



# MASONIC HOMES of KENTUCKY

Providing quality housing, health care and services  
that make a difference in people's lives

## Homes collect state and district KAHCF honors



Shelbyville Environmental Services Director Don Carey received KAHCF's statewide professional achievement award from Shelbyville Administrator Debra Finneran.



Frosty Cardwell and niece Inez Murphy display the Better Life Family Involvement plaque awarded by KAHCF.

The Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities honored Masonic Homes with five statewide awards at its annual awards ceremony in November.

Masonic Home of Shelbyville Director of Environmental Services **Donald Carey** (Solomon Lodge No. 5) was honored as Kentucky's best for professional achievement in his field. Masonic Home of Louisville Medical Director **Dr. Dennis Gray** was recognized by KAHCF as the state's best.

Masonic Home of Shelbyville also won three statewide Better Life Awards: W.G. Simpson Lodge No. 472 member **Forrest "Frosty" Cardwell** won the Family Involvement award, Ombudsman **Chester Colyer** received the Senior Advocacy award and the Education and Awareness award was given to **Susan Crowell**.

In addition to the five statewide awards, the Homes received nine Central District awards: Professional Achievement in Activities, Masonic Home of Shelbyville's **Samantha Rucker**; Professional Achievement in Dining Services, Masonic Home of Louisville's **Gary McCurdy**; Professional Achievement in Nursing, Shelbyville's **Barbara Bayne, LPN**; Professional Achievement in Support Services, Shelbyville's **Inge Grant**; Innovation Award, Masonic Home of Louisville's **Guardian Angel program** for CNAs; Best Newsletter, *The Messenger*; **Photograph of the Year** taken at the 2008 holiday tea in Sally's Garden; **Community Service**, Masonic Home of Shelbyville; and District Facility of the Year, **Masonic Home of Shelbyville**.

"Every award recipient is very deserving and brings added credibility to them personally and to the Masonic Homes," said CEO Gary Marsh. "Our Shelbyville staff put forth a tremendous effort in competing for Facility of the Year and, regardless of the outcome, I believe our staff and our residents benefit greatly by competing," he said. "Congratulations to all!"

## Holiday tradition continues

### District 28 keeps Alvin Johnson Fund alive

Folks in District 28, in Kentucky's most eastern corner, jump start the holidays at the Homes with the annual fruit and candy delivery, courtesy of the Alvin Johnson Fund.

With donations from friends throughout the five-county area, the fund purchases fresh fruit and candies that are a much-anticipated annual delight at the Masonic Homes. This year's haul included 14 cases of apples, 14 cases of oranges, two cases of chocolate drops, a case of orange slices and a case of horehound candy.

Thanks to these individuals and groups whose generous gifts to the Alvin Johnson Fund made the 2009 holidays brighter for Masonic Home residents in Louisville and Shelbyville:

**Zebulon Lodge No. 273**  
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**No. 858**



**ABOVE:** On hand for the fruit and candy delivery were (from left) Homes' VP of Mission Advancement Phyllis O'Daniel, Kerry Sluss, Masonic Home resident Bill Lewellyn, Joe York, Herman Fletcher and Sheldon Sammons. Steve McCoy made the journey but is not pictured.



**RIGHT:** Sheldon Sammons loaded a hand truck for Louisville Assistant Administrator Bill Grenier.



Bruce Lott

## Buy one, get one free!

By BRUCE LOTT, CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

It's one of the more familiar phrases in today's culture – the advertising line that brings customers in almost no matter what is being sold. If you're like me, you probably see it time after time in the newspaper, on TV, in mail circulars and the like. It is an attention-grabber.

We're making you a similar offer we hope you can't refuse. It's a way to double your gift to the Masonic Homes quickly and easily. Simply put, if you are a current or retired employee of a company that matches charitable gifts, you may be able to make your gift work double-time.

How? First, make your gift to the Homes. Then, contact your Human Resources or Personnel Office to find out if they participate in the program. If so, request a matching gift form. For companies with Web sites, there often is a link to it there. Complete your part, forward it to us and we gladly will confirm the date and amount of your gift.

What a great way to start to 2010 for you and us!

## Florida in sight for Masonic Homes

Please plan to join Masonic Homes Board members and staff for lunch during the 2010 Florida tour. Dates and locations are:

Monday, February 15, 2010 at Noon  
Holiday Inn-Select  
3535 Ulmertown Road, Clearwater

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at Noon  
Inn on the Lakes  
3100 Golfview Road, Sebring

Friday, February 19, 2010 at noon  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
13051 Bell Tower Drive, Ft. Myers

If you plan to be in Florida during February and would like to attend one of the luncheons, please contact Brenda Travis (toll-free: 866/764-6631; e-mail: btravis@mhky.com).

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## Worth a thousand words



**LEFT:** Masonic Home of Louisville resident and World War II veteran Carl Fessel (second from left) was honored with a Hero Medal on Veterans Day. The ceremony was organized by Walter Oster (Sunset Lodge No. 915), after meeting Mr. Fessel during a visit to the Home. Mr. Fessel served the 8th Army Air Force 390th Bomber Group, which was shot down and captured. On hand to honor Mr. Fessel's service were (from left) Congressman John Yarmuth, retired U.S. Navy Seal Jack Flowers, Mr. Fessel's daughter Claudia Driesbach, and the Home's Memory Care Program Coordinator Kathy Wiederhold. Mr. Fessel passed away Nov. 24 at the age of 85.



Masonic Home of Shelbyville honored veterans at the Veterans Day Worship Service on November 15. The service featured speaker Maj. Gen. Carl Black, who holds the Distinguished Service Medal and recently was inducted into the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame. Also participating in the program were (back row, from left) Master Sgt. Wendell Littlefield, Sgt. Robert Josephson, Masonic Home Chaplain Brother Jesse Baxter, (front row, from left) Master Sgt. Earl Ray Young and Maj. Gen. Black.



Louisville Life Enrichment Director Dama Maynard accepted a check for \$1,005 representing proceeds from the Halloween Biker Bash. The benefit event included bike and costume contests, live bands, door prizes and a silent auction. The Bluegrass Brotherhood donated the food, Expo 5 offered the venue at no cost, Mister Money Pawn Shop donated a diamond ring for raffle, and The Outlaws Elizabethtown Chapter helped sell raffle tickets. The biker groups hope to make the event a Halloween tradition.