

# Care Letter

# A publication of the Clarion Forest VNA Foundation

# Fall 2020

#### The Clarion Forest VNA Mission

To provide quality and appropriate home health services to residents of Clarion and Forest Counties, regardless of the ability to pay, to the extent that resources are available.

The Clarion Forest VNA, Inc. is a not-forprofit, communitybased, Medicare certified agency providing health care to the sick, elderly and handicapped.

#### Services Include:

- Skilled Nursing
- Physical Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Home Health Aides
- Medical Social Service
- Hospice Program
- Telehealth Monitoring
- Maternal/Infant Care
- Dietician Services
- Blood Pressure
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- Adult Day Care Center
- Wound Care
- Bereavement Counseling
- Chaplain



We are a member agency of United Way of Clarion County

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

As we say goodbye to fall and say hello to the new seasons ahead, we continue to wish our community the best of health during the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic. Here at the Clarion Forest VNA (CFVNA) we continue to diligently follow the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Pennsylvania Department of Health guidance to keep our community safe.

We realize what a toll the pandemic has taken on our local small businesses. The CFVNA continues to support these businesses in any way possible. Our agency continues to operate as a non-profit organization and remains one of the few independent VNAs in the state of Pennsylvania. We are proud to employ 81 members from the community!



Lisa Steiner, RN, BSN Chief Executive Officer

I would also like to take this opportunity to send a big thank you to the local businesses that supported our organization this year. The

CFVNA sponsors a golf outing yearly. This is one of our biggest fundraisers here at the agency. This is usually held in June but was moved to September related to the pandemic. We were overwhelmed by the support we received from our local businesses! We had many generous donations which we did not expect this year. We also have to thank the golfers who played in this event. Although we had to make many changes in the way we typically do things because of the pandemic, the event was a success. Close to \$17,000 was raised this year!

With this being said, we truly appreciate the community's effort to keep our organization going with your donations. The VNA provided over \$250,000 worth of free and below cost care last year alone! Your generous support allows us to provide care to those who may be experiencing a financial burden in a time of an unprecedented health emergency.

We truly appreciate your generosity. Many of the employees here at the VNA consider the staff members to be "their family." These employees are here because they truly love what they do and who they work with. I consider it to be a privilege and a blessing to work with staff with such "big hearts".



In attendance at our event was PA State Representative Donna Oberlander. We appreciate Rep. Oberlander taking time from her busy schedule to address those at our gathering. She presented us with this banner which we proudly display in front of our office in Clarion. Pictured holding the banner are Rep. Oberlander (left) and Lisa Steiner, CEO, Clarion Forest VNA, Inc. (right)

We hope you all stay healthy and find joy in the upcoming seasons. The Clarion Forest VNA looks forward to continuing to care for our community in 2021!

#### ANNUAL EVENT HELD OUTDOORS

We were at the Clarion County Park bright and early on August 25, 2020 for our Annual Recognition Breakfast. We hold this event to honor employees and board members who have reached Milestone Anniversaries with the organization. The early morning event was held in the large pavilion at the Clarion County Park allowing plenty of room for social distancing and fresh air! This year, we celebrated the accomplishments of 19 employees and 4 members of our Board of Directors. Most of the award recipients were featured in our Summer 2020 edition of the VNA CareLetter. *(Continued on page 6)* 

# 24th Ladies Golf Outing Held!

The arrival of COVID brought uncertainty to planning any event last spring. So, early in the planning stage, the VNA Golf Committee made the decision to move the 24th Annual Ladies' Golf Outing from its usual Saturday in June to September 19th, still not sure what September would bring. With safety measures in place, the 2020 Outing was held at Clarion Oaks Golf Club on a beautiful, fall-like, day. The change was very well received by our golfers and volunteers! So much that we look forward to seeing them all again on September 18, 2021. Make sure to Save the Date!

We appreciate our golfers and all those involved in making this another successful event. Thanks for being part of helping Clarion Forest VNA, Inc. provide much needed services to the community. In 2019, Clarion Forest VNA and Hospice provided more than \$250,000 in free and below cost care as part of the agency's mission. We serve an average of 1,200 patients in our home health program and 200 patients in hospice each year. Proceeds from this outing will be used to help offset costs related to our hospice program. We feel privileged to work with so many different families within our community. Your support helps ensure that this mission can continue.

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# VIRTUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

2020 has certainly been a year of much change for everyone. It's also been a year of adapting and adjusting to a new, unplanned normal. This year's VNA Annual Memorial Service took place in a different way also. Rather than gathering together in a local church, as has long been our tradition, we used technology to present a service that you may view at your convenience in the comfort of your home. As we all struggle with the changes that have come and the losses we have experienced, we hope you will find some measure of peace and support from this service. May you be comforted by fond memories of your loved one. Helen Keller said it so well, "What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes a part of us." Thank you for entrusting Clarion Forest VNA and Hospice to provide care and be a small part of your loved one's life journey. It was our honor to serve you. You may view the Memorial Service at www.cfvna.org or on the CFVNA Facebook page.

# MAKING A CHARITABLE DONATION

Did you know you can use an IRA to make a charitable donation? This can help lower a tax bill while supporting a worthy cause. A qualified charity includes most public charities that are eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions. When you make a qualified charitable donation, it provides the opportunity to make a charitable contribution that you might otherwise not have been able to make. You could also miss out on potential tax benefits for charitable contributions that you are already making! If you have any questions, please check with your financial or tax advisor.

The VNA's mission is to provide quality and appropriate home health care services to residents of Clarion and Forest Counties regardless of the ability to pay, to the extent that resources are available. With our mission statement in mind we again truly appreciate and depend on charitable contributions. We thank you for your consideration of our agency when making your contributions.

The Clarion Forest VNA can accept charitable donations related to its non-profit status. Clarion Forest VNA, Inc. is registered as a Charitable Organization with the Department of State, Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations under The Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act, 10 P.S. & 162.1 et.seq., and is authorized to solicit charitable contributions under the conditions and limitations set forth under the Act.

# Happy Holidays from Our Family to Yours!

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Sheila Rathfon (right) from Siegel Insurance joined us at the breakfast. Pictured with them is Lisa Steiner, CEO, Clarion Forest VNA, Inc. (center)

Thank-you to Siegel Insurance of Shippenville, representing

Erie Insurance, for sponsoring our breakfast. Their generous

donation helped provide our guests with a hearty hot breakfast

catered by Daddy's Main Street. Guests Linda Lutz (left) and





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Since that publication, three more employees reached their anniversary dates. Cheryl Elslager (left photo) was recognized for 10 Years of Service, and Jaimee Pleger (middle) and Darla Smerkar (right), were honored for 5 Years of Service. Cheryl is a registered nurse and handles calls to our answering service after office hours. Jaimee is a physical therapist working from the Clarion office. Darla is a home attendant with VNA Extended Care Services located in Shippenville. We appreciate these employees and their dedicated service. CONGRATULATIONS to ALL!



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