



Perspectives Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

November 2012

LHAS Sensory Garden Ribbon-Cutting

On October 4, NHS Allegheny Valley School (NHS/AVS) hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the LHAS Sensory Garden at NHS/AVS' original location, the Patricia Hillman Miller Campus (PHMC). More than 100 guests gathered to celebrate the new outdoor space that provides the 63 residents of PHMC an innovative and interactive way to engage with and learn from their environment.

Many NHS/AVS consumers and staff were on-hand to share in this special day. Guests enjoyed seeing the wheelchair glider in action, enjoyed the sounds of the fountain, relaxed to music in the Polk Pavilion and delighted in watching the butterflies.

Special thanks to the following contributors who helped to make the LHAS Sensory Garden possible:

- Ladies Hospital Aid Society
- Polk Foundation
- AVS Foundation
- Estate of Seima Horvitz
- Friends, Families, Consumers and Staff
- Members who purchased commemorative bricks to be placed in the garden.

To secure a brick for the garden, please call 412-299-7777 or visit avs.nhsonline.org for more information.

The *WhisperGLIDE*® wheelchair accessible swing in the LHAS Sensory Garden has become a huge hit! If you'd like to support the acquisition of additional gliders for NHS/AVS locations, please specify GLIDER in a note when submitting your gift. The cost of one glider is more than \$5,000. Thank you!

Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

The 30th Anniversary Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix (PVGP) was held in July and featured 10 days of racing activities, including car shows and motorsport events, leading up to Race Weekend in Schenley Park. Thanks to the PVGP Association and its sponsors, volunteers, and others who helped to make the event a grand success! This year the PVGP contributed \$125,000 to the NHS/AVS Capital Development Fund. PVGP Ambassador, Brandon, was on-hand to accept the generous donation at the check presentation held in October.

Parents Association

The Allegheny Valley School Parents Association presented \$9,500 to the NHS/AVS Capital Development Fund during its semi-annual meeting on October 21. NHS CEO Senator Joe Rocks accepted the check on behalf of NHS/AVS. Special thanks to the Parents Association for its support.

- 1 Ladies Hospital Aid Society (LHAS) members Ruby Kang, Beverly Wukich, Carole Kamin, Mary Ellen Wampler, Mary Novick, and Dee Dee Troutman proudly surround their commemorative brick in the LHAS Sensory Garden.

- 2 Thomas McGrail presents the Parents Association's gift to Senator M. Joseph Rocks.

- 3 The *WhisperGLIDE* wheelchair accessible swing in the LHAS Sensory Garden.

- 4 NHS Human Services Foundation board member Timyka Artist with PVGP Ambassador Brandon.

- 5 NHS/AVS residents, families and staff members are joined by members of the Ladies Hospital Aid Society to cut the ribbon on the LHAS Sensory Garden.

Questions? Contact Dorothy Hunter Gordon at dgordon@nhsonline.org

Friends of AVS Golf Open

The 2012 Friends of AVS Golf Open presented by AVS Foundation was held on August 13 at Green Oaks Country Club. Golfers gathered on a beautiful day to enjoy a golf scramble and to honor the PVGP as the 2012 AVS CHAMPion, for its 30 year commitment to AVS and its mission. Gross proceeds from the day were nearly \$157,000! Save the date for next year – August 12, 2013 at Green Oaks Country Club.

CentiMark Donations

This year CentiMark Foundation donated book bags, school kits, and gift cards to residents in the Pittsburgh area. Some of the items purchased from the gift cards included a television, small stereo system and new clothing. Special thanks to CentiMark Foundation for its continued support of NHS/AVS.



The Legacy of Seima Horvitz

This summer the Pittsburgh Campus was able to enhance its annual summer art camp with new projects including floral displays, tie dye, paper making, photography, and more thanks to the generous bequest of *The Legacy Society* member Seima Horvitz. For more information about *The Legacy Society* call 412-299-2228.

NHS Human Services Foundation Board Members

Please join us in welcoming two new members to the NHS Human Services Foundation Board of Directors. Both are located in western Pennsylvania and are focused on supporting NHS/AVS and all of NHS Human Services' programs throughout the region.

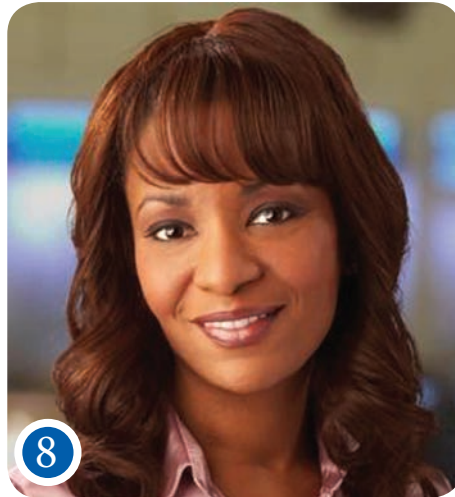
PittsburghGives

The Pittsburgh Foundation's 4th annual Day of Giving was held on October 3, receiving 65 donations totaling almost \$23,000 for the NHS/AVS Capital Development Fund.

During the Day of Giving, donors contributed online to their favorite Allegheny and Westmoreland County eligible charities, with each gift receiving a 10.5 percent match. Thank you to everyone who supported NHS/AVS through PittsburghGives.

Sunset Riders

On June 2, Sunset Riders Motorcycle Club held its 18th Annual Charity Poker Run to benefit NHS/AVS in Butler and Mercer counties. This year the event grossed nearly \$5,000. Funds will be used for equipment, program supplies, renovations, and more.



(Board Members, continued)

Timyka Artist, General Assignment Reporter for WPXI Channel 11 News at 11 - Fox 53 News at 10 and PCNC News, joined the NHS Human Services Foundation Board of Directors in July. When she is not on the street reporting news, she is involved with a number of charities and associations in and around Pittsburgh. "Over the past year I have come to know NHS and I'm delighted to be involved in promoting the organization and its programs," comments Timyka.

Dorothy Pollon joined the NHS Human Services Foundation Board of Directors in September and has been a special needs child advocate for the past 22 years, working with families, school districts, and many local charities. She has met

- 6 Dorothy Pollon, NHS Human Services Foundation Board Member.
- 7 Herbert Bowser with his son Nick at the Sunset Riders event.
- 8 Timyka Artist, NHS Human Services Foundation Board Member.
- 9 Staff member Liz and June paint during Art Camp.



with congressmen as an advocate for special needs children and Medicaid reimbursement. "As an advocate for individuals with special needs, I am honored and excited to be part of, and contribute to, the success of NHS Human Services' programs that help special needs individuals become productive, independent, and socially active adults," said Dorothy.

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