

Mission

It is the mission of Seventy-Five State Street to promote the independence, dignity and individuality of older people of all financial abilities by offering stimulating and supportive programs and services in a gracious urban residential setting. Seventy-Five State Street offers independent and assisted living opportunities in the heart of Portland's historic West End. Established in 1854, it is one of the oldest not-for-profit charitable institutions in the city.

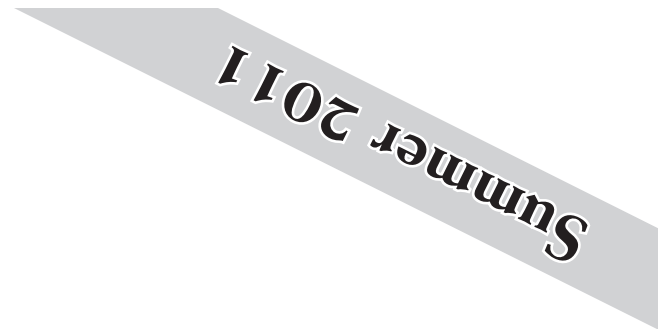
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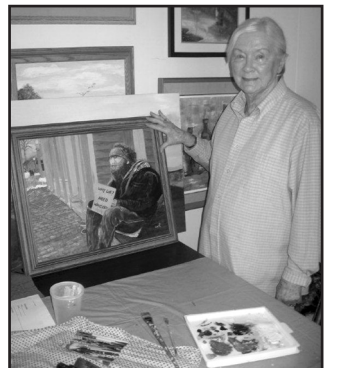
Anonymous but Never Forgotten By Tony Forgione, C.E.O.

Over the years, Seventy-Five State Street has faced many challenges. The Great Recession has brought us a devastated housing market, low interest rates on savings, very difficult state funding, high unemployment and a stock market that still has not reached levels of a decade ago. All of these factors have greatly impacted our customers and potential customers. And, of course, when our customers suffer, we suffer. For two years, our wonderful management team has been squeezing their budgets as we have tried to offset declining revenue. As of late, we have started to notice those "little green shoots" that the economists speak about. Things are starting to get a little better.

Last week things got a whole lot better. We received an anonymous gift of stock valued at \$102,000! The gift is unrestricted and will be used to help fund operations and to make some much needed capital improvements. In the past, benefactors, known and unknown, have made large unexpected gifts at what seemed to be just the right time. We wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation to our latest benefactor and to all who have supported us over our 157 year history.

Generous Resident Establishes Fundraiser

Resident and artist Alice Loesch saw an intriguing photo in The Portland Daily Sun on March 3rd. The subject of the photo was a homeless man holding a hand-lettered sign reading, "Why lie? Need whiskey." Eventually, Alice painted a 16 x 20 acrylic on canvas from the photograph. Along with paintings by other residents, it was displayed in an art exhibit at Seventy-Five State Street. Several of those who admired Alice's painting asked if it were for sale. Since Alice does not sell her art work, she decided to frame and donate the painting for a raffle. She has arranged for the proceeds from the raffle to be used to launch a fundraising effort for a new van for the residents' transportation program. If you would like to participate in the raffle drawing or make a donation to "the new van fund," contact Janice Drinan at 775-7775 ext. 203 or drinan@75state.org.



Remembrance Service

On July 19th, residents, family members, staff and friends gathered at a Remembrance Service to honor former residents who died during the first six months of 2011. Music, inspirational readings and the sharing of personal stories served to honor the memory of the following men and women who are truly missed at Seventy-Five State Street: Warren Braveman, Barbara Burbank, Fletcher Knight, Lee McDonald, Alma Sahrbeck and Phyllis Wilcox. Those who attended this gathering found it heartwarming to remember and honor their friends and family members in this special way. It was an uplifting experience, serious at times, but also laced with an appropriate amount of humorous storytelling. Following the service, all were invited to view the Memory Table and visit our Tribute Garden.

A special thank you goes to Tom Kovacevic, son of resident Lillian Kovacevic, for enhancing the service with his beautiful piano selections. Both residents and staff serve on the Remembrance Committee and plan and participate in these services. We extend our appreciation to Arlene Burns, Cindy Boivin, Janice Drinan, Neby Irish, Alice Loesch, Claudia Monsell and Nancy Whitehouse for their efforts in making this a very meaningful gathering.

Honoring Outstanding Healthcare Workers

National Healthcare Quality Week begins this year on October 16th. This event provides an opportunity to recognize and thank professionals in the healthcare field for their positive impact on our community and their quality service to our loved ones.

You may wish to consider honoring an outstanding healthcare worker by ordering a commemorative brick to be placed in the Seventy-Five State Street Tribute Garden. This brick will be engraved with a message you design to express your appreciation.

A 4 x 8 commemorative brick with three lines of type is available for \$60. An 8 x 8 brick with six lines is \$150. Individuals or groups may sponsor bricks. Proceeds from the commemorative brick project support the completion of our Master Garden Plan. The next brick installation will take place in the late fall. Contact Janice Drinan, Development Director, at ext. 203 or drinan@75state.org to request an order form.

Resident Spotlight: Georgia Sutherland

Georgia Fernald was born in Portland, Maine, and as a young girl "moved to the country." She graduated from Limington Academy where she enjoyed being a member of the girls' track team and the girls' basketball team. Georgia then trained to become a nurse. After receiving her Registered Nursing degree, she worked at Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary and then at Maine Medical Center where she did private duty nursing. In the early 1940s, she married Karl Sutherland when he returned from military duty. Georgia and Karl settled in South Portland where Karl became a police officer and they raised their two sons, John and James. John now lives in nearby Bath, and James lives in Columbus, Ohio. Georgia has three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Her newest great granddaughter was born on Georgia's birthday, April 6th, two years ago and is named "Georgia" in honor of her great grandmother.

When Georgia's husband became employed at Willowdale Golf Club's pro shop in Scarborough, being an athletic person, Georgia decided to take up golf. Eventually she began playing around the state as a member of the Women's Golf Association. On July 8th, 1978, at 1:20 pm, Georgia became the first woman in the then 53 year history of Willowdale Golf Club to score a hole in one. She accomplished this feat using a no.3 iron on the 154 yard, 15th hole. In 2007, Georgia was awarded a plaque recognizing her as the longest active member at Willowdale. She continues to take out her clubs and practices her swing in our Rose Garden, smiling all the while.

Georgia loves to follow her favorite sports teams. She is a huge fan of the Boston Celtics and the Boston Red Sox and even confesses to liking the New York Yankees! Another special interest is Georgia's love of gardening. She is joyfully growing tomatoes and lettuce in our new raised garden beds. Georgia recently stated, "I should pitch a tent in the garden because I love being here so much!" She also voluntarily cares for many of the indoor plants in our community.

Georgia has lived at Seventy-Five State Street for the past nine years, the first four with her husband Karl before his death in 2006. She said what she likes best about living here is "the people... I enjoy everybody." She also mentioned the care, the meals and the staff who are always "Johnny on the spot." Needless to say, Georgia is a delight to have residing in our community. Her cheerful nature brightens everyone's day.



Staff Spotlight: Lori Maxwell

Lori Maxwell was born in Saco, Maine, grew up in Biddeford and Lyman and currently makes her home in Lyman. Lori's educational path led her to study at Massabesic High School, Manhattan Area Vocational School and Kansas State University. Her early jobs included many years as a C.N.A., providing direct patient care. Lori said, "I really enjoyed helping people. During my nursing training, I came to know quickly that I definitely wanted to work with the geriatric set." She continued, "After many years in various nursing roles, I came to know that I needed something with more variety. A career path in administration was on the horizon."

Lori is devoted to her family and says she loves being an aunt and a grandmother to her niece, nephews and two grandchildren. She mentioned that her "father instilled in his children the importance of family and being there for each other. We are close."

Lori describes herself as "always interested in old stuff." She and her husband, Greg, have a small collection of antiquities including Egyptian, Roman, Byzantine and Greek pieces... the oldest being from the 5th millennium B.C.

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Volunteer work is important to Lori. She presently serves on the Fundraising Committee at York County Shelter Programs, Inc. Another of Lori's interests is the piano, and she claims to be on the "piano lessons for life" plan.

Lori joined the Seventy-Five State Street staff in 1996 as the Director of Admissions. Eventually Lori's role was expanded to include the Assistant Administrator's function in which she oversees several departments and provides coverage when the C.E.O. is off duty. In describing her work, she said she tries "to be well informed about operations and provide consult when asked, and direction when required, that is consistent with our workplace culture and philosophy." Lori remarked that she appreciates and has been heavily influenced by our C.E.O.'s light handed management style which has a positive affect on staff performance. She is "also deeply gratified to work with such a group of super stars!" And, conversely, staff and residents alike enjoy working with Lori. Her dedication, professionalism and good cheer are admired by all.



With Gratitude

Seventy-Five State Street wishes to express sincere appreciation for the following gifts received from June 1st to August 10th.

2011 Annual Appeal Gifts

As of August 10th, 49 generous donors have contributed a total of \$11,708.34. We welcome continuing Annual Appeal contributions which support special projects directly beneficial to the residents.

Gifts of \$1,000 and above

Nancy & Tony Forgione
Joseph Kocknavate
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Gifts of \$500 to \$999

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Gifts of \$250 to \$499

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Chip Foye *in memory of Natalie G. Foye*
Martha Hirst *in memory of Dorothy Robar*
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Gifts of \$100 to \$249

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Joyce Berlucchi *in memory of Guy Dicentes, Jr.*
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In-Kind

Benantonio Forgione, production services

Commemorative Bricks for the Tribute Garden

Charles Huntoon *in memory of Bill & Peggy MacVane*
Janice Knight *in memory of Fletcher Knight*
Chris & Fred Ronco *in memory of Barbara Burbank*

Designated and In-Kind Gifts

Anonymous gift of \$25 for new church vestment, etc.
Barbara Eddy, gift of four lawn chairs
Joseph Kocknavate, gift of \$3000
for new sunroom furniture
Paul & Bridget Sylvester, large doll collection
for display

Residents' Benefit Fund

The Wednesday Night Group, gift of \$50