



November 29, 2005

Dear Friends,

As we enter the holiday season, we want to thank you for the love, trust and support you have shown to us throughout the year. We invite you to join us in celebrating this very joyous season!

On Saturday, December 3rd from 1-3 pm we will have our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE. Goodies will be served and Sylvia Schlagel will be playing Christmas music on the piano to add to the holiday mood. We will have a spot set up with a photographer to take pictures of your family with your loved one who lives at Maryhill. We only send this information out to one family member, so please help us by passing on this invitation to others in your family and friends!

A Maryhill tradition has been to have a gathering of all our residents who wish on the afternoon of Christmas Eve (Dec. 24th). We begin about 1:00, passing out gifts that people have put under the tree and sharing Christmas goodies. Each resident has a gift under the tree from the Auxiliary and families can put additional gifts under the tree if they'd like. We hope you and your family can join us for this gathering.

Our Annual Memorial Service to remember the people we have lost in the past year will be Tuesday, December 20th at 1:00p.m. You are welcome to join us as we remember those who are no longer with us.

We know that families have their own traditions and ways to celebrate the holidays. If you would like to arrange your own private family gathering at Maryhill anytime during the holiday season, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will do our best to accommodate your needs. As always, you are welcome at any time.

Also, if you would like to join your family member for a meal during the holiday season, please let us know a day or two in advance if possible. There is a small charge for the meal (\$2.50 per person most days and \$5.00 per person for holiday meals).

Many residents enjoy going out to the homes of their families during the holidays. We encourage you to arrange for this type of outing if it works for you and your family member. If you decide to do this, please check with the nurse before leaving in case there are medications that need to go with you and sign out on the clipboard in the Care Station when you leave. It is also very helpful if we know these plans ahead of time (a day or two is great!) as there are usually several people leaving at once and this way we can have the medications and other arrangements ready for you when you come to get your family member.

If there is anything we can do to make the season a more comfortable and joyful time for your family member, please let us know. I wish you and your family all the blessings of this joyous season!

*Sincerely,
Nancy Farnham, Administrator*