

MASONIC HOMES of KENTUCKY

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

Going Above and Beyond for the Homes



Renae Hunter (left) received the Masonic Home of Shelbyville's 2009 Employee of the Year award from Executive Director Debra Finneran.



Masonic Homes of Kentucky Louisville Maintenance Director Mel Beam (right) presented the 2009 Employee of the Year award to Shane DeWitt.

Masonic Homes of Kentucky recognized its employees for outstanding service in 2009 at the annual *Above & Beyond Appreciation Celebration*, honoring three as Employees of the Year.

Occupational Therapist **Jenny Kief** was selected as Masonic Home of Louisville's Employee of the Year. **Renae Hunter**, a CNA at Masonic Home of Shelbyville, was chosen as

Shelbyville's Employee of the Year. From the Louisville campus Maintenance Department, carpenter **Shane DeWitt** was named Employee of the Year from the Corporate Group.

In addition to the Employees of the Year, 84 employees were honored with years of service awards, marking their longevity with the Homes. Masonic Home of Shelbyville's **Donald Carey** and **Carol Sanford** received special recognition for completing 30 consecutive years of service.

Thirty-four employees received awards for perfect attendance during 2009.



Masonic Home of Louisville Executive Director Lori Hess (left) and Masonic Homes Sr.VP/Therapy Services Natalie Tinsley (right) congratulated 2009 Employee of the Year Jenny Kief.

Priceless volunteers make a difference

Four volunteers were recognized for their work in 2009 at the Homes' *Above & Beyond Appreciation Celebration*.

"Thanks to our dedicated, compassionate volunteers, Homes' residents receive outstanding care," said CEO Gary Marsh. "Our volunteers help us make a daily difference in the lives of the people we serve."

Volunteers perform clerical duties, organize storage areas, conduct crafts, visit with residents, help with special events, and everything in between. "Volunteers extend our staff and enable us to provide a level of service that is recognized among the industry's best," Marsh said.

Jerry Ford was selected as the Corporate Volunteer of the Year for his extraordinary customer service at The Bistro. From seating customers to bussing tables, Ford's involvement has helped turn one-time patrons into repeat customers.

Masonic Home of Shelbyville selected **Forrest "Frosty" Cardwell** (W.G. Simpson No. 472) as 2009 volunteer of the year for his five years of service. Frosty helps residents one-on-one, transporting them to events or just visiting. His brothers at W.G. Simpson lodge help out when the tasks require more horsepower, whether it is building a bench at the Great Day of Service or treating residents to a fish fry.

Masonic Home of Louisville honored **Ken and Mary Lou Ballard** for 15 years of service. The couple listens to the residents and helps them find the spiritual guidance they need through music and worship on Wednesday evenings.



Frosty Cardwell, W.G. Simpson No. 472 received the Masonic Home of Shelbyville's 2009 volunteer of the year award from Administrator Debra Finneran



ABOVE: Jerry Ford was presented the Corporate/Maintenance Group volunteer of the year by Sr. Administrative Assistant and daughter Cathy Kannapel.



LEFT: Ken and Mary Lou Ballard were honored as Masonic Home of Louisville's volunteers of the year.

Honoring Old Glory

The Louisville campus will welcome the sixth annual Flag Day celebration Saturday, June 12th. The celebration has grown over the years, according to VP of Mission Advancement Phyllis O'Daniel, becoming a community-wide observance.

"More than 50 color guard units representing military, law enforcement, scouting, fraternal and civic organizations participated in 2009, and the audience has grown to nearly 300," she said.

"Masonic Homes is honored to host this tribute to our flag, our country and our American troops," O'Daniel said.

Admission is free. Masonic Lodges and color guards wishing to participate are asked to register in advance.

To register a color guard or learn more, please contact Phyllis O'Daniel 502.753.8808; podaniel@mhky.com.

Homes' in-home program takes root in Ashland

Masonic Homes is setting up shop in Ashland to help seniors and others live where they want—in their own homes.

The program, called Select Home Care Options, will offer care assessments and connect people with services designed to help them and their families. Already, Program Director Cindy Boone has begun recruiting staff, creating a data base of resources and discussing the volunteer role local lodges will play with Masonic leaders. Office space on U.S. 60 in Ashland has been leased.

Services will be tailored to meet each individual's needs and delivered by professional providers. Lodges in the area will be recruited to help with special projects like building an accessible ramp or simply driving someone to a doctor's appointment.

Initially, only counties in the FIVCO Area Development District will be served, according to Homes' CEO Gary Marsh.

"Our pilot project is in Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Grayson and Greenup counties because Kentucky's highest population of seniors live there, along with nearly 9,000 Masons," Marsh said. "It is an opportunity to serve the most people and involve area lodges in volunteer activities that help their neighbors."

Worth a thousand words



Louisville Care Center is on schedule for completion, and staff joined residents recently to view construction progress. From left to right standing: Physical Therapy Assistant Mike Truax, Executive Chef Keith Wayne and Assistant Director of Nursing Nikki Hollenback; seated are residents Nancy Watkins, Charles Elston (Duvall No. 6) and Betty Hubbard.



Masonic Home of Shelbyville residents and staff hosted children from the Academy of Learning for an Easter egg hunt. Residents lined the grass line watching the 18 children scramble for eggs. Activities Director Anne Kuhn (top left) sat with the children before the hunt.

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