



# Generations

newsletter for residents, families, and friends of Rae-Ann Geneva

## Residents Grow a Delicious Garden



Lately, residents at Rae-Ann Geneva have been offered a second helping of veggies with lunch – home-grown veggies, no less, from their own garden. Tucked right outside the doors of their dining room, the residents have planted tomatoes, peppers, scallions, yellow squash, and cantaloupe.

“When something is ready to eat, we slice it and pass it table to table, so everyone can enjoy that fresh-picked flavor,” explains Theresa Erwin, activities coordinator. But one of the most anticipated dishes residents are looking forward to, she says, is deep-fried yellow squash: “We’ve promised to make a big batch once the squash is ready.”

The idea to plant a garden on the facility grounds surfaced earlier this year during a regular monthly Resident Council meeting. Before long, the

perfect sunny spot was designated and Maintenance Supervisor Bill Ferguson got busy building a raised garden bed that would be easily accessible to residents with wheelchairs and walkers who wanted to help with the weeding and watering.

For resident Ann Macrum, tending to the garden has become an especially favorite pastime. On any given day, she’s outdoors, hose in hand, checking the progress of the cantaloupe or pulling weeds from among the scallions.

The garden has been such a success that residents are already discussing what they will plant next year and how they will prepare the fruits of their labor.



Ann Macrum enjoys watering the new garden at Rae-Ann Geneva



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# Spring Health Fair Attracts Record Attendance

The Spring Health Fair presented by Rae-Ann Geneva drew over 100 visitors, the best turnout yet in the event's five years. Attendees perused more than 30 local vendor booths offering free health screenings, services, and practical information and advice. Each visitor received a free cloth tote bag and vendors donated door prizes which were raffled off every half hour.

New this year were vision and hearing screenings, while other event sponsors provided fitness assessments, pulmonary function testing, cholesterol screening, and blood pressure checks. Experts were also on hand to offer details on home health care services, fire safety, and financial and will preparation advice.

Event sponsors included Rae-Ann Geneva, University Hospitals, Community Care Ambulance, Lantern of Madison, C.A. Walker Funeral Home, Ashtabula Regional Home Health, Harbinger Hospice, French Chiropractic & Wellness Center, The Sanctuary of Geneva, and Mutual of Omaha.

## Kids Only Early Learning Center II Offers

# Quality Care & Intergenerational Activities



In operation for almost 10 years, Kids Only II is a state-licensed childcare and preschool provider with a unique twist: it is housed within the Rae-Ann Geneva Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Facility.

Its location makes the childcare center especially convenient for Rae-Ann employees. But it is the high-level of care that makes it the right choice for Rae-Ann Geneva administrative assistant Michelle Salyan. "My daughter and son have both been cared for at Kids Only II over the past years and the staff has always been so caring," says Michelle. "My daughter learned so much at preschool. I couldn't be happier!"

Every Friday, the children spend time with Rae-Ann Geneva residents, doing crafts together, playing with the parachute, or enjoying a game of Nintendo® Wii bowling. The kids and residents also gather for holiday parties.

Kids Only II offers full-time care for infants and toddlers ages 6 weeks through 36 months; a preschool class for ages 3-5 years; and a school-age classroom that provides before- and after-care

as well as summer programs for ages 5-12.

A Step Up to Quality One-Star Center, Kids Only II has met the quality benchmarks for the State of Ohio, with fewer children per classroom, smaller group sizes, and more trained teachers.

During the school year, Kids Only II will be on the new bus route for Geneva-Platt R. Spencer Elementary School on Austin Road.



Sandi Mills, Kids Only II Administrator, reads to Kate Meinke, Kayleigh Meinke, and Makenzie Lewis

**For more information or to tour the facility, please call Kids Only II at (440) 415-1131.**

# Rae-Ann Geneva Honors Veterans & First Responders

In honor of its 15 residents who have served in the armed forces, last summer Rae-Ann Geneva served as a Bronze Sponsor for the Greenlawn Memory Gardens Healing Field of Honor in North Kingsville, OH.

From June 11-15, hundreds of large U.S. flags were displayed in perfect rows and columns on the grounds of Greenlawn Memory Gardens as a patriotic tribute to the strength and heroism of all veterans and first responders who have served our nation.

Rae-Ann Geneva residents rode Jolley Trolley to visit the Healing Field firsthand, and a special showcase of veteran and first responder photographs were displayed at Rae-Ann Geneva during the month.

“When I learned that a Healing Field of Honor would be displayed in our community, I felt it would be a wonderful way to honor our Rae-Ann Geneva residents who have served our country,” explains Beth Cheney, admissions/marketing coordinator.

In April, Rae-Ann Geneva also hosted an Honoring Our Veterans Ceremony held by the Hospice of the Western Reserve, during which veteran residents were honored in song and with military pins.



Resident William Vandervort (left) plays a round of Bingo with a visiting veteran.

# Thank You, Veterans!



Front row from left: Joseph Gruber, William Vandervort, Gerald Edixon, Forrest Mallow, Shirden Hurst

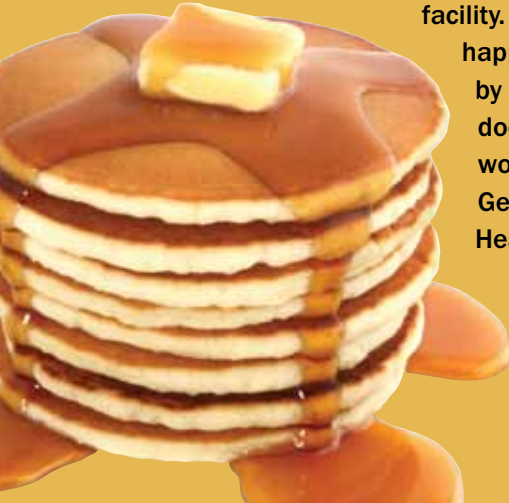
Middle row from left: Floyd Hurley, William Wheelock, Curtis Jones, Donald Patrick, Edward Savchak, Gabriel Parasca, Fred Reuschling

Back row from left: Bill Ferguson and Bill Bailly

# A Breakfast of Friends & Flapjacks

Rae-Ann Geneva hosted a free pancake breakfast in April as a way to give back to the community. Over 35 visitors from Ashtabula, Harpersfield Township, and the surrounding area enjoyed pancakes, bacon, sausage, juice, and coffee prepared by Rae-Ann Geneva staff.

Some of the guests had heard about the breakfast from friends at the facility. But one couple happened to stop by to pick up a door prize they had won at Rae-Ann Geneva's Spring Health Fair, and ended up with a free breakfast, too. **Now that's luck!**



## Watch the Roads for Rae-Ann's Snazzy Delivery Truck!

All dressed up in its new skin, the Rae-Ann delivery truck proudly proclaims Rae-Ann Suburban's designation as one of "America's Best Nursing Homes" by *U.S. News & World Report* as it travels between the six Rae-Ann facilities.



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