

December Newsletter

REPRESENTATIVE KRIS STEELE VISITS GOLDEN RULE NURSING CENTER IN SHAWNEE

Recently Representative Kris Steele visited The Golden Rule Home. Rep. Steele is a member of the Public Health Committee and Chair of the Health Subcommittee. He has been a strong advocate for quality long term care and a friend to the profession. With the 2008 legislative session quickly approaching, Rep Steele was visiting with owners Scott Pilgrim and Billy Daves to discuss issues pertinent to the long term care profession and possible legislative actions to help the profession meet the demands of our aging population.



Rep. Steele also took a tour of the home. The Golden Rule Home is unique in that it is one of the few nursing homes in the state that cares for young adults with severe disabilities. One wing of the home is dedicated entirely to young adults. Currently there are 12 children ranging from ages 17 to 22.



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GLC BROOKWOOD CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS WITH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER



To celebrate the holidays, Grace Living Center, Brookwood, in Oklahoma City recently hosted their annual Christmas Dinner for the residents and their families. This annual event began several years ago and is complete with the traditional Christmas dinner buffet served by the nurses and staff members.

The residents particularly enjoy this event because it gives them the

opportunity to celebrate the holidays with their families. Residents with large groups of family and friends visiting can reserve private rooms so they can all enjoy the meal together with an at home feel.

The staff at GLC Brookwood enjoy being able to share the holiday spirit with the residents and their loved ones.

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2008 OAHCP Membership Drive

By: Jeanne Morton

The Oklahoma Association of Health Providers (OAHCP) is embarking on our 2008 annual membership drive. While we have achieved much through our efforts in the way of funding increases over the past year, our growth can only continue through active member participation.

OAHCP member benefits include:

- AHCA Membership. We have joined forces with the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living;
- Timely and accurate information on healthcare legislation that directly impacts your business;
- Access to current training and information – resources to recruit, retain and improve quality within your staff; and
- Resources for quality initiatives to improve facility programming – from leadership training, survey performance and understanding quality measures to networking opportunities.

We continue to utilize BKD in developing Medicaid reimbursement strategies. Also, we have current contracts with the lobby group FKG Consulting to handle our 2008 government relations needs. In addition, we have contracted with the prestigious firm of Schnake Turnbo Frank, Inc., to handle all of our public relations needs.

These are but a few of the resources that OAHCP/AHCA can provide to you as a member. 2008 Facility Membership Applications and information have been mailed to all long term care facilities.

Please join us in making OAHCP a better organization. Give us the ability to help our profession grow and provide the best possible care to those we serve...the elderly and disabled of Oklahoma. Your support is critical to continue our fight. Only through your participation will representation of your interests be ensured. We look forward to discussing how our combined efforts can make *your* Association continue to excel.

For more information, please contact OAHCP at (405) 524-8338 or visit our website at www.oahcp.org.



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- Nursing/Medical Supplies
- Housekeeping/Janitorial Supplies
- Laundry/Dietary supplies & service
- Long Term Care Furniture & Equipment.

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In order to be more accessible to customers, Able Sales and Rents now offers online ordering which makes ordering easier than ever before. By going to www.able-active.com you can simply point and click to add routine orders, add items to your favorites, or check your order history.

You can also check average monthly usage, print an order guide on your order history, and even manage multiple ship-to locations, all from the convenience of your computer 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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FEATURED FACILITY—CHANDLER NURSING CENTER

CHANDLER NURSING CENTER

Tucked away off the beaten path, Chandler Nursing Center is a respected long-term care facility focusing on quality patient care. With that in mind, Chandler Nursing Center is committed to not only caring for their residents, but also their families, their employees, and the community.

Chandler Nursing Center strives for high standards in caring for their patients while ensuring they feel at home. With new renovations, the team at Chandler Nursing Center hope to create a living environment more comparable to the one they had before.

In the spirit of Christmas, the Chandler Nursing Center celebrated the holidays with their annual Christmas Party. Complete with a lively musical act by Chandler locals and even a visit from Santa Claus, the residents and their families were able to enjoy an evening of entertainment, food, and gifts. Even the residents without friends or families found they too had a special Christmas gift to unwrap from the staff. The holiday spirit was in the air as residents, family, friends and even the staff sang along to classic Christmas carols.

For any additional information on the Chandler Nursing Center please call (405) 258-1131.



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