



In the Crown

For Friends and Neighbors of The Gladys & Henry Crown Center for Senior Living

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Generation to Generation at Crown

On Sunday, June 1, 2008 Crown Center recognized the rewarding, deep, and enduring connection between generations when it honored new board president, Steven Rosenblum, and the memory of his mother, Myla Rosenblum, at a reception at the home of Greg and Stacy Siwak. Myla had been president of the Delcrest from 1978-82 which later became The Gladys & Henry Crown Center for Senior Living.

Family and friends joined in the celebration of this mother-son commitment to Crown Center and through their generosity have helped to establish the *Myla Rosenblum Bagels & Learning Fund*. This Monday morning program brings residents and senior adults from the community together to hear a variety of informative and entertaining presentations, followed by coffee, bagels, and lively conversation. The Bagels & Learning Fund not only memorializes Myla Rosenblum's efforts to provide affordable housing and amenities to older adults, but it is a further example of community support for "fulfilling the promise" which she and other founders made more than 40 years ago. And her son Steven is another embodiment of that promise as he continues the legacy in a leadership role.



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Crown Center is committed to providing affordable, quality, independent living in a caring, secure, diverse, and friendly atmosphere, honoring the Jewish tradition.

FROM NIKKI GOLDSTEIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



A Whole Community

There's no doubt that Crown Center is a special place for those who call it home, but how splendid and gratifying it is that the adult children of residents also appreciate the richness and diversity.

When Pat and Michael Harris drop in at Crown Center, they experience the sense of entering a "whole community" where people connect with each other. Parents of two grown and married sons, Pat and Michael have found that when visiting Pat's mother, Zelda Jacobs, or attending a program such as the Passover Seder with her, they are drawn to the amazing, interesting, and welcoming people who reside here.

Whether it is stopping to chat and discover a connection about an old St. Louis neighborhood or share stories from the past about institutions such as Jewish Hospital, they easily and enthusiastically relate to the people they meet at Crown Center. Pat told me that she finds many role models among the residents on how to age without fear and is inspired by their dignity and grace. Michael reflected that the cheerfulness and friendly exchanges among the residents, family members, and staff is unparalleled at other senior retirement facilities in our area, including those that are considered "upscale."

The Harris' tell me that they are grateful for the assistance and support that our social work staff has offered, and for the many resources available to help families as they cope with the challenges of aging. Pat and Michael

offer more than just words in expressing their appreciation — they are strong supporters of the Crown Center mission. The charitable donations of the Harris family help to ensure that Crown Center will continue to thrive; that we are able to maintain an outstanding staff and the wide variety of programs and services that foster a caring community. Not only do Pat and Michael take seriously their obligation to "honor your father and mother," they go above and beyond by helping to honor all of the parents in our community.

We are grateful for the assistance and support that family members such as the Harris' provide to our agency, bringing to full circle the importance of community in sustaining Crown Center and "fulfilling our promise" to serve older adults. Thank you, Pat and Michael.



Seated left to right: Zelda Jacobs and Pat Harris
Standing left to right: Richard Harris and Michael Harris

Fulfilling Our Promise...

To provide a place for people to call home

Crown Center is home to senior adults who would otherwise be unable to afford a high quality retirement community with supportive services. We are proud that Crown Center offers older adults the vital services of housing, transportation, kosher dinners, health screenings, exercise, and cultural programs to improve their lives and keep them healthy, active, and independent.

Here is the story of how fulfilling our promise brought Geneva Davis and Florence Clayborn, sisters-in-law, to find a new home at Crown Center. When Geneva Davis decided to sell her house, her real estate agent suggested she take a look at Crown Center and one other place. She visited Crown Center and knew immediately she had found the right spot to enjoy her next years. "I liked the atmosphere from the moment I walked in — the residents were friendly, spoke to me, and made me feel welcome."

Florence came to Crown Center with her husband when there was a power outage at their home for several days. Geneva invited them to stay with her. Florence recalls "spending so much time with people in the Tallin Lobby, they all thought we lived here too." When her doctor told Florence she could no longer take care of the big garden she loved, due to a bad knee, it just seemed natural to move to Crown Center when they sold their house. Not only did they have Geneva close by, but



as Florence saw it, "We felt like we had moved to a new neighborhood where we had friends already waiting for us. We found a community like no other — the staff and residents made us feel so at home, just like family."

Though Geneva and Florence are only a few doors away when they need each other, they like the privacy of their own comfortable apartments. They both love the neighborhood and the diversity of the Crown Center community. They take advantage of the delicious dinners five nights a week in the Crown Kosher Dining Room and the availability of the on-site bus for trips to stores, the pharmacy, and cultural events. Geneva volunteers as a Crown Center Ambassador, greeting visitors at the Weinberg Link Desk one afternoon each week. Happy with their choice of Crown Center as their retirement home, they sum up their feelings in this way: "We couldn't have moved to a better place. It's beautiful, clean, and affordable."

Tax Benefits in Giving

With much attention surrounding the InBev/AB merger, now might be a good time to consider a charitable gift to Crown Center that may offset or eliminate capital gains from stock which has been held for more than one year. The after tax cost of a gift of highly appreciated securities may be significantly less than the actual dollars contributed. As always, please consult with your professional advisor before making any sizable charitable gift.

Missouri State Tax Credits are available for eligible donors to Crown Center, which may further reduce tax liability

Consider making your 2008 Friends gift prior to the completion of the merger. Donors can qualify for a charitable deduction based on the current fair market value and avoid all taxes on their gain.

Consider a special gift to the Crown Center Campaign. This is a wonderful opportunity to endow one of the many needs at Crown Center and provide services and programming for our residents.

For a list of available endowment opportunities, please call Nikki Goldstein at (314) 991-2055.

Thank You Crown Tribute Donors

(Donations from February-July 2008)

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Ruth, Gerold, Larry and
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