



Point O' View

The Newsletter of the Fairview Family



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A WORD FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

James K. Malloy



Pictured are: Yann Folange with his wife, and two daughters; Joan Jordan and Caroline Grant, both Recreation Directors.

Fortunately, we all come across special people who go out of their way to brighten the lives of their fellow man with little fan fare. On Mother's Day 2002, Yann Folange visited Fairview, with a group of about 10 sailors from the U.S. Submarine Base, to escort all of the Fairview mothers to a tea in our auditorium. The sailors sang, played the piano, and visited with our residents. After the program concluded, Yann sent me an e-mail that said, "Someone mentioned to me that you folks have a birthday party once a month for the residents – we would like to set up a schedule to have the sailors come to Fairview and help celebrate their birthdays."

Since that day two years ago, Yann and his group of volunteer sailors have accompanied our residents from their rooms to the auditorium to help celebrate their birthdays in a very special way. One sailor from Alabama came up to me and mentioned how much he en-

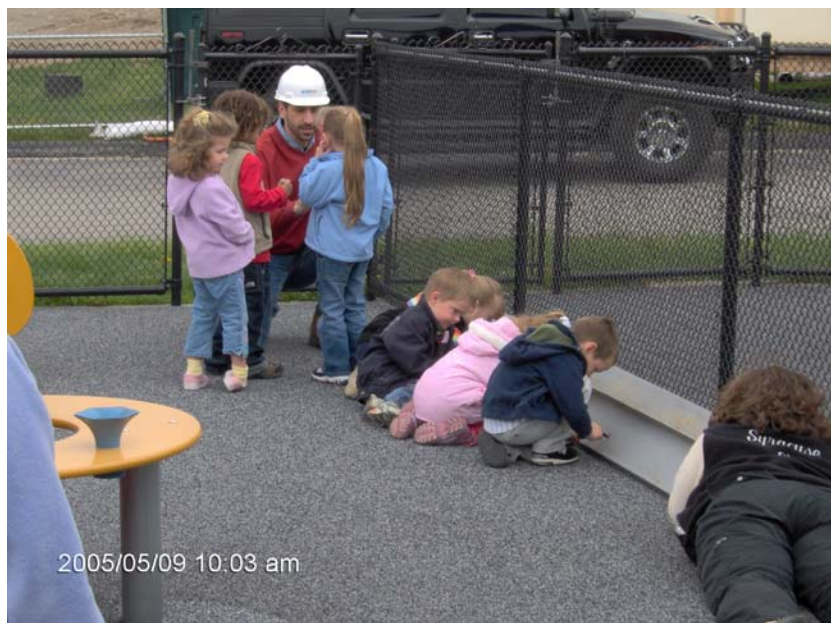
joys visiting our residents and what a profound effect these visits have had on him. By being so far away from home, he seldom gets to see his own grandmother. By coming to Fairview, he feels at home. He knows how pleased and proud his grandmother would be to know that he is visiting other grandmothers here at Fairview.

Yann, with his wife and two young daughters, have been transferred to Okinawa and this past Mother's Day was Yann's last visit to Fairview. We wish him well and want him to know that we all will miss his kind spirit and gentle ways. I am most thankful the program that he initiated will continue after he ships out. On behalf of the entire Fairview Family we thank him for his dedicated service.

Yann and all the other volunteers at Fairview play an important role in enriching the lives of our elderly residents. We also thank them, and hope that you might consider joining their ranks.

Fairview
Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut
Fairview
Skilled Nursing Facility
Fellowship Manor
Independent Retirement Living
Friends Learning Together
Child Development Center
Editor
Carol Boiselle

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE...BUILDING BEAMS LINKS SENIORS AND CHILDREN



About 30 youngsters from the Fairview Child Development Center, “Friends Learning Together”, left their mark - handprints, signatures and other scribbling - on an eight-foot by one-foot metal beam on May 9. The gray-colored beam, with its black and red doodles, will travel to the new addition to the skilled nursing facility at Fairview where it will be used in a stairway. The construction company, Construction Resources, Inc. hopes to display the beam behind a plexiglass wall.

The addition, along with the renovation of the existing 120-bed nursing care facility, is scheduled to be completed by the summer of 2006. We will keep you updated on the progress of our \$5M expansion/renovation.



CONSIDER GIVING TO THE CHILDREN

Friends Learning Together, Fairview Child Development Center is a non-profit child care program serving our employees families and families from the surrounding communities (Groton, New London, Mystic, Pawcatuck, and Stonington) and reaching out as far as Rhode Island.

The Center relies heavily upon tuition, fundraisers sponsored by our generous Parent Committee, grants, and donations from private individuals and businesses to purchase equipment and materials for the benefit of the children enrolled in our program. Without the generous monetary donations from our families and the community, our program would have a difficult time maintaining its standards of high quality.

The Center needs generous individuals, like you, to consider a donation that would directly benefit the children of *Friends Learning Together*. Below you will find a pledge card that can be filled out and returned with your tax deductible donation to Friends Learning Together, Fairview Child Development Center, 235 Lestertown Road, Groton, CT 06340. **Please make your check payable to: Fairview.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rebecca Cruelles, Child Development Center Director, at (860) 446-4337. Thank you in advance for making a difference in the life of a child.

***Friends Learning Together* FAIRVIEW CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER 2005**

Annual Appeal

Name: _____ \$25.00

Address: _____ \$50.00

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ \$100.00

Telephone: _____ \$250.00

E-mail: _____ Other

Area where you would like your donation to be utilized: General Support _____

Equipment & Supplies _____ Faculty Training _____ Parent Trainings _____

Enrichment Programs _____ Event Sponsorship _____ *Thank you!*



THANK YOU

The following have donated to Fairview within the following time period; 2/6/05 - 5/16/05. The staff and residents would like to recognize your kindness and we thank you. Your caring and generosity are greatly appreciated.

DONATIONS FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2005 - May 16, 2005

Niantic Lodge #17
Crescent Lodge #25
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
American Express (Hank Lucas double match)
Mrs. Evelyn Kennedy - Sewtique (Laptop Computer)
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Forbes (color printer & cartridges)
Mr. Edward Haught
Sal Aiello Family
Leah Genido & Family
Maureen Freedman

IN MEMORY OF HELEN HOUGHTON

Mr. & Mrs. James Cote

IN MEMORY OF HELEN STAMM

Mary Debiasi

IN MEMORY OF BEATRICE RHODES

Ms. Dorothy Beebe

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE MICHAEL

Ms. Beverly Michael

IN MEMORY OF BEVERLY TREADWAY

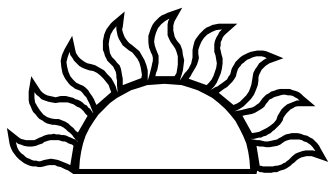
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Treadway
Lynn & Sandy Matthews
Karen Foster - Pfizers
Sarah Brousseau
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Treadway

IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY BLIVEN

Mr. & Mrs. George Cucitrone
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Pappadopoulos
Lillian Hansen
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bennett

IN MEMORY OF RHEA McNEIL

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Hall
Lillian Rigali
June Beverly
Louise Knowles
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Geary
Christine Abboud, Mary Quilty, & Rena Almeida





CEMETERY CLEANUP

The Odd Fellows Cemetery at Fairview received a "sprucing up" on Saturday, May 14. Through the efforts of four hearty volunteers all of the gravestones and footstones were trimmed and brought back to their natural beauty.

Pictured are: (L-R) Warren Smith, Lodge #65, Grand Secretary of the Odd Fellows Grand Lodge of CT and a Board Member of Fairview, his wife Bonnie, an active member of the Rebekah Assembly, Pat Bromley, a resident of Fellowship Manor at Fairview, and Dean Anderson, Secretary of Lodge #26 in Stonington and Board Secretary of Fairview Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut.

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Calling All Volunteers!

Fairview is in need of volunteers to help in many different capacities. As a volunteer you will be exposed to many types of activities that will suit your interests and your availability. There is a specific need at this time for someone with computer experience to convert and consolidate certain word and excel files in order to establish one data base,

To learn more about becoming a volunteer at Fairview please contact David Brown, Director of Development at 860-445-7478, ext. 49 or at brownd@oddfellowsct.com.

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BECOME A DONOR TO AND SUPPORTER OF FAIRVIEW...

Fairview has been providing services to the elderly in the area of health care and social services, as well as therapeutic and spiritual activities, for decades. Our Child Development Center, Friends Learning Together, has been in operation since 2001.

The caring and dedicated staff is the main reason why Fairview is known throughout the area as one of the best facilities of its kind. Our unique synergy of senior independent living, skilled nursing and rehabilitation services, and the Child Development Center provides the local community with a facility that we can all be very proud of.

Because we are a not-for-profit facility we require and rely on financial support from individuals, businesses and various fundraising activities. Without this support it would be difficult to offer some of the unique programs we have developed.

There are many ways you can become a financial supporter of Fairview. Outright gifts of cash, a multi-year campaign pledge to our \$5M Building Expansion/Renovation, and gifts of stock and appreciated property are all welcome and would be greatly appreciated.

We also offer a Charitable Gift Annuity that will guarantee you income for life at a much higher rate of return than you might receive from other investment vehicles.

Please contact David Brown, Director of Development, at 860-445-7478 ext. 49 or at brownd@oddfellowsct.com if you have any questions or would like further information regarding charitable gifts to Fairview.

All donations to Fairview are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by the law.

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HOSPICE



Fairview has recently signed a contract with Hospice of Southeastern, CT. Hospice is considered to be the model for high quality, compassionate care at the end of life. It encompasses expert medical care, pain and symptom management, and emotional and spiritual support tailored to the resident's needs and wishes. Hospice guides residents and families through the last precious phase of life.

Fairview recently had the pleasure of hosting a six (6) week grief support group that was open to the public. Fairview's goal is to better serve our residents, their families and the community.

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MARY SEPOWITZ NAMED CANPFA EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Mary Sepowitz, a Licensed Practical Nurse and seventeen-year employee of Fairview, has been recognized by CANPFA(Connecticut Association of Not-for-profit Providers For the Aged) as one of its four employee of the year award winners. CANPFA is a membership organization representing over 130 not-for-profit provider organizations serving more than 16,000 elderly across the continuum of care, including nursing homes, residential care homes, housing for the elderly, continuing care retirement communities, adult care agencies and assisted living.

On her own time and initiative, Mary designed, formatted and now updates Fairview's web site, (www.oddfellowsct.com). She taught herself the design

INTERNET CONNECTION UP AND RUNNING



Fairview has successfully introduced the High Speed Broadband internet service that was highlighted in the March issue of "Point O' View." This endeavor was spearheaded by local Groton businessman, Bud Fay, who helped organize the effort to make this project a reality. Pictured is resident **Violet Damon** who is e-mailing a family member in England with the help of students from Ella Grasso Technical High School in Groton. Students come to Fairview every Tuesday and Thursday for two hours to assist residents in connecting with their family members.

Many thanks again to Bud Fay, the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce, Groton Utilities, Thames Valley Communications Division, Ella Grasso Technical High School, the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and Mohegan Sun Casino for their support and generosity in making this project possible.

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program and has volunteered more than 200 hours to give Fairview a professional presence on the Internet.

James Malloy, Fairview's Administrator, presented Ms. Sepowitz with the Employee of the Year award at CANPFA's EXPO on May 20 at the Radisson Hotel in Cromwell, CT.

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RECREATION TIDBITS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

JUNE

- 04 Ethel Miller
- 11 Freda Matsey
- 12 Lizzie Stamm
- 12 Thomas Schneider
- 27 Maureen Wesche
- 28 Louise Holth

JULY

- 06 Annette Tribble
- 07 Rowena DiMartino
- 10 Alma Campbell
- 10 Anna Foreman
- 15 Ermine Niedbala
- 15 Marie Kraemer
- 16 Harry Tootell
- 22 Mary Woodworth
- 27 Lennart Carlson

AUGUST

- 01 Ellen Wirkala
- 02 Harriet Doukas
- 06 Gladys Baulieu
- 07 Cecelia Mandler
- 11 Paul Starling
- 13 Lucy Burke
- 13 Ann Sullivan
- 18 Frances Columbus
- 22 Georgina Espinosa
- 25 Irene Shawyer



**Happy
Birthday!**



CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE

On St. Patrick's Day over fifty Fairview residents enjoyed a delicious corned beef dinner prepared by our dietary staff and served in the auditorium.

After dinner we all enjoyed watching Irish step dancing by the "Spirited Soles." During the day any resident or staff members who wanted one got a shamrock painted on his or her cheek — a sign that you've been kissed by a leprechaun.

CHILDREN SEARCH FOR EGGS

On March 24 the children from our Child Development Center searched for Easter eggs in the Fairview courtyard. Fairview residents had filled plastic eggs with trinkets and stickers and then enjoyed the little ones as they discovered the hidden eggs.

THE FAIRVIEW DINE-OUT PROGRAM

Our Fairview Dine-out Program continues to be one of the most popular activities offered by the Recreation Department. In March two groups traveled to Constantine's Restaurant in Niantic. Some folks had fish, but others enjoyed the steak, which was tender and tasty. *Vi Damon* was pleasantly surprised to find her son, *Dennis*, at Constantine's on the same day.

In April two groups dined at Flander's Fish Market in East Lyme. We were last there in January and this time everyone remembered to "save room for dessert" - carrot cake or turtle ice cream pie!

PIANO STUDENTS PERFORM

On April 30th, our residents enjoyed a Showcase Piano Performance by the students of Sabrina Lee, featuring music ranging from Beethoven to John Lennon. We are always amazed at the talent exhibited by the young people of our area and our residents enjoy having local teachers bring their students to us.

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FAIRVIEW HANDBELL CHOIR ENTERTAINS CHURCH GROUP

On Thursday, May 5th, the members of the Fairview Handbell Choir traveled to Christ United Methodist Church in Groton to entertain at a potluck luncheon prepared by the women of the church. After enjoying the delicious buffet and cake for dessert, the group mustered up all their energy to present a half-hour program of hymns and old favorites. Choir members are *Nancy Miller, Betty Escoffier, Ermine Niedbala, Helen Golart, Gladys Baulieu, Ruth Goldsmith, Rowena DeMartino, Mary Toole, Susie Morris, Vi Damon, Roberta Wiersma, Jeanoui Cicero, Alice Martin, and Flossie Beale.*

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY TEA

The Annual Mother's Day Tea took place on May 7th and our auditorium was full. We got to see Petty Officer, *Yann Folange* one more time as he brought Navy volunteer sailors to escort our ladies to the event. Everyone received a corsage. Refreshments were served and we all enjoyed the piano playing and singing of *Bob Anderson.*

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

On May 18th we celebrated Older Americans Month at a luncheon in the ballroom of the Radisson Hotel in New London. Those attending were: *Freda Matsey, Robert Suomi, Mary Graf, Esther Sanford, Ted Oviatt, Paul Starling, Maureen Wesche, Dorothy Taggart and Viola Algiero.* Fairview won a "Teatime" themed basket at the raffle! Hooray!!

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

Fairview residents have been busy planting our patio garden. We are trying "wave petunias" this year to see how well they spread out of the over-turned half barrel. *Bernice Donovan's* husband, *Bob*, took care of our canna lily tubers over the winter and replanted them for us. There should be four plants this year where there was only one last year. So far container gardens have been completed by *Gladys Baulieu, Mary Grebe, Vi Damon, Emily Kennedy, Mary Toole, Helen Golart and Robert Suomi.* *Tom Belliveau* assisted by holding the flat of marigolds for us. So far there's no sign of the woodchuck!

The yellow iris given to us by *Serena Mowry* two years ago is about to bloom for the first time. It will be a perfect compliment to the large clump of purple iris we have enjoyed for years.

SPRING FLING LUNCHEON

The members of the Rebekah Assembly of CT, the Grand Ladies Encampment of CT, the Grand Lodge of CT and the Grand Encampment of CT sponsored a "Spring Fling Luncheon" for our residents on Saturday, May 21.

The dinner was prepared by the Fairview Dietary Department and served by the members of the Order. During the meal, accordion music was provided by Sister Betty Biolo. Afterward, she led everyone in a sing-a-long. But, the highlight of the afternoon entertainment was all the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs doing the Hokey Pokey and the Chicken Dance!

Thank you to everyone who made the trip to Groton to share a wonderful Saturday with our residents.



OF INTEREST:

We would like to share with our Point O' View Readers this excerpt from a message received by Marcia Levitsky at the Information Systems Technology Department of Grasso Tech.

"I have to tell you how much the Grasso Tech project at Fairview has meant to me. My mother is hard of hearing and cannot manage a phone. Although I started her on e-mail years ago, it is too hard for her now to do on her own. But with the advent of the Grasso Tech/Fairview project we have been able to communicate from afar. I have just recently moved from Oregon to Florida, but it is still not very close and I only get to see her a couple of times a year.

"Even though I have been sending her cards and snail mail, it doesn't seem as interactive as the e-mail, because she can't answer the snail mail. The e-mail snippets have rejuvenated the connection with my Mom. I can't thank you or the students enough."

It was from Lucy MacDonald, Annette Tribble's daughter.

The e-mail project continues to grow with students and residents working together every Tuesday and Thursday morning, sending e-mail messages to family and friends.



Meet Carol Nelson

When you arrive at Fairview, just after you pass the business office, you will find a lighted showcase, featuring items pertaining to the season of the year. The showcase is updated monthly by Carol, who shares her extensive collection of antiques.

We first met Carol when her mother, Alice Ellis, came to live at Fairview. Carol visited her Mom, visited other residents, helped with dinners and picnics and from time to time presented special programs about days gone by. Our residents enjoy seeing the antiques and listening to Carol's presentations. Carol's mom has since passed away but Carol continues to be a faithful volunteer.

NIANTIC LODGE PLEDGES \$15,000



Due to the generosity of Odd Fellows Niantic Lodge #17, the Building Fund at Fairview is off to a great start. The Niantic Lodge has pledged \$15,000 to be paid in installments over the next three years. A new lounge that will be created as part of Fairview's expansion and renovation campaign is being donated in memory of Past Noble Grand, Robert Fargo of the Niantic Lodge. Lodge #17 made its first \$5,000 payment on their pledge at the May 26 meeting at Fairview. Pictured are members of the Lodge who were in attendance (L-R): Bill Sabourin; Bill Brown;

David Brown, Director of Development at Fairview; Lester Hull; Bill Warren, Noble Grand, presenting check; Jim Montford; Warren Ruddlesden; and Larry Yoder. Crescent Lodge #25 and The Odd Fellows Home of RI have also made substantial donations to the Building Campaign.



The Niantic Lodge #17 also presented Fairview with a \$1,000 check to be used for the Resident's Fund. Pictured are (L-R): Bill Warren, Noble Grand and Jim Malloy, Fairview Administrator.

SAVE THE DATE - NOVEMBER 5, 2005

We have a new name...and an expanded array of antique items for our annual action! The third Annual Fairview Antiques & Collectibles Auction & Dessert Extravaganza will be held in the Bromfield-Wilson Auditorium on Saturday, November 5, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. This is a fun evening that adults of all ages will really enjoy.

Daniel Buck Soules will again be our celebrity auctioneer. Dan, who has been an auctioneer for over 30 years, owns and operates Daniel Buck Auctions, auctioneers & appraisers of fine art, antiques and estates. Dan has appeared on the two-time Emmy nominated PBS television show, "Antiques Roadshow."

This is a major fundraiser for Fairview. The auction committee comprised of Evelyn Harris, Richard Burke, Mildred Carlson, Mae Horan and Jane Hickok has already been busy developing a "save-the-date" mailing card along with soliciting items for the auction. We have new items to add to the list of 'treasures' that have already been donated this year.

However, we could use more volunteers to help in many different capacities including, but not limited to, collecting auction donations and other organizational tasks.

Please contact David Brown, Director of Development, at 860-445-7478, ext. 49 or at browndoddfellowsct.com if you would like to make a contribution to the auction or would like to be a volunteer.

All proceeds from this year's auction will benefit the Building Fund that is supporting the new addition and renovations at Fairview.

SAVE-THE-DATE – REGISTER EARLY

**3RD. ANNUAL FAIRVIEW ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES
AUCTION & DESSERT EXTRAVAGANZA**



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2005 @ 7:00 PM

FAIRVIEW'S AUDITORIUM

235 LESTERTOWN ROAD, GROTON, CT

Cost: \$25.00 per person – includes entry fee, exquisite desserts & coffee

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT FAIRVIEW, THE ODD FELLOWS HOME OF CT, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT PROVIDER OF ELDERCARE SERVICES.

YOU CAN HELP IN THREE DIFFERENT WAYS. PLEASE CONSIDER: (1) ATTENDING, (2) DONATING AN ITEM TO THE AUCTION, OR (3) SPONSORING AN ADVERTISEMENT IN OUR PROGRAM BOOK.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT DAVID BROWN,
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860-445-7478 EXT. 49 OR AT brownd@oddfellowsct.com**

**Please send your check made payable to: Fairview, 235 Lestertown Road, Groton, CT 06340
Please visit us at www.oddfellowsct.com**

STARS OF THE QUARTER!!

March—May 2005



MELISSA JARVIS-CRAWFORD

When Fairview was looking for a way to monitor our progress in raising \$650,000 which is needed for our new addition to the facility, Melissa Jarvis-Crawford from our Child Development Center stepped up to the plate. Using her creativity and a lot of hard work, Melissa designed and put together the above poster.

When you come into Fairview, as you are walking down the hallway past the Social Service and Accounts Receivable Offices, please take note of the poster. Donations are welcome and are tax deductible!!

The first phase of the renovation will consist of the addition of 10 semi-private resident rooms, updated nurses' stations, and a larger more modernized Rehabilitation Room. We are also planning an in-house "family-resident" restaurant. For Fairview residents who are unable to go out to dine, their families and friends will now be able to enjoy a "dine-out" experience with the residents right here at Fairview at our new restaurant.

Thank you, Melissa, for taking your time and all of your hard work in creating this poster. You are truly a STAR here at Fairview.

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WELCOME TO

David Brown who has been hired as Fairview's Director of Development. David began employment on May 1st and is already "blazing a trail". David recently retired from Providence College after 21 years of service in the Office of Institutional Advancement where he served as the Associate Director of Alumni Relations. He was in charge of organizing regional events as well as raising funds for the College's Annual Fund.

David will be coordinating this year's Antiques & Collectibles Auction & Dessert Extravaganza which is scheduled for Saturday, November 5th.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer at Fairview can contact David at 445-7478 X 49.



MARY SEPOWITZ "Web Designer Extra-ordinaire"

On her own time and initiative, Mary designed, formatted and now updates Fairview's web-site. (www.oddfellowsct.com). She taught herself the design program & has volunteered over 200 hours to give Fairview a professional presence on the Internet.

Mary is an LPN with 17+ years employment at Fairview.

For this accomplishment, Mary will be recognized by CANFA as one of its four "Employees of the Year".

Fairview is very lucky to have such a dedicated professional as part of our Team.

For this accomplishment, Mary, Fairview recognizes you as a STAR.

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Fairview Wish List

- Digital projector
- DVD players
- Wheelchair accessible van
- Flat screen television
- Digital camera
- Rolls of plastic tarp
- Photo quality printer
- Radio/CD/Cassette Players for Child Development Center



Child Development Center Students make history at Fairview...see accompanying story and picture inside!

Fairview

Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut

Mission Statement: "Our mission, in the name of Odd Fellows, is to provide services to the elderly in the area of health care, social services, therapeutic, and spiritual activities.

The Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut was established in 1892 to provide care for the aged and indigent members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellow, their wives, widows, and orphaned children.

A century later the Odd Fellows Home consists of the Phelps Stevens Nursing Home known as Fairview, the congregate housing complex known as Fellowship Manor, the Bromfield Wilson Auditorium, and a child development center known as Friends Learning Together.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs continue today to provide humanitarian care. There are no fraternal restrictions and any person may apply for residency at the home or a place in the child development center. All are welcome.

All donations to Fairview are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by the law.

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