

### Reverend Edward Henderson A Spiritual Inspiration to Other Eliza Bryant Residents



With over 30 residents attending Friday morning prayer service at Eliza Bryant's nursing home, Reverend Edward Henderson is the glue providing the inspirational leadership in organizing prayer services energized by gospel singing.

Reverend Henderson is a very positive gentleman and has experienced many things throughout his life. He was a member of the World Class Choir known as Prestonian Coral Ensemble where he sang gospel and traveled with the group throughout the United States. Some might remember this Ensemble performing on Channel 3 every Sunday morning.

Reverend Henderson was admitted to Eliza Bryant Village's nursing home in January of 2010 from his private residence after his brother and other family members felt he was no longer safe living alone because of his inability to see. Although it was an adjustment to the lifestyle he was accustomed to, he is now very comfortable with the care he receives.

Reverend Henderson attended Giddings Elementary and Central High School. Upon leaving high school he enlisted in the service and fought in the Korean Conflict in 1950. He returned to Cleveland and joined his brothers in forming Henderson and Sons, the largest black owned painting contractor in the City of Cleveland for both commercial and residential painting. He later became a Stationary Engineer for Kaiser Permanente in Parma Ohio.

Reverend Henderson came from a large family and was the second oldest of 4 boys and 4 girls. He was raised in the Methodist faith and still sings every Sunday at Lee Memorial Methodist Church. He is the father of a daughter and son.

His advice to other residents at Eliza Bryant Village is to **"Stay Spiritual – you could be anything you want to be but you must have faith"**. He certainly knows about having faith since he lost his eyesight fifteen years ago when stricken with glaucoma. Although he misses Rhym, his yellow Labrador seeing eye dog and wishes to be able to see again, he knows his faith provides him with the courage to conquer adversity. His advice to anyone that will listen is: "Look in the mirror and if you are not happy with what you see then you need to change".

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## EBV Annual Meeting “Sharing Our Caring”

On Thursday, April 22, 2010, Eliza Bryant Village (EBV) hosted its Annual Meeting in its beautiful Inez Meyers Senior Outreach facility where more than 100 community stakeholders attended the event. Guests included: EBV board members, auxiliary volunteers, partner agency representatives, community constituents, and EBV’s residents, program participants and dedicated staff.

Our theme was “Sharing Our Caring.” Brenda York, Board President provided opening remarks. **Dr. Alvin Jackson, Director of Health for the State of Ohio** (photo above) was the keynote speaker. Dr. Jackson shared his homage to founder Eliza Simmons Bryant, a true pioneer in the movement to assist African American elderly who had moved from the southern states during the great migration after the emancipation proclamation and suffering from poor living conditions in the Cleveland area. Dr. Jackson shared his personal reflections of his youth being raised by his beloved grandparents. From an early age he was taught to have honor and respect for his elders.

Dr. Jackson then described the broad role of the State of Ohio’s Health Department and how it affects every aspect of life.

Executive Director, Harvey Shankman presented the past year’s accomplishments including:

- The opening of the **Amasa B. Ford Lodge**, a \$4 million HUD 202 senior housing building which provides 45 tenants with a beautiful home including a fitness center, computer café, two story lobby atrium and numerous socialization areas;
- The **Culture of Caring** model pilot project, - Through an A.M. McGregor Foundation grant, this project empowers tenants living in senior housing to become more engaged in their living environment, take collective responsibility for each other, and to plan health education and social activities;
- **HUD 202 Housing Award** - In September 2009, EBV was recognized nationally as one of three HUD 202 senior housing facilities throughout the country for its reputation and unique design by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development;
- **Outpatient Rehabilitation Nurse** – Funded through the St. Lukes Foundation, this position promotes and markets EBV’s short-term skilled care unit, senior housing and outreach services;
- **Music Therapy Program** - In partnership with The Music Settlement and funded through the Kulas Foundation, EBV is providing music and cognitive exercises to seniors in both the nursing home as well as seniors attending Adult Day/Outreach Services.

Jean Jenkins, Trustee, extended a special tribute to Georgia Branch and Charles Pinkney as they completed their term of office with the Board. The Honorable Lillian Greene oversaw the induction of new trustees (William Beargie and Furney Brown) and re-elected trustees, and Auxiliary reports were provided from each presiding President: Mattie Reid (Auxiliary I), The Honorable Lillian Greene (Auxiliary II) and Barbara Bray (Auxiliary III).

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## A Rehabilitation Success Story Kent Kelton

A true testament of EBV's skilled care program is that of Mr. Kent Kelton, a former resident. Mr. Kelton chose EBV for rehabilitation after having spinal surgery. He participated in EBV's physical and occupational therapy programs. Mr. Kelton attributes his recovery to EBV's professional and compassionate staff and patient-centered environment. Mr. Kelton has chosen to return to EBV for additional outpatient treatment and has expressed interest in volunteering in EBV's Village Enrichment Department.

Eliza Bryant Village (EBV) has been selected to appear in The Saint Lukes Foundation Annual report. Their report features organizations that received funding who found creative ways to progress in a challenging economy.

Through generous support from The Saint Lukes Foundation, EBV was able to promote its comprehensive programs and services. With the development of a new position, an Outpatient Rehabilitation Nurse (Cheryl Booker), EBV is better positioned to market its programs and services to community seniors for its outpatient rehabilitation programs, housing and adult day services.

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## American Association for Homes & Services for the Aging Awards

The American Association of Homes & Services for the Aging (AAHSA), which represents 5,700 long-term care service providers, has notified Eliza Bryant Village of three special recognitions that will take place at its Annual Meeting in November in Los Angeles.



**Fred Kelly**, EBV Trustee since 1986, has been selected to receive the **2010 Hobart Jackson Social Responsibility Award**. Fred will be recognized for his hundreds of unreimbursed hours of consultation on over \$15 million in construction projects, which have added over 120,000 square feet of program and residential space to Eliza Bryant Village.

In addition to three HUD 202 facilities, these projects included the renovation of a 1,800 square foot outpatient therapy clinic, renovation of EBV's Skilled Care Unit and numerous other facility projects. During his tenure as a Trustee, Fred has served on the Executive, Finance, Long Range Planning, Housing and Chaired both the Personnel and Building Committees.



**Harvey Shankman**, EBV's Executive Director, will be presented with AAHSA's highest recognition, its **Award of Honor**. This award is in recognition of Harvey's leadership at Eliza Bryant Village and his role in helping to develop the organization's continuum of care.

The award also recognizes his contribution as a long-standing AOPHA Trustee, workshop presenter and his leadership in the *Inner City Brain Trust* Initiative which will be used to shape national public policy.



**Deborah Enty**, EBV's Chief Financial Officer, has been selected for the **2010-2011 Leadership AAHSA Program**. Only 30 professionals each year are chosen to participate in this elite training program to develop advance knowledge and skills in long-term care which they then bring back to their respective facilities.

**Shirley Smith says**  
**“Eliza Bryant Village has always gone the extra mile to make me feel comfortable.”**



Shirley Smith has been a familiar face within Eliza Bryant Village since 1995 when she suffered a broken leg and needed skilled nursing care. Shortly thereafter, she returned as a participant in EBV’s Adult Day Services and is currently a resident of EBV’s Nursing Home. Shirley highly recommends EBV to anyone seeking quality care - whether short term or long term.

If you visit EBV’s Village Enrichment department, you can’t miss Shirley Smith. She is a participant in all activities from Bingo, Pokeno, Arts and Crafts and Music Therapy. Her demeanor inspires other residents to become more engaged in socialized activities. She views being active as a source of mental and physical stimulation.

Shirley is happy to be part of a fully integrated campus that offers senior housing, which allows her husband of 12 years to reside on campus with her. He lives in one of EBV’s senior housing facility - The Manor. Being adjacent to the Manor allows them to visit each other regularly.

### Enjoy Village Life



### Eliza Bryant Village Mission Statement

***“To provide quality services, outreach programs and a dignified, compassionate and secure environment for seniors.”***

## Department “DID YOU KNOW?” Updates

### Senior Outreach

For the first-time, quarterly “**report cards**” were sent to caregivers to inform them of the status of their loved ones participating in Adult Day Services. The information contained in the report cards was well received and caregivers found them helpful in understanding the progress of their loved ones in EBV’s care.

Through a partnership with **Cleveland State University’s Occupational Therapy Department**, Adult Day Care participants benefitted from a rewarding “hands-on” experience from 20 students who chose EBV to complete their nine week community service project. Students and seniors participated in a variety of activities including: arts and crafts, and music and physical therapy.

### Village Enrichment

Village Enrichment continues to provide enriching, stimulating, and thought provoking programs for residents of EBV’s Nursing Home. Some of its popular programs include: bingo, trivia, cooking classes, happy hour, and dance and music therapy. Village Enrichment also offers self-nurturing activities devoted to expressing residents’ spiritual needs through church services and Bible study.

**AOPHA Arts and Writing Contest:** In May, EBV’s residents were entered in the AOPHA Arts and Writing Contest and won third place in the category of Cooperative Art. Over 170 works of art and 25 creative writing entries were represented. Artwork will be displayed at Eliza Bryant Village.

**Cleveland Firefighters:** In June, EBV residents hosted a special recognition program whereby they presented a “Thank You” card to honor Cleveland firefighters for their tireless dedication in serving our community. Those in attendance were Chief Stubbs, Councilman T.J. Dow of Ward 7, the EBV (Administrative) staff, and a host of senior residents.

### Housing

The Housing Department continues to find ways to provide tenants with a well-balanced lifestyle. Through the **Culture of Caring** program, funded by the McGregor Foundation, tenants are taking collective responsibility for creating a true “community within a community” by ensuring that various health, social and educational seminars are brought to campus to increase their knowledge of healthy living. Throughout the month of August and September, the following events have been planned to address the following topics: Breast Cancer, Medicare Benefits, and Diabetes Management.

In addition, in August, tenants launched a new Buddy Cluster Program at the Amasa B. Ford Lodge. Each wing has an assigned floor monitor who is responsible for checking in on fellow tenants throughout the week. *One tenant expressed his gratitude for such a system as he recently had a mishap and was pleased that a fellow tenant checked in on him.*

### Advanced Nurse Training

Members of EBV’s nursing staff are participating in the **NICHE (Nurses Improving Care for Hospital System Elders)** program geared toward increasing their knowledge base in providing geriatric care at EBV. The program is designed to minimize the gap that occurs between geriatric nursing knowledge and practice. This program has been funded through The Center for Geriatric Medicine at UH Case Medical Center. The program includes developing criteria to permit skilled nursing facilities to become NICHE designated sites throughout the county. With this advanced training, EBV’s staff will provide better quality care.

## Special Events Bulletin



**On May 8, 2010, Auxiliary III celebrated its 41st Annual Luncheon and Musicfest at the Executive Caterers** of Landerhaven. The Master of Ceremonies was Cleveland's very own Harry Boomer, Anchor/Reporter of 19 Action News. Several vendors were on site and over 400 people were in attendance. They enjoyed an afternoon of shopping, dining and being entertained by the soulful sounds of Stephen Fowler & Friends.

This luncheon was a benefit for Eliza Bryant Village. Proceeds supported the programs (and services) of the organization serving over 1,000 seniors annually.



**On May 24, 2010, Auxiliary II hosted its Annual Spring Fling Event** for nursing home (residents) at Eliza Bryant Village. Entertainment was provided by The Weeden Family Singers of St. Timothy Missionary Baptist Church, and the Women of Wisdom, (a praise dancing team.) Residents participated in sing-a-longs and various rhythmic movement. Both Auxiliary II and residents enjoyed this event because it allows them the opportunity to interact with one another.



**On July 24, 2010, Auxiliary I celebrated its Annual High Tea Luncheon Fundraiser** for Eliza Bryant Village. This affair was a stylish and sophisticated gathering of friends for a celebration of life. Wayne Dawson, of Fox8 served as Masters of Ceremony. Classic sounds of Harpist Thelma Williams from The Melting Pot Orchestra mesmerized the audience. Guests were able to enjoy a fine dining experience and indulge in shopping opportunities from various on-sight vendors who sold jewelry, arts and clothing. A great time was had by all.

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## SAVE THE DATE

**EBV Community Health Fair:** On **Saturday, October 2, 2010** from 10:00am - 2:00pm EBV will host a Community Health Fair on its campus. A host of vendors will be on site conducting various health screenings, and providing educational workshops geared toward your health and well-being. Bring the entire family for a day of food, fun and festivities!

**EBV Holiday Mart, Luncheon, Fashion Show:** On **Saturday, October 30, 2010**, EBV's Auxiliary II will be hosting its annual Holiday Mart, Luncheon and Fashion Show at Executive Caterers at Landerhaven from 10:00am - 4:00pm. Tickets are \$40. For ticket information or any other inquires, please contact Judge Lillian Greene, Auxiliary II President at 216/371-1820 or any Auxiliary II member.

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### Resident Wish List

EBV is fortunate to receive many in-kind donations that help improve the quality of life for our seniors.

If you are interested in making a contribution or purchase, please contact Toi Comer at 216-361-6141 ext 145.

Suggested items include:

Music programs  
Entertainment night sponsors  
DVD players/movies  
Wii Games  
Portable CD players  
Arts and crafts supplies  
Karaoke machine/tapes  
Board games  
Digital camera  
LCD Projector  
Microphone  
Piano  
Speakers  
Microwave  
Van

### EBV Employee Campaign

During the month of July, the 2010 Eliza Bryant Village "All-Star" Employee Campaign took place. Through the generous support of employees, we raised over \$6,600.00

Special thanks are extended to the "All-Stars" who contributed to the campaign. Your support helps to cover the expenses associated with caring for the EBV senior community.

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