



River Garden News



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Our Mission

To provide...A wide range of quality, cost effective elder care services in residential, outpatient, and community based settings.

To create...A comfortable, caring, and dignified home for the frail elderly serving both rich and poor with excellence.

To serve...People of all faiths, while maintaining an environment supportive of Jewish identity and informed by Jewish values.

To act...As a valuable educational resource in elder care for the entire community.

Front Cover Photo:

Volunteer Tal Osher and Quilt of Valor recipient Nick Mattia during the River Garden Veteran's Day program.

If you have a resident story or feedback you'd like to share, please let us know. We also welcome opportunities to meet with senior groups in the community to discuss our programs & services.

Please contact Kari Bell.

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Residents' Prayer Journey

In early September, several residents gathered in the Nestler Library to collaborate and write a powerful prayer for the whole world.

Lisa Poremba, Life Enrichment Director, had the privilege of delivering it to The Western Wall on September 15th during her pilgrimage with the Myron Flagler Endowment, Israel Learning Seminar.



Inside Line

By Mauri Witten Mizrahi, Chief Executive Officer

Welcome Home!

We are pleased to announce that all River Garden programs and services are open, including the Baker Deli Cafe. The Federal Government has updated regulations to allow River Garden to end the temperature and illness screening at the guard gate. Masks are now only required if a person has tested positive for COVID-19, has been exposed to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or the flu. River Garden continues to be rated “5 Stars” by the Federal Government and is a preferred provider to area hospitals. River Garden is also a nine time recipient of the Governor’s Gold Seal Award for Excellence in Long Term Care and has applied for our 10th Gold Seal Award. We are fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO) with an additional certification for the short stay post-acute care rehabilitation program. Nationally and statewide we continue to be recognized by Newsweek and US News and World Report as a top performing Nursing Home.

On December 10, 2022, The 30th Annual River Garden Foundation Gala – A Time to Shine - at the Marriott Sawgrass, returns after three years. Gala chairs Sue Eaglstein, Debbie Parker, Jeannie Rogozinski, Debra Setzer and Stacie Wilf and the Gala Committee are planning a spectacular evening to celebrate River Garden as well as recognize Kathy Osterer’s commitment to River Garden over her 23 year career. We are looking forward to seeing you there. Also, mark your calendar for the 27th Annual River Garden Classic chaired by Tom Harris and sponsored by Hardage-Giddens along with Jody and Janne Brandenburg on April 19, 2023.

The Jewish New Year and High Holiday Season was fully celebrated across the campus with families and

community members returning to services in the Parker Chapel and programs in the sukkah. Residents with memory impairment and their families participated in a High Holiday service designed for their special needs. Leslie Held, Director of Jewish Life, and Steve Meisel created and facilitated the heartwarming service. The Coves is 100% occupied! If you are considering a move to one of the gracious patio home apartments, come take a tour and get your name on the wait list. The Coves rent now includes Jewish Community Alliance (JCA) membership. We are looking forward to growing this community partnership.

River Garden’s nursing home census is increasing and we anticipate reaching and maintaining a full census by the end of 2022. Thanks to the foresight and actions of the River Garden Hebrew Home Board, we have been able to recruit and retain nursing staff which has allowed us to fill the Home with residents.

River Garden’s Volunteer program has been nurtured and developed under Leslie Held’s leadership for over ten years. Due to the program’s success, we are restructuring and adding a new position. Please join us in welcoming Esther Raffol, the new Volunteer Coordinator.

In Pirke Avot it is written, “Who is rich? Those who rejoice in their own portion.” During this season of Thanksgiving, let us be grateful for what we have and appreciate all that makes our lives rich with meaning and purpose.

I hope you enjoy this season’s issue of the River Garden News. Our future is bright.



Mauri

Celebrate The Positive

Throughout the year, River Garden performance measures are reviewed by key organizations to evaluate our standards of care. For the third year in a row, we are pleased to share that our care center has been recognized as the #1

nursing home in Florida by Newsweek, and earned ‘Bold City Best’, as voted by the Jacksonville community.



Highlights of



Hazzan Holzer stopped to visit Mrs. Fleet along with many others during his visit at River Garden to perform the mitzvah of shofar blowing during the month of Elul.



The River Garden staff enjoyed a brief pause to learn about and listen to the shofar with Hazzan Holzer.

Members of The Coves welcomed the Torah Academy High School girls for a getting-to-know-you visit. The afternoon was a huge success with stimulating conversation through the use of a "Conversation Cube". Questions relating to the themes of the High Holidays proved to be a super conversation starter.

New member of The Coves, Barbara Fitzmayer (center), was unexpectedly surprised by Laura Platzer (left) and Leslie Held (right) who were delivering Rosh Hashanah gift bags. Barbara was also given a succulent planted tea cup provided by The Temple which made her especially happy as it was her birthday!



the Holidays



Our deepest appreciation to the Temple Sisterhood for the delivery of succulent mini gardens planted in assorted treasured teacups. The members created a unique mitzvah project to surprise those living on our campus during the holiday season.



Rabbi Mendel Paneth's shofar blowing and stirring cantorial voice provided a beautiful musical Shabbos service.

Steve Meisel, leader of our annual Memory Care High Holiday service, invited Eric Held to blow the shofar.

Louis Post attended the dementia-friendly High Holiday service with his beloved mother, Anna.



Rabbi Mendy Browd (L) and Rabbi Velvel Kahanov (R), joined by the children, brought tremendous joy to our campus during Sukkos. Everyone was invited to make the blessing and shake the Lulav and Etrog. Visits included conversations in English, Yiddish and Hebrew.



Rabbi Merrill Shapiro's return to our campus was met by a welcoming crowd of residents and community members. His sukkot presentation invited participants to draw parallels between the Israelites using the sukkah as a temporary shelter in the wilderness and the plight of those in today's society who don't have a home.



Rabbi Hildeshaim, Torah Academy Middle School teacher, brought a group of boys to prepare the transformation of a bare sukkah into one decorated for a festive week on our campus.





The Martin J. Gottlieb Day School entertained our residents with a Sukkos take on a Dr. Seuss poem followed by making and serving "Sukkos Shakes". To everyone's delight, the green sherbert and ginger ale was surprisingly refreshing.



Painting Rocks was a huge success as the Torah Academy girls partnered up with our residents for a Mitzvah project benefitting Etz Chaim. Chaya Suri (L) and Phyllis Bernard (R) prepared to create their design. The rocks will be delivered to the cemetery for visitors to place on headstones.



Josh Kentof, grandson of Dov Kentof (of blessed memory), unexpectedly made a stop at River Garden with one thing in mind... visit the residents and play guitar just like his Zaydee. He sang country songs and took requests from the audience. Josh was accompanied by his father, Gil, and his dear Safta, Alina. We were grateful that Gil and Josh visited us while in Jacksonville.

FAMILY SIMCHAS

The Torah advocates, "vehayita ach sameach, you should have nothing but joy (Deut. 16:15). The most recognized word for happiness in Hebrew is simcha. It is considered a gift to mankind (Ecclesiastes-Chapter 2:26). Pure joy comes in many different shapes and sizes and in October two River Garden families each experienced the intensity of that deeply felt simcha on the same day only hours apart. These are treasured moments.

On a beautiful Fall Sunday, Herb and Rose Lynn Plotkin were thrilled to take part in the joyous occasion of their granddaughter's Aufruf in the Parker Chapel with Rabbi Lubliner performing the service. Parents of the bride, Jay and Cheryl Plotkin beamed as their daughter, Shaina, and future son-in-law, Josh, stood on the bema with their family and close friends sharing in the excitement. The newly married couple live in Atlanta.

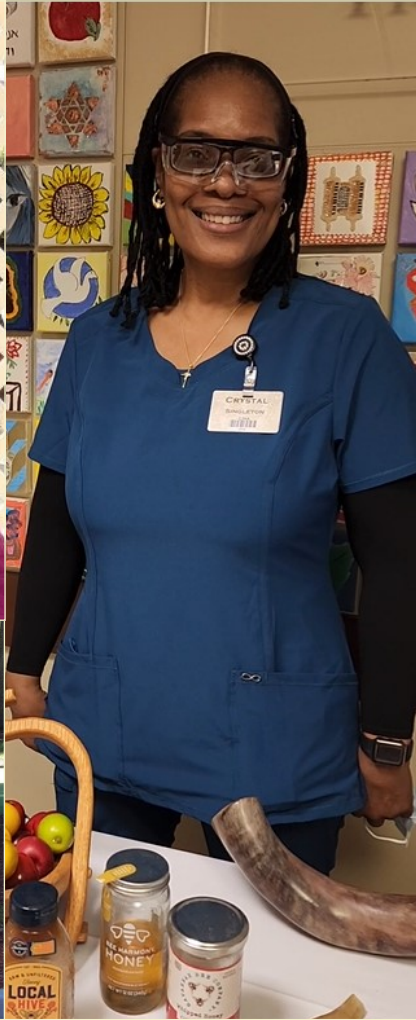


It would be nothing short of miraculous for Janice Hayflick to attend her daughter Bonnie's wedding to Bill Gregory. Dreams do come true. With careful planning, arrangements were made for a small intimate group to witness this simcha right in Ms. Hayflick's room. A dear friend of the Hayflicks, Rabbi Goodman, brought a portable chuppah for the bride and groom to stand under. Vows were exchanged, wine poured and glasses raised in a celebratory toast L'chayim. A most memorable moment was to watch the Ketubah being signed by Janice for her daughter and son-in-law.



Vibrant Life At

FALL IS IN THE AIR!



Across the Campus

GRATEFUL FOR THE PEOPLE, PETS & PROGRAMS!

The campus is bursting with Autumn 'vibes' and fun-filled festive events, not to mention the endless smiles. The residents of the Home, members of The Coves, volunteers and staff are re-energized with special celebrations and seasonal programs. It feels so good!

The River Garden Gift Shop is open for regular business and has plenty of deals! Plus, the Baker Deli Café is open for lunch from 11:00AM to 1:30PM and dinner from 5:30PM to 7:00PM. Here, Lanny Zimmerman enjoys lunch.



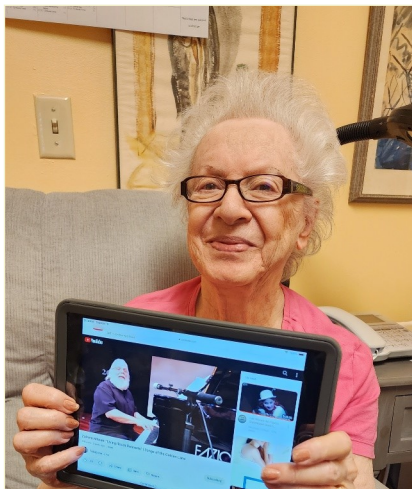
Our volunteer program is steadily building.

Esther Michelson especially enjoys volunteer pet visits with Sherrie Saag's dog, Ozzy.



More Jewish programs—like Yiddish for Faye Price—are now available in-person and virtually.

Seven 'Quilts of Valor' were presented on Veteran's Day. Thanks to Tania Moser for your beautiful performance of 'God Bless America'.



— 30th —
River Garden Foundation
— Gala —

A Time to Shine

At River Garden we serve the elderly of all faiths, both rich and poor with excellence and inspired by Jewish values. The River Garden Foundation Gala, our annual signature fundraising event, certainly helps make this possible.

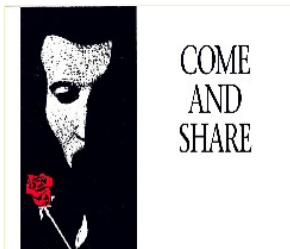
We are excited to be hosting an in-person Gala again and celebrating the 30th anniversary of this premier community event. The 30th River Garden Foundation Gala – *A Time to Shine* – will be held on Saturday, **December 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Sawgrass Marriott.**

The Gala has tremendous history with the involvement of many volunteers who care deeply about River Garden and its mission. We're extremely fortunate to have five former Gala Chairs serve as Co-chairs this year; Sue Eaglestein, Debbie Parker, Jeanine Rogozinski, Debra Setzer and Stacie Wilf. We are also taking this opportunity to recognize retired Chief Development Officer, Kathy Osterer, for her outstanding devotion to River Garden.

The first River Garden Foundation Gala - *Phantom of the Opera* - took place on October 19th, 1993 at the Omni Jacksonville Hotel. Barbara Parker and Rochelle Proctor served as Co-chairs, with Betty Boyer and Jan Allison as advisors. By word of mouth and because of a strong committee and generous corporate support, the event was sold out before the invitations were even mailed.

Since its inception the Gala has raised over \$5.1 million to benefit the residents of River Garden Hebrew Home.

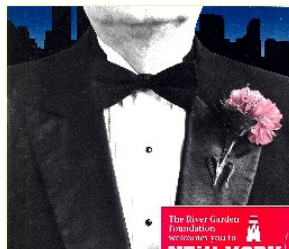
Here's a snapshot of some of the Galas throughout the years, beginning with the first in 1993.



1993

1st River Garden Foundation Gala
Phantom of the Opera

Chairs: Barbara Parker and Rochelle Proctor
Guests: 500
Amount raised: \$83,000



1996

4th Annual River Garden Foundation Gala
A New York Night

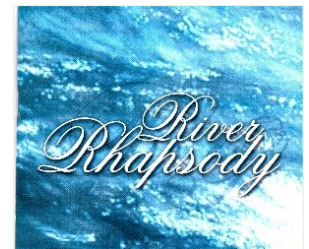
Chairs: Shirley Bielski and Marsha Pollock
Guests: 450
Amount raised: \$100,000



2000

8th Annual River Garden Foundation Gala
Glamour & Glitz

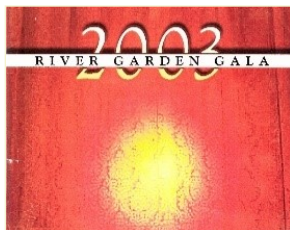
Chairs: Stacie and Larry Wilf
Guests: 420
Amount raised: \$150,000



2001

9th Annual River Garden Foundation Gala
River Rhapsody

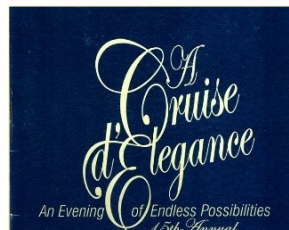
Chairs: Sue Eaglestein and Wendy Efron*
Guests: 430
Amount raised: \$150,500



2003

11th Annual River Garden Foundation Gala
Songs My Mother Taught Me

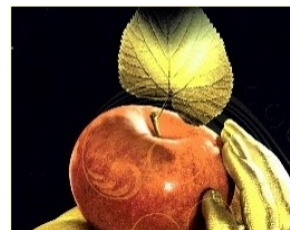
Chairs: Susan DuBow and Debra Setzer
Guests: 474
Amount raised: \$195,000



2007

15th Annual River Garden Foundation Gala
A Cruise d'Elegance

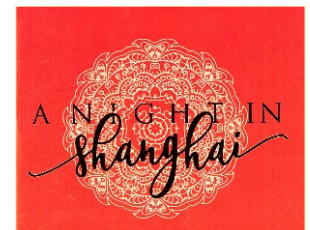
Chairs: Jeanine Rogozinski
Guests: 468
Amount raised: \$215,000



2014

22nd Annual River Garden Foundation Gala
River Garden of Eden

Chairs: Debbie and Jeff Parker
Guests: 618
Amount raised: 242,778



2019

27th Annual River Garden Foundation Gala
A Night in Shanghai

Chairs: Rebekah Selevan & Talie Zaifert
Guests: 613
Amount raised: \$228,382

Please contact Christina Levine at clevine@rivergarden.org or (904) 886-8430 for more information.



Guardians of Tomorrow

Create Your Legacy with an Endowment Gift

An endowment provides an ongoing source of revenue for the future and can be a hallmark of financial sustainability. Building a strong endowment is one of the most critical steps an organization can take to help see it through these challenging times.

Those who built River Garden understood how vital it was to invest in its future. Each year legacy gifts and our endowment help support exceptional care, services and programs that allow residents and clients to maintain the highest quality of life. You can become a Guardian of Tomorrow by investing in the River Garden Foundation Endowment. **Your endowment gift will grow to become a permanent legacy of support for River Garden.**

Please contact Christina Levine at clevine@rivergarden.org or (904) 886-8430 to learn more.



Bernie and Marilyn Datz create their legacy at River Garden with a gift honoring their children and grandchildren."



Employee Holiday Fund

The River Garden Employee Holiday Fund is a wonderful way to recognize and express gratitude to the staff. There is no doubt that because of the incredible River Garden staff we are a highly-regarded leader in senior care.

River Garden's policy does not permit staff to accept tips or gifts in any form. By contributing to the Employee Holiday Fund you are able to show your appreciation to more than 300 employees who are dedicated to providing excellence and compassionate care to your loved ones and all the seniors we serve.

Your gift will add joy at the holiday season for our staff and their families. Please make your gift online at www.rivergarden.org/foundation or mail a check to River Garden Foundation, 11401 Old St. Augustine Road, Jacksonville, FL 32258.

New Foundation Staff Member

Please welcome **Gabrielle Margol** as the new Administrative Assistant for the Development department.

Gabrielle comes to us from Mayo Clinic, where she most recently served as a Patient Liaison Specialist. She is enthusiastic to learn about the Development field and make a difference at an organization near and dear to her heart. Gabrielle's great-grandmother, Annie Margol, was a member of the Ladies Hebrew Sheltering Aid Society when River Garden was founded and all of her grandparents were residents at some point.



River Garden is a beneficiary agency of the Jewish Federation and Foundation of Northeast Florida

A Boost For Wellness At The Coves

FROM TOP-TO-BOTTOM AND INSIDE-AND-OUT, YOUR HEALTH MATTERS.

We are proud to announce beginning October 1, 2022, the monthly rent for The Coves at River Garden includes Jewish Community Alliance (JCA) membership. The Coves members are already enjoying this new amenity by attending cultural and education events, fitness classes and personal training sessions. “Partnering with the JCA to offer programs and opportunities for members of The Coves beyond the River Garden campus has proven to be positive for all involved. Our members are offered transportation if needed, and they now have a whole new way to engage with the community. I am grateful to Adam Chaskin, JCA CEO, for sharing this vision and for working with us to develop a way to keep our seniors active and involved,” says Mauri Mizrahi, River Garden CEO.



(L-R) Charlotte Mayo, Roslyn Berg, JCA Personal Trainer & Meditation/Breathwork Facilitator Grant Helm, Irene Danisiewics, Bobby Rubens



Roslyn Berg adds to her strength training routine, an important aspect of health for older adults.



Grant Helm visits The Coves to introduce a meditation class.



Sarah Dymond, Administrator of The Coves, sends members Steve Meinstein, Roslyn Berg, June Meinstein and Lanny Zimmerman off on the JCA bus.



Meet Barbara Spurlin, Member of The Coves

Barbara Spurlin is known and loved by many at The Coves, where she has been residing since April of 2022. Barbara's story evokes inspiration, dedication, determination and the power of positivity.

Barbara was born in the outskirts of Atlanta, Georgia. As the youngest sibling with two older sisters, Barbara had an active and entertaining childhood. Her father taught her at a young age that playing piano is fun and music is to be enjoyed, while Barbara's sister Eloise introduced her to outdoor recreation and sports, such as baseball. Her large, close family encouraged quality time together, and they enjoyed life's simple pleasures in each other's company. Barbara picked up reading from her father, who would gift her with a new book to read every month.

In 1940, Barbara embarked on a new adventure with her family when her father's company offered an opportunity to relocate to Jacksonville, Florida. So away they went, in their Model T Ford, to a fresh beginning along the St. Johns River. Barbara attended school as a new first grade student at Fishweir Elementary School. She was an exceptional student.

At the age of fifteen, Barbara began pursuing music and started a family band, which then evolved into a neighborhood band that performed at local events. Barbara still enjoys playing piano to this day. In addition to music, Barbara has always loved children. She says that love opened doors for her future of supporting, leading and educating children.

Once Barbara finished high school, she pursued an Education degree at the University of Florida. Barbara enjoyed her college years, as an active participant of UF's synchronized swimming and roller skating teams. After graduating college, Barbara went straight to teaching in Jacksonville, then Atlanta. Eventually, she returned to the Duval County school system.

At the age of twenty eight, Barbara met Roger, and married him the following year. Together, they had two children, Lisa and Troy, in addition to Barbara's stepchildren, Roger, Bonnie and Bobby. Balancing her career, marriage and children, Barbara elegantly navigated through life. As a compassionate mother, sister, daughter, friend and leader, Barbara inspired many. In total, she was an educator for fifty-one years. Barbara exceeded the expectations, and stood out for her dedication, passion, and talents. Barbara has been awarded multiple Distinguished Education Awards, the Commissioner's Principal Achievement Award, and is a National Distinguished Principal Award recipient.

In 1997, Barbara retired from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts after having worked there ten years. In retirement, she pursued health and fitness, an interest in family ancestry and public speaking on the topic of "managing life". Barbara wrote her first children's book "Wish I Had A Pony" one year later, which was based on a true story with her children. Barbara went on to complete and publish several other children's books, including "The Lizard on the Lamp Post" and "A Lizard in Space", as well as the novel "Jellyfish On The Menu". When asked what led her through all of her accomplishments, Barbara shares, "Everything takes a team, if you're serious about it you have to do the mental work, then open the doors to family, friends and community. Their laughter, encouragement, phone calls, and support makes it all possible."

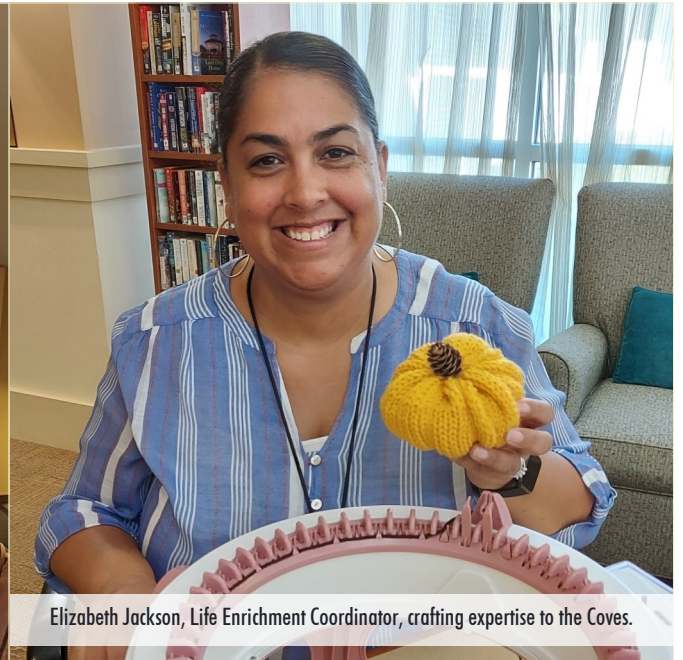


Dear Grandma,
I am writing to just thank you
for everything you've done for
through my early years, to now
I can't express in writing how
much I love, respect, and care
for you. You have truly been
a blessing in my life. I love
you with all of my heart.
Thank you! Love, Barbara





Louise Levy with Sarah Dymond, Administrator, at the Labor Day baseball-themed luncheon



Elizabeth Jackson, Life Enrichment Coordinator, crafting expertise to the Coves.



Evelyn Peck, Book Club Hostess-with-the-Mostess



Cecile Goetz & Jocelyn Smiley on Luau Day, with Bobbie Jo Mentz, COO



Lois & Alan Chepenik at the Immersive Van Gogh Experience

Never A Dull Moment with Members of The Coves



Charles Mizrahi and Kurt Strenger, Director of Dining Services, ready to play cards on Casino Night

The Coves is coming alive! From a bustling casino night to festive dining experiences like Luau, Bavarian, and Baseball themed occasions this year, the Coves has gained a great momentum of energy and excitement! Members of The Coves have shared stories, danced, laughed, and enjoyed delicious offerings, making for a very memorable year. Morale is high as members and staff alike are coming together as a united family, making The Coves a truly special place to call home.



Cecile Goetz with Anne Baur on 'Open Mic' night, where Anne shared about her trans-Atlantic sail.



Left: Life Enrichment and Dining Services prepare and serve waffles on National Waffle Day.

(L-R) Staff members Liz Jackson, Norberto Irizarry, Lisa Poremba, Bobbie Jo Mentz.

(Inset) Harriet Dames, member, prepares a delicious helping.

Below: Proost! It's Oktoberfest at The Coves!

(L-R) Staff members Liz Jackson, Ashley Burch, Norberto Irizarry with members Toby Ringel, John & Doris Donnangelo.



Meet A Few Of Our New Teammates

Paula Brown
Front Desk Concierge



Esther Raffol
Volunteer Coordinator



Kara Buerkert
Transition Manager—Rehab



Krista Rosentreader
Transition Manager—Rehab



Liz Edmunds
Social Worker—Traditional Units I & II

Celebrating 25+ Years

Our organizational culture and mission-driven focus help us attract and retain the most professional and caring team members—many of whom stay at River Garden for decades.

Our 25+ Year 'club' is growing! Throughout the past several months, we've added one new member and celebrated seven others for their long-tenured service:



Ben Rayo, 33 Years

Steve Meisel, Religious Services Coordinator
28 Years

Lisa Feldner, Physical Therapist
25 Years

Ben Rayo, Asst. Director of Facilities
33 Years

Jorge Tinana, RN - Unit Manager
27 Years

Sheri Samuels, Administrative Assistant
26 Years

Sandra Stephenson Causey
32 Years

Maria Natovich, Certified Nursing Assistant
28 Years

Edwine Hemedy, Certified Nursing Assistant
28 Years



Lisa Feldner, 25 Years



Edwine Hemedy, 28 Years



Sheri Samuels, 26 Years



'Aloha' Fun



We've been busy creating new videos to help share the River Garden story. Thank you to all of the staff members and families who have helped with these projects. Watch our YouTube channel, website and social media channels for more.



VIEW OPEN POSITIONS

WWW.RIVERGARDEN.ORG/CAREERS

If you know someone who would like to work with us, please encourage him or her to look online for positions at River Garden. As a full-service agency, a variety of opportunities are available.

COMING SOON



auxiliary game day January 31, 2023

CONTACT FAYE HYKEN (904) 534-8001 | FLEXYFAY@GMAIL.COM



auxiliary donor lunch March 8, 2022

CONTACT ELLEN RUBENS (904) 651-6607 | CONTACT BARB SAFER (904) 268-1329



anniversary day March 26, 2023

CONTACT KARI BELL (904) 288-7855 | KBELL@RIVERGARDEN.ORG



river garden classic April 19, 2023

FOR SPONSORSHIPS OR MORE INFORMATION

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River Garden is pleased to offer an in-person Alzheimer's Association support group on the 2nd Wednesdays of each month. Please share with anyone in need.

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Join

For 100 years, the mission of the Auxiliary has been to help residents live at River Garden with dignity. For example, the Auxiliary provides refreshments and volunteers for resident parties, manages the River Garden Gift Shop, maintains several ongoing fundraising projects, and publishes the Helping Hands Bulletin three times each year.

Membership is a top priority and we urge all of our annual members to renew their membership. We also welcome new members.

YOU CAN JOIN OR RENEW ONLINE, OR BY SENDING A CHECK: <https://rivergardenauxiliary.square.site/home>
Membership Questions? Contact **Carol D'Onofrio** at (904) 519-0924 or (904) 705-1849



Help

Now that the Home is open to all visitors, the River Garden Gift Shop is in need of more volunteers. Shifts are generally three hours long and a free lunch is provided by the River Garden Baker Deli Café.

New shoppers are always welcome, too! There is a nice selection of merchandise and the prices are very affordable. Stop by for your next hostess gift or birthday surprise!

Gift Shop Questions? Contact **Evelyn Peck** (904) 268-0597 or **Ellen Rubens** at (904) 651-6607

Books, Cards and Quarters

Did you know your unread or old books can turn into cash to support River Garden? You can drop your books off at the River Garden Foundation office, or call **Barbara Safer** @ (904) 268-1329 for a pick-up.

Karen Backlman @ (904) 268-3759 manages the Auxiliary's contribution card program. She will send contribution cards in memory or honor at a price of \$5/each or \$25/for ten cards. Please call, leave her a message, and she will return your call.

Count your 'pushke' money and consider donating that amount to the Quarters Project. **Marilyn Garber** or **Evelyn Peck** can help you.

Other Questions? Contact Mimi Kaufman, Auxiliary President (904) 626-2472



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For years, River Garden has joined with the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimers®. It is a way for our staff to step outside our campus and connect with each other and our families, raising funds and awareness for a breakthrough in the fight against Alzheimer's and all other dementias. Special thanks to Linda Waitas, Samantha Derrick and Erica Hickey for help coordinating this year's effort., and for all who supported the cause.

