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Grace Living Center NE 21st holds Educational Classes for Residents

Recently Grace Living Center NE 21st in Oklahoma City began holding educational classes for their residents.

The idea began several months ago when long time professor and resident, William Holt, taught a math class for the residents. The course consisted of basic math skills testing the minds of the “students” and allowing him to continue doing what he enjoys most—teaching.



At the end of the course all the stu-

dents received a certificate of completion during a graduation ceremony.

Because of the success and gratification shown by the residents from the math class, the facility has implemented more classes focusing on spelling, zoology, and additional math classes.



The classes provide the residents with fun, interactive, activities that exercise their minds and keep them active.

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Legislative Update

With the 2008 legislative session right around the corner and the 2008 election cycle vastly approaching, our lobbyist and Board members have been busy attending fundraisers and meeting with legislators who support the issues pressing long term care in Oklahoma.

Currently both the House and the Senate members are working on Interim Studies either revising bills that never got heard last session or working on new areas of concern, preparing for the filing deadline occurring the first part of next year.

Many of the legislators are working on issues addressed in the OAHCP Vision document for Qual-

Care. These members are teaming up with our lobbyist and Board members in order to put forth the best resolution.



Although session only runs from February to May each year, our legislators, lobbyist, and board members never stop working to improve the quality of care in Oklahoma. It is important that we continue to support them and appreciate their hard work and dedication to the industry.

Pictured is lobbyist Bryan Fried of FKG Consulting at a fundraiser for Representative Todd Thomsen hosted by Congressman Tom Cole. In attendance were OAHCP Secretary and CARE Treasurer Bart Reed and CARE Pac director Kassie McCoy.

NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK 2007



Thank you to Ann Scharff from Good Shepherd Hospice for providing the pictures

Featured Sponsor — US FoodService™



US Foodservice has just completed an 80 thousand sq. ft. expansion of their distribution center located on I-35 in the northeastern part of Oklahoma City. They service approximately 3,500 customers including 375 Senior Living accounts in Oklahoma.

US Foodservice offers the most comprehensive Healthcare program in the Food Service Industry. They provide competitive pricing and cost manage-

ment solutions customized to each facility's needs.

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Please contact Pat Cosentino at (405) 475-4633 or Melissa

Wagner at (405) 475-4660 ext 2158 and request a presentation.

Find out how your facility can save money and support the CARE organization at the same time!



Kassie McCoy, CARE Executive Director, Don Greiner, CARE President, and Debbie Campbell, Vice President of Sales for US Foodservice

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2007 OAHCP Fall Health Fair



Don't forget the 8th Annual OAHCP Fall Health Fair will be held this year September 11-12 at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in Tulsa.

Trade Show and Registration will begin at 7:30 am. A continental breakfasts will be provided.

Educational classes and Break Out sessions will take place all day Tuesday and Wednesday. An Awards Ceremony and Luncheon will be held Wednesday at 11:15 am.

For more information contact Crystal Mappes at (405) 524-8338

Featured Facility — Ballard Nursing Center

Ballard Nursing Center Ada, Oklahoma

"Providing the very best care for the ones you love"

Why Choose Ballard?

The team at Ballard Nursing Center embodies a spirit and value system that encourages loyalty, honesty and commitment to caring and excellence in service. This is based on the philosophy that people are always our number one priority. We are committed to not only caring about our residents, but also their families, our employees, and our community.

With the quality of patient care always in mind, Ballard Nursing Center provides

following staff: a Registered Nurse for at least 8 hours a day, Licensed Practical Nurses 24 hours a day, State Certified Nursing Assistants, a State Certified Activity/Social Services Director, as well as fully staffed Housekeeping and Dietary Departments.

Ballard Nursing Center also realizes that high quality therapy programs can and do enhance the quality of life for our residents. Therefore, we maintain a complete Therapy Team including Physical Therapists and Occupational Therapist as well as Speech and Language Pathology Services.

Ballard Nursing Center also features a special group of people called Comp-

anions in Caring. This is an organized group of volunteers who assist with activities They come to read, sing, work puzzles, and play many games with our residents. They take time to bring lots of joy to our residents.

Ballard Nursing Center strives for high standards in caring for our residents and their families. We hope your experience with us will demonstrate to you the depth of warmth, joy, and friendship our residents encounter every day. You will always be our friend, but once your loved one calls Ballard Nursing Center home, you become family.

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