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Welcome

Residents and Family Members

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The Haven Assisted Living

This is issue number 18 of The Haven Assisted Living Newsletter. This letter will provide you with information about The Haven Assisted Living and our Residents, as well as Updates on Industry News and Trends. We welcome your ideas and input as to what topics you would like to see published.

Reminder

The Administrator or Manger is your point of contact for any questions or issues that may arise regarding the Resident, Resident's Program of Care, Policies & Procedures, Facility, etc.

Nobody Else in the company is authorized or qualified to discuss these issues.

The Administrators name and contact number is located at the sign-in table at each facility. If you have any questions please contact me.

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Bertica Cummins, President

What's New at The Haven Assisted Living

January 2008

The Haven Assisted Living @ Heatherwood is now licensed and open for residency.

The Haven Assisted Living @ Cold Harbor is completed and waiting final inspection by VDSS.

The Haven Assisted Living @ Lakeway is the newest addition to the Haven Family of homes. Renovation is expected to begin late January and take about 8 weeks before the licensing process begins.



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Industry News

Transforming Disability into Ability through Enabling Environments

By Dr Jane Barratt - Secretary General Director International Federation on Ageing

The silent process of population ageing and ongoing environmental changes has become increasingly evident. Ageing of the human species is often viewed as a celebration yet when coupled with the speed at which our natural resources are depleted both the survival and future productivity of life comes into question.

The nature and impact of the complex relationships between 'the human' and 'its environment' is a challenge confronting governments, the private sector and civil society. Notwithstanding the differences between various theoretical approaches it can be argued that the environment in its broadest sense, ie. the political, social, cultural environment is pivotal to the health and well being of people of all ages but life-saving for vulnerable groups such as children and older people.

Population ageing is being experienced by every nation and society around the world. More than one billion people will be over the age of 60 years by 2025 (World Health Organization (WHO), 1998) with a substantive proportion of those living in developing countries. At the same time there is evidence of environmental degradation. Current rates of human-engendered environmental destruction threaten natural resources leaving millions of people living in developing countries in misery.

Intrinsic to the case for international policies that promote social development and enable lifelong development is an improved understanding of the connection between the third priority of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (United Nations, 2002) (MIPAA) to "ensure an enabling and supportive environment" and Goal 7 of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 'ensuring environmental sustainability' (United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), 2002).

To create an environment that sustains and enables the involvement and livelihood of people of all socio economic strata is a demanding goal for every walk of life. The goal stresses the responsibilities of many different sectors and cultures to reach out for solutions in collaboration and partnership.

This paper will make the case for including ageing issues and older persons in development planning and will bring together some of the salient lessons learned in the quest for sustainable access to safe drinking water; improvement of the lives of slum dwellers and re-attaining and maintaining essential environmental resources.

From Disability to Ability

The MIPAA suggests within its principles the transformation of disability into ability as a means for development. The term disability can be understood from both a medical and social perspective; and numerous studies (e.g., Harris, 2000) have explored the origins of these models of disability.

Disability has often been defined as a physical, mental, or psychological condition that limits a person's activities. In the past, this was interpreted according to a medical model (Mont, 2007). In a 'medical model' disability is viewed as a problem of the person (Rieser, 2002; Kane, Priester & Neumann, 2007). It is said to be caused by disease, trauma, or other health conditions which require sustained medical care and attention provided by professionals. For example, people aged 60 years and over living in developed countries are often disabled by diarrhoea (WHO & UNICEF, 2005) and are more likely to die than those in the 0-5 year age group. Older people will also suffer more chronic illnesses which may reduce their overall immune function or make them susceptible to specific diseases.

The flavour of this model tends to be one of dependence and stereotypical images of the burden of disability on family and society and may also be associated with fear and patronizing attitudes. Medical care is the dominant response in this model with access to health care largely determined by health professionals. At the political level, the principal response is that of modifying or reforming healthcare policy.

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According to the social model, disability is the outcome of the interaction of the person and physical, cultural, and policy environments. Thus it is neither person nor environment specific. Disability is not an attribute of an individual, but rather a complex collection of conditions; and is therefore the responsibility of society. Interventions are thus not only at the individual level (e.g., medical rehabilitation) but also at the societal level to ensure full participation.

Numerous studies have demonstrated the relationship between 'the environment' and the health status of people of all ages including older people (e.g., Heymann, Fischer & Engelman, 2003). However the degree to which the environment impacts on the ability or the dis-ability of an individual or sub-population is somewhat more problematic to measure even though there has been extensive work on the continuum. Moreover the way in which the life course approach to ageing intersects with one's ability to be a productive and contributing member of society is considered even less in the literature.

Sustainable and Enabling Environments

Environmental sustainability means meeting current human needs without undermining the capacity of the environment to provide for those needs over the longer term (UN Millennium Project, 2005). Governments, the private sector and civil society operate in singular yet connected environments: Each environment has a unique framework from which they respond and react to external forces.

Source: TheMatureMarket.com



Event February 12th

Eileen Martin will be visiting The Haven Assisted Living @ Sedgemoor, Eleanor, and Studley to play the flute featuring a variety of songs. Family is welcome to attend

PLACE

Eleanor, Sedgemoor, Studley

TIME

Begins at Eleanor at 1pm

Event February 14th

Eileen Martin will be visiting The Haven Assisted Living @ Hebner and Sandy Valley to play the flute featuring a variety of songs. Family is welcome to attend

PLACE

Hebner, Sandy Valley

TIME

1pm

Event January 19th

On Tuesday January 19th our residents will be visiting GenJo's Café on route 301 in Mechanicsville for Root Beer Floats and Ice cream.

PLACE

GenJo's Café on route 301 in Mechanicsville

TIME

The Bus will be leaving Sandy Valley around 1:00 pm to arrive at 2:30pm

Birthday Announcements

No Birthdays for February...

Hazel Smith	January 3 rd 1916	(92)
Rhoda Zerkin	January 20 th 1917	(91)
Charles Barnett	January 24 th 1924	(84)

Evaluation of Service Form

It's that time again...we are asking for your honest opinion about our services. Please note that these surveys are in an effort to improve our quality of service to our Residents.

For those of you who are new to The Haven Assisted Living we send out the Evaluation of Service Form 2 xs per year to help us improve your perception of us and our service to you.

For those who took the time to fill them out last year we want to say thank you, and ask that all participate in this evaluation.

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Evaluation of Service Form

The Evaluation of Service Form is another tool to help us improve quality and service to our Residents.

These forms are designed to allow the Residents and Family members to provide feedback about the quality of services provided

The Evaluation of Service Form will be distributed with the June and December newsletter each year.

Your participation is highly recommended and welcome. ♥

The spirit of the season reminds us that we should never give up, spread the faith, because the Lord will see us through. Sometimes God takes a little longer than we planned but he always honors a giving heart and is always watching over us.



