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Orchard House Medical Adult Day Care



Comptroller Kevin Lembo, Executive Director Stephanie Evans-Ariker & Senator Richard Blumenthal

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Orchard House Celebrates 30 Years and Honors 8 Key Supporters

On Sunday, October 14th, Orchard House Medical Adult Day Care celebrated 30 years of serving seniors and their families at an event entitled "Time Capsule." Over 200 people attended and enjoyed vintage photos of Orchard House clients, live entertainment of old time hits, a silent auction, and a moving speaking program.

The day also included special awards to honor individuals and



Senator Richard Blumenthal with Honorees Jean Hyatt and Dan Cosgrove.



A few guests, including local leaders.



Kristen Cusato presents Stephanie Evans-Ariker with a State Citation.



organizations who helped to create and sustain Orchard House over thirty years. Those honored included the Branford First Baptist Church, where Orchard House began 30 years ago, and the Town of Branford, which donates the old Short Beach School building for Orchard House's use today.

Individuals honored included Dan Cosgrove and Harry Hampton, steadfast supporters and patrons; Ruth Dese, who left a generous bequest to ensure Orchard House's survival; Don Hyatt, a longtime board leader; the Anderson Family, supporters who helped create the beautiful gardens at Orchard House; and Phil Giuliano, the assistant director of Orchard House, who has been involved for over 30 years. Dan Cosgrove also celebrated his 95th birthday Sunday, and the crowd sang Happy Birthday to both Dan and Orchard House.

Warm and touching remarks were offered by Senator Blumenthal, who noted that "places like Orchard House are so important to seniors and their families." Comptroller Kevin Lembo reinforced this, sharing stories of his mother-in-law who was a client at Orchard House for four years before her passing last year. Lembo said, "the nurses and staff at Orchard House cared lovingly for her and Orchard House made a real difference in her life."

Honorary Emcee Kristen Cusato of the Connecticut Alzheimer's Association shared the story of her mother, who was diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia, noting that, "caring for a loved one with dementia is hard, and Orchard House's day program is an important piece of the puzzle for care givers."

Executive Director Stephanie Evans-Ariker, who began with Orchard House in February, spoke about the role an adult day care can play in providing medical, social and therapeutic services for seniors while giving respite to family caregivers. Evans-Ariker noted, "our nursing staff provides the medical monitoring that clients need, and our free transportation, social and therapeutic programs, and nutritious meals make our program the highlight of a senior's day."

Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman, who was originally scheduled to speak, was called out of state to care for an ailing parent, but sent state

Co-Chair Roz Cama, Charles Frey, Comptroller Kevin Lembo and Jen Aniskovich.



Reverend Bill Keane provided an inspiring invocation.



Honoree Phil Giuliano receives his award from Stephanie Evans-Ariker and Board President Shaun Heffernan.



Some of the crowd enjoying the program.



citations to honor both Orchard House and Dan Cosgrove.

The event was sponsored by over 50 different individuals and organizations from the shoreline. The lead sponsor, Branford Cares, is an organization dedicated to making sure that basic needs are met for all individuals. Rev. Sharon Gracen, one of the leaders of Branford Cares said they were, "happy to help because Orchard House provides such a vital service." Branford Cares is currently raising funds to distribute throughout Branford for basic needs.

Sunday's event helped to raise awareness and funds for this nonprofit that serves 10 towns along the shoreline with an adult day program for seniors. Clients at Orchard House range from 65-99 years old and come from East Haven, Branford, Guilford, Madison, North Branford, North Haven and beyond. Free, wheel-chair equipped vans offer door-to-door service to and from the center for clients.

Nutritious, USDA-approved meals are offered. And, a full-time nursing staff attends to medical monitoring, the administration of medicine, coordination with physicians and family support. Art therapy, pet therapy, music, games, physical activity and cards are just a few of the social and therapeutic options at Orchard House. Orchard House helps families to apply for available funding to support the cost of their loved one's care.

As part of its 30th Anniversary celebration, Orchard House is conducting a campaign to raise \$30,000 to support the cost of care for seniors. Individuals interested in contributing can make a 3-year pledge or a one-time donation. To donate, please call (203) 481-7110.

Orchard House is a nonprofit organization that serves elderly clients and their families. Our goal is to keep seniors living independently, in the community, for as long as possible. Clients receive medical monitoring, therapeutic and social services in a stimulating and friendly environment that promotes health and emotional well-being. Professional staff include certified nurses and certified nurse's aides, a recreational therapist, licensed drivers, food service workers and highly qualified managers who are sensitive to the needs of clients with the full range of cognitive, emotional and social abilities.

Honoree Dan Cosgrove enjoys a laugh with Rhoda Loeb.



It was standing room only!

Thanks to Bill O' Brien for fantastic photos of a great day!



Lots of friends catching up!

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For 30 years, our staff has offered personalized care plans to meet each client's social and nursing needs, including plans for clients with cardiac ailments, diabetes, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and other dementia and neurological disorders. Counseling, education and respite services are also provided to families and other caregivers who have the responsibility for a loved one who needs assistance during the day, but does not require 24-hour institutional care. Each day includes fun and engaging activities and social opportunities suitable for each client's personal needs and goals. We offer a nutritious hot lunch daily and free transportation.

Location: 421 Shore Drive, Branford CT

Phone: (203) 481-7110

Web: www.theorchardhouse.org

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8am – 4pm, Saturday 9am – 3pm



Jean Hyatt accepting an award for her husband, Honoree Don Hyatt

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