

MASONIC HOMES of KENTUCKY

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

Shelbyville Home is best in district

One of five finalists for best in state

Masonic Home of Shelbyville is one of five in Kentucky competing for Facility of the Year honors from the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities.

"We're happy to be part of this competition, and I certainly believe Masonic Home is the best," said Executive Director and Administrator Debra Finneran. "I couldn't be happier to be part of this organization and this terrific team."

The Central District includes more than 75 facilities in 15 counties, including Jefferson County. The judging is based on an application process, a secret visit and an announced site visit. The judges made their final visit to Masonic Home of Shelbyville on October 12.

Other finalists vying for the statewide honor are River Valley Nursing Home, Butler County; Martin County Health Care Facility; Edmonson Care and Rehabilitation, Brownsville; and Western Kentucky Veteran Center, Hanson.

The winner will be announced at the KAHCF annual conference November 12.



Shelbyville Administrator Debra Finneran welcomed KAHCF judge Noell Rowan to Masonic Home.



Preston No. 281 keeps tradition alive

BY PHYLLIS O'DANIEL—VP / MISSION ADVANCEMENT

It all began in the 1860s, when Susan Preston Hepburn, sister of Kentucky legislator Gen. William Preston, founded the Women's Auxiliary to raise funds for the original Masonic Home in downtown Louisville. The auxiliary raised "the first \$8,000 that went into the cornerstone."

"The Homes are the charity of the Kentucky Masons, said Master of Preston Lodge No. 281 Peter Miller. "They've been providing assistance to the Masonic family for over 100 years and I'm sure that over that time they've touched every lodge in the state."

The plaque pictured with this story has been displayed outside a room in The Pillars Assisted Care Center at Masonic Home of Louisville since 1991. Two similar plaques also are displayed outside of resident accommodations, one at the Masonic Home of Shelbyville and another on the Louisville campus. They are testaments of the Lodge's continuing commitment to the Homes, and the charitable support of Kentucky lodges that have helped sustain the Homes throughout our history.

Members of Preston Lodge have already made plans to furnish two resident accommodations in the new Care Center now under construction on the Louisville campus. "We want to help with the construction of the much-needed Care Center, and Preston Lodge has been making an annual donation to the Homes for as long as I can remember," Miller said.

Masonic Homes of Kentucky is grateful to Preston Lodge No. 281 and all Kentucky Masons who are vital partners in the Homes' continuing tradition of caring.

Members of Preston No. 281 have supported Masonic Homes since the original Home was built in downtown Louisville. The Lodge has pledged to furnish two rooms in the new Care Center when it opens in December 2010.





Residents, Board members and staff celebrated the opening of The Pillars Assisted Care Center.

New name, same great Home

Masonic Home of Louisville's personal care center is now The Pillars Assisted Care Center.

The new brand launched this fall as upgrades to the Home were completed. Two resident suites were created. Each suite is twice the size of traditional accommodations and feature separate sleeping and living quarters. The suites open into a free-flow living area featuring a kitchenette, dining area and living room. The spacious bedroom and accessible bathroom are located in the back of the suite. Suites average \$142.50 per day and accommodate one or two persons, with an additional fee for the second person.

The Pillars also now offers six guest accommodations. The guest accommodations are available to resident family members and other Louisville campus visitors. Guest rooms easily accommodate two people and feature the usual hospitality amenities. The charge is \$60 per night.

To tour The Pillars Assisted Care Center, reserve guest accommodations or learn more, contact Masonic Home of Louisville Client Services Director Trivia Daughtrey (866-764-6631 or tdaughtrey@mhky.com).



Rehab center added at Shelbyville

The Shelbyville community has a new Fit for Life rehabilitation center, at the Masonic Home.

The home has more than doubled the size of its previous therapies department, and now is located on the Home's lower level. A designated entrance is handicap accessible and close to parking.

The new space includes new Nautilus, SciFit and NuStep equipment, as well as a kitchen to assess patients' daily living skills. That helps therapists evaluate and treat any daily-living deficits, and reduce home safety concerns, according to Senior VP of Therapy Services Natalie Tinsley.

Eight therapy professionals staff the center, specializing in physical, occupational and speech therapies. Since the Home's therapy program began in January, it has achieved an 88 percent return-to-home rate for inpatient clients in the Fit for Life program.

Masonic Home's Fit for Life Therapy Center is open Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment on Saturdays. To learn more, call Fit for Life at 502.513.1875.



Christine Baxter gets a strengthening workout.



Oops!

W. G. Simpson No. 472 member Butch Landrum (right) was incorrectly identified in the October issue of *Masonic Home Journal*.

He and Frosty Cardwell are shown installing a ceiling fan in the Masonic Home of Shelbyville Rose Garden courtyard. All of us at the Masonic Homes appreciate the assistance, ideas and joy Butch and Frosty bring to our residents and staff.

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