Did you know?

All four Green House homes are now completed and each is home to a family of happy elders and Shahbazim.

Learn more about the Green House Homes at Green Hill Inc, visit www.green-hill.com.

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We must look for new solutions to balance the budget and not cut the care that our senior citizens need and deserve in their final years. One solution, the Green House® home model that I have implemented at Green Hill Inc., in West Orange, NJ provides the highest level of elder care services in a home environment. Several of the early Green House adopters in the US have reported lower operating costs in their Green House homes, with a more efficient use of direct care staff. Research has shown that the overall staffing and care costs are the same or slightly less in Green House homes compared to traditional nursing homes. In addition, in many Green House homes, the ratio of direct care staff to elders is higher than the institutional model.

As the need for elder care and health services grow with the aging population, we can't work fast enough to find a workable solution. The CLASS Act, (Community Living Assistance Services and Supports) was a viable solution for our future whose elimination from the Senate Health Reform bill pushes our country further backwards in our responsibilities to our aging nation. Additional cuts to Medicaid now will cause an immediate crisis situation for our elders.

Protect the elder that you love, and your own future as a senior citizen in this country. I urge all to contact your legislators today and tell them to stop the cuts to Medicaid.

For more information visit
www.leadingagenj.org

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2011 Green Hill Inc. Annual Appeal Underway

The 2011 Green Hill Annual Appeal is underway. Consider a donation to Green Hill Inc., as part of your end of year giving. Green Hill is a 501(c) 3 organization dedicated to the health and wellbeing of seniors since 1866.

Green Hill is a leader in elder living and care through its educational programs, community outreach, health and wellness programs for residents, and the first in New Jersey to offer the Green House® home concept of nursing care. As of 2011 Green Hill has built four Green House homes for forty elders with plans for two more homes in the near future. The Green House® homes, as featured in the recent NY Times article, A Nursing Home Shrinks Until It Feels Like a Home by Laurie Tarkan, have been recognized by industry and political leaders nation-wide as an innovative solution to fiscally efficient nursing care with the highest quality of life, and physical well being output of any elder living model.

Tax exempt options for giving include naming of a Green House home or room, Legacy Giving options, monthly giving programs, yearly and singular appeal contributions.

Call or email Toni Lynn Davis for more information, 973-731-2300 x240, tlynn@green-hill.com. All major credit cards are accepted. Visit www.green-hill.com to donate on line.

See your financial consultant for more information on the benefits of 501(c) 3 giving to Green Hill Inc.

100th Green House® Home Celebration A Success

National leaders in long-term care, aging policy, and philanthropy gathered at Green Hill Inc. in West Orange, New Jersey. on September 27, 2011 to celebrate the milestone of the opening of the 100th Green House® home nationally. Green Hill, under the direction of Toni Lynn Davis has recently opened four Green House Homes on their 20 acre campus in northern New Jersey. See the photos, watch the video and learn more visit www.greenhillpressroom.com.

Keith Robertson, Director Ziegler Investment Banking, Dr. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey of CEO Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Toni Lynn Davis Executive Director/President Green Hill Inc., Governor Thomas Kean Chairman Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Green House® Naming Program Continues

Select sponsorship opportunities are available for you to name a Green House. Honor your family, firm, or organization with this unique tax deductible gift. Your name will be prominently displayed on one of six Green House Homes, and your sponsorship will be celebrated with a reception, and public relations program tailored to you.

Individual rooms in a Green House including work, living, and recreational spaces, are also available for tribute. Visit www.green-hill.com to learn more about the Green House Naming Program.

Annual Pumpkin Painting Day

3rd & 4th grade students from Our Lady of the Lake in Verona, NJ paint pumpkins with residents.

Tips For Seniors by Toni

Holiday Ideas for Elders

Thinking about the holidays this year and our elders on fixed incomes, I'd like to share some tips on low cost holiday decorating ideas, and suggest some great gifts that elders would love.

Photo and more decorating ideas can be found at www.homedecorating.com

A beautiful display on the table creates a wonderful holiday atmosphere in the entire home. Displays can be created for an end table, or dresser top as well to brighten up any room.

For Thanksgiving gather fall leaves and acorns on your daily walk. Purchase a few of the smaller sweet pumpkins and squash at the market. Put these items together on a placemat or square of colored fabric and voila, you have a beautiful display.

When Thanksgiving is done, go ahead and use the leaves as insulation on your garden bed, recycle in the compost, and you can cut up your pumpkin and squash for steaming or baking into a pie - delicious and healthy too.

For the winter holidays, gather pine cones and evergreen branches on your sojourn through the neighborhood. Poinsettias are readily available and inexpensive at the market, as are candy canes and red ribbon. Put it all together on a holiday platter and its holiday time in your home.

Ribbon and bows are a part of gift giving and also make a wonderful decoration for place settings, doors, chairs, and holiday trees. Big rolls of ribbon can be found on sale at any craft store or market, or you may find an old roll in the bottom of your everything drawer. Just wrap each place setting with a length of wide, pretty ribbon, or tie them to chair backs. Festoon your entryways with ribbon and bows and after the holidays use it again for gift giving throughout the year.

Giving a holiday gift to an elder? Specialty treats of foods that you know they love will stimulate appetite and bring a lot of pleasure. Food experiences from the past like homemade fudge, or a cookie recipe from ones childhood can bring back wonderful memories from the past.

Bedroom accessories like a warm comfy throw, bed tray, or pretty dressing gown makes a lovely gift. Activities for your elder helps keep the fingers nimble and mind agile.

Games or puzzles that you and the kids can do with your elder, books on tape and their favorite music or old movies can bring hours of pleasure. Don't forget the gift of experience as well. If your elder is mobile, think about taking them out to a concert, play or performance they may enjoy.

Photo and more craft ideas can be found at www.ehow.com

There are so many ways to honor your elder this holiday season but the greatest gift that you can give to them is your thoughtfulness and your time.

Happy Holidays!

Welcome Home!

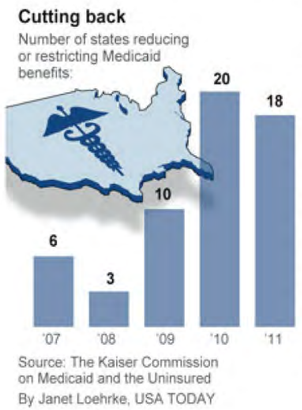
The Green House Homes at Green Hill.

A Message From the Executive Director

Medicaid Cuts Will Be Disastrous For Elders

The recent cuts to Medicaid proposed by President Obama will create a crisis in senior care and cause an epidemic of senior homelessness in States across the nation.

Nursing facilities for the aged are highly regulated by both State and Federal authorities. The current Medicaid reimbursement rates are already greatly reduced from past levels and nursing facilities have been stretched to the limit to balance their precarious budgets, all the while required to meet all State and Federal mandates.



At proposed reductions of $10 - $20 per day per Medicaid recipient, one may wonder what the big deal this reduction is. It is important to understand how these dollars are appropriated to realize what results these reductions in Medicaid funding will unleash. Facilities, especially in the Counties, who have 85% or more Medicaid residents, will be forced to make unimaginable cuts in services based on losses of well over a half a million dollars ($500,000.) per year, per facility. At this rate it is not possible that these facilities can remain open. With our population aging at historic rates, what we will see is hundreds of thousands of senior citizens across the country with nowhere to live, and no facilities in which to be provided with end of life living care. In New Jersey alone, tens of thousands of seniors are threatened with loosing their residences.

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11/11 Veteran's Day Social

11/14 Introduce to Qigong

11/17 NY Opera Forum *Il Trovatore*

11/21 West Point Cadet

11/22 Thanksgiving Cocktail Party

12/1 Hoffman LaRoche Carolers

12/3 Children's Piano Recital

12/14 Holiday Mingle Party

12/19 Holiday Concert Janice Wiggins

12/20 Green House Holiday Party