home Care program is available on the New York State Department of Health website, homecare@health.ny.gov.

And we are very excited about a new collaborative project we have embarked on with our friends at Christopher Community, Inc., called Harborbrook Apartments. The project is described in detail further on in the magazine. Our goal is to provide intermittent supports through our home and community-based programs to help the Harborbrook residents remain independent and in the community.

On behalf of the Board and staff of The Centers at St. Camillus and Integrity Home Care Services, we wish you and your families and loved ones a safe and healthy summer.

Aileen Balitz
President and CEO of St. Camillus

If you’d like to view our new catalog of services, visit www.st-camillus.org and click on its icon at the bottom of our home page. Or to request one of our 24-page catalogs, update, add or remove your mailing address information, please e-mail us at info@st-camillus.org or call Debbie Christiansen, Director of Graphic and Creative Services, at 315-703-0732.

If you’d like to comment on the magazine, website or any other topic, please e-mail us at feedback@st-camillus.org or call Michael Connor, Community Relations Director, at 315-703-0822.
ON THE COVER

Members of the St. Camillus Home Care staff having some fun while taking photos for the cover of this edition of Cornerstone magazine.

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Harborbrook Apartments to Open in 2018

Independent living apartments with available support services to open adjacent to St. Camillus.

Giving Parkinson’s the One-Two Punch!

St. Camillus offers two specialized programs for patients with Parkinson’s disease.

Otto and Cheer Squad Visit SU Alumn

Social Day participant receives a surprise visit from his college mascot!

THANK YOU!

Recognizing those who help to make life even better for our residents and patients.

5 STAR RATING!

St. Camillus Quality Measures Rated 5 Stars!!!

Medicare uses assessment information and hospital claims data to measure the quality of certain aspects of nursing home care, such as whether residents have gotten their flu shots, are in pain or are losing weight. These measures of care are called “quality measures.” Medicare posts each nursing home’s scores for these quality measures on Nursing Home Compare. By comparing scores, you can evaluate how nursing homes may differ from one another. The ratings go from 1 to 5 stars, with 5 stars being the best rating reserved for the top 25% of nursing homes.
The Centers at St. Camillus offers a variety of services and programs designed to help individuals reach their maximum potential and achieve their highest level of independence. Our nearly 50-year history illustrates our commitment to assisting persons to remain and/or return to living in the community.

In this edition of St. Camillus’ Cornerstone magazine featuring some of our community-based health care programs and services, we are pleased to spotlight The Home Care Center at St. Camillus, which provides a variety of therapies and services to help achieve optimal health and independence at home.

The Home Care Center at St. Camillus is comprised of two distinct agencies: The St. Camillus Home Care Agency and Integrity Home Care Services.

I. The St. Camillus Home Care Agency

The St. Camillus Home Care Agency is a Certified Home Health Agency that specializes in a full range of care such as skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, medical/social services, nutritional consultation and more.

We are certified by the New York State Department of Health to provide home health care services for physician-referred clients within Onondaga County. We work closely with patients, their caregivers and physicians to help them achieve goals such as enhancing health and independence. We also work with The Centers at St. Camillus, its licensed home care agency affiliate - Integrity Home Care Services (more about Integrity Home Care Services appears later in this article) - and other providers to transition patients from one level of care to home.

Working within the familiar surroundings of an individual’s home, we help re-establish as much independence as possible, freeing both individuals and their family to regain control of their lives. Therapies, testing and procedures can be provided in the comfort of an individual’s own home.

Administered with total concern and attention to the needs of the individual, the St. Camillus Home Care Agency is comprised of team members who are specialists in:

- Audiology Testing
- Falls Risk Assessments
- Home Aide Services
- Infusion Therapy
- Nursing Services
- Speech Evaluation/Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Respiratory Therapy
- Social Services
- Nutritional Counseling

For us, caring about people at home is a sacred trust. From meal preparation to intravenous drug therapy, the St. Camillus Home Care Agency offers effective care with a personal touch to help individuals and family members get back to their lives.

Referrals/Admissions for the St. Camillus Home Care Agency

Please call the St. Camillus Home Care Agency at 315-488-2831 or e-mail homecare@st-camillus.org.

We accept Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance and self or private-pay.

St. Camillus Home Care Agency At-A-Glance

- Certified by Medicare and accepts a variety of insurances
- Usual professional referral sources: Hospitals, Rehabilitation facilities & MD offices
- Services: Skilled Nursing · RN Case Manager · Nutrition Medical Social Work · Home Health Aide Services Physical Therapy · Occupational Therapy Speech Therapy · Respiratory Therapy
II. Integrity Home Care Services

At Integrity Home Care Services, we are dedicated to promoting our clients’ health and well-being while they enjoy all the comforts of home. The name “Integrity,” which was chosen by our staff, reflects our commitment to a code of honesty and quality in caring for others.

Integrity Home Care Services is licensed by the New York State Department of Health to provide services within Onondaga, Oswego, Oneida, Madison, Cayuga and Cortland Counties. Integrity offers a variety of services, from assistance with personal care and meal preparation to nursing services – all provided by caring, experienced professionals.

Receiving health care at home offers many advantages. Familiar surroundings, loved ones nearby and a full-range of quality services from our caring professionals make for some very powerful medicine. We strive to fit into our clients’ lifestyle to deliver services as needed.

The Right Care

Our experienced RNs, LPNs and home health aides provide the right care to meet specific needs. That’s because we pay close attention to the details – those little things that really make a difference – so individuals can recover quicker or live more comfortably.

April Hope

is Office Coordinator for Integrity Home Care Services℠, a licensed home care agency and an affiliate of The Centers at St. Camillus.

Our Integrity Home Care Services team specializes in providing a wide-range of services such as:

- Home health aides to assist with personal needs and daily activities
- Professional nursing service providing patient and family education
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) waiver program providing participants Home and Community Health Services (HCSS) care for those with disabilities looking to enhance their quality of life, to seniors receiving some extra help to remain independent and at home.

Referrals/Admissions for Integrity Home Care Services

Please call Integrity Home Care Services at 315-468-1484 or e-mail integrity@st-camillus.org.

Integrity Home Care Services At-A-Glance

- LICENSED by the NYS Department of Health
- Referral sources (by contract):
  - St. Camillus Home Care (and other certified agencies in our area)
  - VA (Veterans Affairs) Medical Center
  - Onondaga County (EISEP-Expanded In Home Services for the Elderly Program)
  - MLTC (Managed Long Term Care) insurance companies
  - Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver Program
- Private Pay
- Services:
  Nursing • Home Health Aide • Personal Care Aide

Heather Kemmis

is Vice President of Home Care for The Home Care Center at St. Camillus.

Christine Reale

is Director of Patient Services for The Home Care Center at St. Camillus.

April Hope

is Office Coordinator for Integrity Home Care Services℠, a licensed home care agency and an affiliate of The Centers at St. Camillus.
Would you like to join our dynamic team? The Home Care Center at St. Camillus is looking to fill the following health care positions:

- RN Case Manager
- Per Diem RN
- Per Diem PT, OT, ST
- Home Health Aides
- PCAs

To apply online, log onto: www.st-camillus.org/careers/

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Have You Heard About **OPTUM™**?

Ask anyone with a loved one who is currently living a skilled nursing facility what is most important to them and their answer will most likely center around knowing that their loved one is receiving the best care possible.

Because it is our goal to ensure that our residents receive the very best care available, we continue to partner with the United Healthcare Nursing Home Plan, which is specially designed for individuals, such as your loved one, who live in skilled nursing facilities. Referred to as a ‘clinical care model,’ the Nursing Home Plan takes a ‘treat in place’ approach to safeguarding the health and well-being of your loved one with the goal of minimizing hospitalizations. The Nursing Home Plan also offers additional benefits to your loved one, such as:

- Transportation Benefits
- Routine Eye Exams
- Hearing Services
- Podiatry Services

When individuals enroll in the United Healthcare Nursing Home Plan, they automatically benefit from a program called Optum, which provides a dedicated Nurse Practitioner, who provides frequent visits and updates to family members.

We’re very excited to be able to make these programs available to our residents because the model has a proven track record of enhancing quality of life. We are also excited to introduce another team player, our new Optum Physician Assistant Christina “Chris” Coughlin.

*If you would like to learn more about enrolling your loved one into the United Healthcare Nursing Home Plan, the Optum program or if you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to call (315) 703-0694.*
New Harborbrook Apartments

Feature Independent Living with Available Supportive Services

The Centers at St. Camillus has teamed up with our friends at Christopher Community, Inc., to develop 60 new one-bedroom independent living apartments. Harborbrook Apartments will be located directly adjacent to St. Camillus on Fay Road in Syracuse. Twenty (20) of the units are wheelchair accessible units.

The new Harborbrook Apartments will be a two-story building that includes a community room and a wellness room with fitness equipment where exercise classes, fall prevention workshops and other wellness activities can be held.

St. Camillus received a $2.5M Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI) award to support 20 MRT (Medicaid Redesign Team) residents who are frail elderly and individuals with a physical disability or chronic condition currently in a nursing home or at risk of placement and can safely live in the community.

Harborbrook Apartments will provide much needed independent housing. The supportive services offered include services to connect residents to governmental and community resources, increase their self-management of personal and instrumental activities of daily living, and support to provide assistance for personal care when formal services are not scheduled.

St. Camillus will offer rehabilitation services and home health care through our Home Care Agency. Christopher Community is overseeing the project and will manage the building once it is complete.

Trees were cleared from the land in March 2017 and construction was initiated the following month in April. Project completion and the grand opening of Harborbrook Apartments are anticipated in July 2018.

For more information about the new Harborbrook Apartments adjacent to St. Camillus, contact Christopher Community at 315-424-1821 or visit www.christopher-community.org.
The Centers at St. Camillus is giving Parkinson’s the one-two punch!

With two specialized programs for patients with Parkinson’s disease.

**Rock Steady Boxing**
Offered through our Wellness Center

Addresses physical, cognitive and emotional deficits associated with Parkinson’s through a group fitness circuit program.

Rock Steady Boxing classes are held 11:45 am-1:15 pm, every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. For more information, call 315-488-2112.

**LSVT® (Lee Silverman Voice Treatment)**
**LOUD and BIG Therapy Programs**

Offered through our Outpatient Rehabilitation Center

- **LSVT® LOUD** treats voice and speech disorders (LSVT® LOUD patients must be seen by an ENT after LSVT® LOUD evaluation, prior to treatment.)
- **LSVT® BIG** provides Physical Therapy for movement dysfunction.

For more information, call 315-488-2112 or visit st-camillus.org.
Walt Medicis, a participant in the Social Day Program at The Centers at St. Camillus, was happy to pose for a photo with members of the Syracuse University Cheer Squad and Otto the Orange. After all, he is Syracuse University alumnus!

Walt attended SU in the early 1940s and played on the University’s football team. He even went on to teach a one-credit social dance course that was hugely popular on campus. It was common to see more than 100 students in one of Walt’s dance classes, as he’d teach them how to do the tango, swing and cha-cha!

As a matter of fact, some of Walt’s students formed the first ballroom dance organization at Syracuse University and he was their advisor. He opened the Walt Medicis Dance Studio in Syracuse and it’s still in business today. Walt remains light on his feet and he’s a prime example of how dancing can keep you young!
Summer 2017

Resident News

The artwork of St. Camillus resident Charlie Rogalia was chosen to be part of a select 70 pieces that traveled to the Leading Age New York Annual Conference in Saratoga, NY, and will also be on display at their conference this fall. In the meantime, his piece is on display in the Leading Age New York front lobby for all to see.

In addition, resident Joan Abbatiello received a Gallery Award. Her piece has been hung in the public area of the Leading Age office for all to admire. Great job to our in-house artists!

Resident News

BARNYARD ROOSTER by Charlie Rogalia

In December 2016, the evening shift nurses on the third floor decided to surprise the residents by decorating the lounge and hallways for the holidays. The residents “lit up” when they saw the transformation. There was such positive feedback from the residents and their family members, that now each holiday the display gets bigger and bigger!

The nurses’ thoughtfulness extends even further. They pitch in and purchase the decorations themselves. “It makes us happy to see the residents happy,” said Elizabeth Chamorro. “It reminds them of the upcoming holiday and we talk about what each holiday represents.”

Most recently, the nurses decorated for Memorial Day and created a special display on the wall commemorating all of the residents who had served in the military – a gold star for each Veteran!

A special thank you to the staff members on the third floor for their compassion and thoughtfulness.

St. Camillus’ Medical & Social Day Programs Represented

Jennifer Page, Director of Day Programs for St. Camillus, was invited to participate on the Community Resource Panel at Upstate University Hospital’s Transitions of Care Symposium on June 13, 2017.

Jennifer’s presentation explained the benefits of both day programs and how they can assist with helping people return to and remain living at home. For more information about Medical Day, call 315-703-0670. For our Social Day, call 315-703-0740.
St. Camillus has Spirit

Staff members make it fun for residents and patients by showing their spirit on Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day and during a visit from the SU Cheer Squad!

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Gifts in Celebration

Gifts may be provided to The Centers at St. Camillus or the Friends of St. Camillus to memorialize or honor a loved one, friend or associate with a special tribute. All donations support the work of The Centers at St. Camillus. We will send a personalized announcement to the person you honor or to the family of the person you’ve chosen to remember and will add your honoree to the next report of Gifts in Celebration. Gifts may be sent to The Centers at St. Camillus or Friends of St. Camillus at 813 Fay Road, Syracuse, NY 13219.

The following list identifies gifts in celebration received between November 16, 2016, and May 30, 2017. If we have made an error or omission, please accept our apology and contact The Centers at St. Camillus at 315-703-0822 to correct the mistake.

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Recent gifts to the Annual Giving Garden at The Centers at St. Camillus

(Received November 22, 2016, through April 30, 2017; in alphabetical order by donors’ last name)

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In honor of Shirley Cruickshank  
Ms. JoAnne Wallace*

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In memory of Eleanor Anderson  
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In memory of Mary Frances Conole  
Mr. Charles P. Conole*

In honor of Beverly Griffin & Aileen Balitz  
Dr. David H. Dube*

In memory of Edwin “Tom” Dugan  
Mrs. Dolores Dugan

In memory of Holly E. Gallagher  
Jill & Michael Gallagher*

In memory of Fr. Ted Gryga & Bruno Leonard  
Josie & Joe Gryga*

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Ms. Shelly Polge

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Mr. Manuel M. Martinez, Jr.*

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Mr. Douglas J. Reicher*

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Audrey & Derrick Suehs*

In honor of the volunteers at St. Camillus  
Ms. Michelle Viau*

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Mr. Paul H. Young*

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In honor of the Recreation Staff at St. Camillus – you’re purr-fect!  
Mrs. Mary Ellen Steele*

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Camillus Ridge Terrace  
Camillus Ridge Terrace*

In honor of Aileen Balitz  
Ms. Deborah Christiansen & Mr. Michael A. Connor

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In memory of Alfonse Ellera  
Mr. & Mrs. George E. Gelsomin*

In honor of Karen Engler  
Mr. Henry J. Luttinger*

In honor of Nancy Fik  
Ms. Elaine C. Fik*

We miss you, Holly. Love, Mom & Poppy  
Jill & Michael Gallagher*

In memory of my wife Imelda Gallagher  
Mr. Emile Martin*

In honor of Marge Nicolini  
Mr. Harlan A. Nicolini*

Mr. Marion Poczobutt  
Mr. Marian Poczobutt*

In memory of sister & brother, Mary & Lou Polge  
Ms. Shelly Polge

In memory of Bernice Snell from one of her daughters, Marijean Snell Schaefer  
Ms. Marijean Schaefer*

In memory of Gloria Viau  
In memory of Kathleen Viau  
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*Indicates renewed gift

For more information about the Annual Giving Garden, contact Michael Connor at 315-703-0822.
A Beautiful Offering

Many thanks to Mario Tomasetti and family for their generous donation of this beautiful (3’ x 4’) framed wall hanging that was given to The Centers at St. Camillus in memory of Mario’s sister, Rose Salvagno. Rose was a resident on B-Unit at St. Camillus for many years.

Originally, this piece of art hung in the living room of Rose’s home and was a favorite of hers.

It’s now displayed in the hallway of B-Unit, not far from the room she occupied.

Thank you again for your generous donation and sharing this beautiful painting for our residents and staff to enjoy.

We are extremely grateful to an Anonymous Donor who donated more than $16,000 worth of stocks last fall to benefit the residents, patients and their families at The Centers at St. Camillus. Their gift not only provided funding to maintain and improve the popular outdoor Courtyards at St. Camillus, but for dozens of new contour mattresses necessary for the safety, care and comfort of our residents and patients. On behalf of everyone at The Centers at St. Camillus, thank you!

If you would like to make a donation of stocks to benefit St. Camillus, please contact Michael Connor, Community Relations Director, by calling 315-703-0822 or e-mailing michael.connor@st-camillus.org.

The Gift of Comfort

Roy Parsons, Director of Materials Management at The Centers at St. Camillus, poses with the two new reclining wheelchairs that were recently obtained for St. Camillus residents and patients through a generous donation made by the Friends for David Murphy.

Special thanks to the Friends for David Murphy who recently made a special contribution to The Centers at St. Camillus to help us obtain two new reclining wheelchairs. Because of their generosity, we will now be able to better address the specific care needs of residents and patients who are unable to sit up comfortably on their own in a traditional wheelchair and require the assistance of a special reclining wheelchair. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and support!
The Sweetest Donation Ever!

Robert Perrotta, a patient at St. Camillus, is the proud grandfather of McKenzie Meaker, member of Brownie Troop 40303 in Cato, NY, and Girl Scout Cookie Salesperson Extraordinaire!

When McKenzie excelled at cookie sales this year with 228 boxes sold, her father Robert Perrotta, Jr., of AMA Construction in Cato, NY, decided to purchase the same number of cookies (228 boxes) and donate them to a good cause. McKenzie suggested the donation be given to The Centers at St. Camillus.

Our Dining Services staff graciously accepted the donation and the cookies were served as a special treat to participants in our Adult Day programs, as well as to residents and patients.

We’d like to thank McKenzie and her family for their delicious donation!

A Life-Changing Contribution

Last fall, Griff and Carol Williams of Marietta, NY, made a generous gift of $5,000 to The Centers at St. Camillus both in memory of Mr. William’s late mother, Flo Williams, as well as in honor of Patrick VanBeveren, Director of Physical Therapy at St. Camillus.

Enclosed with their gift was a beautiful letter illustrating Patrick’s extraordinary care of Flo prior to and during her periods of physical rehabilitation, as well as through the end of her life. The Williams specifically designated that Patrick and the rehabilitation staff use their gift to purchase a much-needed piece of equipment of their choice that would directly benefit rehabilitation patients and facilitate staff members in delivering their very best care services.

On Wednesday, December 14, 2016, the Williams were invited back to The Outpatient Rehab Center at St. Camillus so that staff members could thank and show them what they had purchased – a brand new Tram.

Staff members were eager to demonstrate how the Tram works and will benefit patients. With the assistance of one or two physical therapy professionals, a patient who is not ambulatory can now be lifted with assistance at first to stand and then proceed, again with assistance, to begin to walk.

The new Tram donated by the Williams brings hope and help to many St. Camillus rehabilitation patients. David Hawley, a Physical Therapy Assistant at St. Camillus, summed it up perfectly when he got to meet the Williams; “What you’ve given us will be life-changing for so many patients – thank you!”

If you, like the Williams, would like to make a life-changing, tax-deductible gift of support to The Centers at St. Camillus, please contact Michael Connor, Community Relations Director, by calling 315-703-0822 or e-mailing him at michael.connor@st-camillus.org.
Employee News

Please take a moment to meet the following new employees who have recently accepted positions at The Centers at St. Camillus!

**PAMELA ORTIZ-APONTE, RN**
Nurse Manager

New to St. Camillus last month, Pamela comes to us with six years of nursing experience and three years in management.

As she starts her career as a nurse manager on our 3rd floor unit, she’s excited to be part of the St. Camillus team and hopes everyone feels at home on her unit – residents, families and staff alike!

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**HEATHER SESSLER**
Director of Social Services

Heather came on board in February, 2017, and is happy to have joined such a caring and compassionate team. With more than 12 years experience in this role, she continues to engage with team members to enhance the quality of life, as well as enhance the quality of care for our residents. She also assists with maintaining our visibility in the community in relation to the wide range of services that are available at St. Camillus.

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**JANICE HANNIG, RN**
Assistant Nurse Manager

Janice comes to St. Camillus with a total of 24 years experience as an RN and has two years experience as an Assistant Nurse Manager.

She started with us last month and strives to do her best to bring a caring and loving attitude to work each day. She someday hopes to advance to MDS Nurse.

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**SEAN MOORE, RN**
RN Supervisor, 3-11 Shift

St. Camillus welcomed Sean in May of 2017. He’s been employed as a nurse since 2014 and previously worked at Upstate Medical University.

Sean’s goal is to help St. Camillus continue to achieve a high level of care and to become a valued member of the team. His long term goal is to become a nurse practitioner. One fun fact about Sean – he lived in Bali, Indonesia, for several years, where he met his wife!

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**HEATHER FRESE, LPN**
Health Care Systems Analyst

Heather has been with St. Camillus for six months. Prior to joining our team, she worked at Oswego Health as a Clinical System Analyst.

Her short term goal is to increase Emergency Medical Records performance and efficiency to better improve the working environment for the clinical and financial staff.

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**KEARNEY ELECTED TO FELLOWS ACTION NETWORK STEERING COMMITTEE**

Christine M. Kearney, CRC, Rehabilitative Services & Organizational Development, was recently elected to the steering committee of the Fellows Action Network (FAN), a program of the Health Foundation of Western and Central New York. It’s comprised of graduates of the Health Leadership Fellows Program and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Ladders to Leadership Program.

Christine Reale, Director of Patient Services for The Home Care Center at St. Camillus, recently graduated from these two leadership programs in April, 2017, while Donna White, Rehab Director of Inpatient Services, is currently in the first year of the two year Leadership Fellows Program.

The Steering Committee was reconfigured to include a representative from Central New York and a representative from Western New York from each of the six cohorts of Leadership Fellows and a representative from the Ladders to Leadership Program. Christine Kearney is the representative from CNY Cohort 4. The Steering Committee will work to support the FAN to provide a forum for community health leaders to work collaboratively on critical health issues to improve health outcomes for children, seniors and families across Western and Central New York.
The Centers at St. Camillus is looking to fill health care positions.

WE ARE HIRING!
www.st-camillus.org/careers/

St. Camillus offers great weekend shift differentials and no mandatory overtime!

Our employees have the opportunity to work with experienced long term care staff and can take advantage of flexible scheduling while working in a convenient residential setting.

Interested applicants should apply on-line or mail, fax or e-mail their cover letter and resume to The Centers at St. Camillus. Make sure to include the position for which you are applying.

MAIL to: The Centers at St. Camillus
Human Resources Department
813 Fay Road, Syracuse NY 13219
EOE

FAX to: 315-468-2155
Attn: Human Resources

E-MAIL to: jobs@st-camillus.org

For a complete list of current opportunities or to submit your application online, please visit our website at www.st-camillus.org and click the CAREERS link at the top.

New Vans Delivered to St. Camillus

St. Camillus received five 2017 Ford Suburbans in December 2016. This was possible through a Federal Transit Authority 5310 Grant through the Department of Transportation along with additional contributions from The Dorothy and Marshall M. Reisman Foundation and The John Ben Snow Foundation.

We are grateful for all of the contributions which enable us to continue to offer transportation to clients within the community to programs, therapies and medical appointments keeping them independent and active while residing in their home.
Fashion and friendship were celebrated in style at this year’s annual “Spring into Summer” Fashion Show and Luncheon presented by the Friends of St. Camillus on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at Drumlins Country Club in Syracuse.

A record 141 guests were welcomed by an abundance of spring flowers artfully placed throughout the ballroom. Continuing the floral theme and new this year was the addition of large colorful paper flowers attached to garden lattices placed front and center on the stage that were custom-made by residents and patients at The Centers at St. Camillus.

This year’s event was led by Cheryl Crockett, new Event Chair extraordinaire, and Shirley Cruickshank, President of the Friends of St. Camillus, with the invaluable assistance of Committee Members, including Suzanne McClurg and JoAnn Wallace, as well as several other Friends’ members and volunteers.

Fantastic fashions and fabulous models were presented courtesy of Jane Morgan’s Little House from Aurora, NY, with proprietor Randi Zabriskie also serving as guest fashion commentator. Attendees were then able to purchase the previewed fashions, thanks to Jane Morgan’s on-site boutique, which is also donating a portion of all sales from the event to the Friends of St. Camillus.

A total of 25 attractive and valuable items were raffled off to lucky winners this year, including beautiful gift baskets – one featuring gourmet snacks and another filled with items from McKenzie-Childs.

Presenting Sponsors were the Kinney Drugs Foundation and Sodexo, while generous Event Sponsors included ACMG Federal Credit Union, Brown & Brown Empire State, China Towne, Geddes Federal Savings and Loan Association, Marilyn Wurzburger, McClurg Remodeling and Construction Services, McKesson, Sam Rao Florist, Inc., Solvay Bank, Syracuse Woman Magazine and Tyrol Club of Solvay.

Additional tickets in support of the event were purchased by Marsh.

To date, this year’s fashion show and luncheon has raised more than $7,200. Proceeds will go toward the Gift Shop Expansion Project at The Centers at St. Camillus. The Gift Shop at St. Camillus is managed by the Friends of St. Camillus with volunteers. It is also non-profit auxiliary's primary source of revenue, which is granted back each year to The Centers at St. Camillus to enhance the daily quality of life of residents and patients.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored, attended or donated to this event. Our success is due to your combined generosity!

To learn more about the Friends of St. Camillus, please visit www.st-camillus.org and click on Support then Friends of St. Camillus.

The Friends of St. Camillus wishes to thank the following organizations and individuals who gave generous gifts in support of our Gift Shop Expansion Project:

- Friends of St. Camillus
- Holy Family Church
- McClurg Remodeling and Construction Services
- Geddes Federal Savings and Loan Association
- Sharon L. Williams
- Anonymous

Funding for the Friends’ Gift Shop Expansion Project was also provided in part by generous supporters of the following recent special events or initiatives to benefit The Centers at St. Camillus:

- Friends of St. Camillus’ Spring into Summer Fashion Show & Luncheon - April 2017
- Syracuse Auto Expo’s Charity Preview - February 2017
- Red, White & Brew! - October 2016
- Celebration of Service - September 2016
- Annual Giving Garden (gifts received October 2016 - May 2017)

The Friends’ Gift Shop Expansion Project will result in increased sales and profits for projects that directly benefit and address the needs of our St. Camillus residents, patients and their families.

The expansion will provide space to store more inventory, display more items and sell more products that our customers’ desire, including cold beverages in an attractive and customer-friendly cooler.

The Gift Shop expansion utilizes its former location in the main lobby of St. Camillus, as well as adjacent spaces including the former Operator’s Desk area and a sizable storage closet.

We encourage anyone interested in working in our Gift Shop to contact our Volunteer office at 315-703-0687.
Family and friends of residents are always welcome to attend services with us. Going to worship is a great way to spend time together.

**Come worship with us.**

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**Regular Worship and Rosary Schedule in Chapel Gardens**

**Catholic Mass**  
Every Tuesday at 10:45 AM

**Protestant Service**  
Every Thursday at 10:45 AM  
*(Communion is the first Thursday of the month)*

**Rosary**  
Every Monday at 10:45 AM

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**Wednesday and Sunday Reflections in Maestri Family Chapel**

**Private Prayer and Meditation**  
10:00 AM

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Remembrance services are arranged through the Pastoral Care Directive form at the request of the resident or family.

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Grant me to recognize in others,  
Lord God,  
the radiance of your own face.  

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, 1881-1955

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**UPCOMING RECREATION EVENTS**

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**June 2017**

06/22  2-3:30 pm  Antique Car Show and Singer Michael Pauldine  
(CG and Building 1 Entrance)

06/28  6:30 pm  Pianist Dan Robbino

TBA  Chiefs Baseball Games

**July 2017**

07/04  10:15 am  Holiday Entertainment with Dick Ford Duo

07/06  6:30 pm  An Evening with Jerry Cali, Singer/Guitarist

07/14  10:15 am  Dan Robbino

07/19  6:30 pm  An Evening with Lock 52 Swing Music

TBA  Chiefs Baseball Games, Fishing Trips and Other Outings

**August 2017**

08/04  9:30 am  Marathon Bingo w/Anaren Volunteers

08/09  2-3:30 pm  Annual State Fair Event w/Music by Gabling Dream Band; games, music, animals, Balloon Man and more!  
(CG & Bldg. 1 Entrance)

08/24  2:30 pm  “Thanks for the Memories” with Joe Trionfero

08/21  2:30 pm  Jerry Cali, Singer/Guitarist

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All activities will take place in Chapel Gardens, Building 1, unless otherwise noted.

Please check our website for a complete monthly calendar of events at: [www.st-camillus.org](http://www.st-camillus.org).

Click the Programs and Services tab, then scroll down to Continuing Care. The link to the calendar is under Recreation Activities and Social Events.

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*We are always looking for new musical talent and programs. If interested, call 315-488-2851 and ask for the Director of Recreation Services.*
Mark your calendars for these upcoming events to benefit The Centers at St. Camillus. For more information, please call 315-703-0732 or 315-703-0822.

**SUMMER CELEBRATION OF SERVICE**
Honoring Cynthia Stevenson, Dr. Robert Anderson and Patricia Curtin  
Cocktail and Dinner Reception  
**Thursday, August 3, 2017 • 6:00 - 9:00 pm**  
Bellevue Country Club, 1901 Glenwood Ave., Syracuse, NY

**RED, WHITE and BREW**
Beer and Wine Tasting Event  
Delicious appetizers, raffles, sports on TV and fun!  
**Sunday, October 1, 2017 • 1:00 - 4:00 pm**  
Kitty Hoynes, 301 W. Fayette St., Syracuse, NY

**SYRACUSE AUTO EXPO’S CHARITY PREVIEW**
See the finest in motor cars for 2018 while enjoying amazing appetizers, desserts and cocktails!  
**Wednesday, November 1, 2017 • 6:00 pm**  
The Oncenter, Syracuse, NY

For more information about The Centers at St. Camillus, click the QR code to the left with your smart phone and find us on Facebook!