



December 2014 - A Season of Thanksgiving!

As we enter this holiday season and we reflect upon the people that have meant so much, we want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation and gratitude to our entire extended “Marvin Family” for being essential partners in ensuring the continued success of The Marvin. On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Under One Roof, we want to acknowledge the support, generosity, commitment, assistance and contributions – from staff and contract personnel, community organizations, youth groups, schools, volunteers, board members, elected officials, “helping hands”, financial contributors, and overall supporters. YOU are what makes The Marvin so unique and special. Our commitment to providing the highest quality of programs and services – for our senior adult residents and their families, the children in our pre-school program and their families and the community in general – would not be possible without your continued support. THANK YOU!!!

The Marvin and The Marvin Children’s Center continue to be recognized as a model “shared-site” intergenerational program - providing excellence in affordable congregate housing with supportive services for seniors and a full day, full year nationally accredited school readiness program. Individually, both programs are recognized for their quality and excellence and both programs have long waiting lists and strong reputations locally and throughout the State. We provide the services and support that enable our senior residents to truly “age in place”, with dignity and independence. Our early childhood pre-school program prepares children to be ready to enter and succeed in school. Incorporating an intergenerational component into all our programs makes The Marvin unique and offers benefits to both the young and old. These intergenerational interactions can be seen not only in the daily and weekly interactions between the senior residents and children in the preschool, but extends beyond our brick walls and reaches out to the community.

As we approach the end of 2014, we want to acknowledge some of our “partners” and supporters who have helped us achieve our goal of continuing to provide the highest quality of programs and services over the past year. **THANK YOU to each and every one of you!**

At this time, we invite you to join us in supporting our organization. We are reaching out to our residents and their family members, current and past program participants, staff and contract personnel, supporters, donors and community members – our extended Marvin Family - to ask you to consider making a generous donation to Under One Roof, Inc.™ before the end of 2014. Your contribution and financial support is important as we continue to strengthen our foundation in order to ensure our future in providing quality programs and services. **2014 has been another successful year for The Marvin. With your support, we look forward to even more success in the coming years.**

Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Sincerely,

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THANK YOU TO OUR ENTIRE MARVIN "FAMILY"

- Our school readiness program, **The Marvin Children's Center**, is managed by **Bright Horizons Family Solutions**, and incorporates their "World at Their Fingertips®" curriculum helping young learners grow into confident students. We give special thanks to the wonderful staff - especially Director **Maria Iacono-Maldonado** and teachers **Courtney, Valentina, Allyson, Kerline, and Kiki** – for their commitment to ensuring excellence on a day-to-day basis. **The Marvin Children's Center's children** and their "**Senior Friends**" at **The Marvin** continue to build strong relationships. Regular interactions and activities take place which truly help each age group develop relationships and learn about each other.



- Our partnership with **Marvin Elementary School** has been ongoing for over 15 years and continues to be a favorite with both our residents and the students at Marvin Elementary School. Each group learns about the other and helps dispel myths of aging. Thank you to teachers **Kathleen Chase** and **Stephanie Pisano** for your continued commitment to our partnership through the years.
- High school students from both **Norwalk High** and **Brien McMahon High** who are members of "**buildOn**" continue to make regular

monthly visits to The Marvin for activities and interactions with the residents. In the Spring, the students organized a very successful "Senior Prom" with residents of The Marvin. In the fall, they again performed a "Day of Service" at The Marvin – cleaning up all the flower beds, helping to organize storage areas, and working on crafts projects with the residents. BuildOn believes that Youth CAN change the World. Their connection with The Marvin has been rewarding for everyone! Thank you for being part of The Marvin family.



- Other **student volunteers** assist with office work, entertainment, and one-on-one assistance to residents. Thank you to **Elyse Darcy, Ben McNamara, Stathi & Seena Panagiotidis, Gavin Schueron, Jennalee Potmesil** and all the other students supporting The Marvin and our residents.
- **STAR Inc., Lighting the Way**, a not-for-profit organization, is the leading provider of supports and services to persons with developmental disabilities in Mid Fairfield County Connecticut. STAR provides weekly grocery shopping services for many of The Marvin residents. Special thanks to our STAR Shoppers – **Pete, Lisa, Michele, Celeste, Annette, Joanne, Neilly, Kelvin, Solange, Troy, Chakakhan, Janet** and many others... Thank you for providing this valuable service.
- Our partnership with the **Norwalk Senior Center** benefits both organizations. Residents are encouraged to participate in and take advantage of the many programs, activities and trips provided by the Senior Center. Residents utilize the center's bus transportation for scheduled grocery and other shopping trips and appreciate that the center provided transportation for a special beach trip for our residents. Special thanks to some of the staff of the Norwalk Senior Center – including **Joan Theroux, Michele Jakab, Julie DeMarco** and **Remy Exantus**.
- "**Saturday Girls Academy**", run by **Dr. Cynthia Barnett**, continues to meet at The Marvin as they work on the 2014 First Lego League Challenge. Residents have the opportunity to interact with the students and learn all about the work they are doing in this project.

- Since 2009, residents and staff of The Marvin have partnered with and donated funds to support the Norwalk Police Activities League (PAL) in support of the **Norwalk Police Department Community Policing Division's Annual Holiday Party for Children**. We appreciate the partnership that we have with the police department and want to particularly acknowledge **Police Chief Tom Kulhawik, Deputy Chief David Wrinn, Deputy Chief Susan Zecca, and Community Services Sergeant Tom Fern** for their ongoing support. Watch out for the next Wii Bowling Challenge!

A number of **Individuals, Community Groups and Organizations and Businesses** have provided special events, programs and activities throughout the year. Some have volunteered their time and expertise while others have been paid. **We THANK YOU all for your support of The Marvin!**

- Supporting the religious needs of our residents: **Saint Thomas Church - Father Perieri Sunil, Father Rogerio Perri, Claudio DaSilva, Carm Pagliano; Jewish Family Services and the Conservative Synagogue; Bible Study Group - Chaplain Stephen Brown, Wayne LeBlanc, Bill Lopez; St. Peter's Church - Pastor Robert Beinke**
- Sponsoring and running special events and programs:
- **District C Republicans** – monthly entertainment - **Michael & Karen Intrieri, Elizabeth Lyons, Sarah Mann, Pete Torrano, Oldga Arteaga, Charlie Yost, Jim Anderson, Michelle Maggio, Glenn Iannaccone, Mary De Klyn** and Entertainers: **Taylor Felt, Kevyn Gardella, Margie Katz, Mary Squicciarino, Delyth Williams**



- **Norwalk Exchange Club** – pizza lunch
- **Lion's Club** – Night at the Races
- **Catholic Charities Senior Nutrition - Cindy Phelps, Harpists, Kim Harke Sushon & the Girl Scouts, Liza Salta - "TechKnow Geeks", Martha Spiegel & Sadie, MASConn, Bookclub – Maureen Avery, Suzuki School**
- Partnering with and supporting our library –the **East Norwalk Library – Executive Director Stan Siegel**
- Leading Exercise Classes – Volunteers **Wendy Dulin and Cathy Paine**
- Providing weekly art classes – Volunteers **Ivette Castro and Bobbie Smethurst**
- Guest speakers – **Norwalk Police Sergeant Fern, Senior Nutrition - Filomena Gizzo, Norwalk Fire Marshals - Kirk McDonald & Thomas W. Raila, Liz Piasecki, RN, Aurora - Betty Karkut, Masonicare Laura Santoro and Gay Bond**
- Massage and Reflexology Therapists – **Jason Zwickler and Linda Leson**
- Medical Providers – **Dr. Nancy L. Gamer, DPM, Dr. Andrew J. Parker, M.D. (ENT), Wendy Cooke, Dr. Mark L. Dam, M.D., Dr. Eric B. Nicholson, M.D.**
- Entertainers - **Larry Batter, Randy Brody, Tom & Cuz, Bob Forte, Grandmas & Grandpas, Jan Miller & Ollie Mutch, Pitch Pipers, Angelo Ruggiero, Sal Salgado, Serendipity Chorale, Marco Scott, Staples HS – Wreckers in Tune, Upbeats**



- Donating in-kind to support our programs and activities – **Sweet Ashleys Ice Cream, Creative Culinary Services, Lincare Floral Designs by JP, Michael’s Cleaners/Michael Czegledi, Mister Softee, Norwalk Pizza and Pasta, Overtons, Partners Café, Papa John’s Pizza, Pepperidge Farm Outlet**
- Special thanks to the **Siano Family**, neighbors of The Marvin, who donated and delivered beautiful Poinsettias to every resident to make their holidays special.
- **Other Friends of The Marvin - Bob Berman of SeaScapes, Connecticut Pharmacy, Elderhouse, Geriatric Care Management, Hancock Pharmacy, Mail carriers Hilda and Brian, Computer guru Jack Rosen, Norwalk EMTs, Norwalk Hospital, Norwalk Pharmacy. Omnicare Pharmacy, Ponce James – Vending, Reo Appliance, Senior Services Coordinating Council, SWCAA, Third Taxing District/Ronald Scofield, Wynne Business Systems/Mary Wynne**

Special thanks to those businesses and organizations that have supported Under One Roof in the development and enhancement of our organization – including **Harvard Business School Community Partners, Forever Young Foundation, GE Capital, Norwalk Chamber of Commerce**



We also want to take this opportunity to formally acknowledge and thank **The Marvin’s Extended Family – Our Contract Service providers! *You are truly part of The Marvin’s Quality First Team!***

- **Creative Culinary Services – Dining Services – Jeff Shapiro – Owner/Chef, Chef Ivin and staff Samantha, Rowina, Kevin, Felix, Judy Richard, Ivin, Edgardo, Luis, Michael**
- **Masi Company – Housekeeping - Doug, Nina, Anthony, Judy, Dolly, Peter**
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- **THANK YOU to all the residents of The Marvin who willingly volunteer their assistance with programs, office coverage, administrative work and any place where they are needed. We appreciate that you give of yourselves to better The Marvin!**



- We want to acknowledge the tremendous **professional staff team leading The Marvin – Karen Tulipani - Resident Services Coordinator, Chris Francello – Office Manager, and Jose Vivieca – Building Superintendent. YOU are the key to our success!**

A very special THANK YOU to all of our elected officials for your support and visits to The Marvin – including Senator

Richard Blumenthal, Congressman Jim Himes, Governor Dan Malloy, Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, Mayor Harry Rilling, State Senator Bob Duff, State Representatives Larry Cafero, Bruce Morris, Gail Lavielle, and Chris Perone



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