

of Ms. Freeman's help in regard to our mother, Sara Roth, who passed away on July 1 at the Shadow Mountain Nursing Home in Scottsdale.

Prior to EverCare, our family felt alone and frustrated in dealing with all Sara's medical needs at Shadow Mountain. It was difficult reach a doctor or getting answers from her nurses regarding her condition or explanation of medications. EverCare became like a fairy godmother who orchestrated a wonderful team approach to caring for our mother. Communication between Dr. Sapp, Ms. Freeman and myself was excellent and that in itself did wonders for my peace of mind.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank one of your shining stars—Ms. Sue Freeman. What a wonderful woman! She is articulate, highly skilled, organized, professional, and has a great heart! I always felt like Sara was a top priority with Sue and for that, we will always be grateful.

EverCare works. That is important for you to know. God only knows what would have happened to Sara's quality of life without Dr. Sapp and Ms. Freeman.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.
Sincerely,

Eleanor Shnier.

Rose Dealba is an 82-year old female resident of Mi Casa, patient of Dr. Greco with a history of cervical myopathy and chronic diarrhea. Mrs. Dealba was essentially bedridden and total care because of her cervical myopathy. Of note—Mrs. Dealba is cognitively intact. Her inability to care for herself had added depression to her problem list. Her quality of life was less than optimal due to her inability to get herself to the bathroom, to feed herself, etc. The patient and her family felt there was not hope for improvement in Mrs. Dealba's condition.

With slow and progressive/incremental physical therapy, occupational therapy and restorative nursing, Mrs. Dealba was able to feed herself, transfer and ambulate to the bathroom with a walker and assist of one. Her chronic diarrhea has finally been controlled. With another round of PT she has become more independent in her transfers and ability to get to the bathroom. She is now able to go outside with her family.

Both Mrs. Dealba and her family are thrilled with her progress. With Mrs. Dealba's previous medical carrier, physical therapy had been denied. She has been able to maintain these gains with assistance of the restorative nursing program.

It is very difficult to report only one success story. Team members report successes in practicing the EverCare model on a daily basis. A recent event leading to a letter of appreciation for Mary Ann Allan is one of many examples. Mary Ann has grown especially close to her residents and their families in a very short time as she joined EverCare in June of 1998.

Elizabeth DeBruler is an 89-year old resident at the Glencroft Care Center with a primary diagnosis of S/P CVA and Hypertension. Elizabeth is alert, oriented and very functional with no stroke residual. She is up and about daily in the facility ambulating with her walker. Mary Ann and Dr. Kaczar are the Primary Care Team and work together to monitor Elizabeth's blood pressure and medications.

In December, the nursing staff reported to Mary Ann that Elizabeth was confused with decreased food and fluid intakes. Mary Ann examined her, ordered a workup to rule out a treatable cause, and discussed a treatment plan with Dr. Kaczar. Labs showed a urinary tract infection and dehydration. The BUN

was 56, Creatinine 2.4. A family conference was convened with Elizabeth's daughter Arlene Latham, Dr. Kaczar, Mary Ann and the nursing staff. Potential treatments were discussed and Advanced Directives were reviewed. Elizabeth's wishes were considered as well as her daughter's. Everyone agreed on a plan. Antibiotics by mouth would be started and if no improvement in food/fluid intake short term, intravenous fluids for hydration would be given. Elizabeth would remain a do not resuscitate. Intravenous fluids would be given in the care center with full support of the Director of the Nursing and the staff rather than transport to the hospital. Elizabeth did not improve with antibiotics alone and did require intravenous fluids. Mary Ann contacted the Case Manager, Rose Larkin, and it was determined that Elizabeth would qualify for Intensive Service Days for a change in condition and to prevent a hospitalization. As Elizabeth improved, she was moved into a Skilled Nursing benefit. Mary Ann visited Elizabeth daily and updated Arlene on her condition. Elizabeth recovered with the assistance and support of the family, facility staff and the primary care team.

EVERCARE,

2222 E. Camelback Rd, Suite 120, Phoenix, AZ.

DEAR MS. BARNOSKI: I would like to express my appreciation for the interest taken and care given to my mother, Elizabeth DeBruler by Dr. Philip Kaczar and Mary Ann Allen. Dr. Kaczar's prompt attention to her recent physical problems have been commendable and the follow-up by Mary Ann has also been impressive. The close attention and efforts to make her comfortable have been very satisfying to me.

EverCare is to be commended for their foresight in selection of these individuals. I feel they are an asset to Ever Care and Glencroft Care Center.

Sincerely,

ARLENE LATHAM.

TAMPA SITE
AWAKENING

Coming "live" in a new facility is always an opportunity for everyone involved; the member and family, the facility, facility staff, EverCare staff, and the primary care team. There are many reservations. "Should I have signed my Mom up for this EverCare?" The staff is wondering how this will work. The nurse practitioner is thinking "how will I fit in with this group?"

One of my new members in a new facility was a 72-year-old woman. She lived there for six months, after suffering a severe CVA, leaving her aphasic, NPO with a feeding tube. She was dependent in all ADL's, and spent a good portion of her day in a geri chair, watching her soaps. She did respond by nodding her head, but it was extremely difficult to assess her level of orientation.

This member's son had a discussion with the primary care team and all of her medications, including cardiac and seizure, were discontinued, at his request. The member responded to this change, she woke up!

A team effort ensued. Physical therapy and occupational therapy screened the member and requested an evaluation. Indeed there were documented changes.

Therapy and the primary care team discussed a plan of care and put it into action. Case management became actively involved. Speech therapy came on board as the member demonstrated gains in other areas. Communication was the key to this plan.

The member worked very hard and made continual gains. She is now able to assist with bathing and grooming. She can propel her wheelchair throughout the facility and attends activities. She is able to use a pad to

communicate some of her needs. She still likes her soaps. Best of all, she is no longer a tube feeder and can feed herself after set-up.

The member was not just "the CVA." The office staff could visualize our member and truly felt great as she made gains.

The outcome of this team effort was an increase in the quality of life for our EverCare member.

EverCare can make a difference!

43RD ANNUAL PITTSBURGH FOLK FESTIVAL TO TAKE PLACE FROM MAY 28-30, 1999

HON. RON KLINK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 1999

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an extraordinary event that will soon take place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. From May 28-30, 1999, the Pittsburgh Folk Festival, Inc. will entertain the community with the 43rd Annual Pittsburgh Folk Festival. For nearly half a century, this non-profit organization has been dedicated to the preservation and sharing of international cultures and heritages in the Pittsburgh area.

Throughout this three-day festival, the music, dance, cuisine, and crafts of Latin American, Scandinavian, African, Asian, and European countries will be displayed for all to enjoy. The 43rd Annual Pittsburgh Folk Festival will provide not only entertainment, but will also be an opportunity for enlightenment and education about the cultures and heritages of the people of the Pittsburgh area and around the world.

Western Pennsylvania is filled with culturally and ethnically diverse people, and this gala event aims to recognize the different histories and heritages from which we come. Through this celebration, everyone involved will have the ability to learn and experience this multiculturalism.

Mr. Speaker, educating Americans about the diversity of this world must be a top priority. The Pittsburgh Folk Festival has championed this philosophy for 43 years, and I am confident it will continue to do so in the future. I ask my colleagues to please join me in applauding the dedication and hard work of the participants of the Pittsburgh Folk Festival. This organization deserves our thanks for its contributions to the education and enlightenment of my Congressional District and the national community.

HONORING MIMI MOSKOWITZ FOR HER SERVICE TO THE BAYSIDE JEWISH CENTER

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 1999

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note the accomplishments of Mimi Moskowitz, who will be honored by the Bayside Jewish Center, of Queens County, New York, at a testimonial dinner on Monday, June 7.

Mimi is stepping down after two years as President of the Sisterhood of the Bayside

Jewish Center, but she will continue to play an active role in the synagogue, as she has done for the past 22 years.

Since moving to Bayside from the Bronx in 1977, Mimi Moskowitz has plowed her energy and her limitless talent into the fundraising efforts and entertainment programs of the Bayside Jewish Center. For many years, she co-chaired the synagogue's highly successful New Year's Eve Dinner Dances. These annual events were routinely sold out, and attracted party-goers throughout New York City and Long Island.

In addition, Mimi served the Bayside Sisterhood as Program Vice President and Ways and Means Vice President, prior to her tenure as Sisterhood President. She has coordinated numerous Shabbat Dinners, Holiday Hootenannies, This is Your Life tributes, and Purim Parties; has helped edit the synagogue newsletter, the Voice; and has produced countless promotional flyers. The hours of service she has spent volunteering in the synagogue office are too numerous to count.

Before arriving in Bayside, Mimi honed her talents in service to the B'nai B'rith of Co-op City, and the Sisterhood of the Castle Hill Jewish Community Center.

However, Mimi Moskowitz is perhaps best known for her inventive song parodies and poems, which have been the hit of many an enjoyable evening at Jewish Centers in Queens and the Bronx for more than four decades. Who can forget such classics as *Passover is Coming to Town*, *It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Purim*, *I'm Dreaming of a Full Sukka*, or her seminal work, the full-length production of *South Passaic*? Indeed, Mimi is believed to be the only person ever to use the phrase *Bronx Press Review* in a rhyming lyric!

Mr. Speaker, Mimi's legions of friends will be flocking to the Bayside Jewish Center on June 7 to honor her for her tireless devotion, boundless energy and limitless service to her synagogue and her community. I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me now in honoring Mimi Moskowitz, congratulating her on the occasion of her testimonial, and extending our best wishes to her for her future health and success.

WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY: LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 1999

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, and colleagues, I rise today to recognize Art Lujan, as he is honored by the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO for his leadership in the San Diego labor movement.

As the Business Manager of the San Diego Building and Construction Trades Council, Art has worked many years at uniting the twenty-six diverse building trade unions in San Diego. As an officer of the Labor Council, he has brought that commitment to promoting a strong labor movement in the County.

Art successfully secured a Project Labor Agreement with the County Water Authority resulting in over \$700 million in construction

projects throughout the next eight years. As a result of these efforts, Art won a \$750,000 grant from the Workforce Partnership to establish a groundbreaking pre-apprenticeship program that will create new pathways for low-income San Diegans—particularly women and people of color—into skilled construction jobs that pay living wages.

My congratulations go to Art Lujan for these significant contributions. I can attest to Art's dedication and commitment and believe him to be highly deserving of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO Leadership Award.

THANK YOU TERRY VANSUMEREN

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 1999

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt as to the value of the characteristics of dedication, loyalty and perseverance. These are traits that distinguish the ordinary from the extraordinary. Today, I rise to recognize Terry VanSumeren, an extraordinary individual who has served the Hampton Township community every day for the past 32 years.

Terry was born on September 19, 1937, to Lawrence and Mary VanSumeren. After growing up in the area where he would make a name for himself, he was hired by the Hampton Township Department of Public Works on June 5, 1967. This would begin one of the most impressive streaks ever by a local government employee. Since his date of hire, Terry VanSumeren has never taken a sick day—not one single day. Blessed with good health and an unmatched devotion to the residents of Hampton Township, Terry has been there every day for the people of his township. He has become a very well respected member of the community. Always looking to improve Hampton Township, he is an active member of the township board.

At a time when many people are skeptical about government, the excellent work done by Terry VanSumeren should instill a sense of confidence in the residents of Hampton Township. They have been extremely fortunate to have someone so hard working and devoted to attending to the needs of their community. Today, Terry retires as the Superintendent of the Hampton Township of Public Works, a position he has held for the past 15 years. There is no doubt that as he leaves this position, Terry has made the township a much stronger community. As he now enters into his retirement, Terry will have the opportunity to spend time in his workshop and, more importantly, to spend time with his charming wife, Margaret, his two daughters Kym and Keri, as well as his grandson Zane.

Mr. Speaker, dedication is defined as the act of being wholly committed to a particular course of thought or action. I know of no one who better exemplifies what it means to be dedicated than Terry VanSumeren. For the past 32 years, he has been wholly committed to the people of Hampton Township. I urge you and all of our colleagues to join with me to congratulate the outstanding accomplishments of Terry VanSumeren and to wish him continued health and happiness.

TRIBUTE TO THE TEACHERS, PARENTS, ADMINISTRATORS AND STUDENTS OF HOLLOW HILLS FUNDAMENTAL SCHOOL

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 1999

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the parents, students, faculty and staff whose dedication to excellence has earned Hollow Hills Fundamental School, in my hometown of Simi Valley, CA, recognition as a national Blue Ribbon School.

Hollow Hills Fundamental School is a shining example of what can happen when parents, teachers and administrators collaborate on the best approaches for providing a quality education. The school's motto—Committed to Excellence—is not merely a slogan. It's a way of life that other campuses would be well served to follow. A combination of a structured, consistent learning environment with an emphasis on basic skills and traditional American values ensures intelligent, socially responsible students and future adults.

Mr. Speaker, the school will be honored at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley on Tuesday. It's a particularly fitting tribute to Hollow Hills. President Reagan once made this statement to a group of educators:

Our leaders must remember that education doesn't begin with some isolated bureaucrat in Washington. It doesn't even begin with state or local officials. Education begins in the home, where it is a parental right and responsibility.

That principle is fully integrated into Hollow Hills' lesson plans. The school was founded in 1982 in collaboration with parents. Every year, Hollow Hills parents, students and educators formally rededicate themselves to quality education through a "Commitment to Excellence" agreement. The school boasts a strong PTA and dedicated parents who volunteer their spare time to enhance their children's education.

In addition to stressing basic reading and math skills, the school also emphasizes art, music and technology, guaranteeing students a well-balanced education.

Hollow Hills also stresses attributes that unfortunately are missing in many schools today: personal responsibility, diligence, courtesy, respect to authority, punctuality and respect for the law. These ingredients are just as important to raising intelligence and socially responsible adults.

Mr. Speaker, as our nation works in concert to better our education system, it would serve us well to study the successes of our Blue Ribbon Schools. They are the best of the best and a key to our future. I know my colleagues will join me in applauding Hollow Hills Principal Leslie Frank, her entire staff, and the parents and students of Hollow Hills for raising the bar and setting a strong example for others to follow.