



Partners For Community Living

a collaborative partnership between Choices In Community Living, Inc.
and The Resident Home Association

The passing of an advocate



*Pauline (left) is pictured at a screening of our **Lest We Forget** film documentary with Sue Ault and retired RHA Executive Director Brenda Whitney.*

We join with family, friends and colleagues in honoring the life of Pauline Richardson, who lost her long battle with cancer in June. Pauline was known throughout the developmental disabilities community for her dedication and advocacy. She retired after many years as an administrator with the Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities. "Pauline was a manager with a big heart and a big smile to go with it," remembers County Board Superintendent Mark Gerhardstein. "I always knew she was comfortable with the knowledge needed to perform her duties. However, it was her love of the people we served, her respect for her staff, and that big heart that made me want to clone her."

Advocacy was part and parcel of who she was. Although retired from the Board, she continued her service by volunteering as a member of the RHA Board of Trustees, where she served as Vice-President. She was also a member of the Joint Development Committee for **Partners For Community Living**, where she served during the development of our Endowment program and our **John W. Pratt Society**.

According to RHA Executive Director Pete Roll, "Pauline served on our Board of Directors for several years. Her kind, steady leadership skills were recognized and appreciated by her fellow Board members and RHA executive staff. When discussing the role, mission and direction of the agency, Pauline, like the rest of our Board, always put the needs of our residents at the forefront of their decision-making. We all benefited from Pauline's presence and already feel the void left by her passing."

In recognition of her commitment to people with developmental disabilities, her family requested donations to RHA in her memory.



A season of volunteer giving



Julia Mantle, Home Manager of RHA's Kenbrook home (front) shares smiles with Day of Action UPS volunteers after a long but productive day of yard clean up, cutting back some troublesome honeysuckle, and window cleaning (inside and out.) Before the day had ended they cleaned the garage and washed the van. "I was aching from doing some work with them," says Julia. "If I was that tired, I can't imagine how tired they must have been after all that work. What a great team!"



RHA/Partners Administrative Assistant Pam Skelly and Lexis Nexis Day of Caring volunteers celebrate a great day that resulted in a new look on the grounds around the RHA offices. Their work in cleaning up the grounds was most welcome and appreciated!

LexisNexis holds a Day of Caring each year that includes all of its employees becoming involved in community volunteer activities. Some volunteers stay in the offices and work on projects for community groups, while others go out to agencies like CICL and RHA and spend the day in a variety of volunteer projects. Partners Volunteer Coordinator Pam Winsoton visited LexisNexis corporate offices and found volunteers hard at work. "It was just wonderful seeing them all at work, painting flower pots, building cubbies and putting together

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Champion Window Company is just that to us – Champions! Within days of a story appearing in our last issue of RHA's newsletter, Home Address, there was a call from Champion. They read the story about RHA senior gardeners and how much a garden tiller would mean to them and how there is no money to purchase such items. Within a matter of days, this shiny red new garden tiller was sitting in the office at RHA. There was even a new gas can and a gallon of gas to fill it.

Sharing gratitude with Champion representatives are Executive Director Pete Roll; Keith Lewis (Woodbury staff); Mary LaFalce and Eugene Smith (two of our senior gardeners); Grant Jacobs, (staff); and Justin Hennessey and Rick Koebel from Champion Window Company.

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bicycles for children. "They were having as much fun as the children will have who receive the bikes. We certainly are enjoying the flower pots and cubbies they made for us, with the cubbies providing valuable storage space in some of our homes."



LexisNexis volunteers are the most welcome of friends at RHA's Garber Road home, where they've made a difference on several occasions, under the direction and coordination of Brian Shively. During this Day of Caring they did the hard work of weeding around the yard and then built a gazebo.



Bowling with a purpose – members of WSU ONE Plunge team are just part of the reason our **Partners Bowl-A-Thon** was such a success. Seated is our overall top bowler for the night, Edwin Mayes. He is joined by Tonya Mathis, Jim Sayer, and Sarah Twill. Thanks to the support of WSU teams, teams from Miami Valley Dental, Bettman's Pharmacy and all our bowlers we are celebrating the addition of \$3276.55 to be shared between our CICL and RHA Wish Lists.

Our top bowlers

Along with the occasional gutter ball, the strikes and spares were rolling along at Beaver Vu Bowl during our Bowl-A-Thon. We congratulate our top bowlers:

High game and high series – Men – Edwin Mayes (Wright State University) – Edwin just missed the 200 mark with a 199 single high game and ended the night with a total of 375 for his two games

High game and high series – Women – Rae Hancock – Rae bowled a 138 to take home the trophy for high game for the women, as well as the trophy for high series at 264.

Partners Honor Roll

- She's always at the top of any Honor Roll for us – Nancy Wilson of K99 Radio. We honor her for serving as our hostess for our Partners Bowl-A-Thon. "She talks with us and is a nice lady," says CICL bowler Shali Butler about Nancy. "Nancy is a friend to us," says CICL Executive Director Tom Weaver. "When she shows up, everyone lights up! She knows people by their names. You can tell she loves them and they love her!" And then there is this comment from CICL's Broadbush bowlers about Nancy, "cute, cute, cute... and she really cares and listens to us."
- On our Honor Roll is Tom from Miami Valley Dental. Tom was one of the bowlers from two teams from Miami Valley Dental who supported our 2009 Bowl-A-Thon. In addition to bowling, their team members were front and center cheering on our bowlers and buying raffle tickets and 50/50 Jackpot tickets.
When it came time for Nancy Wilson of K99 Radio to announce the winner of the 50/50 Jackpot, it was Tom's name that was called. He walked to where Nancy was waiting to present him with his money, but he had other plans. In a remarkable act of generosity, he gave his winnings back to us to be added to our Wish Lists. It's a highlight from our Bowl-A-Thon that all of us will remember. It's one of those acts that is priceless!
- How uplifting the kindness of strangers! That was proven to us recently when a Kroger shopper found some CICL papers and materials that had been inadvertently lost at the store. This wonderful lady not only found the materials but took time from her own schedule to stop by our CICL office and return them. She wanted to make sure they got back to us. She made our day!

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Our Bowl-A-Thon donors – making wishes come true

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We also honor

Anonymous donor,
to Partners Endowment in memory of John W. Pratt
Celeste Boehm, *CICL Wish List*
Gerry and Verne Shroyer, *to CICL in memory of Pete Bentley*

Gift cards were presented to CICL and RHA's best bowlers:

Jeanette McElwain (CICL) – high game of 129
Kevin Gutierrez (CICL) – high game of 159

Amy Cromer (RHA) – high game of 110
Kent Cruea (RHA) – high game of 139