By the Numbers: Striving for Excellence

The Jewish Home of Eastern Pennsylvania is the region’s premier provider of short-term rehabilitation services, long-term skilled nursing care and memory care for older adults. One hundred years of being a mission-driven not-for-profit really add up! While creating a new marketing brochure, we recently took a look at the numbers that center on the Home’s number one focus: our residents.

The Home offers: post-acute, rehabilitation, skilled nursing, long term and dementia care. Whether residents just need some time to recover after an operation or injury, or need longer term care with intensive help, our skilled nursing services are tailored to each individual’s needs.

The Home’s short term stay and rehabilitation program has grown significantly over the past few years as we developed a regional reputation for a high rate of positive outcomes, despite serving a resident population with higher than average levels of care needs. Only 17% of our residents are readmitted to hospitals after a rehab stay in the Home in the 30 days after discharge, compared to a PA-wide re-admittance rate of 20%. Our average length of stay for skilled residents undergoing rehab therapy is 17 days compared to a national average of 24 days for similar facilities.

Rehabilitation residents are evaluated on admission using the Modified Barthel Index (MBI) that measures performance in activities in daily living (ADL). Our restorative care program and intense ADL therapy works to prepare residents for a successful return to independence in an optimal time frame. The therapy program clearly gets results: residents being admitted with a severe level MBI score that includes mobility issues and requiring constant nursing care and attention are leaving with a high moderate level score, meaning that they require some help but are able to walk without assistance. Therapy program residents are reaching over 100% of improvement targets set at assessment for bathing, dressing and personal care needs.

Our most important specialty is caring for each resident with respect for their individual needs and preferences, whether they are with us for a longer stay or for a brief period when transitioning back to their home and community. In order to further advance changing our culture to be more resident centered, in the spring of 2016, we engaged in a two year training program with Action Pact, a company recognized for developing and promoting the Household/ Neighborhood Model and PersonFirst Training®, for all our staff. Culture change is a process and movement of transforming traditional, institutional long-term care facilities, into true homes. It involves a change of environment, systems and attitude. Through PersonFirst® we are changing the traditional model of care to one staffed by consistent caregivers who are there to assist residents as they live lives of community based meaning, value and joy.

The staff at the Home has the experience needed to implement and grow our programs. We have 20 registered nurses on staff with an average of 22 years of experience. Fifty percent of our nurses have been with us for more than 11 years. Our 33 licensed practical nurses have an average of 9 years of experience and have been with us for an average of 6.9 years. The care staff is rounded out with 73 certified nursing assistants who have been with us an average of 7.6

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Chapel Windows Dedicated

One of the unique features of the Jewish Home is the beautiful on-premises synagogue. Originally endowed in 1964 by the late Joseph Harris in honor of his parents and his siblings, the Harris Chapel is a special place of worship for residents every Sabbath and all Jewish Holidays. One of the beautiful architectural designs of the chapel is the stained glass windows. Over the past few years, three of the nine windows have been dedicated in memory of loved ones.

Attorney Jerry Weinberger memorialized his wife Judy by endowing a window. Phyllis Feibus sponsored a window in memory of her parents, Meyer and Belle Feibus. The third window was recently dedicated by Clark Mark and his family in memory of Henrietta and Harry Mark. While some of the remaining windows are reserved already, a number are still available for sponsorship.

We invite the community to join us in Friday evening and Saturday morning services. Saturday morning services are always followed by a Kiddush featuring Scranton’s famous kichel, an assortment of pastries, herring and gefiltefish.

Omnicycle Elite Added to Therapy Department

The Jewish Home of Eastern Pennsylvania is proud to announce the addition of the Omnicycle Elite Neuro/Ortho/Cardio Rehabilitation Cycle System. The Omnicycle has been purchased for the Genesis Rehab Services therapy department through the generous donations made by Donald Baine, Neil and Yaela Baine and John Brezack in honor of their mother Eileen, and in memory of her daughter Gayle. The new cycling system is an extraordinary piece of equipment that improves the outcomes of residents suffering from neurological, orthopedic and cardio pulmonary illnesses. The cycle pedals are easily adjustable to fit the means of any resident to minimize joint stress while exercising. The system also has a large interactive colored screen that improves the resident’s interest in their therapy session.

In addition, the Elite offers residents the ability to exercise both their upper and lower extremities using one of three “Motor-Assist” modes:

• Assisted Cycling (Full Motor-Assist)
• Active-Assisted Cycling (Partial Motor-Assist)
• Active Cycling (No Motor-Assist)

The Omnicycle’s “Smart-Assist” technology allows the cycle to automatically shift between the three modes based on the strength and endurance of the individual resident. This allows for an integrated therapy session of both upper and lower extremities.

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years, and 12 rehabilitation therapists offering physical, occupational and speech therapy.

The facilities and amenities at the Home include an entire first floor of community space for social and intellectual engagement, multidenominational services for residents of all faiths, a location within a mile of Scranton’s major hospitals, full rehabilitation gym, restaurant-style dining, beauty salon, activities center and more.

As we move into our second century, we will continue to create the best outcomes for our residents with our diverse programs and high standards of operations, with an extra touch of compassion and care.

New Website Debuts

The Home has a newly designed website at www.jhep.org. With resources for professionals, family and the community, the new site is comprehensive and easily navigated. We invite you to visit the new website today.
Does Fido Have a Pet Pass?

Recognizing the therapeutic value of pet visits and at the same time balancing the need to ensure that all pets coming into the facility are suitable to visit with our residents, we require a pet pass for pets visiting at the Home. These are issued by the business office to pet owners who submit current vaccination certificates from their pet’s veterinarian. We request that visitors with pets present their pet pass to the receptionist upon arrival. Lynn Klemick, at extension 109 can be contacted for issuance of pet passes and guidelines for pet owners when completing a pet visit.

Jewish Home Welcomes New Staff Members

The Jewish Home recently welcomed three new professionals to our staff. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce Susan Buchner, B.S., Leeann Rutkowski, LPN, and Melissa Demcevski, RN.

Susan Buchner joined us in October of 2016 as Nursing Human Resource Coordinator. Susan is a graduate of the Tunkhannock Area School District, and went on to earn a degree in Science with a Major in Business Administration and a concentration in Human Resource from Keystone College. Prior to coming to the Jewish Home, Susan was employed at St. Michael’s School for six years. She then integrated into the Department of Defense, first as a military family -spouse, and sibling; later as an Airman in the Department of Navy.

Susan remarked, “It is a great pleasure and privilege to be a part of the Jewish Home, providing services and dedication to the population in which we serve. I look forward to working with the wonderful staff and leaders here at the Home, thank you for the hard work and dedicated services to the residents.”

Leeann Rutkowski, LPN is the Jewish Home’s Nurse Marketer since November of 2016. Leeann works to bring awareness of the Jewish Home’s services to members of the community, particularly those in the field of healthcare. Upon graduating from nursing school, Leeann began working as a nurse at Moses Taylor Hospital and then transitioned to working in home health care in various capacities for twenty years. Her experience also includes working as the Health Care Director for a memory care facility. Leeann is a native of Old Forge. She and her husband Mark have been married for 26 years and have a son, Mark.

Melissa Demcevski, RN became the Jewish Home’s Assistant Director of Nursing in December of 2016. A graduate of Felician College in Lodi, NJ, Melissa has twenty years of experience working in acute care settings in hospitals. For the past ten years Melissa worked in skilled nursing.

She has been happily married for twenty-five years, and has two daughters. In her downtime Melissa enjoys reading, crocheting, spending time with family in their cabin, and hosting dinner parties.

Please join us in welcoming Susan, Leeann and Melissa to the Jewish Home.

Resident Spotlight

Olga Rupinski enjoys an afternoon pizza party planned by the food committee.
Jewish Home Staff Recognition

The Jewish Home held its annual staff recognition program on November 16, 2016. The Home is fortunate to have attracted and retained such a talented group of individuals who are dedicated to our mission of caring for our residents.

While all staff are honored during our celebration, those who reached a milestone of service at the Home are listed below. These employees reaching a milestone year received a special gift to celebrate their years of service!

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Have you “Liked” us lately?
Photos of resident activities and events are posted regularly to keep in touch with facility happenings. If you haven’t checked us out, we invite you to “Like” us on Facebook.

We also invite you to check out our newly designed website at www.jhep.org.
Enthusiastic Response to Annual Membership Campaign

Faye Bishop and Shlomo Fink, co-chairs of this year’s Membership Campaign, announced that the response to this year’s drive has been very positive. As we go to the press, friends and supporters of the Jewish Home have contributed in excess of $125,000 with more gifts anticipated. Both Faye and Shlomo expressed their sincere appreciation to all those who responded so generously, reaffirming their ongoing commitment to the residents of the Home. Marshall Kornblatt, President of the Home, echoed those sentiments and was most gratified with the response by close to 615 donors. “We are so appreciative for every gift made and the willingness of the community to support our efforts”, he said. He continued, saying that “our ability to provide a high level service to each resident is enhanced by the generosity of so many people.” Mr. Kornblatt praised both Faye and Shlomo for their willingness to undertake this fund raising project and helping the Home achieve these impressive results.

For those who have not yet contributed, you can do by logging on to the Jewish Home web site www.jhep.org. If you prefer, you can mail your gift directly to the Home. Below is a listing of the category opportunities.

I/we would like to become a member of the Jewish Home and help make sure that the residents continue to receive the very best nursing home care available in Eastern Pennsylvania. A check is enclosed for the following membership category:

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Send completed form to The Jewish Home, 1101 Vine Street, Scranton, PA 18510. You may also make your donation easily online on our website at www.jhep.org.
The opening luncheon was a huge success. We hope that you will join us for future events.

The Auxiliary sponsors many programs throughout the year for the residents and its members. Become a member today and enrich not only your life, but the lives of our residents. To become a member of the Scranton Auxiliary, please contact Lynn Klemick at (570) 344-6177 ext 109.

Listening attentively, students from Bais Menachem in Wilkes Barre are being trained by Jewish Home nurse, Carolyn Levy, on how to assist residents during meal times. These young men volunteer to assist residents as their schedules allow.

Norma Warfel enjoys taking care of the indoor garden.
There are so many events occurring here on a daily basis, it is often hard to keep up. Residents have a host of activities to choose from. This year, Chanukah and Christmas were celebrated during the same time periods, making it an extra special time for residents and families at the Home. Holiday parties, cookies and milk, stockings on the doors, making latkes, dreidel games and Mass on Christmas Eve were just a few of the holiday happenings.
Dr. Glen Finney participated in the Jewish Home’s Community Outreach Program. Finney is a board certified Behavioral Neurologist and Director of Aging Brain & Behavioral Neurology for the Geisinger Health System. Behavioral Neurology studies all the functions of the brain that make us human, such as consciousness, personality, imagination, creativity, planning, judgment, language, tool use, etc. as well as the diseases that threaten them. Dementias such as Alzheimer’s and vascular dementias are the most common of these diseases.

Support Groups lead monthly in the Home by Kristen L. Shipsky, MSW and Nicole Lipinski, ADC-MC, CDP provide outreach to families in the community and those who have loved ones in the Home. Visit our Facebook page for further information.

This year, the Jewish Home walk team collected over $3500.00 toward the overall total of 100 thousand dollars going toward Alzheimer’s Research. This year’s Team Captain Christine Giuliani lead the Jewish Home to take steps to end Alzheimer’s.
Those of you who have attended past Restaurant Nights may have noticed a change to this special event. On November 10, 2016, we expanded our restaurant theme by providing ornate meals to all residents and engaging staff throughout the facility neighborhoods. The evening was both exciting and memorable as residents talked with their loved ones and reminisced about past holiday meals. Smiles were plentiful and the laughter was contagious. The restaurant night committee would like to thank all of the residents, family and staff who attended for such a successful evening. Be on the lookout for future dining events including our 2017 Summer Picnic to be held June 4, 2017.
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- Outing
- Table Games
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Webster Towers
We’re Staying Active!

Maureen Martin enjoys a dance with Santa (Patrick Murphy) at the Holiday Dinner.

Resident’s grandchildren assist at the Holiday Dinner; from left to right are Brendon Ortiz, Judy McLane, Service coordinator, Mia Paris, Anissa Paris, Anissa Ortiz, and Abby Stofko.

Officers of the Webster Towers Resident’s Association were inducted by Carol Fishbein; from left are Jean Bonaddio, Secretary, John Sawko, president and Jean Barrett, outgoing President.

Residents Evelyn Costa, second from the left and Rita Beti, standing on the left, join volunteers and their therapy dogs.

Gloria Miller, chairperson of the raffle basket committee, with some of the baskets made to raise funds for the residents association.

Community room filled with guests for the Holiday Dinner.
In November we celebrated the 20th Anniversary of Elan Gardens. It is truly hard to believe and especially so for those of us who have been here for that whole time. We had a three day celebration which included theme days, prizes, entertainment, and special treats. We also had a special celebratory event for staff (all 77 of them!)

I believe that the secret to our success has been our adaptability to change. Surely we are required to adjust to regulation changes. But the greatest changes have been in response to the ever changing needs presented by our residents. We pride ourselves for not becoming complacent with the care that we provide and instead do all that is necessary to maintain Elan Gardens as the foremost Senior Living facility in our geographical area.

Speaking of changes, it is with great joy that I have the opportunity to share some exciting news. Ann Miles has been promoted from Coordinator of Social Services and Marketing to Assistant Administrator. As many of you know, Ann's willingness to complete any and all tasks is limitless, and Elan Gardens would not be the same without her. Ann began her journey in March of 1996, almost six months before we welcomed our first residents. She has been an integral part of everything that happens at Elan Gardens. In 2015, she took on the project of creating Memory Lane which has been a tremendous success and she will continue to be directing the day to day responsibilities of that program.

As if this wasn't enough, there is another exciting change to share. Bobbie O'Donnell, who has been our Coordinator of Recreation and Community Services, is now our Director of Sales and Marketing along with her continued responsibility of coordinating all things Recreation. If you know Bobbie, I am sure you would agree that she is the perfect person to get out in the community and share the story of Elan Gardens. In today's world of competition in health care services, it is critical to have a presence in hospitals and other medical settings including doctors' offices. Bobbie will be that presence for Elan Gardens. We know that she will share our pride in having an outstanding senior care facility which is beyond compare. Please let Bobbie know if you are aware of a community group, program, or individual who would benefit from a presentation.

Please join me in offering congratulations to Ann and to Bobbie, for a job well done in the past, and a job well earned for the future. We are so lucky to have them both!
Call Prashanta Priest at (570) 344-6177, extension 140.

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We would like to concentrate on recreational programs for this Wish List. We have activities running seven days a week from 9:30 AM to 7:30 PM. Throughout the day, there are often two or three different programs running simultaneously.

If you would like to sponsor any of the below items, please call Ilise or Ann at 570-585-4400. We will acknowledge them according to your personal request.

$150 – Live Entertainment. We have entertainers every Monday afternoon and it is enjoyed by all!

$25 – New and current large print books.

$20 – New and current DVD movies. We offer movies two times weekly and we usually fill every seat.

$25 - $75 – Resident Centered activity supplies for Memory Lane.

$125 – Weekly flowers begin with a flower arranging activity and enjoyed in the dining room all week long.

$4000 – This is for a “Smart Board.” It is our ultimate Wish and would be used for recreational purposes and special memory support programs, as well as marketing presentations.

Joe Ferrari as the Admiral of the Elan Gardens’ Ship
Light shines through one of the stained glass windows in the Harris Chapel. See article on page 2.