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SENIOR HEALTH & RESOURCE FAIR

Thursday, May 12, 2022 • 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

FREE!

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Engage with caregivers and seniors!

COMPLIMENTARY BLOOD PRESSURE AND GLUCOSE SCREENINGS

The BFLO Event Center
4475 Transit Road • Williamsville
(In Eastern Hills Mall, next to The BFLO Store)



WORKSHOP

Network in Aging in presents
“Be the Change You Want to See in Senior Care”

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

12:30 – 1:30PM
(registration and lunch)

1:30 – 4:30PM
(workshop)

Presented by:
Sarah Harlock, DENT Institute

Dr. Teresa Lawrence
PMP of International Deliverables

SEE PAGE 13 FOR DETAILS

Main-Transit Fire Hall • 6777 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221

Highlights of The Grape Exchange wine event!



Thank you to sponsors of our event!



Eva M. Christ
716 Realty Group 2.0
 Thank you for supplying the wine bags

Our January Social

Over 50 attendees enjoyed a global-inspired menu prepared by the wonderful staff at Wurlitzer Events. The Polish, Mediterranean and Mexican dishes were a hit!

HONORARY CHARITY
Heart, Love & Soul in Niagara Falls



Heart Love and Soul donation
 Board member, April Romanowski from Lawley Insurance delivered all of the donations from our January Social to our honorary charity, Heart, Love and Soul! Thanks again to all for making a donation to this wonderful organization!

WELCOME NEW INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS!

Eric Conrad – Junkluggers

The Junkluggers is an environmentally-friendly junk removal company. We haul away items that people no longer want or need, and we strive to donate and recycle as much as possible with the goal of keeping items out of landfills. We provide our customers, many of them seniors and their family, with a tax-deductible receipt for anything we were able to donate on the

customer's behalf.

Evan Lewis – Juniors for Seniors

Provides transportation to people who are unable to drive themselves to their various destinations while waiting for them. Personal attention is important to us.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ANGIE CRAWSHAW



Spring always marks a new beginning with nature awaking and saying good-bye to winter.

The Network in Aging has also said good-bye to winter, and we are busy planning events to celebrate. Committees are

working hard at bringing members events back to in-person after being cancelled due to covid restrictions.

By popular demand the Networking committee brought back the virtual wine tasting event, "The Grape Exchange: A Touch of Italy". Thank-you to our two sponsors for this event, Harris Beach PLLC and 716 Realty Group 2.0. We had 50+ in attendance.

The Networking committee is also working on bringing back the 'Progressive Dinner Event' scheduled on Thursday, June 16th at Osteria 166. Registration is now open.

The famous 'Taste of the Network' will be held again in July. The Special Events Committee is excited to announce a \$1,000 scholarship opportunity for you to share with your associate colleagues! Applications are currently being accepted for the "Jerry Flashner Humanitarian Award" established in 2006 in honor of the late Jerry Flashner. It is designated to recognize an individual who has demonstrated the same concern for older persons in the WNY community as exemplified by Jerry and his "no problem" attitude. Check out details on our website and more information will be coming in the next few weeks.

In a joint effort from all the committees, we will be presenting a 'Senior Health & Resource Fair' held on Thursday, May 12th from 10-2pm at the BFLO Event Center, Eastern Hills Mall. No charge for this event for our member agencies and it will be offered free to the senior population and caregivers. Please help spread the word.

The Education Committee in collaboration with the Health Foundation for Western & Central NY will present the workshop - 'Be the Change you Want to See in Senior Care', May 17th from 12:30-4:30pm at the Main & Transit Fire Hall in Williamsville. This workshop will elaborate on the presentation that Sarah Harlock, DENT Institute gave at the 2021 annual meeting. She and Dr. Teresa Lawrence, from the Health Foundation will be the two presenters. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch. Registration is now open on our website.

The Network in Aging is viable with our membership's strong numbers, thanks to the diligent work the Membership Committee does. Thank-you for your commitment to the Network. A special thanks to all our Platinum, Gold and Bronze members, we are grateful for your support.

The Communications Committee is continuing the monthly 'Life Lessons' and is involved in actively promoting all our events through social media, press releases and advertisements in Forever Young and the Bee News publications.

Feel free to contact the co-chairs of each committee and see how you can get involved. Information can be found on our website.

The Network Board of Directors have several new members learning the ropes and getting acclimated to their responsibilities.

Feel free to ask about any committee and how you can get involved.

Lastly, I don't want to forget to thank our coordinator Lisa Boron who works very closely with all the committees and is very knowledgeable about the Network's nuts and bolts.

"There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature - the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter" -Rachel Carson

**-Angie Crawshaw – Network in Aging
President**

WELCOME NEW MEMBER AGENCIES



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ALL MEETINGS VIA ZOOM OR HYBRID at this time

COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS & MEETING INFORMATION

Please be sure to verify meeting date, time and location as there are occasional changes!

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Establishes and directs the Network's print and online communications with its members and the public. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00am. NEW LOCATION TBD.

CO-CHAIRS

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Plans and carries out educational programs/workshops on aging related issues, along with planning and preparation for the annual meeting. Meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at 9:00am. Locations vary. Please contact one of the co-chairs for info.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Reviews and recommends changes in membership dues and benefits; coordinates ongoing membership recruitment efforts. Meetings are on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8:00am. Meetings currently via Zoom only. No meetings in August and December.

CO-CHAIRS

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NETWORKING COMMITTEE

Plans and carries out member-to-member functions, including Networking events. This committee meets the **first Thursday** each month at 8:30am. Locations vary, and additional dates may be scheduled, so contact a co-chair for more info.

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SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Plans social functions for the Network, including the January Social, Taste of the Network and annual meeting venue. Meetings are on the fourth Tuesday each month at 8:30am. Locations vary, so contact Co-Chairs for more info. No meetings in January, July and December.

CO-CHAIRS

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This committee solicits and accepts nominations for positions on the Network in Aging Board of Directors and presents a slate of officers and directors to the membership for their consideration.

CO-CHAIRS

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As we begin to approach the spring and summer months, we are also getting into "Celebration Season," such as Communion, graduations, wedding/baby showers, birthdays, etc. Why not think about having your next event at Mar-Bon Social Club, 6477 Transit Road, East Amherst, NY.

We can accommodate up to 50 people for a sit-down meal and are now able to serve wine & beer at any occasion. All you have to do is pick out your colors, decide on the restaurant and food you would like us to serve and leave the rest up to us.

Give us a call at (716) 406-4577 to set up a tour of your private "banquet room." We are looking forward to meeting you and the guest of honor!!!!

Laurie Pope-Greco
Director of Wonderful Days
Mar-Bon Social Club



THANK YOU
To all of our MEMBER
AGENCIES and INDIVIDUALS
that renewed for 2022!

We promise to continue providing
different ways to encourage
networking experiences.

Your continued support is much
appreciated!



WAY TO GO!

A huge thank you to the following member agencies who upgraded their memberships!

Alzheimer's Association of WNY – PLATINUM

CarePatrol of Buffalo Niagara – PLATINUM

Clarity Group of NY – PLATINUM

Beechwood Continuing Care – GOLD

Walsh Duffield – GOLD

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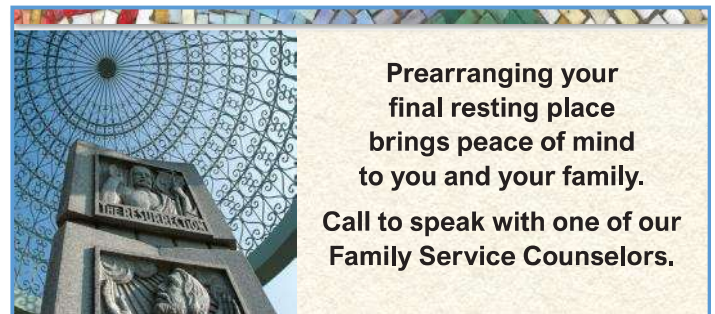
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Choosing a Primary Care Provider

By Zeeshan S. Hussain, M.D.
Buffalo Medical Group



When it comes to maintaining good health, it takes a village – a multidisciplinary team of experts – to provide comprehensive health care. It's not unusual for your preventive care regime to include regular visits to more than one doctor: a family physician, an obstetrician or gynecologist, and any specialist involved in treating chronic conditions: an allergist, dermatologist, orthopedist or cardiologist, for example.

However, it's important to have one team leader quarterbacking your health care, so to speak. This person is your primary care physician and he or she serves as the main gatekeeper for your care. Choosing a primary care physician may be the most important step in caring for your health.

What is a primary care physician?

Your primary care physician (PCP) is the doctor you typically see for an annual physical, i.e., your main health care provider for non-emergency care. Your PCP performs routine tests that are needed at various stages throughout your life to monitor your health and diagnose and treat medical problems. If needed, your PCP can refer you to a specialist if a serious illness requiring special management is necessary. A PCP serves as the chief facilitator for other physicians involved in your care, making sure that all the components– from treatments to prescribed medications – work together effectively, for your good health. A PCP will provide

preventive care, based on their knowledge of your unique health history, heredity, and other factors. He or she will also provide you with health education, so that you can make informed decisions about your lifestyle, nutrition, and physical activity.

A PCP is typically a family practitioner or an internist, although some obstetricians may function as a PCP for their patients. A family practitioner is a generalist who can treat children and adults of all ages, and may also perform obstetrics and minor surgery. An internist is a doctor who has completed a residency in internal medicine and is trained to care for adults of all ages, as well as treat many different medical problems, from common to complex illnesses.

The advantage of having a PCP over using a walk-in clinic or urgent care center for routine health maintenance is continuity: an ongoing relationship with a single medical professional will have in-depth knowledge about you and your health history, family background, past injuries or illnesses, allergies, and risk factors for certain diseases.

Choosing the right doctor for you

You and your PCP will be together for a long time, so making the right choice is important. You may ask family and friends for recommendations, check with other health providers you may know, or consult with your local hospital for a physician referral.

As you begin your search for a primary care provider, consider the following tips from the National Institutes of Health:

- Is the physician accepting new patients?
- Is the practice located in an area that is close to your home or work location? Are the office hours convenient for your schedule?
- What is most important to you in a good PCP? General health and wellness? Experience in the treatment of certain chronic diseases?
- What about your personal preferences? Do you feel more comfortable with a male or a female doctor? A young doctor or an older physician? A warm, casual and friendly communication style or one that is more formal?
- Does the physician use a conservative or aggressive approach to medical treatment? Does he or she ask about the patient's preferences regarding specific types of medical treatments?
- Is the physician easy to reach by phone? Does he or she use (and encourage patient contact) via email? Are office staff members friendly and helpful?
- Does the physician participate in your insurance plan (also known as an "in-network provider"?) If not, the amount of your co-payment for seeing the physician may be higher. 🌸

Zeeshan S. Hussain, M.D. is accepting new patients at Buffalo Medical Group, 85 High Street in Buffalo. Call (716) 656.4461 for an appointment.



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Buffalo Medical Group is excited to welcome Dr. Zeeshan Hussain to our Primary Care Team

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Buffalo Medical Group se complace en dar la bienvenida al Dr. Zeeshan Hussain para nuestro oficina Primaria. Llama para programar hoy!



NASCENTIA HEALTH

Nascentia Health Recognized as Gold Workplace by American Heart Association

Nascentia Health is proud to announce that the organization achieved Gold recognition from the American Heart Association in the 2021 Workplace Health Achievement Index. This award



identifies companies who take significant steps to build a culture of health and well-being for their workforce. Nascentia also received a Gold level recognition in 2019. More than 450 companies nationwide participate in the AHA's index assessment, with gold being the highest

level of achievement.

“As a healthcare company, the wellness of our employees is so important, and the American Heart Association gives us the tools we need to make our workplace healthier for everyone,” said Kate Rolf, President & CEO.

Nascentia Health has implemented a robust employee health and wellness program, including opportunities for employees to engage in physical activity both in and out of the office, healthy eating programs, healthy weight programs, and more.

The American Heart Association, created the Index with its CEO Roundtable, a leadership collaborative of more than 45 members from some of America's largest companies. The Index is a web-based scorecard that evaluates the overall quality and comprehensiveness of a company's workplace health program through a combination of best practices and a snapshot of a company's aggregates employee heart health.



Nascentia Health is a nonprofit provider of in-home healthcare services, Medicare Advantage Plans, and managed long-term care plans, serving 48 counties across New York. The organization is headquartered in Syracuse with offices in Tonawanda, Greece, Rome, and Latham. 🌸



RENY (RETIRED EDUCATORS OF NEW YORK)

Our organization, RENY (Retired Educators of New York) has about 13,000 members and represents retired educators across our state. The organization is divided into 10 geographical zones. Most zones are further divided into units that represent retirees from specific local school districts and/or place of residence.

Since its inception, RENY has defined itself as a dynamic organization of retired educators working together to strengthen the quality of life for all retired educators, their families and communities. This has been accomplished through the continued efforts of the members and their work. All members have the opportunity to serve on committees, take positions of leadership at the state, zone and unit level, and to be a delegate to the annual meeting and convention.


Our Friendly Service program is a personal, in depth service, that takes its mission from its name – to provide friendly service to all members, especially the elderly and shut-ins. This includes the sending of special occasion cards, personal visits and calls, and financial assistance.

The Robert R. DeCormier Trust Fund provides aid to members facing extreme financial problems.

The quarterly magazine, YORK STATE, brings news from the zones, updates on the actions taken by the Board of Directors, important State and Federal legislative issues, Health Care matters, and state wide association news. RENY also maintains a website: www.retirededucatorsny.org.

We are a volunteer army working on behalf of the retired educators of New York. 🌸

Michelle Claus, RENY/Western Zone/President
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JULIE WHITBECK-LEWINSKI OF CAREPATROL BUFFALO NIAGARA

CarePatrol Welcomes
Diana Harrison

Diana's reputation in Western and Central New York for her compassion, empathy and knowledge of the senior living industry is truly unmatched and we are incredibly excited to have her join our team!

Diana Harrison
Senior Care Outreach Specialist
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(385) 504-2419



CarePatrol of Buffalo Niagara Rochester Syracuse

Our own **Julie M. Whitbeck-Lewinski** was elected to the Board of Directors for the The National Placement & Referral Alliance, a national organization that cultivates the advancement of professionalism, fairness and the development of the senior living industry through collective initiatives to better serve seniors and families. In addition to her career as an occupational therapist, Julie has years of non-profit and board experience with a variety of organizations that are dedicated to improving the lives of others and is excited to bring her expertise to the NPRA!

Trusted Choice Homecare

Congratulations to our team on being a Buffalo Business First, Best Places to Work award winner!



Beechwood Continuing Care Receives New York State Award

Nominated by Aspire of WNY, Beechwood Continuing Care received an award for employing persons of disabilities from the WNY Employment Consortium and the NYS Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services – Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR).

Beechwood houses a number of non-paid internships for local high school students through a unique vocational program called Project SEARCH of WNY. Although an international model, Project Search is a one-of-its-kind program in the Buffalo area with Beechwood serving as its business liaison and primary employer. Beechwood Continuing Care employs several graduates of Project SEARCH of WNY. As of this nomination, there are many individuals that were offered paid employment positions by various departments within Beechwood. Additionally, Beechwood supervisors are open to working with Employment Specialists/Job Coaches to collaborate to ensure individuals with disabilities have the best on-the-job experience possible.

According to Julie O'Connor, Director of Human Resources "Beechwood Continuing Care has established opportunities for growth and advancement, not only through our collaborative partnership through Project SEARCH, but also for the individuals who have obtained competitive employment within our business. Additionally, Beechwood has hired individuals with disabilities outside of the collaborative project and has

modified job duties to support people in getting into the job, while increasing their assigned responsibilities over time."



In photograph, front row, left to right: Ahmed Dawood, Recreation & Activities; Melinda Crawford, Human Resources; George Nicholas, Environmental Services; Robert Snyder, Dining Services; back row: Julie O'Connor, Human Resources; Matthew Barnwell, Recreation & Activities; Tina McKerrow, Environmental Services; Rich McCune, Administrator.

Beechwood Welcomes New Director of Development & Marketing

Kristin Scholz has been hired as the Director of Development and Marketing for Beechwood Continuing Care. Kristin, formerly the Senior Development Manager at Explore & More – The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Children's Museum, will oversee all fundraising campaigns and marketing initiatives for Beechwood, a non-profit senior care community that includes independent and assisted living, skilled nursing and rehabilitation services.

Kristin has about 20 years of marketing and fundraising experience, which includes working for various non-profit organizations in Western New York, as well as a number of years in Fort Myers, Florida.

I am thrilled to be able to utilize my experience to advocate and assist our senior population at Beechwood and throughout Western New York" says Kristin Scholz.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & RECOGNITION!



Mimi Piciullo, Executive Director Juniper Glen - Sunshine Retirement Living had the opportunity to discuss Memory disease and the benefits to making an early move on a recent WKBW's AM Buffalo segment. For more information, give them a call at (716) 902-3361. <https://www.wkbw.com/am-buffalo/memory-disease-the-benefits-to-making-an-early-move>



Protecting Your Money from Medicaid & Nursing Homes by Les Robinson – a simple, affordable, and educational resource.

The **LesLTC ProcessSM** is designed to help you protect your money from Medicaid, Nursing Homes, and Long-Term-Care events! In addition, the Process will rescue you from the common anxieties associated with maneuvering this unknown territory. The book will educate you about the financial risks you take when facing these turbulent times. This crucial educational system helps to protect your family dreams, your independence, your dignity, and of course, your money and finances.

I am not only the developer of the LesLTC ProcessSM, but I am also the first user of these tried and true techniques. My own personal experience was the motivation that caused me to write this book, and I assure you, the information in this book can help you save thousands of dollars in long term care and even in retirement!

This book will help you to: Be in control! Protect your money from Medicaid, nursing homes, and long term care events. Avoid Medicaid's five-year look back on your money. Avoid being a burden to your family. Know the right questions to ask to ensure your retirement is secure. Enhance your peace of mind. Avoid devastating mistakes that can decimate your financial future. Educate yourself about the risks associated with Medicaid. Remove a major portion of the fear and worry if you are faced with a long term care event, the need for Medicaid or the need of a nursing home or rehabilitation facility.



Solstice Senior Living

We are excited to welcome **Lisa Farrell** as our new Vibrant Life[®] assistant at Solstice at East Amherst! Lisa has been in the health care industry helping seniors for over 20 years. Lisa greets and makes friends with everyone she meets. Her sweet, friendly and outgoing personality is exactly why our residents have already grown to love her in a very short period of time! Lisa enjoys teaching exercise classes, hosting parties and giving a listening ear when needed. She is a proud mother to her beautiful daughter and enjoys sports, socializing, animals and music. Join us in welcoming Lisa to Solstice!

Meet our Culinary Services director, **Jesse Thiel**! Jesse joined Solstice at East Amherst two years ago as a line cook and was recently promoted to Culinary Services director. He takes great pride in preparing delicious food for our residents and looks to their feedback to drive him daily. Jesse is married and has a 1-year-old daughter. He is also raising puppies with his family! Thank you, Jesse, for your dedication and loyalty to our Culinary Services department. We appreciate you!

Margaret Kleinmann and her team at Solstice Senior Living was excited to bring home the "hardware" from the annual "Executive Directors' leadership conference held this year in Austin, Texas. Solstice at East Amherst is thrilled to share that she was proud to be presented at the banquet with 4 annual companywide awards! Included were recognition of her leadership to attain:

- Highest rating of 4.6/5 Resident and Family annual satisfaction survey
- Best social media posts,
- Outstanding Vibrant life programming
- Largest number of quality five-star Google reviews.

The Solstice team is dedicated to their goal of outstanding service and care to their elder residents.



Michelle Spencer, owner Aging Well Care Management, LLC was awarded 3rd place in Alignable's Tonawanda Business of the Year 2022!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & RECOGNITION!



We are excited to announce that six **Elderwood** facilities were named to the prestigious **U.S. News & World Report “Best Nursing Homes”** list for excellence in care! Congratulations to the hardworking and dedicated staff at each of these facilities that made this recognition possible!

- Elderwood at Amherst recognized for Short-Term Rehabilitation.
- Elderwood at Grand Island recognized for Short-Term Rehabilitation and Long-Term Care.
- Elderwood at Lancaster recognized for Short-Term Rehabilitation and Long-Term Care.
- Elderwood at Hamburg recognized for Short-Term Rehabilitation and Long-Term Care.
- Elderwood of Scallop Shell at Wakefield recognized for Short-Term Rehabilitation and Long-Term Care.
- Elderwood at Wheatfield recognized for Short-Term Rehabilitation.



The McGuire Group

Congratulations is extended to our administrators on being recognized by the American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) as **2022 Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award** recipients. The award is significant, as only 3% of the facilities nationwide met the initial selection criteria.

This year, 57 administrators in 17 states were presented with the award nationally.

Pictured in the back row from left: **Sam Tripi**, MHA, RN, GERO-BC, LNHA - Northgate; **Alexandra LaMothe**, RN, FNP-BC, NHA - Brookhaven; **Danielle Reusch**, RN, BSN, WCC, LNHA, CSWD-C, QCP - Harris Hill; **Michelle Kraus**, MS, LNHA - Autumn View. Front row from left: **Kirsten Whittemore**, ANP, MS, LNHA - Seneca; **Patrick McFeely**, MBA, LNHA, LBBH, PM-LPC CHSP, CCM, SOLC, CCIM - Garden Gate.

The award was introduced in 2008 by one of ACHCA's most revered leaders, the late Eli Pick, and is presented annually in his memory, as he was dedicated to advancing professionalism and leadership in long term care.



People Inc. President and **CEO Rhonda Frederick** was named #20 in Buffalo Business First's Power 250, a list of the region's most influential people!

Olear Team/MJP - Top team for 10th straight year



The Hall of Honor category honors women who are at a level equivalent to vice president or higher and who have had a significant effect on their organization or industry. **Susan Grigg**, CEO, The McGuire Group/RCA/VestraCare, Buffalo, NY



Congratulations to our new board committee chairs!

Julie Whitbeck-Lewinski is our new co-chair for the education committee, and **Ann Marie Klosko** is our new co-chair for the nominating committee.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS & RECOGNITION!



The GreenFields

For leadership that's ensured inspired living, our President and CEO, **Christopher Koenig**, was named to Buffalo Business First's Power 250 list!



Absolut Care

Orchard Brooke Assisted Living Center is pleased to announce the appointment of **Maria Kane** as our new Administrator! In this capacity, she will be responsible for the oversight and operation of all aspects of the facility including staffing, human resources, food service, activities, resident plans of care, nursing, maintenance, fiscal management and environmental services.

Read more of her story at: <https://lnkd.in/dqKe2Gaw>
Welcome to our family Maria!

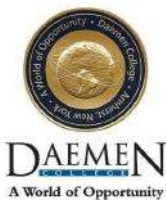


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The **Brothers of Mercy Nursing & Rehabilitation Center's** team of dedicated professionals have achieved a deficiency-free survey as announced by New York State Department in their exit conference this afternoon. The Survey Team of 8 reviewed nearly 3 years' worth of medical records, observed the care and treatment of our residents/patients and interviewed team members over the course of 5 days.

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**“Be the Change You Want
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Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Presented by:
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WORKSHOP

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

12:30 – 1:30 PM Registration & lunch

1:30 – 4:30 PM Workshop

Cost: \$25

In collaboration with The Health Foundation of Western and Central NY, Network in Aging presents an **interactive** workshop aimed to address challenges in senior care that arose during the pandemic. Access new problem-solving tools and processes to explore ways as a community we can address delivery and access of senior care as we move forward.

Sarah Harlock, Program Director for the Integrative Center for Memory at DENT Neurologic Institute, will open the topic by expanding on her presentation from our Annual Conference in 2021. **Teresa Lawrence, PMP of International Deliverables**, will guide us through processes to explore ways to address, mitigate, or resolve challenges that we have faced and poise us to change the future of senior care.

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 - 12-National Grilled Cheese Day
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 - 15-National Tax Day
 - 15-National Laundry Day
 - 16-Wear Pajamas to Work Day
 - 18-National Haiku Poetry Day
 - 20-Husband Appreciation Day
 - 21- Easter(varies each year)
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 - 6-National Nurses Day
 - 8- No Socks Day
 - 10- Clean Up Your Room Day
 - 11- Eat What You Want Day
 - 12- Mother's Day (2nd Sunday)
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 - 13-National Sewing Machine Day
 - 14-Flag Day
 - 16-Father's Day (3rd Sunday)
 - 17-Eat All Your Veggies Day
 - 18-World Juggling Day
 - 18-International Picnic Day
 - 20-World Refugee Day
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Connect55+ Active Living Communities Create Canned Food Sculptures - Donate to Local Charity Organizations

Connect55+ Wheatfield West, Connect55+ Wheatfield East and Connect55+ Orchard Park, are 55+ active, adult independent living communities in Wheatfield, & Orchard Park, NY, who all independently, designed a canned food sculpture with collected goods being donated locally.

As part of a country, corporate-wide, charitable contest, the residents of Connect55+ were tasked with creating a "sculpture" completely out of canned goods. Those cans would then be donated to a charity selected by the residents.

The contest was organized by Calamar, Connect55+ corporate owner, and involved over twenty-two (22) contending 55+ communities across the United States that are owned and managed by Calamar, competing for a canned food trophy, a pizza party and bragging rights. Judging of all entries were selected by employees of Calamar's corporate office in a blind vote.

With the help and guidance of Connect55+ managers & Connect Coordinators, the residents collaborated and brainstormed about what they should create. Connect55+ Wheatfield West created a bowling alley to "strike out hunger." Connect55+ Wheatfield East created an ode to Lady Liberty and Connect55+ Orchard Park created a Buffalo Bills game, complete with Bills faces and resident faces as the opposing team! With thoughtful planning, great creativity and detailed execution, these images came to life out of cans. See attached photos of all our community entries.

We are proud to say our Connect55+ Communities across the country raised nearly, 7,700 canned food and other food items that were distributed throughout their local communities. This is the fifth year this contest has taken place. 🌸

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Absolut Care of Aurora Park Announces Promotions



Absolut Care of Aurora Park is pleased to announce the promotions of Cyndee Foss, Daire Kwarta and Jennifer Kennedy in the nursing department at the 320-bed facility.

Cyndee Foss, RN, has been promoted to the role of assistant administrator and is responsible for supporting and serving the facility administrator and department leaders. She will also handle the oversight of the therapy, dietary, MDS and quality departments while ensuring compliance and excellence in care for the residents.

Prior to her appointment, Foss served as director of nursing and has held a variety of roles since 1996 including: assistant

director of nursing, nursing assistant training program instructor and coordinator, inservice coordinator, resident care coordinator, director of restorative services, charge nurse and staff nurse. She holds an associate degree in nursing from Genesee Community College and is a member of the Professional Nurses Association.

She resides in Warsaw with her husband Shannon, whose father owned Foss Auction in East Aurora, and has three children: Thomas who works as a cook; Autumn, a second lieutenant in the US Army; and Winter who works as a certified nursing assistant at Absolut Care of Aurora Park.

Daire Kwarta, RN, WCC, has been promoted to the role of director of nursing and is responsible for the oversight and operation of the day-to-day functions of the nursing department as well as ensuring compliance with all facility, local, state and federal regulations.

Kwarta has worked for Absolut Care since 2011 and has held roles as the assistant director of nursing, rehab manager and nursing supervisor. She has also worked on the specialized memory care and subacute rehab units. She received a RN degree from Erie Community College and wound care certification from the Wound Care Institute.

She resides in Eden with her husband Marc and has three children: Noah, Mason and Aidan.

Jennifer Kennedy, RN, has been promoted to the role of assistant director of nursing. In this capacity, she assists the director of nursing in planning, organizing, developing and directing the functions of the nursing department in accordance with current facility, local, state and federal regulations.

Prior to her appointment, Kennedy served as the subacute manager, long-term unit coordinator, subacute unit coordinator and associate director of education. She has also held roles at Absolut Care's sister portfolio, the McGuire Group, where she began her career as a certified nursing assistant in 1995. She is a graduate of Trocaire College and Erie 2 BOCES.

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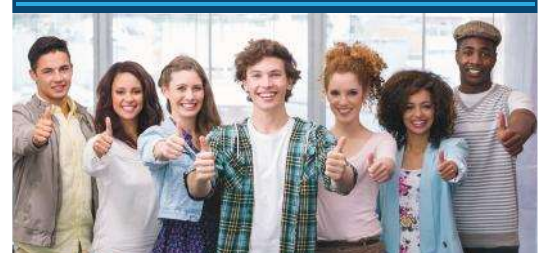


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Venture Forthe is a premier Licensed Home Care Services Agency located in Western New York, family owned and operated since 1997.

Venture Forthe offers traditional Personal Care Aide Services (PCA), where professional aides are sent into the home to provide care. Venture Forthe also provides access to the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP), which allows an individual to hire a family member or friend of their choice as their caregiver.

In addition to these services, Venture Forthe offers comprehensive in-home Behavioral Health Care. These services include Counseling Services, Life Skills Training Services, Peer Support and Vocational Services to help bring balance back into an individual's life.

Employment opportunity:

Interested in starting your career in healthcare?

We're hiring!

Personal Care Aides

- Free training taught by our experienced

Registered Nurses

- Flexible and consistent schedules available
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- PTO eligibility
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Please apply here: <https://www.ventureforthe.com/careers/pca-openings/>



Northwestern Mutual

Williams & O'Connor Financial Planning Group

We are looking for an Investment Operations Associate to assist with our growing firm's investment operations! Responsibilities will include:

- New account opening
- Money movement requests
- Investment account maintenance
- Compliance support

A Series 6 or 7 and 63 licensures are required. Three to five years of experience is strongly preferred. Our firm offers a very generous benefit package.

We are a growing dynamic team that serves individuals and institutional clients.

If you or someone you know may be interested, please reach out to Steve Buzzelli (716) 877-9202 for more information



Bristol Village

Personal Care Aide

Are you looking for rewarding work in a family-like atmosphere?! Bristol Village is looking for both Full Time and Part Time PCA's for ALL SHIFTS, who are reliable, caring, and dedicated individuals. Candidates must be comfortable working with the elderly population, while assisting them with various daily tasks. Must have the flexibility to work various hours, including every other weekend and holidays. Additional shifts may be available for vacation / absence coverage. Great benefit packages offered!

No heavy lifting required. Paid PCA Training upon hire.



Solstice Senior Living

ACTIVITIES VIBRANT LIFE DIRECTOR

SUMMARY of Duties: The Vibrant Life® Director is responsible for organizing, planning, facilitating and directing the overall operations of the Vibrant Life® Department in accordance with current standards, guidelines and regulations, company policies and procedures, and as may be directed by the Executive Director to assure that an on-going program of Vibrant Life® activities is designed to meet, in accordance with the assessment, the interests and the physical, mental, and psychological well-being of each resident. The Vibrant Life® Director is also responsible for developing wellness programs.

VIBRANT LIFE ACTIVITIES ASSISTANT / DRIVER

SUMMARY of Duties: The Vibrant Life® Assistant is responsible for ensuring safe driving of the community's van and supervision of the residents during property outings. The Vibrant Life® Assistant will also assist carrying out Vibrant Life® activities within the property, as assigned.

Contact Stephanie Mruczek at eastamherstdsm@solsticeseniorliving.com for more information.



Beechwood Employment Opportunities

Is it time for a change in your career? Are you looking for an opportunity to advance your profession? Are you interested in being part of a team, a family, where you are appreciated, encouraged and rewarded?

Beechwood Continuing Care may be the right choice for you! Beechwood offers competitive wages, sign-on bonuses and tuition assistance, as well as excellent benefits packages and a pleasant work environment. On campus, there is free parking, and we are on a main bus route.

For more information, go to www.beechwoodcare.org/employment



Glenwell, DePaul Senior Living Community

Join DePaul in putting our mission into action! Glenwell is now hiring a full-time Registered Nurse (Assisted Living Program Director) at our senior living community in Cheektowaga, New York: <http://ow.ly/7CfH50HJghJ>



Registered Nurse (ALP Director)

Cheektowaga, New York



RNs, LPNs, CNAs & CNA Trainees

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VARIETY OF SHIFTS AVAILABLE

SIGN ON BONUSES:
\$2,000-5,000

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SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL
UP TO \$3.50/HR

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Cheektowaga Senior Services
JOB OPENING: FULL-TIME OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Duties and responsibilities include:

- Counseling older adults in such social service areas as housing, transportation, money management, employment, recreation, etc.
- Assisting clients in completing forms (i.e. SNAP, Medicaid, tax assistance, etc.) and obtaining necessary certificates (birth, identification, marriage, etc.)
- Making home visits to senior Town residents for assessment and linkage to services
- Maintaining records on the clients such as general data, activity records, waiting lists, interests, etc.

Candidate must possess a valid NYS Driver's License. Starting salary \$43,260. Candidate will be provisional until successful completion of Civil Service Test. Town of Cheektowaga residency requirement. Please send resume along with three references to:

Cheektowaga Senior Services, Attn: Kerry Peek, Director, 3349 Broadway Street, Cheektowaga NY 14227 or email resume & references to: kpeek@tocny.org

People Inc.

Immediate openings for Direct Support Professionals and Behavior Technicians (BT) for group homes nestled in the heart of Akron NY. Make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities as you provide: community integration; medication administration; personal care and transportation.

BTs also provide instruction and assist with development of behavior plans. We provide paid training.

Full time and part time positions are available with consistent schedules for all shifts. A \$750 sign-on bonus is now available for designated full time positions. A \$375 sign-on bonus is available for designated part time positions. (The sign-on bonus is subject to change and/or may be discontinued at any time.)



People Inc.

Are you interested in supporting families with children from newborn to age 21 by coordinating care for the family member with a focus on behavioral health, physical health and mental health needs? People Inc. is seeking compassionate people with a Bachelor's of Science/Arts Degree with 2-year's relevant experience, or Licensed Registered Nurse with 2-year's relevant experience or Master's Degree with 1-year relevant experience. Relevant experience in serving children and families in child welfare, developmental disabilities, behavioral health, primary health care or social services preferred.

As our program in expanding, we have several openings for the right candidate who will coordinate care for the family member and ensure that quality services are being provided to the child and family. Learn how to use evidence based practices and tools to assess the needs of children and then create care plans and goals with the child and their team. The Children's Services Care Manger position offers great opportunities to work with community providers and create relationships throughout the Greater Rochester region. Ability to educate, possess solid writing and verbal communication skills, work effectively and knowledgeably across a broad spectrum of cultural, ethnic, and racial communities, work independently and possess a NYS Driver's License that meets agency policy are among the qualifications for this position.

Our employees are our most valuable resource and we are committed to their ongoing personal and professional growth, while offering outstanding benefits, generous PTO/PTO buyback, tuition reimbursement and paid training. There is a place for YOU on our TEAM!

Full essential functions, responsibilities and qualifications are available at <https://lnkd.in/eavVDmrD> by searching for the job title.

JOIN OUR TEAM!

• CNAs • LPNs • RNs • HHAs • PCAs

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COMMUNITY



POSITIONS AVAILABLE!

Elderwood Health Plan

Elderwood Health Plan - Outreach Specialist - Buffalo & Rochester Markets

The Outreach Specialist promotes Elderwood Health Plan Managed Long Term Care Plan by identifying membership growth opportunities in the Buffalo & Rochester markets (throughout six WNY Counties). The Outreach Specialist will be able to educate individuals on Managed Long Term Care benefits (MLTC).

As a successful Outreach Specialist, you will build and establish relationships within the community in order to generate new enrollment opportunities with individuals, groups, providers, community-based organizations, and local business leaders. You will also serve as an Elderwood Health Plan advocate and act as the liaison in the Community, as well as with Providers. Must have the flexibility to work various hours, including weekends and evenings. Please send resume to Chandra Daigler at: CDaigler@Elderwood.com. Reach out to Chandra with any questions at: 716-572-1373.



Elderwood

Elderwood Assisted Living at

Tonawanda:

Case Manager (ALF)

<https://careers-postacute-affiliates.icims.com/jobs/21159/case-manager-%28alf%29/job>

Elderwood Village at Bassett Park:

Administrator (Adult Care/Assisted Living)

<https://careers-postacute-affiliates.icims.com/jobs/21017/administrator-%28adult-care-assisted-living%29/job>

Administrator (Adult Care/Assisted Living)

Elderwood Village at St. Gregory Court:

Director of Nursing:

<https://careers-postacute-affiliates.icims.com/jobs/20897/director-of-nursing-%28don%29----assisted-living-facility-%28alf%29/job>

Director of Dietary Services:

<https://careers-postacute-affiliates.icims.com/jobs/20463/director-of-dining-services/job>

Director of Maintenance

<https://careers-postacute-affiliates.icims.com/jobs/20462/director-of-maintenance/job>

Elderwood Administrative Services:

RN - Regional Nurse Consultant (WNY)

<https://careers-postacute-affiliates.icims.com/jobs/21060/rn---regional-nurse-consultant---western-new-york-region-%28wny%29/job>



VOLUNTEER

Why volunteer? You get a chance to give back! Weinberg Campus is looking for individuals who have some extra time and are looking to give back to their community. If you'd like to learn more about volunteer opportunities at our campus, we'd love to speak with you! Reach out to Sarah at sleffler@weinbergcampus.org.



We're Hiring!

Hospice & Palliative Care Buffalo has immediate full-time and part-time openings for caring and compassionate team members.

Current Openings:

- Business Analyst
- Staff Accountant
- Registered Nurse
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- Medical Social Worker
- Home Health Aide

Competitive salary and generous benefits.



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Scan the QR above to find out more!



Exciting Employment Opportunities

Our name is unique and so is Harmonia Collaborative Care's Mission. Our integrated services are designed to enhance mental health, personal growth, and independence – to help clients harmonize their lives. We are an innovative and complete provider capable of serving a broad spectrum of client needs and we are a growing Human Services organization.

WE ARE SEEKING SPECIAL PEOPLE TO FILL THE FOLLOWING FULL AND PART-TIME POSITIONS:

- Behavioral Health Coordinator
- School Program Coordinator
- Health Homes Case Manager
- Accounting Clerk (PT)
- Office Manager
- CarePation Associates
- Front Office Receptionist
- Billing and Credentialing Clerk
- Behavioral Health Therapist



Harmonia offers:

- ▶ Competitive Compensation and Benefits (health insurance, dental and vision insurance, retirement, life insurance,)
- ▶ Generous Paid Time Off plus 12 paid holidays.
- ▶ Professional Leadership and the ability to work with accomplished staff
- ▶ Financial assistance to help you achieve peak performance and build your knowledge and skills and much more!

Our staff prides themselves on providing empathetic care, helping people attain their highest level of well-being

If you would like to join our team and embark on an exciting and fulfilling career, forward your resume to:

beagan@harmonia-care.org

Harmonia Collaborative Care is an Equal Opportunity Employer

ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES

It's Raining Cats & Dogs!!!

April showers bring animatronic pets to Erie County. The Erie County Department of Senior Services has partnered with New York State Office of Aging over the past year as part of a pilot program to find these pets their forever homes. This program was started to help combat social isolation in older adults during the pandemic.

These animatronic cats and dogs have benefited many older adults across the state. Older adults have become more isolated and lonelier due to the restrictions of the pandemic, with limited interactions with family and friends. These pets respond to both touch and motion. They have built in sensors and speakers. These movements and sounds provide comfort and companionship to older adults all while barking and purring. All the perks of animal companionship without the mess! No need to worry about food or vet visits.

We have found homes for more than 200 pets with our continued partnerships within the community. Many older adults have benefited tremendously from these pets, providing a better quality of life. We have been able to place pets in the homes of older adults who are isolated or have dementia. The increase in happiness and decrease of loneliness has been amazing.

Enjoy some photos of our older adults receiving their companion pets. 🌸



NEW HOURS

COVID-19 Information Line
(716) 858-2929

WEEKDAYS 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION AVAILABLE

Need information on or an appointment for COVID-19 vaccinations? Hours for our COVID-19 Information Line are Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM (closed weekends).

Call (716) 858-2929 with your questions. And remember, our website also has COVID-19 & vaccine information, available 24/7. Go to: erie.gov/vax

VAX Visits

Receive COVID-19 vaccine at your home. COVID-19 vaccine is available for ages 12 & older.

Call to be scheduled:
(716) 858-2929

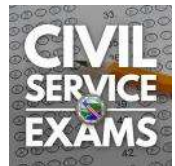
LiveWell Erie Erie County Department of Health Public Health

Other clinics: www.erie.gov/vax

Get vaccinated at home! The “Vax Visits” program makes it even easier to get your COVID-19 vaccine. Call the Erie County Dep’t of Health at (716) 858-2929, 8:30 AM – 5 PM, Monday – Friday.

Learn more (or sign-up for any other clinic) at: <http://erie.gov/vax>

Sign up to be notified when new Erie County Civil Service exams are posted! To register, visit: <https://lnkd.in/dByFUGE>



Elder Law Day 2022

A VIRTUAL SERIES
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We are very excited to announce that our **Elder Law Day Series** will be returning this summer! Until then, please check the website for updates and to watch recorded classes from last season. <http://ow.ly/xp9i50I85EV>

Can You Deliver? Older adults in your community are counting on it.

There are 2,000 meal-delivery routes in NYS bringing vital nutrition to 200,000 older adults at home. One of these could be yours to travel – and a lifeline for them. Call and volunteer today as a local meal driver through your office for aging.

Make a Difference in YOUR Community!
Volunteer to deliver meals to isolated older adults.



Stay informed on road closures due to #storms or #construction with the interactive, up-to-date road map by the Erie County Department of Public Works.

Go to: erie.gov/dpw and click on “Road Closures,” or use this direct link: <https://lnkd.in/eqfd8rK>

ERIE COUNTY INTERACTIVE MAP

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Contact Lisa at lisa@networkinaging.org
to schedule your blast.



LIFE LESSONS - JANUARY-MARCH



This month in March, the **Brothers of Mercy Outpatient Therapy Clinic** celebrated Employee Appreciation Day on March 4th and our 3rd year participating in the Hospice Spring Bouquet Sale on March 8th! Pictured, left: Hospice Bouquets 2022; right: outpatient staff.

Need an Affordable Senior Apartment?
Live in the "Gateway to the Southtowns" of Erie County

NOW Accepting Applications
People Inc. Oakwood Senior Apartments
15 Oakwood Avenue, Blasdell, NY



Are you, a loved one or someone you assist looking for an affordable senior apartment and maintenance-free living? We can help YOU!
People Inc. Oakwood Senior Apartments is accepting applications.

The apartments are for people age 55+ and who meet income eligibility.

One- and two-bedrooms available • Apartment units include a refrigerator, stove and dishwasher
Safety features • Laundry facilities • Furry friends welcome – tenants may have one small pet

Seven furnished set-aside apartments for people 55+ who are income-eligible and are frail elderly homeless individuals

Section 8 vouchers accepted. Additional features include:

- Part time professional on-site management
- Accessible or barrier-free apartment units available
- Located near a major bus route and within a few blocks of restaurants and shopping
- Community Room
- On-site laundry facilities
- Central air conditioning
- Attractive grounds and outdoor space
- Smoke-free living

Download an application: people-inc.org/oakwoodapts
Our knowledgeable and helpful staff are happy to review income eligibility requirements and any questions.

For an application to be mailed to you or for more information, email housing@people-inc.org or call 716.880.3890.



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APRIL LIFE LESSON NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

The month of April is designated as National Volunteer Month. It's a month dedicated to recognizing the importance of volunteering and honoring the significant contributions volunteers make by generously donating their time and talents to worthy causes. It's an opportunity to thank all the thousands of volunteers across the country who keep many organizations running, communities safe and provide the unwavering services that otherwise would not exist without volunteers.

Do you volunteer at a nursing home or assisted living community? Work at a food pantry? Do you run errands for an elderly person? Volunteer at an animal rescue shelter by walking dogs? Coach a sporting team? Volunteer at events and festivals? Help fundraise for a specific cause? Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity? Do you volunteer your time at the Walk to End Alzheimer's? At your church? Serve food at a homeless shelter? Do you participate in a park or street cleanup day? What are you, your friends, or your organization are most passionate about?

Send your photos or a few sentences to lisa@networkinaging.org

Please SHARE this with your clients, residents, staff, volunteers, and friends.

We will post every photo you send us on Facebook and tag your business or organization.



Network in Aging of Western New York, Inc.

7954 Transit Road, #254
Williamsville, NY 14221

The Network in Aging of Western New York, Inc. is a non-profit, voluntary corporation, which brings together individuals and organizations involved in aging and long-term care. Our diverse membership includes educators, health and social service professionals, community leaders, government agencies and area businesses. **Our mission is “To help our members by providing opportunities for resource exchange, professional development and interdisciplinary collaboration through networking events, educational programs, strategic partnerships and promoting public awareness of the organization and its mission.”**

For more information about the Network in Aging of WNY, contact Lisa Boron at (716) 954-3075 or go online to www.networkinaging.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Senior Health & Resource Fair • Thurs., May 12, 2022 • 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
The BFLO Event Center • 4475 Transit Road • Williamsville

“Be the Change you Want to See in Senior Care” Workshop • Tues., May 17, 2022 • 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Main-Transit Fire Hall • 6777 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221

“Progressive” Networking Dinner • Thurs., June 16, 2022 • 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Osteria • 166 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY 14202

Taste of the Network • Tues., July 26, 2022 • 12:00 – 2:00 pm
Amherst Center for Senior Services • 370 John James Pkwy., Buffalo, NY 14228

Annual Meeting & Conference • Thurs., November 3, 2022
Wurlitzer Building • 908 Niagara Falls Blvd., North Tonawanda, NY 14120