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Donors Change Lives at St. Leonard

How do donors who support St. Leonard Foundation's Greatest Need Fund impact lives at St. Leonard? One powerful example is their funding of a revolutionary program led by Dr. Govind Bharwani (Director of Nursing Ergonomics and Alzheimer Care Nursing Institute, Wright State University) and his daughter, Meena Bharwani (Project Manager, DGM Partners).

"We are setting the stage for how Alzheimer care and therapy will be done throughout the nation", explains Dr. Bharwani. "St. Leonard is the birthplace for this unique approach." The Behavior Based Ergonomics (BBE) program helps caregivers prevent two main causes of behavior problems in individuals with dementia: boredom and disengagement.

Dr. Bharwani and Meena worked with the St. Leonard staff and residents' loved ones to develop a personalized resource center for caregivers. Items were compiled to meet each resident's needs according to his/her individual learning style, cognitive skill level, and personality and behavior profile.

Caregivers can easily match the needs of the resident to either stimulating or soothing activities at any time with CD's, DVD's, games, puzzles, and other items in the resource center. Family members have contributed to the process, offering special personal items from the resident's past such as photo albums and hobby magazines.

As one St. Leonard nurse observed, "The staff now has the ability to offer relaxation and comfort to residents using items that are individually selected for them. The residents react to their environment in a more positive way."

View the Channel 2 news video about this project (aired on May 19, 2010) at:
http://www.wdtn.com/dpp/participate/need_2_know/alzheime-care-local-team-is-first

On behalf of residents in the Alzheimer's area and their loved ones, we thank all who have changed lives at St. Leonard with generous gifts to the Greatest Need Fund!



2010 Legacy Golf Tournament Sets Record

Neither wind nor rain could keep the enthusiastic golfers from their appointed tee times at the 9th Annual Legacy Golf Tournament on September 27th at the Dayton Country Club. Thanks to the generosity of donors and the leadership of Joe Lunne and the Legacy Golf Committee, a record **\$60,000** was raised for the Greatest Need Fund at St. Leonard. Over the past 9 years, donors to this event have contributed more than \$340,000 to benefit St. Leonard's mission. (Save the Date for the 10th Legacy Golf Tournament scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2011). Legacy Golf Committee members extend a special "THANK YOU" to the following 2010 major sponsors...

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Joe Lunne announces start of tournament



"If you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble." Bob Hope

Building on Compassion Campaign is Announced at September Groundbreaking Ceremony

Expansion plans were revealed for St. Leonard's new Memory Support Center and Wellness Center at a groundbreaking ceremony on September 21st. St. Leonard Foundation's Board Chair, Wally Nugent, announced \$600,000 had already been raised toward the Foundation's \$1 million campaign goal for the new buildings and for increasing the Benevolent Care Fund.

The public kickoff for the Building on Compassion Campaign raised awareness of the role philanthropic support has continued to play throughout St. Leonard's 27 years as a community serving older adults of all faiths. This tradition continues as residents, grateful family members, staff, and community members have stepped forward to become involved in supporting the campaign.



****UPDATE**** As of November 10, donors have committed more than \$740,000 to the Building on Compassion Campaign! Naming Opportunities are still available and gifts of any amount are welcome. For more information about participating in this historic endeavor at St. Leonard, please contact Jill Harris, Foundation Director, (937) 436-6382, harrisj@stleonard.net.

Campaign Co-Chairs Gerry Chadwick, Sherry Kroger, and Tim Kroger
(pictured in front of St. Elizabeth Garden)

A Meaningful Gift

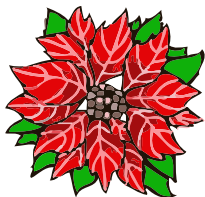
One St. Leonard resident (age 90+) recently mentioned his tradition of asking his children to give a gift to St. Leonard instead of buying him a holiday gift. What an inspirational way to celebrate the true meaning of the season!

We invite you to consider giving a gift to help someone in need and also honor a loved one (or the memory of a loved one). You may want to support the Benevolent Care Fund to assure vulnerable residents will remain part of the St. Leonard faith-based community even if they outlive their resources. Or you may choose to join others in supporting the Greatest Need Fund which enhances lives in different ways throughout each year.

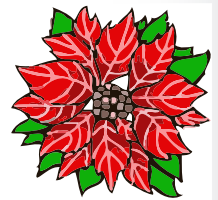
You will touch the life of an older adult with your generosity. **The St. Leonard Foundation will be glad to notify your loved one that a gift has been given in his or her honor.** Please include the information with your gift and a special note card will be sent.

This holiday season, consider giving A Meaningful Gift from the heart to support the people served by St. Leonard's mission:

*Responding to the Gospel of Jesus,
St. Leonard assists seniors of all faiths
to achieve their highest level of independence.*



St. Leonard Foundation's Legacy Society



"I like the idea of helping people even after I'm gone."

"For those of us who want to make sure we have enough funds to last through our lives, the Legacy Society is a comfortable way to make a gift commitment to St. Leonard for the future."

These are comments from valued members of St. Leonard Foundation's Legacy Society. **The St. Leonard Foundation Legacy Society welcomes all individuals who choose to name St. Leonard in their estate plans** (for any amount or percentage). To notify St. Leonard Foundation of your planned legacy gift, simply check the box on our gift envelope "I have included St. Leonard in my estate plans" or contact any Foundation staff member. No other information is required.

By joining the Legacy Society now, you will be thanked during your lifetime and invited to an annual reception at St. Leonard for special donors. You also will have the satisfaction of knowing that your legacy gift will change someone's life in the future!



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***St. Leonard Foundation
is the charitable entity
serving St. Leonard, a
Franciscan Living Community.***

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Thanks to the numerous volunteers who worked generously for our mission in 2010, through service on the Board of Trustees, Legacy Golf Committee and Golf volunteers, Building on Compassion Campaign Committees (Community Leadership, Residents, and St. Leonard Faith Community), and all who helped in the Foundation office.

**You are the reason St. Leonard
is such a special place
to work and live!**

We warmly welcome our newest St. Leonard Foundation Board member, Jeffrey A. Mullins, Partner-in-Charge of the Dayton office of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister, LLP.

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SOPHIE'S LEGACY

Donors to St. Leonard Foundation were a blessing for Sophie, St. Leonard's beloved resident therapy dog who passed away at the age of twelve in October. Sophie was a loving companion for residents, staff, volunteers, and visitors to St. Leonard for many years.

She exhibited the Franciscan values of Reverence, Stewardship, and Service in every interaction, with her tail happily wagging. Even as a semi-retired therapy dog, she embraced the St. Leonard ideal to "Live Now, Age Later" throughout her final weeks.

On behalf of Sophie, we say thank you to all St. Leonard Foundation donors who were part of her life through gifts to St. Leonard. Sophie's abilities were many, as were her medical bills. She is just one example of how donors make a difference in lives at St. Leonard, even 4-legged ones!

