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Benedictine is very appreciative of the leadership, time, energy, and expertise provided by all of our volunteer board members.

Our New Directors

Dr. Linda Fran Bluth has 45 years of experience as a Special Educator including 31 years in special needs transportation. Her past experience includes work at the United States Department of Education (USDE) and as a university professor, school system administrator, and policy specialist in the Maryland Governor’s Office for Children, Youth and Families. She is currently employed part-time at the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services. Her current position includes addressing transportation issues and providing technical assistance.

Since 1970, Valentine F. Lynch has served as Director and Vice President of IFS Financial Corporation, Bowie, Maryland, an investment advisor for individuals and small businesses, including investment planning, accounting, tax preparation and practice management. He is a certified financial planner and employee benefit specialist. Val is the grandfather of a Benedictine alumnus (look for a story about Zac elsewhere in this issue).

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Greetings from Sister Jeannette

It is my pleasure to introduce our latest Bright Futures magazine, which includes our Annual Report for the fiscal year 2010. This has been a remarkable year in so many ways, one of overcoming challenges and emerging even better. That is the way God often works; obstacles become opportunities for inspiration and growth.

Personally, I saw the inside of the hospital and infirmary more often than I ever would wish. Thankfully, that is behind us now, but it also gave me time to reflect and appreciate the blessing of working every day with the loving children and dedicated professionals around me as we improve the lives of those with special needs. It also showed me that our organization is strong, stable, vibrant, and totally prepared to meet any challenges we may face in the future. The economic climate makes attracting students or funding difficult, but we continue to be extremely successful in both. We have executed our transition to a twelve-month program, which strengthens our competitive advantage. We continue to be blessed with skilled, dedicated, generous, highly qualified people among our staff, our boards, and throughout our community.

I invite you to read our Bright Futures/Annual Report to appreciate all that we have accomplished together, and especially to see all the smiling faces of the children and adults here. You have helped us provide a rich, nurturing, and loving environment for them this past year. With your support and our good Lord’s blessing, we will continue to do so well into the future.

God bless you and yours, and keep you in peace and love,

Sister Jeannette Murray, A.S.B.
We sincerely thank everyone who volunteered, came, and supported Spring Benefit.

More than $289,000 was raised! A splendid time was had by all! We deeply appreciate your generous support!

April 2010 Spring Benefit Returns to the Cambridge Riverside

On April 24th, Spring Benefit 2010 drew the Benedictine community to our “Sophisticated Supper Club” at the elegant Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay in Cambridge, Maryland. It is always wonderful to greet old friends and meet new friends who have so much in common—our belief in Benedictine’s kids. Approximately 250 people came to enjoy dinner, dancing and socializing. The special surprise guest speaker for the evening was Kevin Duckworth, a graduate of the Benedictine School and longtime member of the Open Community and Vocational Training Programs. Kevin gave an excellent talk that gave an inside look at life in the Benedictine family and what it means to him. What a wonderful way to let the world know the importance of our entire community’s generosity and devotion. Many thanks to Hunter and Cecelia Duckworth, and Val and Margee Lynch, Co-Chairs of Spring Benefit 2010, and to all the regional and committee members for putting together another memorable gala event.

The 2010 Regional Chairs were: Thane and Susan Young, Anne Arundel; Eugene and Mary Ruth Higgs, DE/PA and Eastern Shore; Marc and Susan Hochberg, Greater Baltimore; Charley and Syd Mills, Greater Washington; and Anna Mallas, Tri-State. The Decorations and Invitation Committee was: Lina McCarthy, Pat Krieger, and Rae Hurley.
Some of Spring Benefit’s most stalwart supporters, from left: Dorrie Folstein, Pat Krieger, Lina McCarthy, and Rae Hurley.

From left: Kathy and Don Jacques, Becky and Al Burkhalter.

Tom Collamore, President of the Benedictine Foundation, his wife Jake, and Barry Smale, Director of the Benedictine Foundation.

Above: Ken Folstein, President of the Board of Directors; Richard Pryor, Director; Ben Denihan, Director and Past President of the Board of Trustees; and Barry Smale, Director of the Benedictine Foundation.

Left: More of our school staff and their guests enjoyed themselves at Spring Benefit than ever before. Here are just a few, from left: Woody Gowe-Lambert with his wife Dorri in front; Leslie Maloney; Kim Marvel; Nikki Hall; Janet Kinnamon; Nikki’s husband Ward Hall; Haley Miner with her husband Tim in front; and Danielle Kinnamon.
Plans are already underway for Spring Benefit 2011, which will return to the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge April 15th –17th. We hope to see everyone again next spring!

Spring Benefit 2010 Co-Chairs Hunter and Celia Duckworth, and Margee and Val Lynch, dressed in their sophisticated finest!

Speech pathologist Judi Cornette did not let her knee injury keep her from taking to the dance floor (on wheels) with Tully D.

Our surprise keynote speaker was none other than our own Kevin Duckworth, a member of the Open Community Program, employed by Benedictine Graphics, and self-appointed “Mayor of Benedictine.”

Co-Chairs Val Lynch and Hunter Duckworth introduced the evening's program.

Nancy McCloy, Deputy Director, and husband Terry Rabinowitz were among those who enjoyed dancing the night away.

The scene in the banquet room, everyone ready for dinner.
21st Annual Charity Golf Tournament Raises $57,000 For Students and Adults at Benedictine

The event hosted 120 Golfers at Harbourtowne Golf Resort and Conference Center in St. Michaels, Md.

“We are truly blessed and honored to gather year after year our friends and sponsors for such a wonderful event that supports our good work,” said Sister Jeannette.

The golf tournament’s winning team consisted of Keith Berkey, Gerald Berkey, Karl Berkey and Karl Kibler. 120 golfers participated, each receiving a premium gift bag, brunch and dinner. Additionally, a benefit auction offered items such as golf outings, restaurant certificates, a weekend stay in New York City, and luxury suite tickets to a Redskins game.

“Our kids are our most important asset at Benedictine School and we rely on events like these to help our students thrive,” said Sister Jeannette. “Thanks again to all who make it possible.”

The event also included a 50/50 raffle, a drawing for a “Wheelbarrow of Cheer” and a chance to sink a 50-foot putt for $10,000 in cash. For these and many other reasons, the Benedictine Charity Golf Classic is one of the region’s premiere golf tournaments.

October 2010: Charity Tournament to Return to Harbourtowne

As this issue goes to press, plans are being finalized for the 22nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament, which will once again bring Benedictine’s golfer friends to St. Michaels for a day of fun for a great cause. The 2010 Tournament will be played on October 22nd.

Photos courtesy of Barry Smale
Chrome City Ride VIII in September Raises Over $96,000!

We enjoyed another fabulous Sunday on September 13, 2009, thanks to all the riders, police and other volunteers, and the Chrome City Ride Committee. Each year seems to bring more friends and more fun for this unique event.

It’s always a big day for all the kids and Benedictine community, and the eighth annual Ride raised over $96,000 for Benedictine’s scholarship assistance fund!

What a sight and sound – hundreds of heavy bikes roar down the country road leading to Benedictine.

A sea of amazing chrome in our parking lot is a visible symbol of what Chrome City Riders bring to our event.

Benedictine’s kids have no problem showing their appreciation.

Photos from VIII continued on page 22.
Chrome City Ride IX in July Beats the Heat, Tops $110,000!

The stifling weather could not stop the stupendous support of Benedictine's family and friends. Chrome City Ride was cool on one of the hottest days of summer, Sunday, July 25, in Ridgely. This is the ninth year for this one-of-a-kind event, and another great success. The riders and generous sponsors netted over $110,000 to help Benedictine educate and care for even more of their special children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

In addition to feeling good about all they’d accomplished, the riders, sponsors, and volunteers enjoyed a spectacular day. Chrome City Ride puts the “fun” in fundraising!

“We are so blessed to have friends like these,” said Sister Jeannette. “They’ve shown that they care about helping people even more than they care about their impressive chrome. That means better lives for our kids.” Sister Jeannette believes that raising awareness is also vital, and the chance for the kids to be part of the community is another great benefit. “The kids and all the rest of us look forward to having these exciting visitors come spend a day of fun with us. It’s our favorite day of the year. We can’t wait ‘til the next Ride!”

Owners of awesome cars and bikes from all over Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia gathered at various designated locations, then cruised in police-escorted convoys to the Benedictine School. Over 300 bikes came to Ridgely, and many incredible custom cars and trucks. For a $25 contribution, each participant received a T-shirt (custom designed by Don Fletcher), lunch provided by Expressions Catering, entertainment, a chance for prizes and trophies, and a day of fun showing off their “chrome” to an appreciative crowd. “Rockin’ Elvis” (in the person of impersonator Jim Godbold) was a big hit with the crowd as always. Many businesses and individuals from around the region provided generous sponsorships for the event, and everybody had a great day exceeding the goal. For a complete list of sponsors, visit www.benschool.org.

Photo by Rudy Foschi, Letha Jones and Steve Goodman

DOSE OF CHROME CITY RIDE
issue features two Chrome City Rides!

Above: Some of the ladies from the Open Community were delighted with their cool new Chrome City Ride T-shirts.

Left: Benedictine’s loudest and fastest friends roared up the lane on a very hot summer day to benefit our special children and adults, and to enjoy a good time together.

Photo from IX continued on page 24.
In today’s competitive economic environment, it is more important than ever that we make it clear and spread the word about who we are, what we do, and why Benedictine is unique. Starting in January, administrative leaders from all areas of Benedictine met together and sought professional consultation as to the best way to do this. We in the Benedictine community know and see every day why this place is so special, but we must express it in ways accessible to current and prospective families, referral agencies, donors and potential donors, business contacts and job seekers, and also raise awareness of the special qualities of those with disabilities.

One result of this study is our new logo set of logos. We now use “Benedictine” as the name to include our entire organization. Our new Benedictine logo has been simplified to just that, and the shorter phrase “LEARNING FOR LIVING”.

The Benedictine School for Exceptional Children, Inc., known as The Benedictine School, is a twelve month co-ed day and residential school for individuals ages 5 to 21 with intellectual disabilities, multiple disabilities, and autism.

The Mission of The Benedictine School is to assist individuals with disabilities in becoming as independent or semi-independent as possible; to make wise use of leisure time; and to live and work in a community setting.

Benedictine Adult Services includes the Open Community Residential Program, which provides supported group home living in the community, and the Vocational Program, which provides assessment, training, and supported vocational placement on campus or in the community.

The mission of Benedictine Adult Services is to see people with developmental disabilities living meaningful, productive, personally satisfying and well supported lives in the communities of their choice.

The Benedictine Foundation raises funds through personal solicitations, direct mail, planned giving, grant proposals, special events, and more. Benedictine Programs and Services is an extremely cost-effective organization. In fact, about 90 percent of funds raised go toward direct care of students and adults.

The Benedictine Foundation’s mission is to secure the financial resources needed to assure the future of the Benedictine School for Exceptional Children and its programs and services.

A Gentleman Who Cares

“I am a house counselor who works for the Benedictine School for Exceptional Children in the Open Community. Recently, my clients and I were at Denny’s to celebrate one of their birthdays. We were waiting for two other groups of clients to join us. While we were waiting, the manager told me a gentleman paid for his dinner and gave his card number to pay for our dinner. The manager told him we were expecting more people. The man said it was no problem. He told the manager he noticed how I was interacting with the ladies and he wanted to treat us.

While we were talking, the gentleman came back in to tell the manager to give the waitress a 20 percent tip. We would have gladly left the tip. It means a lot to know there are still good people who care about others.”
Our web site, found at www.benschool.org, has been especially developed to clarify and increase understanding and appreciation of Benedictine. Our site has been completely re-organized and re-designed this year, with lots of new content. In addition, much behind-the-scenes work has been done with search engine optimization to help people find Benedictine faster and more easily when they search for services like ours. The new site has already paid dividends in helping parents of prospective students to discover and inquire about us. We continue to add to and improve the site, so please visit us online and let us know your comments. If you would like to email us, we’d love to hear from you at foundation@benschool.org.

The Benedictine Foundation is also now on Facebook, another great way for us to keep in touch and spread the word about everything happening at Benedictine. Just log into www.Facebook.com and search for “Benedictine Foundation.” Join our list of friends and share our page with all your friends. At this writing we have 440 friends, and we are always looking for more!

2010 New Book About Benedictine’s Matt Mason

There are many fascinating and heartwarming stories at Benedictine. Thanks to the talent and perseverance of a loving parent, one of those stories has been published in a book. The Ambassador of the 14th Hole tells the inspiring story of Matt Mason, a member of our Open Community, as told by his mother, Mary Mason.

For many years Matt has been a volunteer marshal at the PGA Heritage Golf Tournament in Hilton Head, South Carolina. Everyone at Benedictine is familiar with Matt’s hugs, but his spontaneous gesture to a professional golfer, who was inspired by Matt’s genuine warmth and spirit, became quite a story.

Mary’s book is the true story of how a Down’s Syndrome child has affected so many people: family, friends, church members, and of course golfers. Narrated by Mary and many others who have come to know Matt, will resonate with all parents of children with Down’s and other disabilities, filled with tears and laughter.

Mary and Dick Mason have donated copies of the book to the Benedictine Foundation for sale, with all proceeds going to Benedictine. The cost is $20, and you may order (1) by mail, sending your check to the Benedictine Foundation, 14299 Benedictine Lane, Ridgely MD 21660; (2) with a credit card by calling 410-634-2292; or (3) online, through PayPal by using the “Donate Now” link and indicating “Matt Mason’s book” in the notes section.

We are very grateful to the Masons for their generous gesture, and even more so for sharing their story that is certain to be meaningful to the Benedictine family.
Five of our students attended the 4th Annual Talbot Special Riders Recognition Program & Dessert Reception at the Krystal Q in Easton on May 19th. Ben S., Carey M., Zack D., Chelsea Y., Nicodemus Z. attended with staff Janet Kinnamon, Danielle Kinnamon, and Julie Hickey.

Students who ride but were not present were Mary. D, Tucker H., and Tino F. All students received a certificate and medal. The students ride weekly throughout the fall and spring through Talbot Special Riders.

Tino, Tucker, and Mary (from left) are shown out riding with the Talbot Special Riders program. Thanks to Julie Hickey and Beverly LaBanca for the photos.
In Loving Memory

Billy J. Morris
September 17, 1933 - October 9, 2009

When we lost our colleague, Teaching Assistant “Mr. Bill,” last fall, everyone was invited to submit descriptive words in remembrance. They speak volumes and are a perfect tribute to a wonderful friend who is deeply missed.

From Staff:
loved his family & friends • soft-spoken, caring & family-oriented • a good work ethic • a healthy appetite • dependable and humble • a comedian • genuine & very kind • stubborn • compassionate & empathetic • quiet, steady & calm • direct & dignified • a great hugger • kind, gentle & gracious • tolerant, considerate & good hearted • a gentleman & a gentle man • kind-hearted to family, friends, co-workers & students • patient and friendly and punctual • honorable & fun • awesome • always there when you needed him • calm, faithful, steady & smiling

From students:
a very funny guy & always willing to help the students • a cutie pie • liked all the students • very humorous • a nice man • happy • coffee • kind • huggable • super • my buddy

From everyone:
will be missed by all of us

Sister Miriam Ruth Wilk
May 18, 1914 – December 3, 2009

Sister Miriam Ruth was the last graduate of Saint Mary Elementary School (attached to the Benedictine Sisters’ original motherhouse in Newark, New Jersey), and she was also the last graduate of Saint Gertrude Academy to enter the Benedictine community in Ridgely. Sister earned masters’ degrees in both Latin and English from Villanova University. She was disappointed when Latin was no longer used at Mass. She was known to read Cicero in her spare time - in Latin, of course. She was the community’s ultimate authority on rules of grammar and held the record for her tenure as community secretary. Sister also initiated the Benedictine oblate program in 1983 soon after that option was made available to women’s communities. This program is still vibrant today with 43 active oblates and 5 novice oblates.

Sister M. Assumpta Conti
May 17, 1917 – June 5, 2010

Sister Assumpta was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and raised in Philadelphia until she entered the Benedictine Sisters’ community in 1938. She spent her active ministry in education, serving as both teacher and principal at Saint Elizabeth, Sacred Heart, and Saint Catherine of Siena Schools. Sister also taught Spanish and business subjects at Saint Elizabeth High School and Spanish at Saint Mark’s High School where she was the chairperson of the Foreign Language Department. After retirement in 1977 and until the day she died, she worked in the finance office of the Benedictine School. Sister always loved to travel, and has been to Italy, Spain, Norway, Denmark and Sweden. Her niece, Linda, is a member of the Benedictine Open Community.
The event that best captures the spirit of Benedictine is our Commencement celebration. Our graduation ceremony took place on June 5th. The emotions that accompany this big step—pride, happiness, and more—are fully expressed in the faces captured in these photos from Letha Jones.

Cameron has a kiss for Sister Jeannette
Education Director Nancy McCloy congratulates Lee Robyn and her parents Cam and his family Jeffry and his family

Lee and his family

Ja’Mar and his family

Cam and his family

Robyn and her parents

Jeffry and his family
Staff Milestones

Congratulations, Thank You, and Best Wishes on Your Retirement:

Dave Slama; Clinical Coordinator, Counselor, Staff Training; after 56 years

Bob with a few of his colleagues in the Industrial Training Center Contract Area, from left: David C., Mary N., Lisa S., Brandy, Bob, and Bridgett W. Photo thanks to Steve Goodman

Benedictine Baby Boom
There were lots of blessed events in the lives of our staff this year, including babies born to:

Jennifer Apsley, Austin
Debi Pedraza, David
Sherri Warren, Riley
Vanessa Stevens, Christopher
Jennifer Evans, Connor
Jenny Shorter, Avery
Danielle Hulse, Daisy

Certificates/Awards:

Diana Hastings,
Art and Library Specialist – Art Therapy Certification

Susan Earls,
Human Resources Coordinator – Professional in Human Resources Certification

Debi Williamson,
Pre-Vocational I Teacher – Future Environmental Star Award
Benedictine students in the Pre-Vocational I program, under the guidance of their teacher Debi Williamson, have been involved in many projects that benefit the environment, especially by working with plants and trees. These activities allow the students to think about and learn from, gaining the understanding that they can positively impact our world. It is something they can work on with their hands, keeping to their task, inside and outside, and at the end of the day they know they’ve accomplished something good for everyone.

PLANT AWARD
At morning assembly on Monday, May 3rd, the representative from the Maryland State Department of Natural Resources presented the class with the PLANT Award (People Loving And Nurturing Trees) for their work in planting and caring for Benedictine’s trees.

FUTURE ENVIRONMENTAL STAR AWARD
On Wednesday, May 12, The Pre-Voc I class was named “Future Environmental Stars of the Month” by WMDT Channel 47 in Salisbury, sponsored by Mountaire Farms, Inc. Roger Marino, Corporate Director of Community Relations for Mountaire, came to the Benedictine classroom to visit with the students, see their work, and to present teacher Debi Williamson with the award. Sister Jeannette was on hand to offer her congratulations on this worthwhile project. “The kids love to work with the plants in the dirt,” said Sister Jeannette, “and we all love our nice green campus. This gives them an opportunity to know they are a part of improving our world.”

Another of Debi’s projects is the Maryland Big Tree Program, through which Benedictine has been recognized as having on our campus many of the state’s largest specimens of various native tree species.
On Friday, April 16th, 36 school psychologists from the Eastern Shore School Psychology Association (ESSPA) enjoyed a wonderful day of learning at The Benedictine School, which hosted ESSPA’s annual spring conference. All nine Eastern Shore counties were represented, in addition to the Mid-Shore Special Education Consortium. Benedictine’s school psychologists, Toni Pajak and Lola Nagel, planned and organized this spring conference for their Eastern Shore colleagues.

The psychologists were welcomed by Educational Director Nancy McCloy, who emphasized building partnerships with community schools and agencies. Benedictine’s Communication, Counseling, Vocational/Transition, and OT/PT staff shared information, insights, and tricks-of-the-trade with ESSPA participants. Presentations focused on the continuum, delivery, and integration of services; multi-disciplinary teams and clinical design; and the physical structuring, adaptations, and accommodations used to access instruction for students with communication disorders, behavioral/emotional needs, complex medical needs, sensory issues, and intellectual disabilities.

ESSPA school psychologists enjoyed breakfast and lunch catered by Benedictine’s Healthy Way Café, a student vocational program, supervised by Vocational teacher Lorraine Slama and Home-Ec teacher Mary Jo Kline. The day concluded with observations of students and a walking tour of the campus, including: classrooms; sensory areas; residential dorms; clinical pod area; kitchen training areas; cafeteria, including specialized eating area; gym; pool and therapeutic pool; resource room; and vocational training sites—laundry, carwash, Graphics/screen printing, greenhouse and the Industrial Training Center.

The Murray Family Aquatherapy Center was one of the highlights of the group’s tour throughout Benedictine’s facilities.
Benedictine students made a great first impression on the guests at the Eastern Shore School Psychologist Association Conference.

This event was a chance to share our knowledge and experience with the professional community, and a terrific opportunity to make them aware of the great work done here and how we can be of service to the special needs population.

Nancy McCloy addresses the gathering in the conference room.

Dave Slama shares with the visiting psychologists some of the "tricks of the trade."

Zac Lynch, who was diagnosed with autism as a young child, bowled a perfect 300 at Greenway Bowling Lanes in Odenton on April 10. Photo courtesy of Annapolis Capital Newspaper.

Zac Lynch Bowls A Perfect Game

Perfection is always an ideal goal but one that is nearly impossible to reach.

Zac Lynch, a 21-year-old Benedictine graduate who hails from Crofton, proved that perfect is possible when he bowled his first perfect game at Greenway Bowling Lanes in Odenton April 10th.

"Bowling a 300 game is a feat sometimes not even realized by pros," said Margee Lynch, Zachary’s grandmother. It is even more special for the Lynch family because Zachary is autistic. Margee said Zac was diagnosed with the neural development disorder when he was three and a half.

"Like most people with autism, he is not very conversational," Margee adds, but bowling is one of his favorite activities, and she enjoys taking him to the lanes. The Annapolis Capital newspaper featured a story and photo of Zac to highlight his accomplishment.
On Wed. June 9, 2010, the students in the Intermediate class went to Victor and Susan Barlow’s shop, The Scottish Highland Creamery, for a field trip. They learned about the ingredients in ice cream and how to make it. Victor then let the students join him in making Cookies and Cream ice cream with the students taking turns adding cookies to the ice cream. Of course, the learning experience involved sampling the product.

From left, Edward B., Tucker H., Nick B., and Carey M. look as though they know what they like in a field trip. Photo thanks to Kim Marvel.

A formula that always works is

\[ \text{kids} + \text{swimming} = \text{fun}. \]

A swim “competition” adds even more excitement. The kids at Benedictine just love ribbons, and everybody here loves to see smiling kids.
Benedictine 2nd Annual Swim Meet

Thanks to Letha Jones for the pictures.
Chrome City Ride VIII Continued from Page 8.

Sister Jeannette with one of her many fans.

Father Mast with some of the kids and staff getting ready for lunch.

The spectacular “Tribute to Fallen Heroes” car, owned by Ted Levitt of Chick and Ruth’s Deli in Annapolis, was picked for the “Sister’s Choice” best in show award.

Making friends is always the best part of the Chrome City Ride experience.

Chrome City Ride could not achieve our goals without the support of generous sponsors like these.
Sister Jeannette with Rocky Roccapriore (left) and one of his fellow ‘Nam Knights members.

Residential Expertise Highlighted

The same magazine highlighted Sister Jeannette Murray and the Benedictine staff’s expertise with an article entitled “When is a Residential School the Right Move?” The link to that article is in our media center on www.benschool.org.

Everyday Hero

Parenting Special Needs magazine selected Sister Jeannette Murray as “Everyday Hero” of the Month—January 2010

A Benedictine School parent recently said about Sister Jeannette Murray: “Mother Theresa said ‘that to do good work you need serenity and joy’. You are one of the most reassuring and forthright people I’ve ever known, and those attributes give peace, hopefulness and happiness to those who know you.” The link to that article is in our media center on www.benschool.org.

“The Rockin’ Elvis” sings to some of his biggest fans.

Just some of the fabulous cars on display.
It's truly awesome to see our parking lot filled with all these incredible motorcycles.

Sister Jeannette with Tina Ice of Harley-Davidson of Maryland, ever one of the top volunteers and supporters of Chrome City Ride.

Residential students enjoying their lunch in the shade of the school building.

A few of the many police escorts from many different agencies who made sure our riders arrived safely.
Members of the Chrome City Ride Committee are always justifiably proud to present Sister with the big check. This year it was for $110,000!

Lois Blake and Barbara getting close to “Elvis.”

“The Rockin’ Elvis,” Jim Godbold, sings along with Howard C.

We had plenty of amazing cars as well – a grand celebration of a lot of creativity and hard work devoted to going down the road in style.

A great day for a picnic lunch in the shade.

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Below is a listing of all donors to the Benedictine Foundation during fiscal year 2010, which ran from July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010. We have carefully compiled this list from our records in the hope of correctly listing all donors. If there is an error, we apologize and ask that you notify us at (410) 634-2292.

Here at Benedictine, we are particularly grateful for the strong loyalty our donors show year after year, and are pleased to honor consecutive years of giving beside each donor’s name, using the following key:

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Thank you so much for your generous support of our very special kids and adults!

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Benedictine’s Day Activity Center had a snow cone concession at the Frederick Douglass Race Walk fundraiser in Easton. Maryland First Lady Katie O’Malley stopped by the booth for a chat. She met some of our job coaches, Stephanie M. (shown), and volunteer Kevin D. Of course Kevin did not hesitate to tell her all about Benedictine.
This past spring, one of our students gave generously of herself; Natalie P. donated her beautiful chestnut hair to Locks of Love.

Locks of Love provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children in the U.S.A. and Canada under age 21 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. They meet a unique need for children by using donated hair to create the highest quality hair prosthetics, which helps to restore the self-esteem and confidence of these children, enabling them to face the world and their peers.

Congratulations, Natalie, and thank you for reminding us that we all have gifts to share.
Unusual weather this winter dumped two double-digit snowfalls just a week apart. That presents unusual challenges to a residential school, which we handled easily thanks to our exceptionally dedicated school staff and grounds maintenance crew. But that kind of weather also presents unusual beauty and opportunity for fun, as can be seen in this snowman the students built, decked out for the Olympics (which were on TV at that time).
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Interns from St. Anselm College

Each Spring Benedictine is blessed with a group of volunteer student interns who come down from St. Anselm College in New Hampshire to spend their Spring Break working with our kids. They gain first-hand experience of being around people with disabilities, and our students love their youthful energy and spirit. We thank them for coming.
Your generosity helped cover the costs of a wide range of needs for our very special children and adults this past year, and had a profound positive impact on our ability to help each of them fulfill their greatest possible potential. In addition to vital funds for general operating support (nearly $450,000) and tuition assistance (over $300,000), here are some other projects you helped to fund this year:

- Assessment software, mats, weighted vests, and communication devices for use by our clinical and therapeutic staff
- Touch screens for 6 classrooms
- Video conference systems, screens, and support for use in IEP meetings and parent-child communication
- Projectors for IEP meetings, seminars, and staff professional development
- A detailed architectural and engineering analysis (including review of walls, windows, roofs, foundation, interior circulation and finishes, life safety/code analysis and compliance, building use/program/square foot analysis, septic and sewage treatment analysis, mechanical systems, electrical system and power supply, plumbing fixtures and supply, and lighting) which will serve as a five- to seven-year planning and review document for the Facilities Committee
- Resurfacing of the pool in the Murray Family Aqua Therapy Center
- Mechanical plan and installation of HVAC system for School gymnasium
- Book categorization software for the School library
- Special shipping scale to allow Graphics department to accurately ship orders to customers via UPS
- Offset additional costs to clear snow and ice on campus and at our Open Community homes from two back-to-back historic snow storms this past winter
- Wii Fit systems and Sports packages for the Open Community homes and School dormitories to increase indoor recreation opportunities during winter months and inclement weather
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- Concession stand equipment (hot dog and bun condiment center) for the Day Activities Center to use out in the community at large when raising awareness and funds for their special projects
- Our March 31, 2010, Forum on Aging for People with Intellectual Disabilities with Matthew P. Janicki, Ph.D.
- A comprehensive marketing study by the Hatcher Group to assess our current methods and identify opportunities to enhance and upgrade our student recruitment efforts
Benedictine Donors–Demographics
Total: 1,447 Donors

- 1,275 (86%) Individual Donors
- 120 (8%) Companies
- 52 (4%) Associations, Foundations, & Organizations

All Revenue Sources
Total: $18,785,166.91

- $3,638,677.85 (19%) MD State Department of Education
- $3,613,104.17 (19%) Developmental Disability Administration
- $2,996,555.18 (16%) Private Tuition and Fees (parents, consumers, scholarships)
- $1,786,422.00 (10%) Contributions (cash, pledge payments, investment income)
- $1,650,315.83 (9%) State of Virginia (Board of Education)
- $1,272,942.58 (7%) Out of State
- $951,738.63 (5%) State of New Jersey (Board of Education and DDD)
- $773,019.69 (4%) Other
- $757,734.25 (4%) Division of Developmental Disabilities Service
- $688,484.00 (4%) Contracts (Industrial Training Center, Busy Bee)
- $654,172.73 (3%) MD Department of Human Resources

All Expenses (before depreciation)
Total: $17,604,443.00

- $11,366,345.00 (65%) Salaries
- $1,188,919.00 (7%) Benefits
- $979,162.00 (6%) Work Comp/Payroll Taxes
- $1,091,457.00 (6%) Occupancy
- $524,975.00 (3%) Service Contract
- $518,209.00 (3%) Transportation
- $563,237.00 (3%) Supplies & Non-Capital
- $338,393.00 (2%) Food
- $371,262.81 (2%) Foundation–Fundraising
- $207,782.00 (1%) Other
- $257,996.19 (1%) Foundation–General and Management
- $196,705.00 (1%) Professional Fees

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- $1,003,345.73 (71%) Individual Donors
- $307,019.12 (22%) Associations, Foundations, & Organizations
- $92,986.23 (7%) Companies
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- $969.83 All Donors

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