

## Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide the best care and environment, so that our residents can look forward to each day and our associates enjoy a sense of pride and purpose.

## Our core values and guiding principles include:

- Providing excellent care for our residents.
- Developing a family atmosphere for our associates.
- Building relationships with area hospitals, physicians and other groups that help to meet the needs of seniors.
- Applying the Golden Rule in all that we do.



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# The Quarterly

A Publication for the Residents  
and Families of TRISUN Healthcare

Accentuate the Positive:

## Hurricane Season Brings Out the Worst in Weather and the Best in People

As Hurricane Rita Nears the Coast, TRISUN Care Center Corpus Christi Evacuates Residents to the Safety of San Antonio Nursing Homes

On September 21, Hurricane Rita appeared to be taking a turn for the worse—building to a category five and spiraling closer to the coast near Corpus Christi. Acting on an evacuation order from Corpus Christi's mayor, Henry Garrett, TRISUN Healthcare began taking precautions to evacuate all residents from TRISUN Care Center Corpus Christi to three TRISUN nursing home facilities in San Antonio, including TRISUN Care Center Babcock, TRISUN

Care Center Windcrest and TRISUN Care Center Wurzbach.

TRISUN Healthcare moved quickly, transporting the critically ill by ambulance to San Antonio while other residents were evacuated by TRISUN private vans.

Throughout the process, TRISUN contacted each resident's family or responsible party to notify them of the evacuation and the status of

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Buses lined up for the evacuation

## TRISUN Caregivers Reach Out to Hurricane Katrina Victims

*Outstanding People. Outstanding Care.*

### PARK PLACE ASSISTED LIVING— GEORGETOWN

Dr. JoAnn Ford, a resident at Park Place Assisted Living, successfully gathered together many dedicated individuals and churches to

form a ministerial alliance for Katrina victims. This alliance has made it possible for 57 Hurricane Katrina evacuees to have a place to live. Mentors, case managers, coordinators,

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You've Got Mail:

## New & Improved Interactive Web Site

By now we hope you have heard about TRISUN's new and improved Web site and have had the opportunity to become acquainted with it. One of the new features that has been added is a function allowing you to E-mail a resident. By signing on to the Web site and clicking on "E-mail a Resident," family members and friends can send a personal message to a loved one. The E-mails are printed at the facility and hand-delivered to the resident the same day.

There is nothing quite as exciting as hearing the words "you've got mail" and now you can help add that excitement to a resident's daily life. We hope that with this new feature, family members will have a way to easily reach out to loved ones. We know they appreciate it by the smiles on their faces.

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 today!



## Congratulations to Dr. Maryann Choi

Dr. Choi Becomes Medical Director for TRISUN Healthcare Nursing Homes in Temple and Georgetown and Opens SunStar Geriatrics Healthcare P.A.

TRISUN Healthcare welcomes Dr. Maryann Choi, formerly director of geriatric clinical services at Scott and White Hospital in Temple, who is now serving as medical director for five nursing homes operated by TRISUN Healthcare. Four of the homes are in Temple: Temple Living Center East, Temple Living Center West, Temple Living Center Western Hills and the Weston Inn Health Center. She will also serve as medical director at Park Place Care Center in Georgetown. In addition to her management of the five TRISUN facilities, Dr. Choi

announced the opening of a new business specializing in geriatric care: SunStar Geriatrics Healthcare, P.A., headquartered in Georgetown. The company provides patient-centered healthcare services to Central Texas seniors in Bell, Williamson and northern Travis counties. Services include well care, nursing home medicine, house calls for frail elders, hospice and end-of-life care, care coordination and geriatric consultation.

Dr. Maryann Choi completed a fellowship in geriatrics at The Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. She worked as a clinical instructor of medicine at Yale University School of Medicine and

as an instructor of medicine at Albert Einstein Medical College in New York. She is board-certified in internal medicine and geriatric medicine. Dr. Choi is a certified medical director. She serves as an assistant professor of medicine at the Texas A&M University System Health Science Center College of Medicine. Dr. Choi also holds a master's degree in public health from the Texas A&M School of Rural Public Health. She served as a board member of the Texas Department on Aging and currently serves as vice chair of the Texas Health and Human Service Council, appointed by Governor Rick Perry.

### We Value Your Input: 2005 Survey Coming Soon

TRISUN Healthcare will be mailing out the 2005 resident and family surveys in October. Please keep an eye out for these surveys, complete them and return them to us. The information you provide is of great value as we continue working to provide the absolute BEST experience possible for all of our residents. Thank you for taking the time to let us know how we're doing!

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their loved one—families were called when the Corpus Christi residents arrived safely in San Antonio and then again when each resident arrived back at the Corpus Christi Care Center.

A temporary call center was established at the TRISUN Healthcare Resource Center, where phone lines were open to address questions and concerns that families may have had. Family members showed overwhelming gratitude towards the efficiency and safety of the evacuation. Everyone involved did a fantastic

job of managing the otherwise stressful situation.



Staff member Tina Chaney assists Corpus Christi Care Center resident Melton Gullett.

# News From Around TRISUN

## GRACY WOODS I—AUSTIN

### Back-to-School Luau... a BIG THANK YOU!

The back-to-school staff luau was a HUGE success! First and foremost, a BIG THANK YOU to all of the wonderful families and friends of Gracy Woods for all of your generous donations of school supplies and money for this great event! Fun was had by all who participated, especially the 75 kids who attended and received school supplies. Students were soaked throughout the day by the water balloon toss, water slides, and by frolicking in other waterworks. They cooled off with snow cones and munched on pizza. The participation and donations of time and money were much appreciated and helped to make the event a great success. Gracy Woods is proud to have such fantastic family members and friends!

### Interim Administrator— Tonya Maldonado

In light of the recent transition that Wendy Gerner made from Gracy Woods I to TRISUN Care Center Regency House in San Angelo, TRISUN is pleased to announce that Tonya Maldonado has become the acting interim administrator at Gracy Woods I.

## PARK PLACE CARE CENTER— GEORGETOWN

### Fourth of July

Approximately 49 residents and almost twice as many resident and staff family members spread out on the front lawn and parking area at Park Place Care Center to watch the city fireworks at San Gabriel Park across the street. Some residents chose to watch the fireworks spectacle from



July 4 – Residents, family, friends and staff of Park Place Care Center in Georgetown gather to watch the fireworks and celebrate together.

TRISUN Healthcare would like to welcome **Josie Wimberley** as the new administrator at Weston Inn Health Center. We wish former administrator, **Larry Stephens**, well in his move to Waco.

inside, while taking advantage of the air conditioning. A local church volunteer group served lemonade and snacks to those enjoying the evening celebration.

### 1st Annual Park Place Care Center Talent Show

Congratulations to all of the Park Place Care Center residents who participated in the first annual Park Place Care Center talent show! Residents shared their various talents, including artwork, crafts, singing and poetry. Everyone enjoyed listening as residents and family members read some of the poetry selections aloud. The “This and Thaters” vocal group sang a rousing interpretation of Hank Williams’ old favorite “Hey Good Looking.” The center extends a heartfelt thanks to Bess Henry for making all of the ribbons for the contestants. Look out, the second annual talent show is sure to draw some tough competition!

## PARK PLACE ASSISTED LIVING— GEORGETOWN

### “National Assisted Living Week”

Staff and residents of Park Place Assisted Living celebrated “National Assisted Living Week” the third week of September. Each day everyone had the opportunity to enjoy music, dance, and the cuisine of different countries or unique states, like Hawaii. On Hawaiian Day, Hawaiian dance lessons brought fun while native islander, Dave Jennings, played beautiful island music for the luau party.

## TRISUN CARE CENTER CORPUS CHRISTI

### Glamorous Grannies & Gals

The Glamorous Grannies & Gals from TRISUN Care Center Corpus Christi were a big hit at this year’s South Texas Social Worker’s Conference. Participants at the conference were invited to become honorary Gals for the day and get their photos made in the glamorous regalia. Many of the ladies



Glamorous Grannies & Gals – Pictured: Princess “Kick up her heels” Norma Jay, “Lady who loves all small creatures,” Marci Rossitto, Empress “Sexy Sadie” Sadie Stoner, and Honorary Princess for the day Celeste “Va-va-voom” McCraw from VistaCare Hospice.

insisted on having the TRISUN Gals in their photos.

The Glamorous Grannies & Gals meet monthly. Membership includes staff, residents and family members at the facility. You better believe they have some fun!

### Blast to the Past!

Residents and staff at TRISUN Care Center Corpus Christi keep life rolling with excitement. During “Blast to the Past Week” at the center, activity director Belinda Molina wore her roller skates as she delivered hamburger baskets to the residents at Mel’s Diner—Corpus Christi Care Center’s stylishly converted dining room. Throughout the week, residents participated in hula-hoop and twist



Blast From the Past – Pictured: Belinda Molina, Corpus Christi Care Center activity director

contests, “I Love Lucy” marathons, and had food, fun and conversation about favorites from the past decades. The Environmental Services staff celebrated “Blast to the Past Week” by remembering the Pink Ladies in the movies and dressing the part, with their highest pony-tails and pink paraphernalia.



Pink Ladies – Pictured: Charlene Bazy, environmental services director, is surrounded by her team—Imelda Herbert, Gabby Hernandez, Olivia Gonzales, Eva Mendoza, Irma Meave, Norma Flores, Robert Torres, and Julie Carrion.

## TRISUN CARE CENTER REGENCY HOUSE—SAN ANGELO

We would like to welcome Wendy Gerner, previously administrator at Gracy Woods I in Austin, to TRISUN Care Center Regency House in San Angelo, where she will be the new acting administrator. Regency House is one of the two newer additions to the TRISUN family of facilities.



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registered nurses, volunteers, Georgetown Independent School District bus drivers, the telephone company, and other companies are also providing services to help our new Georgetown residents. Park Place is grateful for Dr. Ford and her dedication to help others.

### **PARK PLACE CARE CENTER— GEORGETOWN**

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Park Place Care Center has had the unique opportunity to adopt two families who are displaced survivors from Hurricane Katrina. They now reside in Austin and have been provided with an apartment for six months, after arriving on September 8, with nothing but the clothes on their backs.

One family is a 50-year-old male diabetic with an 18-year-old son who has been in Louisiana looking for his mother. The other family is a single mother with her three children. The facility and its staff have donated clothing, bedding, food and other necessities. They have also enlisted help from family and friends to provide additional assistance. Thank you to the many people who provided help to those affected by Hurricane Katrina!

### **TRINITY CARE CENTER— ROUND ROCK**

The staff at Trinity Care Center recently welcomed three New Orleans evacuees who needed a place to stay in the confusing aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Trinity Care Center was contacted on

Sunday, September 4, to see if we could provide a warm bed and meals for three people who were in need of some extra care. After making a few calls and arranging transportation, the three evacuees were picked up at the Austin Convention Center and were brought to Trinity to get settled into their new rooms. Trinity Care Center staff saw to their immediate needs and began attempting to contact their loved ones to reassure them that their family members were safe and sound. Thank goodness for the Internet—by searching and posting on a few Web sites, the families were all located and notified of the status of their loved ones. The three new residents will remain at Trinity Care Center until they can return to their homes or find other permanent living arrangements.