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“Where there’s a Wheel, there’s a Way,” a creative work by Inglis artists, was part of the Philadelphia Museum of Art’s Bridges: Accessible Programs Build Partnerships installation, featuring art by individuals overcoming adversity.

The residents’ work was inspired by a visit to the Museum’s recent pop art exhibition. In turn, the art piece helped to generate the theme of our inaugural Inglis Bash (see pages 6-7). Working with Inglis Artist-in-Residence, Rhoda Kahler, the residents painstakingly decoupage a wheelchair with superheroes and a fluttering American flag cape. With its bold primary colors and comic book imagery, the piece illustrates that “wheelchairs have become our heroes, granting us freedom and independence.” As a final flourish, the artists added their faces to the images of superheros on the wheelchair’s arm. The piece will be on permanent display at Inglis.

Can you spot us? Inglis artists included their photos in the decoupage.



Ty Klug and Rhoda Kahler wire the American flag that flutters proudly as the wheelchair’s “cape.”

Artist Edith Smalls deftly applies glue to pop art images using a head stick.



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Dear Inglis Community,

At the end of 2016, I shared my decision to retire from Inglis this year with the Inglis Community. I have been deeply touched and appreciative of the support and encouragement I have received from you over the past nine years.

Today, Inglis' mission is vibrant, our organization is strong and our future is bright. I am deeply appreciative of the opportunity to lead the Inglis Community and to work with such extraordinary people – residents, consumers, volunteers, donors and staff alike. Together, we have made a huge leap in Inglis' journey from Good to Great:

- Person-Centered Care is transforming the environment and the culture of Inglis House.
- Our housing program is booming with the opening of Mission Green and Inglis Gardens at Belmont.
- Our Adapted Technology program has grown to serve over 500 people in the community, in addition to our Inglis House residents.
- The Virtual LIFE pilot is demonstrating how truly coordinated care can empower people to live independently. (Please see page 9 for more about Inglis Virtual LIFE.)
- Our Community Support Services programs have grown into some of the most valued opportunities for consumers and families in the region.

Inglis was innovative when it was founded 140 years ago, and with your help, we have continued to break new ground. I am confident that the time is right for the next generation of leadership to take us even further toward fulfilling our mission.

A national search for my successor is underway. Once the new President and CEO is on board, I will help him or her become established to ensure a smooth transition. I know that he or she will be fortunate in joining this remarkable community and will benefit from your support, just as I have. I look forward to the next several months as we continue our journey, and begin a new chapter for an even better future.

Thank you for being a valued member of the Inglis Community.

Appreciatively,



Gavin Kerr
President and Chief Executive Officer
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David Oberkircher

A pillar of "ability and independence"

Each of us will ultimately leave a legacy. The legacy of Inglis benefactor David Oberkircher is a great example for all to follow: love of family, generosity and compassion for those facing challenges. David and his wife Kathy used their resources to advance the ability and independence of Inglis consumers through their support of our Adapted Technology program. Unfortunately, David lost his two-year battle with cancer this fall.

The Collegeville couple established the Inglis Adapted Technology Program's Oberkircher Internship in 2011, which allows us to provide in-room technology support to Inglis House residents. Every year, the program becomes more and more vital as increasing numbers of residents, many of whom are on bed rest and cannot travel to the computer lab, acquire cell phones, tablets and personal computers. The intern provides in-room adaptive assessments, trouble-shooting, repairs and coaching services to help residents use these devices effectively. The Oberkirchers also generously funded equipment upgrades in our adapted technology lab and provided adaptive devices to residents.

"For people with limited use of their hands, being able to use a computer to keep in touch with family and friends, shop and perform other tasks is a lifeline," says Inglis President and CEO Gavin Kerr. "David and Kathy recognized that technology could transform the lives of our residents and consumers. Through this internship, they provided essential funding to enable them to connect with others. Their support also helps train future technology professionals in a field that will grow exponentially as our population ages."

Two of these professionals are the Oberkircher interns: Charles Sammartino, who held the position from 2014-16 and has now been promoted to Adapted Technology Assistant, Level II, and Jeremy Boothe the 2013-14 intern who is now a Neighborhood Life Leader at Inglis. Both are thankful to the Oberkirchers for creating the internship. "Not only is it a tremendous help to our residents, but it allowed us to find a passion for working with people who live with disabilities," says Charles.

Inglis is truly grateful to the Oberkircher family for being a part of our Community.



In a 2011 Academy Ball program ad for Trion, the company that David Oberkircher and others founded, David (second from the left) visits Inglis residents (foreground, left to right) Diane Hunter, Stuart Sanderson and Dana Hirsch in the Inglis Adapted Technology Lab. With him are colleagues Christopher M. Veno (far left), Edmund F. Garno Jr. and Edmund F. Garno, III. At center is Gavin Kerr, Inglis President and CEO.

WHAT'S IN A WORD?

Image asks members of the Inglis Community to weigh in on a word. This issue:

LOVE

Katie Forbes, Adapted Technology Therapist

I've always loved helping others and I am fortunate my job allows me to do that every day. I love introducing adapted technology to people living with a disability. Adapted Technology enables people to connect to their family and friends no matter what their physical ability may be. It's a wonderful thing.

A few other things that I LOVE... My family, my friends, music, the outdoors, Yoga, Zumba, reading and my dog, Piper.



Memorial Giving:

Commemorating a life well lived

The loss of a family member is one of life's greatest challenges. Many honor their loved one by asking family and friends to make memorial contributions to Inglis.

Let friends and relatives know of your wishes by adding this to an obituary notice: *In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial gifts be made to Inglis, 2600 Belmont Avenue, Phila., PA 19131 or online at www.inglis.org/donate.*

A Couple with Person-Centered Hearts

Marie and Jim Logue fund Inglis neighborhood

Marie and Jim Logue of Rosemont, PA, believe that the greatest gift in life comes whenever one has the opportunity to pay it forward. The Logues, who have been ardent supporters of our organization and others, put this belief into action once again by making a transformational gift to Inglis. Their generous donation will fund a Person-Centered Care Neighborhood on 1North at Inglis House, including the new

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— **Gavin Kerr,**
Inglis President and CEO

kitchen and pantry in the dining solarium, new resident room furniture and flooring, molding, paint and lighting for the neighborhood—all chosen with input from residents and staff. The renovations are part of Inglis’ transition to a Person-Centered model of care, which is creating a more home-like environment for Inglis House residents. “Opportunities like these pay the best dividends,” says Jim, a member of the Inglis Board since 2010. “Plus, they pay in good times and bad.”

Jim, who is a Shareholder at McCausland Keen + Buckman and Vice-Chair of the Inglis Board, first became acquainted with Inglis when his friend and business mentor, Gordon Keen, brought him to the 1987 Keen Games. Jim soon became involved in the A-May-Zing Committee, a volunteer group that raised funds for resident programs and activities. He was also pivotal to the creation of the Inglis Golf Outing, and Marie has

served as Co-Chair of the Golf Committee for several years. The couple further demonstrated their commitment to Inglis by becoming members of the Annie Inglis Society, a group of generous donors who include Inglis in their estate plans.

The Inglis mission resonates deeply with Marie. Her older brother Stephen lived with cerebral palsy until his passing several years ago. “Stephen enjoyed a wonderfully fulfilling and independent life,” says Marie. “He defined happiness and lived every day with a ‘can do’ attitude.” Marie is also an enthusiastic proponent of the Person-Centered model of care and saw its value when she served as the Director of Operations for several senior living communities. Now, she devotes herself to the causes that mean the most to her, and currently serves as President of the Board of Directors of the HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy in Philadelphia.

“Jim and Marie’s gift is truly a transformational one for those who live and work on our 1North Neighborhood,” says Inglis President and CEO Gavin Kerr. “We thank them for their generosity, expressed not only by their philanthropic support, but through their time and leadership. They are amazing advocates for the people we serve, and a shining example to others.”

The couple is unified in their determination to enhance the lives of Inglis residents. “The opportunity I have had to improve the lives of people with disabilities and those who care for them at Inglis will always be one of the greatest privileges of my life,” says Jim. “We know that the Person-Centered Care model has already had a positive impact on Inglis residents, and that is a wonderful gift to us.”



1North Resident, Joyce Washington shares her artwork and meets with the Logues.



celebrates technology “superpowers” for those with limited mobility

Smart home technology lets our consumers see through doorways... turn on digital radio with a voice command... or adjust a thermostat without getting out of bed...and much more.

Gooch (left) of Gooch and the Motion kept the music coming all night.



Technology has made life easier for many of us, but for those with significant physical disabilities, smart home devices like the Amazon Echo, RING video doorbell and others are maximizing ability and independence. In fact, these devices play a major role in helping people with physical disabilities achieve a lifelong dream—to live independently in a home of their own.



Jennifer Burnett, Deputy Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, kicks the evening off with a toast to our new Belmont residents.



Inglis Board Vice-Chair Jim Logue enjoying the fundraising portion of the evening.

Last fall's inaugural Inglis Bash celebrated the completion of Inglis' newest fully-accessible independent living community, Inglis Gardens at Belmont, and raised funds to begin the installation of smart home technology for those living with physical disabilities who reside there. The evening of cocktails, dinner and a live pledge challenge was presented by BAYADA Home Health Care with support from Marie and Jim Logue, and was held at Inglis Gardens at Belmont. Gooch and the Motion, led by Ryan “Gooch” Nelson, a wheelchair user himself, provided the music.

Revelers had the opportunity to use adapted technology at several interactive workstations at the event. They also toured the home of Belmont resident Dawn Rouse, a user of smart home devices, to see first-hand how the technology helps her live independently. Best of all, attendees demonstrated their support by donating generously, allowing us to install this technology in the homes of many Belmont residents living with complex disabilities. Thank you to all of our generous donors, who truly are Superheroes to our residents who live independently.





Thank you to the members of our Bash Committee for making this evening possible:

- Lauren DeBruicker,*
Committee Chair
- Roy Diamond
- Anwasha Dutta*
- Alyse Einbender*
- Ellen Pulver Flatt*
- Jim Gaffney
- John Gregg
- Jackie Jerrehian
- Jim Logue*
- Tim Mahoney*
- Denise Marbach*
- John Melvin*
- Jamie O'Neil*
- Kenn Penn*
- Ted Robb
- Marisa Rogers*
- Alan Rosenberg*
- Robbie Shell
- Dana Shin
- Won Shin*
- Tom Sibson*
- Kel Smith*
- Janet Ries Stern
- Anita Weinberg*
- Sankey Williams*

The Inglis Board celebrates at the Bash.



Check out our video on the journey to independent living for people living with disabilities at www.inglis.org/thebash



** Member, Inglis Board of Directors*



Gavin Kerr, Inglis President and CEO, introduces Belmont resident Walter Proschinger.



Dawn Rouse hosted Bash visitors in her home to demonstrate how she uses smart home technology for greater independence. With Dawn, at far left, is Charles Sammartino, Adapted Technology Therapist.

"People take little things for granted, like going from room to room to turn on the lights," says Dawn. "Now, I'm able to do the same thing. Thanks to technology, the person I used to be is the person I am, again!"

At Inglis, love endures



Elizabeth, at left, and Kathy share a special bond.

Following an adjustment period, Peter made the most of Inglis for 16 years: he got long-needed health care, a job delivering mail to residents and made lasting friendships. Although Peter passed away in 2011 his sister Elizabeth G. Nathans has not forgotten the people who live and work here.

In December 1974, two days before Christmas, Peter M. Nathans, age 20, was driving home with his friends when his car was struck in a head-on collision. That accident killed his best friend and left many injured. Peter sustained permanent head injuries. Eight years later, he was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, which progressed to the point where he became a wheelchair user.

Peter was cared for by his mom, but eventually, his disability became unmanageable, and he moved to Inglis House in June 1995.

Elizabeth is a “regular” at Inglis—as a much-anticipated visitor, devoted volunteer and fundraiser. Each year, she helps residents and their families enjoy a festive Thanksgiving by donating hundreds of flowers for our Thanksgiving table centerpieces. Elizabeth has held fundraisers and donates annually through the United Way Campaign. She has engaged her colleagues in several special events, among them, creating a wall mural that brightens the entrance to our resident library.

Elizabeth maintains a special connection to Inglis residents. One, Kathy Moore, was Peter’s closest friend and soul mate. “It’s hard to come back here, but it’s also a wonderful reminder of the tremendous empathy at Inglis and the compassion and heartfelt care that residents receive,” she says. “Many people living at Inglis have had their lives torn apart. The love they receive here gives them a chance for recovery.”

For Elizabeth, Inglis people and places are important links to Peter. But there are also signs that her brother’s strong spirit lives on here too. “During a September visit with Kathy, we sat in the prayer room, which was their favorite hangout when Peter was alive,” she says. “Suddenly, I realized that the last time I saw him was on that day, in that room at that exact same time five years ago. I really felt Peter was there, listening to Kathy.

“I have always been taught to give back,” she said. “Kathy and Inglis House were my brother’s family, and that’s still very important to me.”

The 2017 Golf Outing tees off on Monday, June 12, 2017

Join us at the beautiful St. Davids Golf Club in Wayne, PA.

Since 2001, the Inglis Golf Outing has raised nearly \$2 million to provide vital services and resources to people living with complex physical disabilities. This year, the Golf Outing will complete its two-year commitment to fund the renovation of Inglis’ 2North Neighborhood into a Person-Centered Care community.

To join us or discuss sponsorship opportunities, visit www.inglis.org/golf or contact Meredith.Waldron@inglis.org.

Residents and staff of Inglis’ 2North Neighborhood express their gratitude.



Independence Foundation Challenge Grant for new Virtual LIFE program

Inglis has received a \$37,500 matching grant from the Independence Foundation to help fund a new community-based model of care, the Inglis Virtual LIFE Program. LIFE, which stands for Living Independently for Everyone, seeks to meet the needs of younger adults living with severe physical disabilities. It is the first phase of a model to provide disability-competent medical care, daily living support, behavioral health services and social engagement opportunities to former Inglis House residents who have moved to independent community living.

Please use the enclosed envelope to make a gift to the Independence Challenge Grant.

LIFE is based on the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) model that provides care for frail older adults who wish to remain at home and avoid nursing home placement. As Inglis continues to expand its community-based

services, it is working to create a similar model to provide high quality, financially sustainable care to this vulnerable younger disability population. This early pilot program will serve as a springboard to a more fully developed national model.

Many people with complex physical disabilities would like to live in homes of their own, but cannot find disability-competent medical care or reliable daily support. Inglis is partnering with Magee Rehabilitation Hospital, Home Care Associates and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine's (PCOM) Family Medicine Department to provide services to 23 people living at Inglis Gardens at Belmont, our newest independent living community.



Since moving out of Inglis House into an apartment of his own, Walter Proschinger has been shopping for groceries again. He's loving every minute of it.

The challenge grant provides a one-to-one match for all new or increased gifts from individuals (up to \$1,000) to help fund this important pilot program. These resources will provide technology training, life coaching, activities and other support services to enable people to be successful living in the community.

The Virtual LIFE Program represents another Inglis innovation that holds great promise for the future of people living locally, regionally and nationally. Your gift will not only be doubled in value, it will also enable us to advance this pilot to help more people living independently. Please use the enclosed envelope to make a gift to the Independence Challenge Grant.

The Independence Foundation supports organizations providing services to those who face barriers to access. The Foundation invests in programs that enrich the life experiences of Philadelphia-area residents.

WHAT'S IN A WORD? LOVE

Jamal Griffin, Inglis Security Officer

Love is God, beauty, compassion, sensitivity, and most of all a blessing. I see and hear about love at Inglis every day. Before I came to work at Inglis House in 2007, I didn't know what was behind the beautiful bushes and stone building, but once you get inside you can see and feel the love from the residents, staff, volunteers and family members alike.



Susan Starr, Inglis donor, volunteer and family member

When I come to Inglis House I see that love is everywhere—it is a community full of love and you can feel it when you walk in the door. My brother Steven, a former Inglis resident, passed away in 2012, and for me, continuing to be an active member of the Inglis Community as a donor, volunteer and family member keeps his memory alive.

Holidays at Inglis are extra special affairs... *whether a light-hearted Halloween dress-up, a sharing of time-honored traditions or an opportunity to worship with others, our residents, staff and volunteers celebrate with gusto. Here are just a few pictures illustrating why our holidays are so memorable.*

Resident Mark Dressler and Recreation Therapist Jae Lee at our Halloween gathering.



Resident Mariea Johnson entertains visiting Trick-or-Treaters.

Ty Klug and Joanna Manusov celebrate Valentine's Day with a twirl around the dance floor.



Residents participate in the blessings as Gary Bramnick, Director of Marketing, lights the Menorah in observance of Hanukkah.

Families make Thanksgiving at Inglis a joyous celebration. Left to right: the Czyzyk family celebrates with Mary; family members gather with resident Cathy Godek; and Albert Lombardi and his mom enjoy a quiet moment together.



Resident Marie Kelly helps Dietary Supervisor Jackie Getter decorate the 3South Neighborhood's Christmas tree.



Special days like these are only made possible through the generous support of our donors and volunteers. To ensure that these celebrations continue, please contribute to our Ability Fund at www.inglis.org/donate or use the enclosed envelope.

If you, your school or community group would like to help our residents celebrate future holidays, we'd love to have you join us. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Patricia Veltri at patricia.veltri@inglis.org or call 215-581-0718.

Staff accomplishments



Inglis Day Program manager joins PA Long-Term Care Council

Nicole M. Pruitt, Program Manager, Inglis Day Program, has been appointed to the Pennsylvania Department of Aging's Long-Term Care Council by Governor Thomas Wolf. Nicole is part of a 35-member body of policymakers, providers, consumers, caregivers and advocates making

recommendations to improve the Commonwealth's long-term services and support systems for older adults and younger people living with disabilities.

"For most people, 'long-term care' means institutional care for elderly people," says Nicole. "Younger people requiring community-based supports are an often under-represented part of this group, and I am excited about helping to give them a voice."

Nicole joined Inglis as an Occupational Therapy Assistant 13 years ago. She transitioned to her role leading the Day Program in 2011. The five-day-a-week program provides a stimulating roster of social and recreational activities including adapted computing training, music appreciation, sewing, horticulture, creative arts and much more to consumers ages 18 and older.



Chris Lacy receives CPM of the Year award

Christine Lacy, Director of Inglis Housing Corporation, has been named Certified Property Manager (CPM) of the Year by the Southern New Jersey Chapter of the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM). Chris received the award in recognition of her outstanding service to the profession and

the community, and her contributions to the advancement of professional property management. Chris, who has been at Inglis since 2008, oversees Inglis' ten independent living communities.

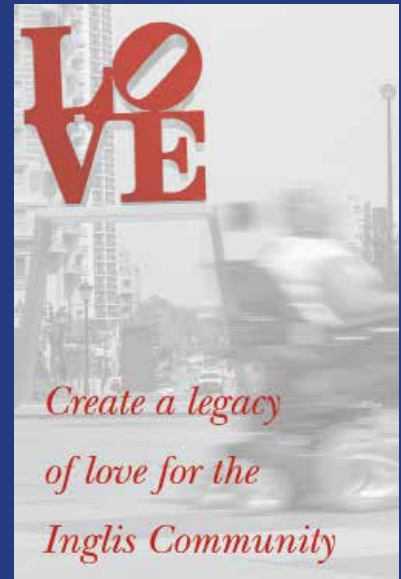


Juliet Marsala named to state Rehabilitation Council

Juliet Marsala, Director of Inglis Community Support Services, has been appointed to the Pennsylvania Rehabilitation Council by Governor Thomas Wolf. The Council's mission is to inform and advise the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, the State Board of Vocational

Rehabilitation, the Legislature and the Governor on the diverse issues affecting the employment of people with disabilities.

At Inglis, Juliet oversees services that help long-term care clients to live independently in the community. These include Inglis Community Employment Services, Inglis Care Management, which provides information, referral and support services and the distribution of Drink Aide, Inglis' patented, hands-free water bottle. Prior to coming to Inglis in 2015, Juliet was the founding owner of Supports Your Way LLC in Philadelphia.



Legacy of Love

How a will can keep giving after you're gone

A will or living trust allows you to protect your loved ones and gives you the power to provide vital resources to the causes you care deeply about.

Including Inglis in your will or trust is incredibly easy. Inglis has simple language that your estate planning attorney can incorporate into your will or trust.

- **Flexibility** Because you are not actually making the gift until after your lifetime, you can update your plans at any time.
- **Versatility** Leave a specific amount, make a gift contingent on certain life events, or leave a percentage of your estate.

We're here to help

If you're ready to make a gift, Inglis is here to help answer any questions. The impact you can have is priceless.

Contact Meredith Quirin Waldron, Director of Development at (215) 581-0703 or meredith.waldron@inglis.org.

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Inglis Celebrates 140 Years!

Inglis today.



The first Inglis House.

Since 1877, Inglis' mission has remained constant. How that mission is delivered has evolved over time as the needs of the disability community and each era's financial realities change. Our next issue of *Image* commemorates Inglis' rich history—caring for children, cancer patients and people suffering from polio—to our present-day Person-Centered residential nursing facility, housing initiatives and support for those living independently in the community.

Inglis has redefined itself for the last 140 years, and will continue to do so as our community evolves.