

Reinforcing our Power of Purpose



On June 13-15, 2017, LeadingAge New Jersey welcomed nearly 500 attendees, exhibitors, and speakers to our 2017 Annual Meeting at Harrah's Atlantic City. Twenty educational sessions and two plenary sessions empowered aging services leaders to harness the *Power of Purpose*. During Thursday's General Session, Olympic Gold Medalist Laurie Hernandez shared how she found her purpose at a young age.

On Friday, new LeadingAge Board Trustees Lystra Doobraj (Springpoint Senior Living), Stephen J. Dumke (Christian Health Care Center), and Michelle Savage (MeadowiewNursing & Rehabilitation Center) were installed and the 2017-19 Officers--Chairperson Toni Lynn Davis (The Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center), Chair-Elect Colleen Frankenfield (Lutheran Social Ministries of NewJersey) and Secretary/Treasurer Brian Lawrence (Fellowship Senior Living, Inc.)--were introduced. The Annual Meeting concluded with Author Jeffrey Coleman, who expressed the need for residents and staff to live on constant mission for others and encouraged our member communities to create communities where the exchange of gratitude, love, and laughter exists.

Special thanks to our sponsors for their generous support:

- Premier Event Sponsor: Peckar & Abramson, P.C.
- Keynote Speaker: Christian Health Care Center
- Summer at the Shore Lunch: NK Architects
- Water Bottles: Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey
- Continental Breakfast: Archer & Greiner
- Tote Bags: Baker Tilly
- Program: Reformed Church Home

- Lanyards: The Manor Health & Rehabilitation Center
- Cocktail Reception: Springpoint Senior Living
- Brunch: Trilogy Consulting, LLC
- Entertainment: Ridge Oak Senior Housing & Preakness Healthcare Center
- Dessert with the Exhibitors: Parker & Value First
- Photography: Cadbury at Home
- Notepads: Wohlsen Construction
- Education Sessions: AllRisk; CliftonLarsonAllen; Hawks & Company; HJ Sims; investorsBank; IPPC; IT Initiatives; JKJ; Kitchen & Associates; Masonic Village at Burlington; Pharma-Care, Inc.; Princeton Community Housing; Provident Bank; ReUnion Rx; The Graham Company; Sodexo; Withum; and Ziegler

View our Photo Library on our Facebook page.

Save HUD 202



On Tuesday, June 27, LeadingAge New Jersey members and residents travelled to Washington, D.C. to participate in the **Save HUD 202 Rally** organized by LeadingAge. Special thanks to **Springpoint Senior Living** for co-sponsoring the transportation to the rally and to all who joined us on the bus to D.C.!

The crowd of more than 1,000 providers, staff, and residents was addressed by many rousing speakers, including Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and our very own **Ms. Ross**, a resident at a Springpoint Senior Living community.

Ms. Ross eloquently described her experience living in a HUD 202 property. "I live below the poverty line. Because of this status, it does something to a person. You lose yourself emotionally and spiritually. When you have services like the 202 program, it lifts you, it brings you back to your dignity, to your self-respect.... You no longer depend on your children or your relatives. You're living independently. You

pay your own rent. You're once again a thriving person in the community."

The <u>White House has asked Congress to cut</u> the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) funding in fiscal year 2018 by 15%, compared to HUD's fiscal year 2017 funding. For fiscal year 2018, funding for HUD programs needs to be sufficient to preserve all existing HUD-subsidized housing and expand resources available for new housing.

Congress must reject HUD funding cuts and raise the federal spending caps so programs can receive needed increases not just to maintain current programs but to expand them so more older adults can be helped.

Call 877-413-2313 TODAY and urge your representative and senators to reject HUD funding cuts.

Actors Fund Earns Comfort Matters® Accreditation

After a yearlong implementation process, the Broadway on Hudson neighborhood of The Actors Fund Homes has successfully achieved accreditation from Comfort Matters® a nationally and internationally recognized dementia care program.

Comfort Matters® is a philosophy, care practice and an evidence-based program which offers holistic and integrated approaches to improve the quality of care and quality of life for persons experiencing dementia. The Actors Fund Homes is the first organization in the United States to become an accredited provider within the first 12 months of application of the program. The accreditation process includes a comprehensive review of the organization's practices, pertinent medical records, verification of staff competencies and integration of Comfort Matters® policies and procedures as it pertains to the care given to residents with dementia.

The Actors Fund Homes met, and in many cases, exceeded the milestones and now is part of an elite group of long-term care providers known for excellence in dementia care and the first to achieve this accomplishment in New Jersey.

Four LeadingAge New Jersey Providers are 5-Star

In the most recent quarterly CMS's 5-Star Quality Ratings report, four LeadingAge New Jersey members received 5-stars in ALL categories, representing the top 2% of all New Jersey-based nursing homes. Congratulations to **Fellowship Senior Living's Skilled Nursing at Fellowship Village** (Basking Ridge); **Lions Gate** (Voorhees); **Reformed Church Home** (Old Bridge); and **Wiley Mission** (Marlton).

Welcome New Members

LeadingAge New Jersey is delighted to welcome the following new members:

Providers:

- Oak Creek II
- The Village at Garwood

Business Partners:

- BB&T Capital Markets
- Caring Communities
- Centers Business Office
- Hill-Rom
- John W. Baumgarten Architect, PC
- TeamPAR: PARflooring +PARsolutions

Register Now for Master's Certificate in Senior Care Management

We are excited to announce that registration is now officially open for the 2017 Rutgers Masters Certificate Program in Senior Care Management! This is the third year LeadingAge New Jersey has partnered with the Rutgers to offer this 10module Masters Certificate program that is designed for anyone seeking a career in senior care management, regardless of their current profession or discipline.

Our goal is to prepare future leaders in the field which is growing as our population ages. Share this information with colleagues throughout the field who may be interested!

The program runs on Thursday evenings from 5 to 8 p.m., from October 5 through December 14. To register, go to: <u>http://smlr.rutgers.edu/epe/masters-certificate-senior-care-management.</u>

For questions about registration or logistics, please contact Eileen Nash at 848-445-9419 or via email at <u>enash@epe.rutgers.edu</u>. For questions about the course content, etc., please contact Michele Mount at 609-452-1161 or via email at <u>mmount@leadingagenj.org</u>.

Upcoming Events

LeadingAge New Jersey Golf Outing Monday, September 25, 2017 Pine Barrens Golf Club Jackson, N.J.

Revised Survey Process & Interpretive Guidelines for NFs

Tuesday, October 3, 2017 TBD

Master's Certificate in Senior Care Management

Thursdays October 5 - December 14 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Rutgers Piscataway Campus Fee: \$2,995 member/\$3,495 non-member

LeadingAge New Jersey Annual Awards Breakfast

Wednesday, December 6, 2017 9:00 a.m. Forsgate Country Club Jamesburg, N.J.

Nomination Information Coming Soon

For additional information contact us at 609-452-1161

STAY CONNECTED

