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Phil Elmore and Bridgeview Charter Member, Lorraine Echols and daughter, Glenna Hawkins, help break ground

**Top Inset Photo:**

The McClendons, Bridgeview Charter Members

## STABILIZATION 2007

Throughout 2005, our aim was to *enhance* **hospitality** at Christian Care Center, and further strengthen the loving atmosphere for which we are known. Because service to seniors must be more than policies and procedures, we purposefully engaged in a mindset that made our customers' needs our first priority.

In 2006, we continued the theme of hospitality, and blended it with our focus of **commitment** to serving seniors. Christian Care Centers has provided care and services to seniors for almost 60 years. Our staff has proven its commitment. The charge to remain committed has strengthened our ministry, and has served as encouragement to our staff to 'stay the course.'

In 2007, we will be engaged in sustaining the previous challenges and turning an increased energy toward **stabilization** or steadfastness. Isaiah 26:3 tells us *"You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you."* We have been entrusted with the care and service of seniors in need, and a stabilized operation is essential to sustain an effective ministry.

Christian Care Centers is **committed** to providing a **stabilized** operation, focused on **hospitality**, and encourages a caring holistic environment supported by competent and caring staff.

God's blessings,

*Phil Elmore*  
Phil Elmore



## STEADFAST VOLUNTEER

### GENEVA ZARBAUGH

As a new Christian, Geneva Zarbaugh began volunteering at Christian Care Center when it opened in 1973. She and her Ladies' Bible Class would work in the Beauty Salon and visit the residents. Thirty-four years later, Geneva is still volunteering. Her commitment and steadfastness have made significant impacts, not only on CCC and the residents, but on hundreds of others.

Geneva exemplifies all three of Christian Care Centers' annual themes—2007, Stability; 2006, Commitment; and 2005, Hospitality. She has served as a volunteer leader as Volunteer Coordinator, recruiting volunteers for CCC; Church and Community Liaison, speaking to



family members, 20+ years apart, and on two different campuses receiving the same respect, love, kindness, and compassion attests to the continuity and consistency of CCC's Mission.

Geneva was asked to speak to the Christian Care Centers' Board of Trustees Meeting last December to tell why she volunteers for Christian Care Centers. "My family members have afforded me first-hand opportunities to see Christian Care Centers' purpose in action -- to give kind, compassionate, loving care to the elderly. As a volunteer, I know this is a scriptural ministry. Psalms 71:9 says, *"Do not cast me off in the time of old age. Do not forsake me when my strength is spent."* Christian Care Centers provides volunteer opportunities to visit the sick, to encourage the lonely, and to give financially. Lastly, Christian Care Centers is a Godly ministry. Serving the elderly as a volunteer has provided me with many fond memories. I have learned a lot from their wisdom and life experiences. Many of the nursing home residents are truly dependent on Christian Care Centers—they've outlived their finances, their friends, and often their families. Christian Care Centers' Mission is about God's Will—loving and caring for people. My experiences with CCC have made it very special to me. My prayer is that CCC will always have heart, for without heart, it will be just another nursing center."

Christian Care Centers is thankful and indebted to Geneva Zarbaugh for her years of steadfast service and loving leadership.

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—Psalms 71:9

groups about CCC's services and needs; Founder and Organizer of The Women's Auxiliary Council at Mesquite; and, in the fall of 2006, Founder and Organizer of Hilltop Haven Women's Auxiliary Council in Gunter.

When a family member moved to CCC in 1979, Geneva experienced Christian Care Center "up-front and personal" for 5 years. The excellent care, the respect, love, kindness, and compassion shown, not only to her family member, but to the entire family, made everyone feel confident in their choice. That confidence was experienced again when her mother moved to Hilltop Haven in 2005. Two



## A GLORIOUS GROUNDBREAKING DAY

Over 200 guests attended the Groundbreaking Ceremony and Reception for Bridgeview Estates and Wellness Center on March 2, 2007.

Bridgeview Estates is a planned senior living neighborhood of homes to be built on the 45-acre Christian Care Center Mesquite campus. Bridgeview Estates will be unique to Dallas County. It will be the only senior community of new, spacious, and beautifully finished-out 2- and 3-bedroom homes in a gated community with a Clubhouse for dining and social gatherings. Constructed simultaneously, the Wellness Center will have an indoor pool, aerobics and exercise area, a gym and weight training area, a spa and a social area, and a juice bar.

Mr. Phil Elmore, President and CEO of Christian Care Centers, Inc., welcomed everyone and introduced Texas State Representative Thomas Latham; Dr. Frank Rees, Rees and Associates, the architectural firm for Bridgeview Estates; and Christian Care Centers, Inc. Board of Trustees members, Dr. Billy Ray Cox, Harold Tidwell, Melanie Hunter, Dr. Greg Patton, Rob Pine, and Pat Scott, and other special guests.

Mr. Elmore stated, "For over 60 years, Christian Care Centers has identified and filled the needs of seniors in the north Texas area. We have been blessed, through the years,

with growth, and now, stand before you as the largest faith-based, not-for-profit provider of senior housing, care, and services in the Metroplex."

Dr. Cox, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, emphasized that Christian Care Centers has always sought to ensure 'more in life' for seniors. Bridgeview Estates and the Wellness Center will perpetuate that aim and substantiate the philosophy of "Wellness for the Whole Person – Mind, Body, and Soul." Residents will be able to truly enjoy 'the best years of their lives' as never before.

Both Dr. Cox and Mr. Elmore congratulated those who have decided on Bridgeview Estates, and encouraged others to make the decision NOW when lots are available and prices are the lowest. The program was concluded with the Board of Trustees and President Elmore 'turning the earth' with golden shovels. Guests and dignitaries adjourned to Greenway Village for an elegant reception, prepared by Greenway Village chefs and staff. Music was provided by members of the Mesquite Symphony.

To learn more about Bridgeview Estates or to attend one of the special events planned throughout the spring, call **Bridgeview Estates Information Center at 972-698-2606.**



**BRIDGEVIEW**  
ESTATES

# YOU ONLY HAVE “9” MONTHS LEFT!

*Some people may think nine months is a long time, but when it represents the period of time when a major decision must be made, it might not seem that long.* In 2006, Congress passed, and President Bush signed into law, the Pension Protection Act. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 may offer you new opportunities for tax-free charitable giving. For 2006 and 2007, Congress is allowing individuals with traditional or Roth IRAs to make tax-free gifts directly to qualified charities. Donors may now choose to make charitable distributions in any amount up to \$100,000 during 2007. For those married with separate IRAs each may give up to that amount.

Some of the highlights of the Pension Protect Act include:

1. Donor must be, at least, 70 1/2 years old.
2. Distribution must be directly from an IRA or Roth IRA to a qualified exempt public charity, such as Christian Care Centers Foundation. Funds from private foundations and donor-advised funds do not qualify.
3. Your charitable gift, through such a distribution, does qualify for your required minimum distribution from your IRA.
4. Your charitable gift is not considered income, thus would not affect your gross income.
5. The program will conclude at the end of 2007 –

***only nine months to make a life-changing decision for the 1,700 residents served by Christian Care Centers.***

During 2006, Christian Care Centers provided over \$3,800,000 in charitable care. Our ministry began in 1947. Over the past sixty years, thousands of lives have benefited from people like you. Your support will touch human spirits, many of whom you may never meet. Please contact me at 972.698.2620 for more information.

John J. Losher, Ed.D.  
President, CCC Foundation

## MISSION

Christian Care Centers, Inc., a ministry of churches of Christ, is committed to providing housing and healthcare services for senior adults and others with special needs in a loving and compassionate environment which encourages relationships, independence, and dignity through spiritual, physical, social, and recreational programs.

Christian Care Centers provides long-term care, assisted living, and retirement living at its three communities: Christian Care Center, Mesquite; Hilltop Haven, Gunter; and Lakewood Village, Fort Worth. Christian Care Home Health is available for seniors living in Collin, Dallas, Henderson, Johnson, Kaufman, Rockwall, and Tarrant Counties.

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## “RETIRED TIE” HELPS REFURBISH RESIDENTS’ ROOMS

Late last year, Dr. John Losher, President of Christian Care Center Foundation, launched a Program to help replace “worn” room furniture and refurbish the rooms of the 400 Health Care Center residents at the 3 CCC campuses. To help illustrate the need, he told of how he was encouraged, by someone near and dear, to retire a favorite tie, since it was showing much wear and tear - much like the residents’ rooms (see December, 2007 issue of *Herald of Hope*).

The response to this appeal has been tremendous! Approximately \$64,000 has been donated to refurbish rooms and purchase new resident furniture. These photographs show several rooms that have received fresh paint, new flooring, new cabinets, new counter tops, and new furniture. The Program has also helped purchase new electric hi/low beds, bedside tables, resident chairs, flat screen TVs, accessories, and soft goods.

But, the job is not complete. More rooms remain to be refurbished, and more furniture needs to be purchased. Call Dr. Losher at 972-698-2620 or email at [JLosher@cccinc.net](mailto:JLosher@cccinc.net) to become a part of a Program that is delighting so many.



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