

November 18, 2015

Dear Front Porch:

My parents (Burton and Joyce Peterson) and aunt and uncle (Kaye and Jim Sharp) moved into the Grand Building at CBTS in December 1999. It was the best decision they ever made! I am an only child, and my aunt and uncle never had children, so having them all at CBTS was most wonderful! Over the years, I became very close to the other residents and the wonderful staff!! Thus, the reason for my letter today.

My father spent almost two years in the Care Center before he passed away in 2009. My mother spent many, many months over the years in the Care Center recovering from back surgery, throat cancer, breast cancer and finally lung cancer that took her life in 2013. My aunt spent a few months in 2012 with spinal fractures. Most recently, my aunt Kaye moved into the Care Center as her health was failing. She passed away the morning of November 13th.

Everyone working in the Care Center are the most loving, caring, gifted people I could ever wish for to take care of my loved ones. There are several people that I would like to call out by name. Number one is Sue Macango. She goes above and beyond to make sure the Care Center is a top notch facility with the most educated and caring staff. She has always found time to answer my questions and give me and my family comfort when needed. Most recently, Nancy Conway-Jagers was there giving such special care and love to my aunt and uncle (and me) long past her shift. She truly loved my aunt. There are several other people that I need to acknowledge for their loving care: Benita Arquero, Julieta Velasco, Kyla Rutledge, and Nancy Howard. After spending many hours staying in the Care Center with my relatives over the years, I wish I could name EVERY person working there. The other nurses whom I got to know with my mom were also so wonderful: Terri Latasa, Cindy Bressler, Saba Gevreegziabher.

The support staff are also a HUGE part of what makes the Care Center so wonderful. The CNAs are fabulous, loving people. Isabel in the kitchen is such a hard worker and cares about providing delicious meals for the residents (and family members)!!

I really wish I could list the names of every person that works in the Care Center, as each and every one makes a difference in the lives of the people that must stay on the third floor.

My uncle Jim is the one relative left living at CBTS in his apartment in the Grand building. I know that if the time comes that he must move to the Care Center, I have the upmost confidence that he will be loved and cared for by a wonderful group of people. (Right now he is getting fabulous care from Assisted Living). A special thank you to Patty Sheehan and her group who have been there to help with care in the apartment!!

Sincerely,

Lynn Dougall



Cc: Joan Johnson, Sue Macango