

# Family & Friends

A Newsletter for the Friends of Stella Maris

August/September 2002

## *Stella Maris Participates in 2002 Memory, Heart Walks*

**S**tella Maris, in partnership with Mercy Ridge and Mercy Medical Center, will sponsor the 2002 Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk, set for Sunday, October 13 beginning at Rash Field in Baltimore City. The walk begins at 9 am after registration and is approximately 3.2 miles from Rash Field to Fort McHenry and back. All participants will receive a Memory Walk 2002 T-shirt and other giveaways from area hospitals and sponsors.

Stella Maris is forming its own team of staff, volunteers and family members. If you are interested in participating, go on-line to [alzgmd.org](http://alzgmd.org) to register and tell them you are walking

with the Stella Maris team or call them at 410-561-9099 for more information by mail. If you plan to be a part of our team, call Pat Howard at 410-252-4500 ext. 337 or send her an email at [phoward@stellamarisinc.com](mailto:phoward@stellamarisinc.com).

All proceeds benefit research for a cure for Alzheimer's disease, which affects approximately 4 million Americans.

Stella Maris is also seeking walkers for the American Heart Association's Heart Walk on September 28, also stepping off from Rash Field at 9 am. For more information, contact Craig Sattler at Stella Maris at 410-252-4500, ext. 267.

## *5P Residents in Full Bloom!*

**I**n June, volunteer Yolanda Mast and her sister, Stella Bull, led a silk flower arranging class for 5P residents and other guests. Ms. Bull brought the necessary tools to make the lovely arrangements and showed the residents how to place the flowers in hand-painted vases. As a special treat, the residents got to keep their arrangements, and the pretty colors and flowers brought many smiles.

If you would like to volunteer your time with the residents, either through

programs and activities, feeding, friendly visitor, or in many other ways, please call Cass Bittner, Volunteer Coordinator, at 410-252-4500 ext. 254.



*Muriel Story shows off her beautiful creation!*

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# ***Stella Maris & St. Elizabeth Residents Welcome Addition***



The residents of Stella Maris and St. Elizabeth Hall recently welcomed an addition to their campus – a brand-new, beautiful 25-passenger bus! This bus replaces the one that had been used by residents for over 15 years. Anita

***Father Larry Johnson gives the new bus a proper blessing.***

Dieter, Manager of St. Elizabeth Hall, remarked, “The residents love this new bus. They think it’s much prettier than the old one and the wheelchair bound residents are especially thrilled because now they can join the other residents in outings. The old bus couldn’t accommodate them.”

The morning the bus arrived was a typical hot summer day as Father Larry Johnson led the blessing of the bus, its wheels and its driver to ensure

good travels for all residents. He then turned the blessing over to the residents themselves, who took turns giving their new bus its first “car wash” with holy water. Afterwards, residents took turns riding around the campus.



***Father Larry and Irene Serwa make certain to bless the driver's side as well!***

## ***Sweet Treats a Sweet Success!***

The Sweet Treats monthly raffle held by the Auxiliary finished its first 6 months with outstanding profits of over \$2,090. There are still several months of raffles to go and if this event continues its successful trend, it could become a permanent fixture in the Auxiliary’s fundraising efforts. Many thanks to the bakers and candy makers who have created wonderful treats for the raffles. The remaining dates are:

August 9  
September 6  
October 4

November 15  
December 13

***Make sure to get your tickets in the McAuley Connection on these dates!***



***Joanne Nuetzel shows off her Father's Day cake in June. Don't miss her next creation!***

# Crab Feast & Auction: Get Your Tickets Today!

Get your mallets ready! The Stella Maris Crab Feast & Auction will be held on Sunday, September 8, 2002, from 1-6 pm at the Timonium Fairgrounds. The whole family will enjoy this afternoon filled with great food and fun, and all to benefit terminally ill patients and their families who cannot afford hospice care.

The event features great food and entertainment, including: all-you-can-eat steamed crabs; pit beef and full buffet; all-you-can-drink beer and soda; raffles; games; music; football; great auction items including sports memorabilia and tickets; and much more!



We accept MasterCard and Visa. Gather your friends and family together and buy a table for 10! Purchase your tickets today...last year's event sold out early and you don't want to miss out!

For all you football fans, you won't miss a bit of the day's action! We have two 60-inch televisions on-hand to broadcast the games.

For tickets, return the attached form to:

Stella Maris  
c/o Public Relations Dept.  
2300 Dulaney Valley Rd.  
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410-252-4500, ext. 268

**Tickets are just \$40!**  
(\$20 for children 5-12)

I have enclosed a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for tickets to the Crab Feast & Auction

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ tickets on my MasterCard or Visa (circle one)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

I cannot attend, but would like to offer my support of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ money raffle tickets at \$50 each. Only 500 tickets will be sold!

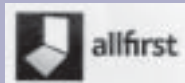
First prize: \$5,000    Second prize: \$2,000    Third prize: \$1,000

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ Dining Around Maryland\* raffle tickets at \$1 each or six for \$5

\*Guaranteed 25 gift certificates for Maryland restaurants. \$800 value!



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# *Home Care Gets New Home*

On May 24, the office of Home Care moved from the ground floor of the Pangborn Wing to the Carriage House located next to Long Crandon. The Carriage House served as the Marketing Office for Mercy Ridge prior to its opening in July of 2001.

Erin Cronin, Manager of the Home Care office, remarked that “the location is perfect for us – the staff really enjoys the quieter surroundings.” All Home Care telephone numbers remain the same. If you need Home Care information, call Erin at 410-252-4500 ext. 369.



*Home Care team members Erin Cronin, Linda Miller, Mary Roudette, Gloria Stewart and Jennifer Ludford stand in front of their new office.*

## *Kudos for a special GNA*

Charlene Morton Wallace, a Geriatric Nursing Assistant on 3 Pangborn, has generously donated her time and talents to the residents in her charge. With some donations of yarn, she has created many beautiful crocheted lap robes for raffle prizes. Charlene creates the blankets at home and brings them in for Susan Butler, Activities Coordinator for 3 Pangborn. The latest lucky winner said the blue lap robe matched her outfit perfectly and was the highlight of her day.

Thank you, Charlene!

## *Auxiliary Flea Market*

The Stella Maris Auxiliary will once again be hosting a Flea Market and Bake Sale on September 27 and 28, 2002, in the Stella Maris Auditorium. The Good Buy Shop is accepting donations for the Flea Market beginning September 1. No clothing or books please!! Tables will be available for \$10.00. If you are interested in renting a table, please call 410-252-4500, ext. 254.

# Volunteer Your Time & Talents

Volunteers are needed at Stella Maris in the following areas:

**Clerks:** for the Good Buy Shop on Fridays, 11am – 3pm; for the Gift Shop on Saturday (9:30am – 1:30pm) and Sunday (11:30am - 2:30pm); for Grafton Street at Mercy Ridge, evenings and weekends, times flexible.

**Escorts:** for the Beauty Shop on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, mornings and afternoons; to take residents to Mass on Sundays (9:45am – 11:45am)

Applications are being accepted now for the September **Hospice Volunteer** class which consists of 30 hours of interactive training. If you have been contemplating sharing your compassion and talents with the terminally ill, consider this satisfying and meaningful work. Hours are flexible, parking is free and the other personal benefits are many.

Opportunities are available in Baltimore City, as well as in Baltimore, Harford and Carroll counties. For more information, please call Helen Streimer at 410-252-4500 ext. 315 or send her an e-mail at [hstreimer@stellamarisinc.com](mailto:hstreimer@stellamarisinc.com).



*Programs and Activities Coordinator Anita Neville (right) shares a smile with resident Mary McNeir after a flower arranging class.*

The **Student Volunteer Program** is well underway. Students from local middle and high schools are lending a hand to our programs and activities department. The students help escort the residents to activities, visit with residents, and assist with various activities. The residents truly enjoy having the students in the building. To learn more about the program, please call 410-252-4500, ext. 254.

## Hospice News

### Angels for Sale!

The Hospice Volunteer Office is selling angels! For just \$18, you can purchase an Angel of Hospice to be given as a gift or used as a remembrance of a special loved one. Made of fine white clay and decorated with a bow, the hospice angel measures 6 ½ inches wide by 5 inches high. Each angel varies slightly, is individually hand cut and decorated, and is packaged in a lovely gift box with ribbon. To purchase your Angel of Hospice, call John McLoughlin at 410-252-4500 ext. 494 or write him at [jmcloughlin@stellamarisinc.com](mailto:jmcloughlin@stellamarisinc.com).



# Upcoming Support Groups

*Sudden Loss Support Group*  
Tuesdays – 7 p.m.  
September 10 - October 15

*Widows & Widowers Support Group*  
Wednesdays – 7 p.m.  
September 11 - October 16

*Parent Loss Support Group*  
Thursdays – 7 p.m.  
September 12 - October 17

*Me Too! Children's Bereavement Group*  
Tuesdays – 6:30 p.m.  
September 10 - October 22

*Dementia Family Support Group*  
6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday August 21  
Wednesday September 18

## Calendar of Events

### August

9 Sweet Treats Raffle Day in the  
McAuley Connection--10am-2pm

### September

2 Labor Day  
6 Sweet Treats Raffle Day in the  
McAuley Connection--10am-2pm

### September (continued)

8 Friends of Hospice Annual Crab  
Feast & Auction--Timonium  
Fairgrounds, 1-6pm  
7 Rosh Hashanah  
16 Yom Kippur  
23 First Day of Autumn  
24 Mercy Day (commemorates the  
Founding of the Sisters of Mercy)  
27-28 Flea Market (Auditorium)

### About Family & Friends

This newsletter is designed to keep our residents' loved ones informed about what is happening at Stella Maris. For more information, contact Kelly Sheridan at 410-252-4500, ext. 570.

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