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Wayneborough Country Club, Paoli, PA

Volunteers like Michael Williams (middle) are invaluable to Inglis residents and clients.
A Lasting Memory

“In the last 30 years, I have volunteered with Inglis House during my freshman year at St. Charles Seminary. It was such a rewarding experience that I’ve made it a tradition to volunteer there every year when I come back from college. It’s a place where I feel at home and I am truly touched by the residents’ stories.”

Jana Smith, Volunteer Coordinator

The Romero Center provides volunteer opportunities for students and individuals in the community. Volunteers assist residents with daily activities, such as meal preparation, grooming, and leisure activities. The center offers a supportive environment where volunteers can make a meaningful impact on the lives of those they serve.

For more information about volunteering at the Romero Center, please contact Jana Smith at 215.581.0718 or jana.smith@inglis.org.
When Inglis House resident Yvette Green brought “Discovering People on Wheels” coloring books to the third-graders at Samuel L. Gompers Elementary School in West Philadelphia she got into a lively discussion with six of the students. They eagerly told her about people they knew in wheelchairs and asked her what using a wheelchair was like.

“Inglis House residents and staff designed ‘Discovering People on Wheels’ to get kids talking,” said Inglis Director of Development Tom White. “We want to reach kids before they form stereotypes about people with disabilities and while they are eager to ask questions and learn.”

Thanks to a grant from The Comcast Foundation, Inglis distributed 20,000 coloring books to third graders throughout the Philadelphia Public School system during October – Disability Awareness Month. The boxes also included crayons and a Teachers’ Resource Guide containing projects and games that teachers could use to further enhance the learning experience.

“As Comcast strives to enrich the communities we serve, partners like Inglis Foundation and their ‘Discovering People on Wheels’ program help us reach this goal,” Comcast Government and Community Relations Coordinator Davida Garr said. Since its founding in 1999, The Comcast Foundation has distributed over $30 million to help local non-profit organizations strengthen communities through meaningful programs.

Supporting the Annual Campaign

When you make a gift to the Annual Campaign you help the residents of Inglis House. Your generous support, combined with that of others, provides opportunities for people with physical disabilities to improve their quality of life and to enjoy experiences and activities that bring pleasure and comfort. Here are a few of the ways your important gifts are put to use:

- $30 buys an audio book
- $75 helps buy art supplies
- $150 purchases adaptive gardening tools and planting supplies for the residents’ garden
- $199 pays for a “Voice Pal” speech generating device for people who have difficulty speaking
- $250 covers the cost of a day-trip for five residents and their aides
- $350 covers one month of pastoral care for residents
- $1,000 outfits a computer work station with adaptive technology for complete hands-free control

You can make a gift by clicking “Donate” on the www.inglis.org home page. Please support these and other Inglis programs and the people they serve. For more information call Thomas F. White, Director of Development at 215.581.0702.
“Inglis House volunteers really come through for us during the holidays,” said Inglis Director of Volunteers Peggy Haley. “In November and December, they logged over 3,000 hours of service - helping with Thanksgiving dinner, shopping, wrapping gifts and so much more. Some come for just a few hours, others return year after year to visit the friends they’ve made among residents.”

A-MAY-ZING Means FUN

The A-May-Zing Committee, which began organizing resident events in 1971, has always focused on fun. Their annual party in February is among the most popular resident events at Inglis House. Funding for the party comes from the annual Inglis Five Run held each spring.

After the party, any remaining funds go toward recreational activities or programs to promote independence for people with physical disabilities. This year, the A-May-Zing Committee donated $10,000 toward:

- A glider/swing that accommodates wheelchairs for the Inglis House grounds
- Inglis Community Re-entry program (for residents who wish to move out of Inglis House to independent housing)
- Resident trips
- Books on tape and DVDs for the resident library

2007 A-MAY-ZING EVENTS

Friday, February 2, 2007
Founders’ Hall
Resident Party – “A Night in Philadelphia”

Sunday, April 29, 2007
25th Annual Inglis Five Run

Call 215.581.0703 for more information.
While duct tape has saved the day in many emergencies, Inglis House Computer Lab Coordinator Dawn Waller dislikes taping computer trays together with it. "We didn't have a standard way to elevate various sized adaptive keyboards. We only had a homemade easel made from cardboard and duct tape."

Waller was delighted last year when Villanova University Mechanical Engineering Professor Rebecca Hoffman asked her students to create and build a device to assist people with physical disabilities. "I did a similar project when I was an engineering student. That project was largely responsible for my choice of design as a career. I wanted to give that opportunity to my students, too," said Hoffman.

The project focus became clear when students visited the computer lab to conduct a needs analysis and study the adaptive technology in use. After witnessing many sophisticated gadgets that enable people with physical disabilities to operate computers independently, they discovered one that wasn't so high-tech – the cardboard and duct tape keyboard tray.

Following several more visits to the computer lab, students developed an adjustable, yet sturdy easel that could accommodate keyboards of different sizes. It consists of a large metal tray with an adjustable support brace anchored by a flat tray underneath. It easily rests on a desk or a wheelchair lap tray. The students also modified their invention by attaching a switch mount, which enables the device to be attached to a wheelchair arm rest or a desk top.

“The best feature of the Keyboard Stand is that no matter what size keyboard residents are using, it can be adjusted to the precise angle to meet their individual needs,” Waller added.

Now, two of the Villanova students’ Adjustable Keyboard Stands are in full use in the Inglis computer lab. "I couldn't get my keyboard to sit at a comfortable angle," Inglis House resident David Jones said. “This new stand makes using the computer much easier and more comfortable."
Just as the original *Wide World of Sports* showcased sports activities not usually seen on TV, the 2006 Fall Fundraiser - *The Wide World of Inglis* - showed how Inglis residents and clients experience the “thrill of victory.” Inglis House solariums exhibited some of the many recreational activities enjoyed by residents and clients from power wheelchair soccer to bowling, pinball and artistic pursuits.

Event guests learned first hand that Inglis’ mission offers more than medical and personal care to people with physical disabilities. We are committed to designing creative ways to help residents and clients achieve their maximum potential and enjoy the best possible quality of life. The evening celebrated the individuality of each resident. On behalf of the event co-chairs Walter and Linda Fisher, we greatly appreciate the support from all who attended or sponsored the evening.
The 5th Annual Inglis Golf Outing – held September 18, 2006 at Sunnybrook Golf Club, Plymouth Meeting, PA – netted $95,190. To date, Inglis golf outings have raised over $300,000 for Inglis programs and services.

The event (rescheduled from a rainy June) attracted 144 corporate golfers from around the area. They enjoyed a barbecue lunch before taking to the greens. Afterward, Golf Committee co-chairs Rob Lodge and Brad White welcomed them to the evening’s silent auction and awards reception.


Evesham Resident Fights Polio

As a polio survivor, Inglis Gardens at Evesham tenant Josephine D’Antonio, now lives with Post-Polio Syndrome. It is a condition that affects people 10-40 years after their initial recovery by further weakening muscles affected by polio and deteriorating healthy muscles and nerves.

When D’Antonio read about the re-emergence of polio in Nigeria, she wanted to help. “One dose of vaccine can prevent this disease – one person can make a difference,” says D’Antonio. She now donates the royalties from her children’s book *The Snowbirds and the Empty Nest* – to the World Health Initiative to pay for polio vaccinations in Nigeria. Four dollars from each book sale pays for nearly 25 vaccinations.

Order *The Snowbirds and the Empty Nest* at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or [www.booksurge.com](http://www.booksurge.com).

Polio at Inglis House

“Changes in medicine and technology brought changes to Inglis House. [In the early 1900s the residents of all ages] represented a cross-section of diseases, from cancer to those with ‘loathsome diseases of the flesh’ as one contemporary observer put it. As medicine found cures and treatments, the resident population changed. At the height of the epidemic, polio [also called infantile paralysis] put many children into wheelchairs and brought them to Inglis House.”

Excerpted from *A Passage Through Time - Inglis Foundation 1877-2002*

With the development of the Salk vaccine in the mid-50s, the number of polio cases in the country dropped 85-90 percent. Incredible developments like these, along with improved prenatal care, reduced the need for a children’s wing at Inglis House. It was closed in 1956.
Inglis Foundation relies on the generous contributions of friends and neighbors to carry out our mission to create and provide practical solutions so people with physical disabilities may pursue their life goals. We have traditionally thanked donors and volunteers on an annual basis. Beginning with this issue of Image we express our gratitude on a more timely basis for these gifts that are so essential in helping us to meet our mission.

These contributions were received between July 1, 2006 and November 30, 2006.

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