

Senior Living Building Project ~ On Schedule!

Anticipation grows by the day along with the new senior living building!



Anticipation, anxiety ~ Call it what you want, but excitement is definitely in the air for Residents and Employees of the Eden Village Retirement Center as they watch the daily progress made on the new Senior Living building.

Scheduled for occupancy in late fall, the complex is now nearly 40 percent complete. Elevators have been installed, with painting, flooring, and cabinetry placement well underway on the third floor.

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"The new three story senior living building will be one of, if not the most modern apartment setting in this area for our seniors," said Lola Shashack, Marketing/Sales Coordinator. "I am receiving calls daily from prospective seniors and family members who are very interested in the apartments and want additional information."

When complete, the senior living building will house 82 one and two bedroom apartments built around a courtyard with a sidewalk that winds through a beautifully landscaped lawn. Apartments range in size from 656 to 1,059 square feet and will have washers, dryers, dishwashers, and garbage disposals.

There will be an exercise room, library, dining room, and activities room as well as six social areas with flat screen TVs and fireplaces! All should be complete by mid-November, after which the current apartment building will be redesigned and then licensed for a full range of assisted living services, including pre-dementia care.

For additional information on the senior living apartments, please contact Lola Shashack at 618-205-4653 or online at Lshashack@edenvillage.org. We have the perfect place for you!



Eden Village Welcomes New Board of Directors Member

Don Sullivan was recently appointed to the Eden Village Board.

As a former member of the Eden United Church of Christ, Don is familiar with the history of Eden Village and its close ties with the church. He also knows several former Board members who strongly encouraged him to accept this position.

As a Pharmacist at CVS, Don's educational background is a perfect match. And since his mother Melba is a current Resident of Eden Village, he understands issues from both the family and Board perspectives. "I look forward to serving on the Board and hopefully being able to make a difference," says Don.



A native of Edwardsville, Don has been a pharmacist for 36 years. He and his wife, Diana, have two grown daughters who also reside in Edwardsville. Don enjoys carpentry and is currently remodeling an old farmhouse.

On behalf of the Residents, staff and Board of Directors ~

Welcome, Don!



Matthew Ferris Wins "Tell Your Story" Competition!



"Take a moment and look into my eyes ~ I was just like you. Step into my heart and dance with me now, as I once did"

These are the words Matthew Ferris' Mother recited to him as a child, and they're forever in his mind. "My parents taught me to respect and honor our Elders, which came naturally because I loved and honored my grandparents. They instilled a moral conscience in my everyday life," said Matthew.

That moral compass is reflected in Matthew's job as a Certified Nursing Assistant and in his selection as winner of Eden Village's recent "Tell Your Story" competition.

"People who care for the elderly are cut from a different cloth," said Executive Director Jane Rubin. "To care for our Residents takes compassion and a heartfelt desire to serve people in need. My goal with the competition was to encourage Employees to tell their story about why they chose the health-care field and why they enjoy working here. Many stories were deserving, but Matthew's was special." He was awarded a \$50 gift card to Walmart at a special staff celebration held in his honor.

Prior to coming to Eden Village, Matthew spent 16 years in the Florida banking industry. He endured five hurricane evacuations and other personal hardships including the loss of his mother. "I needed something new, with hope. I looked back on what I learned growing up and found my happiest memories were the ones that involved helping people," said Matthew.

"Working at Eden Village has been a rewarding experience. I am appreciative of the award and particularly the career I have chosen. My soul has been touched forever."

Community Service ~ A Top Priority!



Susie Nelson bandages a pretend injury at the Route 66 Wacky Hospital.

Building relationships and promoting goodwill in the community is a top priority at Eden Village. Our Employees continue to volunteer long hours to make sure Eden Village is represented at key events throughout Glen Carbon and the surrounding communities.

"Our goal is to positively impact the community where we live and work," said John Ayers, Director of Marketing and Development. As a not-for-profit organization, we don't have the luxury of spending thousands of dollars to educate potential Residents and their families about Eden Village. So we try to put in extra hours to ensure that Eden Village is properly represented in the community."

The month of June was a particularly busy one for Eden Village staff members.

On June 8-9, Eden Village sponsored a First Aid Station at the annual Relay for Life which turned out to top all expectations for attendance and fund raising for the American Cancer Society.

On the same two days, Eden also sponsored a Wacky Hospital at the annual Route 66 Festival. "We went into this with a little hesitation, because we weren't sure whether children would be excited about this activity," said Marketing Assistant Jennifer Klaus. "It turned out to be a huge hit, and we spent two full days bandaging pretend injuries to fingers, arms, and heads."

On June 16th, the new Eden Village van made its way down Main Street in the annual Glen Carbon Homecoming Parade, and staff sold caramel apples and chocolate covered strawberries as a fundraiser for our social program department.



Susan Herring, LPN, helped to sell goodies at the Glen Carbon Homecoming Parade.



Cheryl Kelley, LPN, checks out the "I Caught You" board.

Getting Caught Isn't Always Such A Bad Thing!

In fact, it can be a very good thing indeed! Pinned on a bulletin board in the Eden Care Center are row after row of "I Caught You" cards. When an Employee of Eden Village is "caught" doing something above and beyond the scope of their normal job duties, the act is recorded on an "I Caught You" card and posted on the bulletin board.

"We have an outstanding staff here at Eden Village, and oftentimes it is the special little things that need to be recognized," said Beth Breihan, Director of Human Resources. The cards are one way - a very public way- to show our appreciation."

Eden Village employs 190 people who serve the needs of Residents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. From lawn maintenance, skilled care nurses, dining services, to housekeeping, the job of an Eden Village Employee is focused on the care giving and well-being of over 210 Residents.

"Everybody has an important role to play when it comes to offering the kind of services needed for the elderly," said Beth. "By working as a team, we are able to offer our Residents the kind of services they want and need. Our Employees are very special people."



Summertime Fun in the Gardens of Eden

Our semi-annual Employee Appreciation Day was held on June 20th. For this year's event we invited employees of not only Eden Village, but also the Eden Childcare Center and their extended families.



Above: Aris Macaspac mans the grill.

Below: Everyone wants to take a shot at dunking Dayle Osborn, Assistant Director of Nursing Services.



Left: Tina Kassing Meurer masters the art of making cotton candy.

Below: Seth Finazzio would probably agree that she did a pretty good job!



Above: Eden staff members receive instruction on how to operate lift machinery in the new van.

Our Newest Residents!

When the long-awaited time arrived, our Eden Village swans became the proud parents of four baby Mute Swans, called cygnets.

Two years ago, Eden purchased a pair of Mutant Swans for our Residents and staff to enjoy. In the wild, these beautiful swans are the most common in the world, living in marshes, lakes, and ponds.



"We purchased the swans two years ago to complement our pond and give our Residents something to enjoy," said Rich Metz, Director of Facility Services. "We knew they were male and female, but this still came as a big surprise!"



Angela Dauksza
Director of Childcare Services
Eden Childcare Center

Eden Village Retirement Center And Eden Childcare Center Announce **Project Good Neighbor!**



When two successful organizations share not only similar logo designs, but also similar missions to support needs of the community and similar beginnings as outreach ministries of the Eden United Church of Christ, it is only logical that they should work together to create mutually supportive programming and services.

That's what Project Good Neighbor is all about!

Angela Dauksza, new Director of Childcare Services for Eden Childcare Center, and Jane Hamilton Rubin, Executive Director for Eden Village Retirement Community, think it's a great idea and are very appreciative that both the Childcare Center Board and the Eden Village Board feel the same way.

According to Angela, "It's a natural. The Elders of Eden Village want to be involved in the lives of our children, and they have so much knowledge and love to share. It will be an enriching experience for all of us."

"The possibilities are endless," said Jane. "The children have already been over to share in the birth of our baby swans and a picnic held on Employee Appreciation Day. We are planning many more events during the summer such as a fishing derby, a petting zoo, and a Day at the Fair."



Eden Childcare Center, located at 190 Cottonwood Road in Glen Carbon, is not just a daycare service. The organizational philosophy is that learning begins in infancy and if nurtured, continues forever. Their childcare and preschool programs are faith based and focus on the value of family and community as well as on preparatory skills in literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, arts/humanities, and technology.

Explore... Create... Learn...
Together!

Growing with Grace at Any Age

~
An Eden Vision!

Fall enrollment is now underway.
Ages 6 Weeks to 6 Years

For additional information,
please visit Eden Childcare Center or contact
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*We Call It
The Eden Advantage!*



Your Support Is Greatly Appreciated!

The Eden Village Retirement Community is honored to have served elders and their families in the Glen Carbon/Edwardsville community for over 30 years. Thousands of seniors have come through our doors needing various types of housing and healthcare services, and we have worked hard to earn their trust.

Our goal for the next 30 years remains the same - to offer the very highest possible level of quality care and services to our growing senior population.

As you may know, the senior housing and healthcare industry is ever-changing. New regulations and legislative oversight, increasing delays in reimbursement for state and federal entitlement programs, spiraling costs for healthcare and therapy equipment, and the need for increasingly complex and sophisticated technologies are challenges that we face daily and need to meet.

Please take a moment to consider a gift, large or small, that will help provide the quality of life that our Residents so richly deserve. You may designate that your gift be used for Special Senior Programs, Pastoral Care Programs, Employee Education/Scholarships, or as best determined by our Board of Directors.

Please complete the gift card below and return it to us with your check or credit card information. Eden Retirement Center, Inc. is a tax exempt corporation and a public charity as defined by Sections 501 (c) (3) and 509 (a) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to Eden Village are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

We encourage you to become a Friend of Eden Village!

Thank you.



Friends of Eden Village - 2007 Annual Fund Drive

Please help us sustain the many Elder services that have made Eden Village the provider of choice in the Edwardsville area for the past 30 years. Your gift will enhance quality of life for our Residents with special event programming and pastoral care as well as provide scholarships for our many talented Employees. All gifts made to Eden Village are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Yes, I would like to make a gift of: () \$50 () \$100 () \$500 () \$1,000 () \$5,000 () Other \$ _____

() Check payable to Eden Village Retirement Community () Credit Card (VISA, MasterCard)

- I would like my gift to be used as follows:
- Special Programs for Seniors
 - Pastoral Care Program
 - Employee Education/Scholarships
 - As determined by the Board of Directors

_____ Exp. _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____



Friends of Eden Village 2007 Golf Scramble



Oak Brook Golf Course

Friday, September 21, 2007

Check-in and Lunch, 11:00 am

Tee Time 12:30 pm

Dinner 5:00 pm



4-Person Scramble (Individual players welcome!)
Cash prizes (1st / 2nd Place) in Flights A, B, & C
Special cash awards:

- Closest to the pin
- Longest drive
- Hole in one
- Longest putt

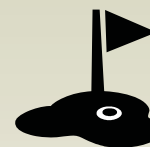
All proceeds from the 2007 Golf Scramble will support the quality programs and services offered by the Eden Village Retirement Center.

All donations to Eden Village are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. You will be sent a tax information form with an acknowledgment of your contribution.

For additional information, please contact:
Jennifer Klaus, Marketing Assistant
618-205-4639
jklaus@edenvillage.org

Friends of Eden Village 2007 Golf Scramble Registration Form (Please Print)

Entry Fee: \$90 per person which includes 18 holes with cart, green fees, lunch, dinner, prizes, drinks, snacks, and a whole lot more!



Optional: \$100 per person with prepaid Skin Games (\$20 per team) and Mulligans (\$5.00 Limit One)

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Golfers: 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

Contact Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please mail check (payable to Eden Village) and registration to: Jennifer Klaus, Marketing Assistant, 400 South Station Road, Glen Carbon, Illinois 62034. Deadline for entry: September 18, 2007!



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Eden Village Retirement Community Management Team

Please contact any of our managers below with their first initial and last name @EdenVillage.org.

Our Directors

Jane Hamilton Rubin, Executive Director
John Ayers, Director of Marketing and Development
Beth Breihan, Director of Human Resources
Tonya Evans, Director of Nursing
Ronald Hassler, Director of Financial Services
Aris Macaspac, Director of Dining Services
Richard Metz, Director of Facility Services
Tina Kassing Meurer, Administrator, Eden Senior Living

Our Coordinators

John Brownlee, Transportation Coordinator
Danielle Cole, Nursing Office Coordinator
Tim Crane, Care Center Social Program Coordinator
Lori Green, Restorative Program Coordinator
Lea Haddix, Purchasing Coordinator
Janet Heepke, MDS/Care Plan Coordinator
Pam Hoffman, Social Service Coordinator
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Lola Shashack, Marketing/Sales Coordinator
Ed Spengler, Environmental Services Coordinator
Marlo Stuart, Therapy Coordinator
Brenda Wilkinson, RC Social Program Coordinator

Eden Village is a not for profit continuing care retirement community affiliated with the Eden United Church of Christ in Edwardsville, Illinois. For additional information, please visit our website at www.edenvillage.org.