



## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends,

I feel fortunate to have this opportunity to express gratitude to so many as we approach Thanksgiving.

I am thankful to our residents and community clients for providing Mary Wade with the honor of caring for them and serving their needs to the best of our abilities.

I am thankful to the family members of our residents and clients who entrust us with the care and nurturing of their loved ones.

I am thankful to the Mary Wade staff for their compassion, kindness, dedication, and hard work.

I am thankful to our board of managers, who help ensure that Mary Wade stays a positive, proactive course in providing five-star services to the aging and elderly individuals at Mary Wade and in the greater community.

Most of all, I am thankful to those who have donated their time, talents, and monetary gifts to help Mary Wade maintain and expand its mission. Thanks to your dedication and belief in our vision, Mary Wade is proud to be a community of caring that promotes individual abilities in our traditional, dignified, and comfortable campus as well as connections with the broader community.

Many heartfelt thanks,

## About Mary Wade

For those of you unfamiliar with the Mary Wade Home, we are a 143-year-old organization that provides a multifaceted approach to health care and services for aging individuals and the greater community located within the heart of the historic Fair Haven neighborhood of New Haven, CT. Mary Wade offers a broad array of services and programs, including, but not limited to:

- A residential care wing, known as the Boardman Residence, that accommodates 45 mature adults and offers assisted living services and a short-term stay program to provide primary caregivers with assistance and a reprieve from caring for aging loved ones.
- A skilled nursing center, known as the Kimberly Center, that accommodates 60 mature adults and provides 24-hour medical services for short-term care, chronic illness, and end-of-life care.
- A medical model Adult Day Center (ADC) that operates seven days a week and provides medical assistance, supervision, nutritious snacks and meals, and recreational programs and activities.
- The Center for Outpatient Rehabilitation (COR), which provides physical, occupational, and speech therapy to residents and community clients.
- Free weekend transportation and weekday medical transportation for individuals 60 years of age and older in the greater New Haven metropolitan area.
- Nine rental properties in the area immediately surrounding the Home owned and managed by MWH Holdings, Inc., a subsidiary of Mary Wade, that serve as beautiful, safe homes for low-income families.
- Partnerships with and support of community programs, groups, and initiatives, including, but not limited to, the City of New Haven, the Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut, the Fair Haven Community Health Center, the Grand Avenue Village Association, the Chatham Square Neighborhood Association, the Atwater Street, Maltby Street, and Ferry Street block watches; the Fair Haven Management Team, Fair Haven Police District, the Quinnipiac River Community Group, and Junta for Progressive Action.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| October 19-23, 2009                      | Fall Festival                                                                                                    |
| November 26, 2009<br>12:00 p.m.          | Holiday Meals for Elders in the Community at Mary Wade                                                           |
| December 4, 2009<br>10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. | Christmas Bazaar                                                                                                 |
| December 12-19, 2009                     | Hanukkah Week of Traditional Festivities                                                                         |
| December 24, 2009<br>6:00 p.m.           | Boardman Residence Christmas Eve Party                                                                           |
| December 25, 2009<br>12:00 p.m.          | Christmas Meals for Elders in the Community at Mary Wade<br>Distribution of Holiday Gifts to Mary Wade Residents |



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Donations to the Mary Wade Home help provide long-term financial support for Mary Wade, its residents, and community clients.

Thanks to the philanthropic gifts of foundations, corporations, and individuals, no resident has ever had to leave Mary Wade because of an inability to pay for his or her care. Mary Wade's continuum of community and residential services could not exist without the generous financial support of hundreds of individuals, corporations, and foundations.

### How Gifts to Mary Wade Are Used

- Supplemental funding for residents who outlive their financial resources.
- Grants to help bridge the gap of government reimbursement (Medicaid) shortfall.
- Support for Mary Wade's community service programs.
- Seed money for new Mary Wade programs.

### Why Giving to Mary Wade is Important

- People are living longer.
- As longevity increases, more people are outliving the ability to pay for the services associated with long-term care.
- Medicaid payments (government funding) fall considerably short of the actual cost of providing skilled nursing care.

### How You Can Help

- Volunteer Your Time
- Monetary Gifts
- Tribute Gifts
- Charitable Estate Planning



Georgia with a Member of the Whiffenpoofs of Yale

## A Life Well-Lived: Georgia Laggis Glinos, May 6, 1921-April 29, 2009

“When my mother and aunts all understood years ago that Yaya (a.k.a., Mana Mou) needed more around-the-clock focused care than they could provide, it was nonetheless with great anxiety that they moved Yaya from the only home she had known for almost three decades. Yaya, as you know, was a woman of routine, and she did not welcome this move to Mary Wade. Whenever we spoke with her by phone, she would complain: about the food, about her nurses, about the latest hearing aid she had thrown in the trash.

But when I would visit—and spy on her during a game of bingo or a musical performance or simply an evening chat with her roommate—I began to see a much different picture. I saw a woman who was loved, cherished, and doted on by a family that extended our own. I saw Yaya the ham, doing the Twist and complaining that she was “80 years old and never been kissed.” I saw the generosity she gave (so often in the form of Dum-Dum lollipops and bags of Doritos), and the generosity she received (I remember most recently her tablemate at dinner telling me that Yaya loved toast and jam, but *really* needed to drink her pink juice).

It was, therefore, so beautiful for me to watch this week when my grandmother, her heart failing and her breathing labored, left St. Raphael's to return home. It was beautiful to watch during her final hours as she held hands with both of her families, ours and yours. And it was beautiful to watch at her wake and funeral, as her old grandchildren cried next to her new grandchildren.

Thank you for all that you were and are to my Yaya....”

– Brian and Lee Lizotte, May 4, 2009