Masonic Home of Shelbyville welcomes new executive director and administrator

Masonic Home of Shelbyville has named Conjuna Collier executive director and administrator. Collier has 28 years of experience in health care management. She has in-depth knowledge of state and federal regulations governing long-term care. Collier also has a strong track record of increasing referrals, community involvement, teambuilding and personal development.

Prior to joining Masonic Homes, Conjuna was the administrator at Tanbark Health and Rehabilitation Center in Lexington since 2002. She is active in the industry and has held many volunteer leadership roles in Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities. She is chair of the Facility Standards / Regulatory Compliance Committee.

Collier replaces Nick Cooper, who now leads Masonic Home of Louisville as its executive director and administrator. Cooper joined Masonic Homes in 2011 and served as assistant administrator at Masonic Home of Shelbyville since September 2012. He is a graduate of LeadingAge’s Leadership Academy and recently was named among 20 People to Know in Aging Care by Louisville Business First.

Masonic Homes offers home care service

Masonic Homes and a Louisville FirstLight HomeCare’s franchise have formed a joint venture to expand its Family of Services and include in-home care.

“Industry trends show people prefer to age in place – in their homes – for as long as possible. Whether that home is on a Masonic Homes’ campus or elsewhere, we are able to provide assistance to those who need high-quality, non-medical, in-home care,” said Masonic Homes President and CEO Gary Marsh.

The partnership provides personalized home care services to people of all ages, physical conditions and cognitive abilities. Services are available to our independent living residents as well as Masonic Home of Louisville residents and outpatient rehab services guests, while they are in our care, or after they return home. According to Marsh, “FirstLight’s approach and culture is very similar to Masonic Homes’, which makes for a seamless partnership.”

FirstLight HomeCare is a national network of in-home care franchises, founded by a team of professionals with over 80 years of experience in operating successful health care and home care service organizations. Director of Business Development Robin Byrd has more than 20 years of experience developing new relationships between organizations in the community, attracting new partnerships with physician’s groups, nursing facilities and charitable organizations. She will lead the Masonic Homes program.
Active and INDEPENDENT

In keeping with Masonic Homes’ purpose statement – Passionate People. Inspiring Lives. – the work we do provides great support for our residents and guests.

Independent living residents prefer a social community with a variety of amenities for support. They also want to know that they will be eligible to receive higher levels of care, and that they will be able to meet the associated costs, before these services are needed. Masonic Homes embraces these industry trends and is expanding its independent living services to offer an entrance fee option with a health care discount for residents of Masonic Home Village, now called The Village Active Lifestyle Community.

We see examples of residents – like Sister Rita Jarrell in the article on page 5 – who work or volunteer in our communities and campuses. They enjoy an active lifestyle that’s offered at The Village, Miralea, Spring Hill Village, and soon, The Meadow. Their work and their stories are an inspiration. Because we accept our responsibility with great enthusiasm and have an emotional connection with the people we serve, our new option at The Village will allow more residents the opportunity to continue their passions and inspire others.

Donate Now

There are many ways you can help us further our mission to provide outstanding, quality service to those who need it. Your gifts to Masonic Homes of Kentucky reflect your belief in our mission and may be used to recognize a loved one as a memorial or honorary gift.

Contributions may be made online at masonichomesky.com/giving or by mail to Masonic Homes of Kentucky Office of Mission Advancement, 3761 Johnson Hall Drive, Masonic Home, Kentucky 40041.

Masonic Homes is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit institution; all gifts made to the organization are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.
Money isn't everything, but it sometimes can help make the good things better. Could you use a little (or a lot) of extra cash each month? If the answer is yes, ask us about a charitable gift annuity for one or two lives. Your gift helps the Masonicare residents at Masonic Homes while you receive a monthly payment with a rate as high as 9%, depending on your age, by turning an asset with little or no income into something much more. For example, if you own CDs (Certificates of Deposit), you know they currently pay next to nothing. Do you have one maturing soon? Call us before you renew. You'll have extra cash, receive a nice income tax deduction and save future taxes.

For more information, email Bruce Lott at giving@mhky.com or call 502.259.9627 (toll-free: 1.866.764.6631).
“I’m amazed at the generosity of the people who support Masonic Homes and the people who offer the professional care and services here. I’m impressed with their commitment to the people they serve. They create the best quality of life for the aging person.”
Volunteerism is Ursuline Sister’s key to health

Sister Rita Jarrell is a living example of someone who has found strength in serving others. The Ursuline Sister is a five-time cancer survivor, a chaplain for Hosparus of Louisville and an active volunteer with the American Cancer Society.

And as a resident of The Village Active Lifestyle Community, Rita has found an ideal balance for work, leisure, spiritual reflection and support.

Three years ago, Rita was living at the Ursuline Motherhouse, less than two miles from Masonic Homes’ Louisville Campus — where two of her fellow sisters were already living. She was familiar with the campus, having visited often as a hospice chaplain. “My own health had changed, and I felt it was the right time for me to regroup,” she says. “Masonic Homes’ positive outlook on aging – and meeting the individual’s spiritual, emotional, and physical needs – was greatly important to me. I knew it was where I needed to come.”

Rita’s health rapidly stabilized. “I’m not in a wheelchair as they predicted I would be by now,” Rita says. “I walk 10,000 steps a day on the campus. It’s been a very positive thing.”

Rita also leads regular prayer groups at Masonic Homes. “That keeps me busy and in tune with what’s going on around me. And if someone here falls ill, I offer my support as a certified chaplain.”

She also stays busy with the American Cancer Society — working as an advocate, offering screenings, and counseling women who are diagnosed with breast cancer. That worked earned her the American Cancer Society’s highest volunteer honor, the St. George National Award.

Jarrell herself beat breast cancer in 1982. She later overcame three types of skin cancer — basal cell, squamous cell, and potentially deadly melanoma. Two years ago, she was successfully treated for colon cancer.

Dealing with her own adversity gave Jarrell the tools to work as a member of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services’ Crisis Response Team. When tragedies occur, she assists police and other officials in providing immediate support to victims and their loved ones.

So for someone accustomed to extending a helping hand at every turn, Jarrell is grateful for the support she receives from Masonic Homes. The independent living community allows her to continue pursuing her passions, all the while offering her the peace of mind and services that keep her healthy.
Mission Makers

Baptist Health Donation
Baptist Health Employer Solutions donated Christmas gifts to residents at The Pillars Assisted Care Center.

Shelbyville Annual Christmas Parade
Masonic Home of Shelbyville participated in Shelby County’s Annual Christmas Parade, winning first place in the Business & Industry category and Grand Champion overall. The Shelbyville maintenance staff designed and built the float, and many staff members and families came the day of the parade to help.

Hospitality team donates cookies
The hospitality team at Masonic Home of Louisville baked and donated 1,500 cookies to The Chamber of St. Matthews for their Light Up St. Matthews event.

Adopt-a-Resident program
Bro. Roy Wise (Harrison Lodge No. 122), a resident at The Pillars Assisted Living Community in Shelbyville, has been “adopted” by Golden Rule Covington Lodge No. 109 as part of the 2016 Lodge of Excellency program. Bro. Jason Hale, Master of No. 109, and Treasurer, Bro. Dwight Rider, visited Roy on Christmas.
Making a difference in the lives of our residents, guests and community.

**Santa visits The Pillars**
Crescent Hill Lodge, No. 456 members Phillip Meyers and Jim Solley visited residents at The Pillars Assisted Care Center over Christmas. Jim dressed up as Santa with his dog, Mr. Peabody, while Phillip distributed gifts.

**Tim Morrow awarded for service**
Abraham Lodge No. 8 Master, Bro. Richard Viglione (left) and Secretary, Bro. Sam Conder (center), present a certificate of appreciation to Bro. Tim Morrow, Masonic Home of Louisville Chaplain, for his outstanding service to the residents.

**Kosair Brass Band plays**
The Kosair Brass Band entertained at the Sam Swope Care Center Christmas party.

**Masonic Home of Shelbyville Food Drive**
At Masonic Home of Shelbyville’s annual Christmas dinner, residents and their families brought canned goods which were donated to a local food pantry.
One hundred fifty employees pledged to the CountMeIn employee giving campaign in 2015, nearly doubling the number of participants from last year. Pledges totaled $20,422, surpassing the goal of $20,000.

The funds raised through employee giving will help support the employee and resident START Wellness Program, making Masonic Homes’ campuses a happier and healthier place to work and live.

Donna Prewitt, Assistant Dietary Manager, joined MHKY in 1995

Donna has worked at Masonic Homes for over 20 years. Over two decades, she has seen major expansion and enhancements take place, including the dining experience. Without question, she and her staff work hard to make mealtime enjoyable. In the dining rooms she manages, Donna purchases special items for the residents – favorite flavored teas for one gentleman, and oversized bowls emblazoned with the University of Kentucky logo for a woman who loves both cereal and the Wildcats. She knows these little touches make residents feel special. “We want to make them feel like they’re sitting down for a meal at home,” Donna says. She does anything she can to improve the lives of the residents she serves – and that’s exactly why Donna donates to the CountMeIn campaign.
Barry Denton named Sr. VP / Mission Advancement and CDO

Masonic Homes welcomes Barry Denton to the corporate leadership team as Senior VP/Mission Advancement and Chief Development Officer.

Barry was most recently the Executive Director of the Louisville Metro Police Foundation, where he developed and implemented a record-setting fundraising program.

Barry was part of the Louisville Metro Police Department in various roles for 22 years. He is a volunteer leader for many organizations including the Kentucky Derby Festival Board of Directors and Downtown Rotary of Louisville. He is a Master Mason at Suburban Lodge No. 740 and a member of the Kosair Shrine.

“I am honored to be a part of the Masonic Homes of Kentucky, an organization with a 150 year history of inspiring lives.”

Two board members named Board Members, Emeriti

Long-time board members Ronnie Bell, PGM, and Curtis Johnston, PGM were recently named Board Members, Emeriti. Ronnie Bell had been a member of the board since 1993, and Curtis Johnson since 1999. We thank both of them for their service and support.

The board also elected 2015-16 officers: Martin Walters will serve as Chair, David Owen as Vice Chairman, John Sammons as Secretary and Ron Caughron as Treasurer.
Over the 2015 year, she compiled a book of poetry with her residents and gave one to the families.

She brought clothing in for a resident who needed some new clothes after a recent weight loss.

She suggested ways to cope with being away from home, being newly disabled and tired.

Above & Beyond honorees

We are pleased to announce the first group of Above & Beyond award recipients for December through February.

Elizabeth Armstrong (MHS)
Rosie Armstrong (MHS)
Lyric Ashur (MHS)
Chris Bayens (Maintenance)
Warren Blackmon (Miralea)
Bobby Burnley (MHL)
Sally Buss (MHL)
Joyce Caise (MHL)
Don Carey (MHS)
Krystal Castro (MHL)
Veronica Cheney (MHS)
Jordan Cook (MHS)
Jessica Cox (CORP)
Jessica Cruz (MHL)
Christina Cunningham (CORP)
Raven Dale (MHS)
Emily Diehl (MHL)
Jordan Doenges (MHL)
Sirron Elfalan (MHL)
Angela Epperson (MHL)
Heath Fenton (MHL)
Brittany Fletcher (MHL)
Emma Gimbel (Sproutlings)
Lakeisha Graves (MHS)
Brian Grimes (MHL)
Evelyn Hall (MHS)
Carla Hardin (MHL)
Donya Henderson (MHL)
Rica Henry (MHL)
Lisa Hillard (MHS)
Janie Gellhaus Hines (MHL)
Laura Hunt (Therapy)
Stacy Jennings (MHS)
Brandy Jones (MHS)
David Jones (Maintenance)
Cathy Kannapel (CORP)
Audrey Kelley (MHL)
Michelle Knox (MHL)
Angela Knuckles (The Bistro)
Donna Lay (MHL)
Jennifer Leemon (MHS)
Kristen Luttrell (MHL)
Phyllis McDonald (MHL)
Cecilia Miller (MHL)
Ellen Moore (MHS)
Jesse Moore (MHS)
Kim Moser (MHL)
Debbie Murphy (MHS)
Jenna Mynk (MHL)
Dona Nation (MHS)
Kelly O’Hern (MHS)
Alecia Oskins (MHL)
Talisha Outlaw (MHL)
Jimmy Page III (MHL)
Pam Palmquist (MHL)
Charletta Parker (MHL)
Judy Parsley (MHL)
Clarke Polsgrove (Sproutlings)
Jim Ella Pryor (MHL)
Veronica Ramales (MHS)
Nikita Readus (MHL)
Kathy Reichert (Sproutlings)
Ann Rich (Miralea)
Peggy Reynolds (MHS)
Scott Schuchardt (Security)
Mindy Schulz (MHL)
Gladys Shermer (MHL)
Alexis Shirley (MHL)
Amy Smith (MHL)
Sean Smith (Miralea)
Ray Stivers (MHS)
Lisa Sutton (MHS)
David Taylor (Village)
Ronnie Thorp (Miralea)
Amanda Tomlin (MHS)
Brenda Travis (CORP)
Cassandra Trego (MHL)
Mike Truax (CORP)
Renea Turner (MHS)
Tabitha Vozzo (MHL)
Matt Wade (MHL)
Linda Wagner (MHL)
Bunny Waterman (MHL)
Kim Warrick (MHL)
Stephanie Wheeler (MHS)
Perri White (CORP)
Ed Williams (MHL)
Judy Williams (MHS)
Jessica Wills (MHS)
Whitney Whitt (Sproutlings)
Morgan Woodruff (MHS)
Memorials and Honorariums

Donors made meaningful gifts to Masonic Homes in memory or honor of the following people and organizations. The following list includes contributions received during the fourth quarter of 2015.

**Brother Willard Alcorn, Sr.**
Brother Willard L. Alcorn, Jr.

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