



We make home an alternative

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Editor's Note

We have reached the end of the first decade of the new millennium. Despite everything, Alternative views this period with gratitude and appreciation because we have been able to expand our services to families in both Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties.

We had some fun in 2009, even though economic conditions diminished. We also learned the best way to keep morale high, and that was to give more. To those of you who joined the fun, we are most grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity. This issue is dedicated to what you have accomplished. Always remember: The gift is in the giving. **Happy 2010 everyone!**

George Cann
Editor

2009: A Year of Special Memories

By Shawn Weaver, Accounting Supervisor



Happy New Year! We wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous 2010. As I look back on 2009, I am most proud of Alternative Home Health Care's involvement in our communities. Alternative kicked off the summer by sponsoring several outreach projects with the help of donations from staff and friends of AHHC. This issue showcases many of these memorable projects.

We began with a **blood drive and BBQ** in July, when we filled 75 backpacks with school supplies for distribution to the children and grandchildren of our caregivers. It was so much fun to see how happy the kids were when they received their backpacks. We have decided to make it an annual event.

Our **Dream Catchers** program was launched in November with a concert at the BankAtlantic Center. We then "caught the dreams" of more special seniors and were pleased to provide movie tickets, a new TV, lottery tickets, and—the most memorable—a trip to Disney World. It was such a nice feeling to see the smiles and joy this gift brought to these four people.

Also in November, we organized a **food drive** in each of our offices. We even gave out **Shining Stars** to our caregivers for bringing in canned goods. You can learn more about the Shining Stars inside this newsletter. We filled nine tubs full of non-perishable food items. The recipients were from the community, clients, and staff members. Everyone was so grateful. This project was especially nice because it involved the administrative staff as well as the caregivers.

Finally, in December we sent **gifts to local nursing homes** which were distributed to residents for the holidays. I am so proud to be part of a company that gives so much back to its community. Everyone in each of our offices participated in these events in one way or another. In 2010, I hope we can do even more together to touch the lives of those in our community. Thank you to everyone for making 2009 so memorable. ☺

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Spotlight on Caregivers



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Employees of the Month



Beverly R. – Fort Lauderdale

Beverly is one awesome lady. She is dedicated, loyal and the epitome of what a caregiver should be. Beverly is truly committed to her clients and they to her. We really appreciate all her hard work.



Niyha E. – Miami

Niyha is always willing to accept a case regardless of when we call. She has a wonderful and cheery disposition. When she comes to the office she brightens the atmosphere with her wit and her humor. Niyha goes the extra mile each and every day. We are fortunate to have her as a member of our staff.

FORT LAUDERDALE

2009 Clockwork Contest

\$100 GRAND PRIZE WINNERS!



Maxine H.



Aneita W.



Paulet S.



Paulette W.



Cecelia E.

Employee Anniversaries

12 Years

Juliet G.

11 Years

Elaine H.

10 Years

Marie D.

9 Years

Bertrice C. Ivelie D. Maxine H.

8 Years

Jennifer C. Myrel W.

7 Years

Eulalee R. Eunice G. Myra F.

6 Years

Ann Marie T. Barbara C. Dolores H.

5 Years

Althemese W. Rosalie M.

4 Years

Georgette F. Kimesha C. Maureen J.
Jennifer S. Marian T. Michelle S.
Marie O.

3 Years

Deon S. Margaret N. Marie V.
Judith P. Marie F. Vernesta K.
Marie U.

2 Years

Courtney W. Kimesha M.
Dorrette T. Marie D.
Francine F. Raquel G.
Judith M. Sandra W.

1 Year

Alora B. Immacula D. Mirlande S.
Amy G. Jocelene P. Rochelle D.
Avis D. Julia B. Rose C.
Celeste L. Karlene S. Schella R.
Clemene G. Lynette P. Silver M.
Derrick S. Marie M. Stacey L.
Ginette S. Marie V. Tracey L.

Thank You

You're a Shining Star!



Thanks to your generous feedback, many of our aides are enjoying exciting rewards in recognition of a job well done!

Aide Betty P. purchased a blender and DVD player with her Shining Stars.



NOTE: The Shining Star program has been extended! We are accepting nominations now through June 2010 to give our aides more opportunity to participate!

Here's how it works: Any time one of our employees receives a compliment from a client, or goes above and beyond the normal call of duty, he or she receives recognition in the form of a "Shining Star" sticker. As these star stickers accumulate, the employee can redeem them for valuable prizes, such as small appliances and housewares — even grand prize items including flat screen TVs.

Has someone from our company impressed you lately? Why not let us know by nominating them as a Shining Star! You'll find a nomination form on the back of this newsletter.

Mavalin C. used her Shining Stars to purchase a brand new computer.



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2009 Clockwork Contest \$100 GRAND PRIZE WINNERS!



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Marie M.



Frances S.



Lulletta L.



Monique D.



Adline D.

Alternative in the Community

Thanksgiving Food Drive

We were so pleased with the generosity of the AHHC family. Together we filled nine 18-gallon tubs with food for the Thanksgiving holiday. What a nice feeling to know that we touched the lives of both our clients and our fellow co-workers and their families. Thank you to all who helped to make this event such a success!



The “Alternative Variety Show” hit the road in ‘09!

We took our act on the road to Plantation and Deerfield Beach over the holidays. Alternative set up six variety shows at various facilities in the Broward County area to help bring holiday cheer to local residents. Along with our own talented staff, we presented a ventriloquist plus singers and dancers for music and fun. Everyone really enjoyed the shows — and we had a ball putting them on!



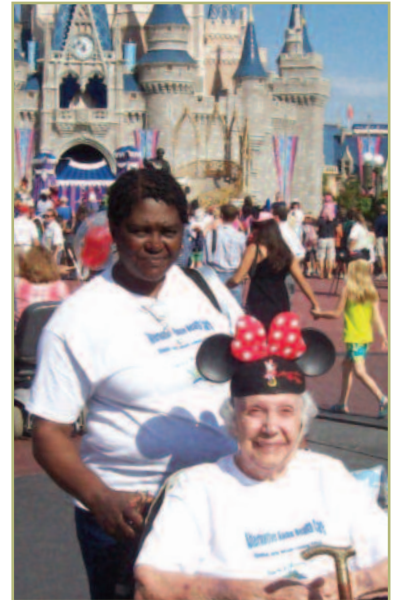
The Dream Catchers...

I wish upon a shining star...

Thanks to all who made a submission to help make a senior's wish come true in 2009. We have fulfilled, and continue to fulfill, many of those dreams. Here are just a few:

I wish — for a trip to Disney World

Helen S. wished for a trip to Disney World for herself and her live-in aide Doleta H. One of our administrative staff, Joe Y., volunteered to drive the client, her aide and another member of the Alternative family, Fran C., to Disney World where they all had a wonderful time in the Magic Kingdom!



I wish — for a new TV

Mimi S. wanted a small television for her kitchen. Her wish came true when we delivered her a 15" HDTV. She was very excited and glad that she would once again be able to sit in her kitchen and enjoy her favorite daytime TV shows.



I wish — to see Andrea Bocelli in concert

Dorothy L. loves listening to the musical sounds of Andrea Bocelli, and her wish was to see him live in concert. We provided Dorothy with two tickets to see his concert at the BankAtlantic Center in November. She was overwhelmed with joy and appreciation.

I wish — to go to the movies

Helene R. had a simple wish: She wanted to go to the movies. She was pleasantly surprised when we presented her with two movie passes for the film of her choice.

I wish — for \$10 million

Judith T. unselfishly dreamed of giving her son \$10,000,000. While we could not give her son \$10 million, we did give him the opportunity to win over \$400,000 with seven lottery scratch-off tickets!





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NEWSLETTER

You're a Shining Star!



Shining Star Nomination Form

Please complete and fax
to 954-584-5854.

Nominations also welcome via
phone, mail and e-mail!

Nominations accepted thru June 2010.

I would like to nominate:

Name _____

For _____

Nominated by _____

Phone _____



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