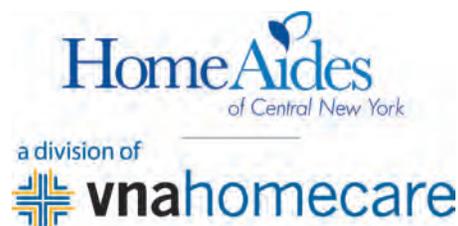


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Upcoming Events

Gift of Age Cabaret

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2014

SAVE THE DATE for the Eldercare Foundation's annual fall event, the Gift of Age Cabaret. This year's honorees are **Senator John A. DeFrancisco, The Honorable Stewart F. Hancock Jr.** (posthumously) and **Francis House**. Held at Syracuse's newest event venue, SKY Armory, the event will feature jazz trombonist **Delfeayo Marsalis**. Ticket and sponsorship information is available at eldercarecny.org.

Autumn Gala

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2014

The VNA Foundation of Central New York's third annual Autumn Gala will be held at the Mandana Barn in Skaneateles from 1:00-4:00 p.m. The event will feature wine tasting, live acoustic entertainment by **Loren Barrigar** and **Mark Mazengarb**, autumn hors d'oeuvres and gift basket raffles. For ticket and sponsorship information, please call 315.477.9303.

2014 Aides of the Year

The Aide of the Year award is presented annually to an aide who exemplifies the characteristics of an exceptional home health aide, demonstrating each day the outstanding compassion and dedication required to assist aging, ill and disabled individuals in our community.

This year, we were fortunate to bring together two licensed home care agencies to function as one – Home Aides of Central New York and Independent Health Care Services, both divisions of VNA Homecare. Because the affiliation of the agencies occurred mid-year, two Aide of the Year Awards were presented; one to an Independent Health Care Services aide, and one to a Home Aides of Central New York aide. The 2014 awardees were **Jacqueline Granger** of Independent Health Care Services and **Naffie Tunis** of Home Aides of Central New York.



Jacqueline Granger, Independent Health Care Services Aide of the Year, pictured with President & Chief Executive Officer M. Kate Rolf (left) and Vice President of Patient Services Gail Carmichel (right)



Naffie Tunis, Home Aides of Central New York Aide of the Year, pictured with Director of Home Health Aide Services Karen Henry (left) and M. Kate Rolf (right)

In her 28 years as a home health aide, Jackie Granger has spent more than 30,000 hours caring for her clients. The care she provides is exemplary, and she has proven to be a true advocate for her clients. Jackie is always looking for more efficient ways to provide quality care, and she handles even the most challenging situations with patience and professionalism. She has an impeccable work ethic, and has achieved perfect attendance several times throughout her career with Independent Health Care Services.

In her ten years with Home Aides of Central New York, Naffie Tunis has provided more than 23,000 hours of compassionate care. She is committed to maintaining her clients' dignity and independence, and her passion for her work is obvious. Naffie is an Aide Specialist, trained in the care of hospice clients, as well as clients with a mental illness. She is also specialty trained in the care of clients with Alzheimer's disease/dementia, and was named the 2013 Alzheimer's/Dementia Aide of the Year.

“Mission: To enable aging, ill and frail individuals to receive the support they need to live at home with dignity and independence.”

Service Awards

Service awards were also presented to employees who reached service milestones at the agency:

FIVE YEARS

Carolyn Adams
Linda Adams
Brenda Allen
Gail Beauregard
Elsa Blais
Pamela Butler
Jean Campbell
Deborah Chesbro
Sandra Davis
Janet Hawn
Correne Hungerford
Karen Matthews
Peggy Porter
Phyllis Reynolds
Linda Rohadfox
Rebecca Snell
Anna Szpiczka-Basarab
Sonia Watson

TEN YEARS

Janet Baum
Patsy Crain
Nellie Doyle
Victoria Earnshaw
Paula Fulco
Geraldyn Goss
Chivon Jackson
Dorothy McCue
Donald Nelson
Naffie Tunis

FIFTEEN YEARS

Vilma Benjamin

TWENTY YEARS

Clara Kingsley
Patricia Miller
Lori Somers

THIRTY YEARS

Louise Scott

2014 Aide Recognition Dinner

The 2014 Aide Recognition Dinner was held on Friday, April 11 at the Genesee Grande Hotel in Syracuse. More than 120 home health aides, family members and community leaders came together to honor the caregiving accomplishments of Home Aides of Central New York's and Independent Health Care Services' 270+ home health aides. The evening included a formal dinner, dancing and awards presentation honoring employees' years of service to the agency, skill in caring for individuals at home and overall dedication to their work.

In addition to recognizing Jacqueline Granger and Naffie Tunis as the 2014 Aides of the Year, **Cheryl French**, **Heidi Claxton** and **Jillyan Thurston** were also presented awards in recognition of their superior service to the agency.



Cheryl French
Hospice Aide Specialist of the Year

Cheryl French of Liverpool was presented with the **Hospice Aide Specialist of the Year Award** in recognition of her calm and compassionate nature, which brings comfort to her clients and their families during difficult times. Cheryl's award was presented by Terri Ahrens and Jackie Fields of Hospice of Central New York (pictured at far left and second from left).



Heidi Claxton
Alzheimer's/Dementia Aide of the Year

The **Alzheimer's/Dementia Aide of the Year Award** was presented to Heidi Claxton of West Monroe, whose sympathetic nature and unflinching patience allow her to serve her clients without compromising their sense of dignity. Heidi's award was presented by Cathy James, Chief Executive Officer of the Alzheimer's Association, CNY Chapter, and Katrina

Skeval, Associate Program Director for the Alzheimer's Association, CNY Chapter (pictured at far left and second from left).



Jillyan Thurston
Mental Health Aide Specialist of the Year

The award for **Mental Health Aide Specialist of the Year** was presented to Jillyan Thurston of Marcellus in recognition of her special gift for caring for clients with a mental health diagnosis.

Where There's a Will.... There's a Way (YOUR WAY!)

In life, few things are under your complete control. In writing your will, however, you have the rare chance to ensure that things will play out exactly as you planned. Your will is a powerful way to make a final statement about your life and the way in which you choose to be remembered. Despite this fact, a great number of people die intestate (without a will), forfeiting their legal right to control the allocation of assets accumulated throughout their lifetime.

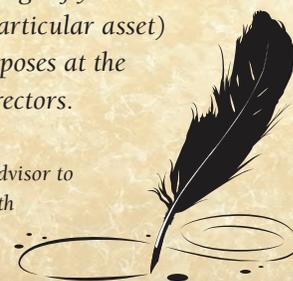
Writing and maintaining an up-to-date will is one of the most important things you can do for you and your family. It's a wonderful way of expressing your love and appreciation for the people and organizations that have touched your life. Every will, however, should be unique, reflecting the individual needs and personal objectives of its writer. For some of us, a simple will is enough to accomplish all of our objectives. For others, a more complex estate plan may be necessary. Whatever your needs, the importance of an up-to-date will cannot be overstated.

If you'd like to include the Eldercare Foundation or Home Aides of Central New York in your will, include a bequest statement such as the following:

Sample Bequest Language

*I give, devise and bequeath to Eldercare Foundation or Home Aides of Central New York, located in Syracuse, NY, the sum of \$ _____
(you may also state a percentage of your residuary estate or name a particular asset)
to be used for its general purposes at the discretion of the Board of Directors.*

You should consult with your legal advisor to ensure your will is in compliance with all laws and regulations.



Eldercare Celebrity Open Eliminated in Favor of Fall Fundraiser

With spring well underway, many of us are thinking about getting back on the golf course. Though the Eldercare Celebrity Open has historically been a large part of the Eldercare Foundation's spring ritual, increased costs and a downturn in participation have led us to decide that eliminating the event and channeling our efforts into our fall fundraiser, the "Gift of Age" Cabaret, will be more beneficial.

Planning for this long-standing and successful fundraising event is fully underway, and we are pleased to announce that it will be one of the first major events held at SKY Armory, opening in the heart of Armory Square in July. Additionally, Delfeayo Marsalis, a member of the most celebrated and internationally-renowned jazz families of the past quarter century, will perform at the event. Tickets will also be sold to the general public for a separate after-party, where Delfeayo will continue to spread his musical joy. We are certain that, as one of the top trombonists, composers and producers in jazz today, Delfeayo will draw a large crowd.

The Eldercare Foundation uses the "Gift of Age" Cabaret fundraiser to honor two individuals and a business whose values are well-aligned with our mission and have made significant contributions by using their time, energy and expertise to enhance the quality of life and well being of the elderly. This year's honorees are Senator John A. DeFrancisco (Eldercare Accomplished Professional Award), The Honorable Stewart F. Hancock Jr. (Eldercare Lifetime Achievement Award, presented posthumously) and Francis House (Eldercare Corporate Champion Award).

We thank you for your past support of the Eldercare Celebrity Open and hope you will consider attending the "Gift of Age" Cabaret this fall. For ticket or sponsorship information, please call 315.477.9382 or visit eldercarecny.org



Thank You!

The Eldercare Foundation's 2014 Fall Appeal was a great success, and we wish to thank our donors for their continuing generosity and support. Together, we can continue to ensure that our community's elders receive the support they need to live with dignity and independence.

If you wish to modify the receipt of future mailings from us, simply call **315.476.4295** and we will adjust our mail schedule in accordance to your wishes.

Honor and Memorial Gifts

The following honor and memorial gifts were given between October 1, 2013 and March 31, 2014. We thank these donors for their generosity.

Gifts in Honor of:

Sal Bellavia
Paul J. Auletta

Jim & Gerry Bright
Mike, Karen & Mark
Bright

Athen Copanas
Michael Copanas

*Dorothy Crooks & the
Wonderful Aides Who
Care for Her*
Carole Crooks Williams

*Lataya Davis & Janet
Sovik*
Cher Rapp

Sandra Martin
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Virginia Parker

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Carol Russo*
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The Family of Mildred T.
Pierce

Kevin Reilly
Marlene Reilly

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Sindoni*
Mr. & Mrs. John Sindoni

Ernest Steltzer
Linda Bush

Sharon Mitchell Memorial Aide of the Month Award

The Home Aides of Central New York "Aide of the Month" award recognizes home health aides who exhibit outstanding skills and offer compassionate care to their clients. The aides recognized during the last quarter of 2013 and the first quarter of 2014 were:

**Sandra Boafo
Boateng**
October 2013

Tammie Lee
November 2013

Mary Cohen
December 2013

Chivon Jackson
January 2014

Carol Russo
February 2014

Marta Hewitt
March 2014