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## New Resident Art Studio Dedicated

*Pictured above: The Lippai Family attends the dedication of Lee's Art Studio.*

*From L to R: Steve Lippai, Barbara Lippai, Mike McGovern, and Gibbs Lippai.*

This November, Chestnut Square celebrated the grand opening of a new creative space in our community, Lee's Art Studio. Named after former resident Lee Lippai, this new addition was made possible thanks to a generous donation by the Lippai Family, who was on-site for the ribbon cutting. On behalf of the entire Chestnut Square community, thank you for this incredible gift and the positive impact it will make for current and future residents! **To learn about other opportunities for charitable giving at Bethany Methodist, please visit: [www.bethanymethodist.org](http://www.bethanymethodist.org)**



## LIFELONG FRIENDS SHARE A PATH TO CHESTNUT SQUARE

Marybeth Young (above left) and Betty Dolak (above right) met for the first time when they were 16 and working at Woolworths in Chicago—a happy coincidence that would lead to a lasting friendship which greatly influenced both of their lives.

In addition to enjoying each other's company, they also shared similar career aspirations. After graduating from high school, they each decided to attend St. Elizabeth's Hospital School of Nursing. Marybeth and Betty excelled at their studies, and each would go on to have impressive careers in healthcare.

"Betty was the first to marry, and it turned out her husband had a cousin named Jim who was single," Marybeth

says with a smile. "Naturally, she introduced us, and not too long after, we got married as well."

In their retirement years, Marybeth and Jim moved to Chestnut Square in 2016, where they enjoyed the community's active lifestyle with full services and amenities.

"We felt very comfortable as soon as we moved in," she explains. "We really liked that there were all sorts of different programs and events that appealed to our interests."

Marybeth also had a strong inclination that Betty would love being a Chestnut Square resident one day. After suggesting she tour some of the available floor plans, Betty ended up

finding her perfect apartment, and this past May, she officially moved into her new home.

"I'm very lucky to have someone like Marybeth in my life," Betty says. "Our husbands each passed away in the last year, and our friendship means so much to the both of us, now more than ever. Moving to Chestnut Square was the best thing for me...and I have my good friend to thank for that."

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## Celebrating Milestone, Chestnut Square Says “Cheers to 20 Years!”

*Pictured: Our 20th anniversary events included a tree planting ceremony in August, outdoor festival in September, and elegant dinner dance in November.*

As Chestnut Square celebrated its 20th anniversary in Glenview, the community hosted a variety of exciting events to mark the joyous occasion.

In August, a special tree planting ceremony—symbolizing abundance and longevity—was attended by Chestnut Square’s leadership team and board of directors, representatives from the Village of Glenview and Glenview Chamber of Commerce, and residents of Chestnut Square, including some of the community’s founding residents who still live there after 20 years.

In September, residents, families, staff, and local neighbors gathered for a lively outdoor festival that featured on-site food stations from local restaurant sponsors, raffle prizes, live music by the *Roger That Rock & Roll Band*, face painting, games, and fun for the whole family.

Truck 14 from the Glenview Fire Dept. also made an appearance as children enjoyed exploring the vehicle while meeting local firefighters.

“We had such a great time, and the turnout was wonderful,” said Chestnut Square resident Kathy Rosenblatt, who was joined at the event by her husband, daughter, and great-granddaughter. “Celebrating this milestone with family and friends was special, and we couldn’t have asked for more perfect weather.”

To cap off the 20th anniversary in grand fashion, Chestnut Square hosted an elegant dinner and dance for residents, staff and board members in November, featuring beef filet, roasted duck, pesto prawn skewers, and musical entertainment by the *Mike Knauf Jazz Band*.

“It’s hard to believe it’s been 20 years since our community first opened its doors,” said Vera Lampe, Executive Director. “Being in the heart of The Glen has given us a front row seat to this whole area growing and thriving, and we’re very proud to be part of that story.”

## President’s Corner

*“Celebrate endings—for they proceed new beginnings.” ~Jonathan Lockwood Huie*

When our year of celebrations recognizing the 20th anniversary of Chestnut Square culminated with a special dinner and dance for residents and board members, our Life Enrichment Director ended the evening with the words, “See you all at the 40th!”

I am not sure who will be here to celebrate our 40th anniversary, but I am confident that the Chestnut Community will be here, firmly anchored on the corner of Chestnut and Patriot, continuing to provide exceptional senior community living and health care.

As I look forward to retirement in 2024, I realize how important it is to celebrate endings—for they proceed new beginnings.

This year we enjoyed reminiscing about our 20 years of community life. We remembered our accomplishments and shared experiences, our laughter and our tears. We reminisced about the friends made along the way, residents, families, staff and board members, those who are with us today, and

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## Someone You Should Know: Erika Rosario

This summer, Partners in Healthcare was thrilled to welcome Erika Rosario as the new Office Coordinator for the private duty home care agency. With over 25 years experience in the health-care industry, Erika has served as a CNA, activity director, paramedic, as well as in administrative roles dealing with billing and HMO referrals.

“Caring for people has always been my passion, and I love working with seniors,” she says. “In my new role, in addition to managing the scheduling and other admin duties, I can assist with the Wellness Clinic and wear my CNA hat. Sharon, Bridget, and the entire team has been amazing.”

Erika and her husband are the loving parents of 9 children total from their blended families, and their biggest joy is being “Nana” and “Papa” to their 4-year-old grandson and 4-year-old granddaughter. “And of course, we also love spoiling Sophia, our playful and very affectionate bulldog!”

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some who live on in our memories. It has been a time for celebrating the past.

It has also been a time of celebrating new beginnings—expanding programs, welcoming new residents, and embarking upon an ambitious campus refresh project. Recently, four board members and six members of our management team attended the national LeadingAge conference in Chicago. LeadingAge provides continuing education for professionals in the senior care industry, and along with thousands of others from across the country, we learned about the newest trends in senior housing and health care.

We attended sessions on motivating staff, managing boards, improving financial performance, and the uses of new technology. We came back from the conference with new ideas and a renewed commitment to providing the highest level of services for the those we serve in this community.

As we approach the end of 2023 and look ahead to the new year, all of us at Chestnut are grateful for what has been and excited about what is to come. We thank all of you who have been a part of our past, and we invite you to continue to be a part of our journey into the future.

With gratitude,

*Sunny Lopez*

President/CEO



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