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### An Evening to Remember

On June 29, residents and staff decked out in their best attire for the first ever Virginia Home Ball and enjoyed an evening no one will soon forget. Themed "Paris City Lights," residents were treated to wine and petit fours in the shadow of a 17-foot Eiffel Tower erected just for the occasion. Rebecca Washburn, recreation therapist, conceived the idea for the ball while thinking of a theme for June's monthly social. When asked how she came up with the idea, Washburn explained, "I was just brainstorming about doing something different for the socials. I thought about how many of the residents probably never had the opportunity to attend something formal such as a prom." She added, "I also took into consideration all of our many couples we have at The Home and how cute it would be for them to attend a formal event as dates." And so, the event that is being described as the single best social event in The Virginia Home's history was born.

The Ball, however, could have never been such a tremendous success without all of the help provided by our volunteers. Once again, TVH volunteers worked their magic and transformed an evening social into a spectacular occasion. In four days, volunteers worked 120 hours in preparation for the Ball and helped staff transform the gymnasium into a lovely Paris city street scene. Ukrop's donated 150 tea roses and greenery;

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*Volunteer Services exists to advance the continuous improvement of our residents' quality of life. Our mission is to enable, encourage and engage the residents of The Virginia Home through the innovative utilization of our community's resources.*

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### Monthly Outings & Trips

The list of monthly outings and trips (formerly the "On Call" newsletter) is now being mailed to volunteers on a convenient postcard. The list for August was mailed on July 30 to volunteers who have indicated on their updated Volunteer Application an interest in being placed on the "On Call" list and/or assisting with outings and shopping trips. If you did not receive this month's postcard but would like to assist with outings and trips, please contact Sherry Williams at The Home to be added to the mailing list.

Also, thank you to everyone who responded to the August mailing and signed up to assist with outings!!



*Participants of Richmond ACTS help decorate for the Ball*

### We Have a New Look!

The *Volunteer View* newsletter has a new look and will be published monthly beginning with this issue. The purpose of the newsletter is to inform and include our volunteer community. It will be your single source for information all volunteers of The Home need to know, including upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, news and updates.

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from these flowers, volunteers created enough corsages and boutonnieres for every single resident and guest in attendance. Volunteers were also on hand Thursday afternoon to apply make-up and give manicures. Thousands of dollars worth of formal clothing, from glittery evening gowns to tuxedos with top hats, were donated to The Home so that each resident looked absolutely stunning. To permanently capture the splendor of the evening, resident portraits were taken and distributed in 5x7 format. Also, the Ball was featured in the Flair section of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* on Sunday, July 9.

The residents and staff of The Virginia Home would like to thank the following individuals, groups, and businesses for their invaluable role in making the Ball a success:

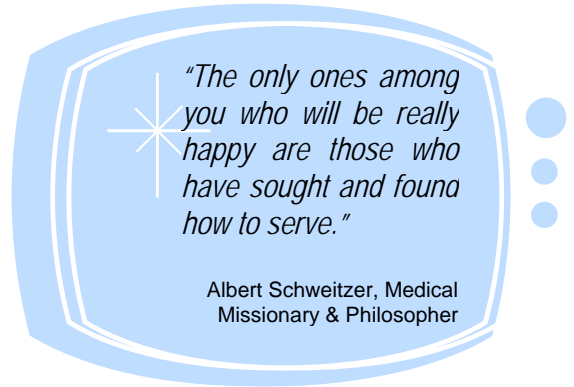
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### Don't Be Left Out of the Fun

Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned an updated TVH Volunteer Application!! If you haven't returned yours yet, this could be the last mailing you will receive from The Home. It's not too late to update your volunteer file in time to receive next month's newsletter and to remain on the volunteer roster.

### Thank You

To "virtual" volunteer Patsy Wilcher, who co-designed and produced this newsletter from her home in Swainsboro, Georgia. Her time & talent makes a monthly newsletter possible.



### Policy Review



The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) is a federal regulation that took effect in 2003 and is followed by all health care providers, including hospitals and nursing homes. HIPAA serves to protect all patient information recorded (in any form or medium, including verbally) or received by a health care provider. This information can relate to a past, present or future physical or mental health condition, the provision of health care to the individual or the past, present, or future payment for the health care. Thus, information ranging from chart notes to claims submission is protected.

The events in the lives of our residents—including diagnosis, medical and social condition—are confidential and fall under HIPAA regulations. HIPAA imposes both civil and criminal penalties for violation of these rules. For example, individuals who divulge information maliciously or for a profit can be fined up to \$200,000 or imprisoned for up to 10 years.



St. Christophers' choir entertains residents in the gym



## Wish List

Volunteer Services continues to receive clean, good-quality clothing (no stains, tears, or missing buttons) for the Jr. Board's semi-annual Clothes Closet held each spring and fall. In addition to clothing donations, the following items are needed:

- Holiday/special occasion greeting cards
- Wrapping paper & gift bags
- CD players
- Nosegay "igloos"
- Picture frames (5x7 and smaller)
- Halloween Costumes & Decorations

### New Volunteer Handbooks

New Volunteer Handbooks are hot off the press, and they include many revisions and updates. Please be sure to pick one up at the Reception Desk or from Volunteer Services the next time you visit The Home.



### Birthday Greetings Go Out To:

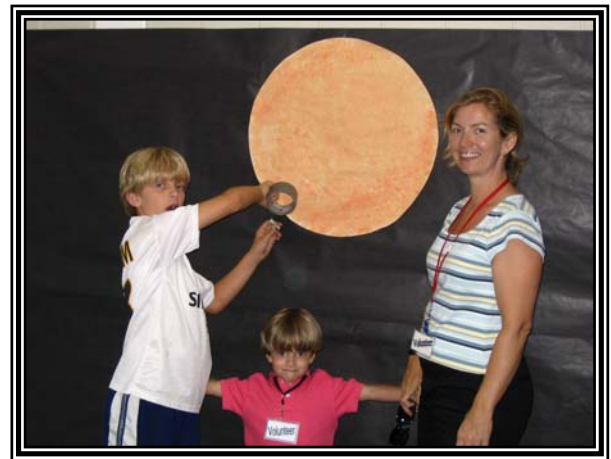
Karl Ziehl 8/6  
 Asia Washington 8/8  
 Floyd Menezes 8/14  
 Roger Gosser 8/20  
 Marcus Christopher 8/24  
 Robert Driessen 8/31

## Volunteer Opportunities

We are currently recruiting volunteers to donate an hour or two per month to help residents acclimate to their new computers. Show someone a new adventure in cyberspace, help them tame that mouse, or teach them the fine art of solitaire.

There are many opportunities to regularly visit one-on-one with residents. Whether you want to read mail, shoot hoops, watch a movie, or walk in the park, your company and friendship is needed here. Please contact Sherry to discuss specific resident needs, and discover how you can make a difference in someone's life.

The Occupational Therapy department needs assistance with Bingo each Tuesday at 1:30. If Bingo isn't your game, you can express your artsy side during Open Shop in Recreation Therapy every Tuesday and Thursday



*Sarah, Alec & Oliver Hale hang the moon over Paris*

### Name the Newsletter Contest

In addition to its new look, the *Volunteer View* is also getting a new name, and YOU could be the person who names it! This month, Volunteer Services is accepting entries for our Name the Newsletter Contest. Can you think of a catchy or clever title for our newsletter? Or do you prefer the professional, subtle approach? Submit your ideas for a new title for the *Volunteer View* by September 1, and you could win a \$25 gift certificate along with our eternal gratitude and the pride of seeing your name in print in the next newsletter.

Please send your suggestions to Sherry Williams by e-mail to [sherry.williams@thevirginiahome.org](mailto:sherry.williams@thevirginiahome.org) or by snail mail to our street address. **Entries must be received by 5:00p on September 1.**



  
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