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NEW LEADERSHIP!

Martha Tamburrano is the new President and Chief Executive Officer of The Episcopal Home Communities, effective May 1, 2005. Preceding that appointment by three weeks, Gretchen Brickson became Executive Director of The Kensington on April 11.

Mrs. Tamburrano served as The Episcopal Home Communities' Vice President of Operations for the last three-and-a-half years. Known to the members of the Episcopal Home Communities family as Marty, she succeeds Kevin Gerber, who joined the Communities as President and CEO in 2001.

Staff, residents and friends of The Episcopal Home Communities are pleased by the Board of Directors' choice of a familiar face to lead the organization forward. Board Chair Larry Day appointed fellow Board Member Austin Weston as Chair of the Search Committee, which convened in March to consider how to proceed. Mr. Weston said, "As we thought about what is required of the job, we realized pretty quickly that we needed look no further than the office down the hall from Kevin's. We are fortunate that the most qualified person was right in front of us. With Marty able to assume her new role immediately, we can keep the momentum going here, rather than treading water for months during a prolonged nationwide search that we simply do not need." He added that the Board is eager to move forward in the area of strategic planning for the Communities.

Mrs. Tamburrano has 30 years of experience in continuing care retirement communities. As Vice President of Operations at The Episcopal Home Communities, Mrs. Tamburrano managed pre-construction operations, marketing and launch of The Covington, which opened in Aliso Viejo in 2004.



Martha L. Tamburrano is The Episcopal Home Communities' new President and CEO. The former Vice President of Operations for the Homes succeeded Kevin Gerber on May 1, 2005.

During her tenure at The Episcopal Home Communities, Mrs. Tamburrano has worked closely with the Executive Directors at The Kensington, The Canterbury and The Covington. She has spent considerable time on each campus and comes into her new position with a strong base of knowledge about what makes the Communities tick, individually and collectively.

Immediately prior to joining The Episcopal Home Communities as Vice President of Operations, she served as Regional Executive Director for The Internext

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THE EPISCOPAL HOME COMMUNITIES RAISE \$18,085 IN TSUNAMI AID

Residents, staff and friends of The Episcopal Home Communities contributed \$18,085 to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) in January, to be directed to its South Asia Fund. The support from TEHC was so generous that it prompted ERD President Sandra Swan, based in New York, and West Coast Operations Director Brian Sellers Petersen, from Seattle, to pay a special thank you visit to The Canterbury in early March.

Realizing how widespread the sympathy for the victims was, the Support Services office offered to expedite gifts from The Episcopal Home Communities family to the relief efforts in South Asia. Episcopal Relief and Development's mission aligns closely with the Homes' culture of philanthropy, so ERD was selected as the charity to be endorsed by TEHC.

During January 2005, the Support Services office for The Episcopal Home Communities collected dozens of checks, payable to ERD. The outpouring of contributions was generous. The gifts, totaling \$18,085 and ranging from \$25 to \$10,000, were sent to ERD specifically to aid the victims of the Dec. 26th tsunami.

Included in the packet of checks to ERD were gifts from residents at all three Episcopal Home Communities, as well as staff and management.



(l to r) Episcopal Relief and Development President Sandra Swan, with Canterbury resident Frank Fisher and Kevin Gerber, former President and CEO for The Episcopal Home Communities.

The Canterbury was the source of \$12,700, with one check for \$10,000 sent from resident Frank Fisher. Ms. Swan and Mr. Petersen met Mr. Fisher and made a presentation to the residents at The Canterbury, outlining the efforts of the tsunami relief in general and the goals of ERD in particular. They expressed gratitude to The Episcopal Home Communities, saying that the compassion of our residents, staff and friends would truly make a difference in the world effort.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COVINGTON ON ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY, JUNE 1, 2005

The Covington celebrated its first birthday on June 1st.

The residents are busy, with a bustling calendar of activities. The Resident Council has completed its first full year of resident governance, and a second election has been held for the second year of officers. A wide range of committees are dealing with all areas of resident life. Recent "block parties" have been held to promote neighborly socializing, with a different floor sponsoring the festive evening each month. Covington Health Fair Week was held from May 23–27. Fitness Coordinator Stephanie Perez planned the Health Fair, which educated the residents on diabetes, Alzheimer's, cancer, arthritis and the heart. Each day featured a different health-related issue and included presentations by experts.

The Covington's first birthday is an occasion for celebration— all 155 independent living units are committed.



KENSINGTON KEEPSAKES SHOP OPENS

Kensington resident and volunteer Hi Larkins, with the help of Alhambra Mayor Dan Arguello, cut the ribbon at the Kensington Keepsakes Grand Opening on March 10, 2005. The resale and consignment store officially opened at 1656 W. Valley Boulevard on the north side of The Kensington's campus. The Grand Opening was orchestrated by Marsha McNamara, Director of Volunteers at The Kensington. The Rev. Laura Queen, Chaplain, officiated at the blessing of Kensington Keepsakes, which was attended by about a hundred residents, volunteers, staff members and community friends.

Sandra Harmon, a caregiver at The Kensington, was honored as the staff member who won the company contest to name the store. Mrs. Larkins, who moved to The Kensington last summer, was applauded as the first volunteer to work in the store. Kevin Gerber, former President and CEO of The Episcopal Home Communities, welcomed Mayor Arguello, who attended with Alhambra Councilmen Mark Paulson, Steve Placido and Gary Yamauchi.

Kensington Keepsakes sells used furniture, collectables, jewelry, house wares, accessories and bric-a-brac. The small shop was formerly a carpet store and has been refurbished into a bright storefront selling treasures that have been donated and consigned by residents and friends of The Episcopal Home Communities. Since The Episcopal Home Communities is a non-profit organization, the consignment fees can be considered as tax-deductible contributions.

Kensington Keepsakes opened with limited hours in December and is operated by volunteers, with all proceeds directed to helping residents in need at The Kensington. The shop currently is open on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30. For further information, please call Kensington Keepsakes at (626) 943-9944 or Marsha McNamara at (626) 576-1032, x251.

The ribbon cutting officially opened Kensington Keepsakes at the Grand Opening celebration. (l to r) Councilmembers Gary Yamauchi and Steve Placido, with Kensington resident and first store volunteer Hi Larkins, Alhambra Mayor Dan Arguello, and Kensington employee Sandra Harmon, who named Kensington Keepsakes.



Marsha McNamara, Director of Volunteers at The Kensington, left, is responsible for the new Kensington Keepsakes retail and consignment shop. The Reverend Laura Queen, right, is Chaplain at The Kensington and performed the blessing at the Grand Opening of the store.



On hand for the Grand Opening of Kensington Keepsakes were (l to r) Betty Brill, former Board Member for The Episcopal Home Communities and long-time member of the Kensington Volunteers; Marcia Richter, President of the Kensington Volunteers; and Marsha McNamara, Director of Volunteers.





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The keys to a car that is no longer needed also may be the keys to a beneficial tax deduction. That vehicle may be donated to The Episcopal Home Communities, and is considered a tax-deductible donation by the Internal Revenue Service. Official notification tells the donor exactly how much may be deducted on his tax return.

In the past few months, cars have been donated by residents from all three Communities. Paul and Marilyn Traum from The Covington and Suzi Mori from The Kensington both donated cars they no longer need. Thomas Smith of Lexington, Mass., whose mother Evelyn Smith was a resident at The Canterbury, donated his late mother's car as well. These gifts will result in substantial tax-deductions for the

donors, while making generous contributions to the Communities this year.

The procedure is simple and speedy. A telephone call can result in the pick up of a vehicle within 24 hours. All that are necessary are the keys and a registration listing the vehicle owner's name. During a specified three-hour period, a towing service picks up the car and initiates the paper work for the donation. The Episcopal Home Communities is designated as the recipient for the proceeds from the sale of the automobile after it is sold.

Please call The Episcopal Home Communities Development Office to expedite your gift of a car or other vehicle. The number is (626) 281-3776, x229.



NEW LEADERSHIP *(continued from page 1)*

Group (now known as Front Porch) and Executive Director of Claremont Manor. Prior to that, Mrs. Tamburrano had served as Executive Director at Charter Communities' Hacienda de Monterey in Palm Desert, Ca., Villa Gardens in Pasadena, The Canterbury (from 1985–86), and Salina Presbyterian Manor in Salina, Kansas.

Mrs. Tamburrano lives in Upland with her husband, Angelo. Now retired, Mr. Tamburrano was born and raised in Italy. He became a U.S. citizen in the 1960s and spent most of his career as a general contractor. Her daughter Emily will be a Master of Divinity student in the fall at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.

Before her promotion to President and CEO, Mrs. Tamburrano spent nearly three months conducting the search that named Gretchen Meinke Brickson as The Kensington's new Executive Director. Mrs. Tamburrano said, "I am delighted to continue my work at The Episcopal Home Communities, and look forward to the challenge of my new position. My task will be aided immeasurably by the strong new leadership at The Kensington. We are all thrilled that Gretchen Brickson has joined us. Her experience will be a true gift to this wonderful community. I know the residents' lives will be enhanced by the knowledge and understanding that her expertise brings to The Kensington."

A resident of Pasadena, Mrs. Brickson comes to The Kensington with strong professional and academic qualifications in healthcare for aging adults in the non-profit sector. Most recently, she was Director of the Program for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) at Downey Regional Medical Center. PACE is an alternative senior care program that promotes independence among the nursing home eligible population. Mrs. Brickson was recruited to plan, develop and implement the program at Downey, based on a national model.

In the neighborhood near The Kensington, Gretchen Brickson is perhaps best known as the former Director of the Huntington Senior Care Network at Huntington Memorial Hospital. The 21-year-old Huntington Senior Care Network is widely respected as a resource that promotes health and wellness for older and disabled adults and their families, through extensive support services. She holds a BA in sociology from UCLA and both MSW and MBA/MPH degrees from UC Berkeley.



Gretchen Brickson is the new Executive Director at The Kensington. The former director of the Senior Care Network at Huntington Memorial Hospital has extensive education and experience in the field of services for the aging.

enjoyed people older than me. I look forward to the prospect of meshing the care in a facility like The Kensington with the necessary administrative tasks."

A welcome reception was held in Bloy Hall for Mrs. Brickson during her first week. The gathering was attended by more than 100 residents and staff members. She was serenaded with a song written especially for the occasion and sung by the Kensington Choir. During the "induction ceremony" she received gifts from the Resident Council and Department Heads, including earplugs, a first aid kit and hairnets, which she accepted with graceful humor.

Kevin Gerber resigned in late February to become President and CEO of The Episcopal Homes Foundation, which operates eight facilities and is headquartered in California's Bay Area. With corporate offices in Lafayette, California, the Episcopal Homes Foundation has five full life care facilities stretching from Monterey to Santa Rosa, plus two HUD affordable housing facilities. Total capacity for the five full life care facilities is 1,318. The Episcopal Homes Foundation was founded in 1965.

Prior to his departure, Gerber was honored and thanked for his service by The Kensington, The Canterbury, The Covington, Support Services and the Board, at a series of separate special recognition events.

Mrs. Brickson's grandparents formerly lived in Pasadena, and 13 years ago she moved there herself when she married Jack Brickson, who is Director of Planned Giving at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena. They have 10 nieces and nephews.

Long interested in the challenges of offering a continuum of long-term care, she believes that all her previous education has led her here. She said, "I had wonderful grandparents, and I have always really

PHILANTHROPY BUILT THE EPISCOPAL HOME COMMUNITIES

The Episcopal Home Communities has a long history of philanthropy. From Deaconess Miller, who first ministered to the widows of retired Episcopal priests in the 1920s, to Ethel Holt, whose substantial gift was acknowledged in naming Holt Hall, and Peggy Thomas, whose tireless decades of service here are realized every day when residents and families gather in Peggy's Place, volunteers have provided the backbone of this non-profit organization. They have given their time and made monetary contributions, without which The Episcopal Home Communities

would not be the strong institution it is today.

The Episcopal Home Communities welcomes your inquiries about current and future gifts to the Homes. We are prepared to assist you and your family by sharing information on planned gifts, including bequests, charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities and charitable lead trusts. Many planned gifts can result in substantially more income for you during your lifetime.

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