

# Reflections

## Asbury Pointe Sponsors New Amherst Senior Center Gallery Space



Williamsville Art Society's Spring Show



Pam Krawczyk, Exec. Dir. Amherst Center of Senior Services  
and Daniel O'Neill, CEO Beechwood Continuing Care

On Friday, April 29, at the dedication of the Amherst Center for Senior Services' newly-refurbished Art Gallery, Asbury Pointe was honored with a plaque for its sponsorship of the Gallery.

"We are thrilled to partner with Asbury Pointe on this project," said Mave Milligan, Public Relations Coordinator at the Amherst Center for Senior Services. "Many artists and art groups will hold their exhibits here in the future, which is so beneficial to our members as well as the public."

The plaque ceremony was held just prior of the Williamsville Art Society's Spring Show, which opened that weekend. Asbury Pointe was honored to provide the refreshments for the opening reception on May 1.



Artists Marie Prince (lt-rt), and JoAnn Jarmusz  
with Daniel O'Neill





# “Evening In Paris”

## Theme for this year’s Annual Auction & Food Extravaganza

— Saturday, October 15th – 6:30 P.M. —

Beechwood atrium and halls will be transformed into the streets of Paris complete with outdoor cafés and authentic French cuisine. Guests will enjoy a multitude of sumptuous food stations, fine French wines and champagne, and imported beers. Kevin O’Connell of WGRZ-TV will be returning as our Celebrity Auctioneer.

In addition to fabulous food and entertainment, there will be exciting auction items up for bid, all for a great cause: to benefit our residents and Homes. The Auction and Food Extravaganza is our largest annual fundraiser, and has raised more than \$1,650,000 since it started!

Each year hundreds of gifts are donated to ensure that this fundraiser is a great success. Net proceeds this year are dedicated to the Beechwood/Blocher Foundation’s Living Care Fund which helps supplement our cost of care for residents who have exhausted their personal resources and ensures that once a resident becomes a member of our Beechwood Continuing Care “family,” they remain with us for as long as they need our care...regardless of their financial situation.

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*See you on Saturday, October 15th!*

### “Party at the Beech” Auction Gift Party...A Blast!

On May 12th, the 4th Annual “Party at the Beech” Gift Gathering Party was held. Over 100 guests enjoyed an evening full of food, desserts, wines, beer and fun. Thousands of dollars in gift cards were donated to benefit our fall auction.

We want to thank the following vendors and donors for their generous support which was the heart of our event!

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# Evening in Paris

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## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Auction & Food Extravaganza Saturday, October 15, 2016

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## Project SEARCH of Western New York at Beechwood Celebrated Third Successful Year With Graduation.

*Business-led partnership provides school-to-work program alternative for those with disabilities.*

Project SEARCH™ of Western New York at Beechwood together with its collaborative partners – Aspire of WNY; Erie 1 BOCES and Summit Educational Resources – held its third graduation ceremony in the Beechwood Homes auditorium on Tuesday, June 21.

Project SEARCH™ of Western New York at Beechwood, funded by the Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation, is a business-led partnership that offers a school-to-work program alternative for students with disabilities who are in their last year of high school. It is part of Project SEARCH™, an international program.



Proud Project SEARCH Graduates of 2016



Project SEARCH Collaborative Team

Beechwood provides a classroom for the participating interns along with employees who serve as professional mentors. The team consists of a teacher, teacher aide and job coaches to meet the educational and training needs of the interns. Job placement is the goal of Project SEARCH™, and the team assists each intern in defining career goals. By combining real-life work experience with training in employment and independent living skills, the goal is for each intern to obtain competitive, integrated employment.

Upon successful completion of the program, interns may be offered employment at Beechwood or Beechwood will assist in referring interns to other appropriate facilities or businesses for employment. Since the program's inception in 2014, eight graduates have attained competitive, paid employment. Other graduates are working with adult job coaches while actively seeking employment opportunities; some have gone onto supplementary prevocational training programs to further improve their employability skills, and a few have moved out of state. The Project SEARCH™ team tracks the occupations and progress of the graduates for three years after they have completed the program; however employment support from a respective agency persists into adulthood. Nine of the 10 student interns completed this year's program and participated in the graduation ceremony.

Project SEARCH™ is an international program started in 1996 in Cincinnati. Since its inception, Project SEARCH™ has grown from a single program site at Cincinnati Children's Hospital to over 300 sites across the United States and Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland, and Australia. Project SEARCH's primary objective is to secure competitive employment for people with disabilities.

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# BCC Annual Years of Service Recognition

Publicly recognizing our dedicated staff who have been an extended part of our Beechwood, Blocher and Asbury Pointe family is always a pleasure. Each year, staff are honored for their multiple years of service for providing quality and compassionate care to our residents. Together, we celebrate at a luncheon in their honor where they are awarded with a special gift. Our sincere thanks to these dedicated staff members who have given our residents so much for so many years!

Daniel O'Neill, CEO helps staff celebrate their milestone:



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*My faltering step and palsied hand.*

*Blessed are they who know that my*  
*ears today*

*Must strain to catch the things I say.*

*Blessed are they who seem to know*

*That my eyes are dim and my wits*  
*are slow.*

*Blessed are they who looked away*

*When coffee spilled at table today.*

*Blessed are they with a cheery smile*

*Who stop to chat for a little while.*

*Blessed are they who never say,*

*“You’ve told that story twice today.”*

*Blessed are they who know the ways*

*To bring back memories of yesterdays.*

*Blessed are they who make it known*

*That I’m loved, respected and not alone.*

*Blessed are they who know I’m at*  
*a loss*

*To find the strength to carry the Cross.*

*Blessed are they who ease the days*

*On my journey Home in loving ways.*

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# BCC Employees and Volunteers Honored at LeadingAge WNY Annual Dinner

**B**eechwood Continuing Care staff members and volunteers were honored at the LeadingAge Western New York Annual Recognition Dinner held at Samuel's Grande Manor on May 11th. The following employees received the staff member of the year award. Volunteers were honored for their dedication to serving our Homes' residents.

## Asbury Pointe

**A.J. Dichristina, Dining Services/Server** – A.J. has been a member of the dining service team since 2013. He is a hard worker and takes the lead when needed. He works well with staff and residents alike. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and dedication.

**Zemira Rizvanovic, Housekeeping/Housekeeper** – Zemira is a joy and valued staff member who motivates everyone each day to do their best with words of encouragement. However, her biggest assets are her dedicated work ethic and heart of gold!



Zemira Rizvanovic, Karen Grady, Exec. Director - Asbury Pointe, and A.J. Dichristina



Ann Miller, Rich McCune and Khim Lim Dean

## Beechwood Homes

**Anne Miller, Recreation/Bistro Volunteer** – Anne is reliable, punctual and friendly. . . and you can always find her smiling face on Tuesday afternoon in the Beechwood Bistro. Her warm and cheery disposition is a perfect fit for our Bistro!

**Khim Lim Dean, Nursing/Certified Nurse's Aide** – Khim has begun her 31st year as a CNA on the night shift at Beechwood! She truly understands the meaning of person-centered care. She is respectful of the residents' desire to be independent, yet at the same time always ensures they are safe and well-cared for.

## Blocher Homes

Ann Miller, Rich McCune and Khim Lim Dean has been a dedicated employee of our organization for over 15 years and in her current position for the past nine years. She was selected by our Blocher residents because every day she demonstrates her commitment to their well-being and happiness.

**Kathy Snyder/Administrative Assistant** – Kathy



Barb Gorenflo, Blocher Administrator and Kathy Snyder

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**Joanne Lucey, Volunteer** – Joanne is a dedicated Blocher volunteer who shares her talent for crafts and card making with our residents. They love her classes! Joanne also helps in the boutique and during special events – all with a smile that makes everyone’s day.



Rich McCune, Beechwood Administrator and Morgan Johnson, Scholarship Recipient



Barb Gorenflo, Blocher Administrator and Joanne Lucey

## LeadingAge WNY/Buffalo Ultrasound Scholarship Recipient

**Morgan Johnson/Buffalo Ultrasound Scholarship Recipient** – Morgan is the recipient of a \$2,500 Leading Age WNY 50th Anniversary Scholarship, co-sponsored by Buffalo Ultrasound. Morgan is currently a Certified Nursing Aide at Beechwood Homes. She is pursuing her Associates Degree in Nursing at Trocaire College. We are so proud of Morgan!

*Congratulations to All!*

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# Successful Seniors: Julia Child

Unlike most of the seniors we've featured in this column, Julia Child found her passion early. After a privileged upbringing in California, Julia McWilliams enrolled at Smith College with the intention of becoming a novelist. Unable to get published, Julia took a job out of college in the advertising department of a home furnishings company in New York. She moved around for several years and, in 1945, met her future husband, Paul Child, in Sri Lanka. They were married the following year.



In 1948, Paul and Julia moved to France where, at the age of 36, she developed a penchant for French cuisine. After attending the prestigious Cordon Bleu cooking school, Julia – in an effort to adapt the sophisticated French cuisine for Americans – collaborated on a two-volume cookbook, *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, which soon became a standard guide for the culinary community. An appearance on a TV show in Massachusetts – where she prepared an omelet on air – generated a remarkable response, and earned her a cooking show, which aired in 1962.

*The French Chef* TV series changed the way Americans related to food and established Julia Child, now in her 50's, as a celebrity. The show was syndicated to 96 stations throughout America and earned Julia multiple awards and regular appearances on ABC's *Good Morning, America*.

Over the years, she hosted other television shows, wrote numerous cookbooks and became a go-to reference for cooking advice. She was the first woman inducted into the Culinary Institute Hall of Fame and in 2000, at the age of 88, she received France's highest honor: the *Légion d'Honneur*. In August 2002, the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History unveiled an exhibit featuring the kitchen where she filmed three of her popular cooking shows.

*Julia Child died in 2004, two days before her 92nd birthday. She never slowed down, even in her final days, saying, "In this line of work, you keep right on until you're through. Retired people are boring!"*

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