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The mission of Canterbury-on-the-Lake, guided by a rich tradition of respect for people of all faiths, is to offer the highest quality of housing and health care for today and tomorrow's seniors.

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Susan Dembiec,
CEO

Celebrating 150 Years

Anniversaries commemorate important events in our lives that we want to remember that may be both good and bad. Such events may include: when we were born and when we were married. The 4th of July and Pearl Harbor day are examples of national commemoration.

Canterbury-on-the-Lake is celebrating its 150th year anniversary of its founding in Detroit by the Episcopal Churches of Detroit. Initially we were called St. Luke's Hospital. Years later the name was changed to St. Luke's Episcopal Health Ministries. Canterbury is a direct descendant of St. Luke's Hospital and has continued its mission of care and service since 1861.

Our organization had to adapt and adjust over the past 150 years as life styles and the environment did too. A few highlights of 1861 include:

- Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated as president.
- The Civil War began in April of 1861.
- Detroit had a population of just over 45,000, which is slightly more than half of the current population of Waterford.
- Only 16% of the US population lived in cities.
- The Pony Express ended late in the year.
- A stamp cost .03 cents.
- Eggs were .20 cents a dozen and sugar cost .08 cents a pound.



Canterbury is one of the oldest continuing service organizations in Michigan. Even the oldest hospital in Detroit, Harper Hospital, did not open its doors until 1863.

We truly have much to be proud of as we celebrate this momentous anniversary. When entering Canterbury-on-the-Lake, one readily senses the heritage that lives on today. Many antiques that were at St. Luke's Home and Hospital can be found throughout the community. Light fixtures and stained glass windows from the first St. Luke's Chapel can be found in the current St. Luke's Chapel. There also is a room called the 'Heritage Room' which tells the story of St. Luke's through pictures and other nostalgic items.

Our year long celebration begins on October 18th, St. Luke's Feast day with supporters from the past and present joining local supporters and staff who have retired and those currently here caring for our residents. I invite you to join us as we celebrate our forefathers' vision of 150 years ago in continuing to meet the care needs of seniors.

Canterbury, with its rich heritage, has been fortunate enough to have donors who have supported us over the years, in support of our valuable reputation as one of the premier non profit senior communities in Oakland County. Our needs continue to grow as we strive to make living here affordable. I welcome you to become a supporter of Canterbury as we move on into our next 150 years of caring for seniors.

Happy Anniversary Canterbury-on the Lake and St. Luke's Episcopal Health Ministries.

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Champagne & Chandeliers

15th Annual Good Samaritan Gala

On Thursday, August 4th over 100 guests enjoyed a wonderful evening of great food, musical entertainment and an update on Oakland County from L. Brooks Patterson. A champagne fountain and tasty appetizers were surrounded by many wonderful silent auction items. All of this lead to a successful evening in support of Canterbury's Good Samaritan Fund.

Many thanks to our sponsors: Morrison Senior Dining, Charter One Bank, Kitch, Fifth Third Bank, Plante Moran, Strategic Partners, Polaris, Star EMS, and Smith's Disposal. Their continued support is greatly appreciated!

The Good Samaritan Fund helps provide financial scholarships to residents when they have exhausted their finances. Through continued support from residents, family, staff and friends of Canterbury we were able to raise over \$17,000 for this very important fund. Again, thank you to everyone who was a part of this wonderful night! We hope you will join us next year.



Oakland County Executive
L. Brooks Patterson &
Canterbury's CEO, Susan Dembiec

Resident Rummage Boutique

What began with a few items, two ambitious residents and three hours on Saturday mornings has grown into one of the biggest activities here at Canterbury. Every Saturday morning from 9am-noon, one can browse through the many, many donated items from books to household items. There are only two rules; if it doesn't sell after two Saturdays the seller must take the item back and at least 1/3 of the selling price is donated to the Good Samaritan Fund.

Currently, several residents staff the Boutique and many others support it. The resident who originally came up with the idea thought the boutique would be a wonderful way for residents to get rid of items they no longer needed and help out the Good Samaritan Fund in the process.

To date, the Resident Rummage Boutique has contributed over \$6,000 to the Good Samaritan Fund. It's amazing what a little idea and a lot of ambition can produce.



Each year, many residents at Canterbury receive confidential financial assistance through the generosity of people who give to the Good Samaritan Fund.

In difficult economic times and when many people have lost significant savings, it becomes even more to important to consider making a gift.

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

Many people who cannot afford a gift during their lifetime remember the Good Samaritan Fund with a designated gift through their will or trust.

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80	\$1,520	
85	\$1,780	
90	\$2,100	

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*Based upon a \$20,000 gift and monthly payments for one annuitant. Example is for illustrative purposes only. Canterbury-on-the-Lake recommends consulting with your private financial professional to best meet your personal financial circumstances.

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