

The Ridgway Times

Isabelle Ridgway Care Center ~ 1520 Hawthorne Avenue ~ Columbus, OH 43203 ~ (614) 252-4931

Manager of the Year

One of the most coveted awards of Isabelle Ridgway Care Center is the Manager of the Year Award. This year we are excited to name the 2008 recipient, Lynette Baker, Assistant Director of Nursing.

Lynette's dedication to the Center is apparent to all who have the pleasure of working with her. She never hesitates whenever she is asked to perform any assignment. She has taken on the role of interim Director of Nursing whenever necessary, in addition to all of her other various duties.

Lynette is an excellent clinician and resident advocate. She consistently leads by example. She is always the first one to offer her services in times of need. More importantly, she will call and volunteer her services without being asked.

Peers and co-workers are in awe of how she manages to juggle her professional and personal life. Lynette does both with, what appears as, untiring ease. Lynette leads our morning meetings with panache and enthusiasm. Lynette's mantra is "Happy Monday (or whatever day of the week) everyone!" She encourages the staff to start the day on a positive note.

We congratulate Lynette Baker on her Manager of the Year Award, for she is truly deserving of this honor!

Celebrating October 2008

*National Breast Cancer
Awareness Month*

National Physical Therapy Month

Diversity Awareness Month

*World Smile Day
October 3*

*National Healthcare
Food Service Week
October 6-12*

*Columbus Day (U.S.)
October 13*

*National Boss Day
October 16*

*Sweetest Day
October 18*

*Medical Assistants' Week
October 20-24*

*Make a Difference Day
October 25*

*Halloween
October 31*



HALLOWEEN BASH



All residents, staff, and their families are invited to join us Thursday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m. for a BOO-tiful evening of fun, piñatas for children 5 and under, ghostly games, and plenty of goodies! Everyone is encouraged to DRESS UP in their favorite costume. We hope you will come join us. (If you DARE!)

Honoring Volunteer Cecille Spruiel For 20 Years of Selfless Service

We are privileged to honor a very special lady for her many years of devoted service to the residents and staff of Isabelle Ridgway Care Center. It was 20 years ago on September 15, 1988 that Cecille Spruiel completed a volunteer application at Isabelle Ridgway. Little did we know at that time, on our Founder's Day two decades ago, that we were gaining one of the most caring, compassionate, and committed volunteers ever to walk through Isabelle's doors.

Anyone who works in long-term care knows how helpful an extra set of hands can be, but when those hands are attached to someone as capable and willing as Cecille, they become priceless.

Ms. Cecille faithfully volunteers at Isabelle Ridgway every Thursday morning and some Tuesday afternoons when we have a shopping trip or other excursion planned. No job is ever too difficult or too menial for Cecille. She eagerly asks, "What would you have me do?" and is always willing to help in any way possible. From leading an exercise group to serving residents' meals to visiting those who need company to taking someone out to enjoy a breath of fresh air in the Friendship Garden, Cecille's heart and soul are poured into all she does.

The residents and staff of Isabelle Ridgway love Ms. Cecille. She always has a smile and kind word for everyone she meets. If she sees that someone has a need, she goes out of her way to meet that need. Time and time again I've seen her take a resident something cold to drink, buy someone a newspaper to read, and take time to sit and talk to someone just to let them know someone cares about them. She truly has a heart of a servant.

Is it a coincidence that Ms. Cecille happened to apply for a volunteer position on the exact date of our Founder's Day, some 76 years after Mrs. Isabelle Ridgway began her mission of serving the aging population of central Ohio? Possibly. Or, more likely, could it be that God smiled on our little Center and decided to bless us with a passionate woman who embodies the same ideals and values of Mrs. Isabelle Ridgway, to help us carry on her legacy? Because she has been such an angel to us, I believe that it was not a coincidence, but that it was God's plan to bring this wonderful woman to our home to be part of our Isabelle Ridgway family.

So, for 20 years of selfless service and for so generously sharing your time, treasure, and talents with us, we thank and honor you, Ms. Cecille Spruiel.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION FROM OUR RESIDENTS...

"I think Cecille is a wonderful person. She does her (volunteer) job and she likes her work. We need more people like her." ~ Gertrude Martin

"Cecille is a very loving and caring person. Her main concern is the residents. When we go out on outings and I am buddied with her she is very patient and caring." ~ Susan Cotton

"Cecille is a real nice and pleasant person and I like her." ~ Gerald Nowell

Thank You to the Nursing Staff ***From Susan Cotton, a Resident of Isabelle Ridgway***

"Myself and all the residents would like to thank the nurses and aids for the wonderful job joining together to take care of us when the lights went off Sunday, September 14, 2008. They knew what to do to keep us cool when the air conditioning went out. They were hot, but they still made the beds up and got the residents who couldn't get their selves dressed for bed in clean night clothes. They were so calm, even while not knowing what was going on in their own homes with their children. God bless those that thought of me and the other residents during that hardship."

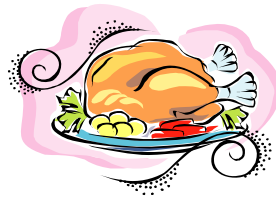
A Sweet, Sweet Month

Sweetest Day had its beginnings more than 60 years ago when a Cleveland, Ohio man began distributing small gifts to orphans, shut-ins, the underprivileged, and the homeless. He soon enlisted friends and neighbors to help, and eventually the idea spread to other cities.

Sweetest Day is now celebrated on the 3rd Saturday of October (October 18, 2008). It is an occasion to celebrate the kind things people do for each other every day.

Speaking of sweet, an estimated \$1.93 billion in candy sales makes Halloween the sweetest holiday of the year, beating out Easter, Valentine's Day, and Christmas. In fact, one quarter of all the candy sold each year is purchased between September 15 and November 10.

THANKSGIVING Feast
FAMILY Night



Isabelle Ridgway Care Center will be holding its 9th annual Thanksgiving Family Night Feast for our residents and their loved ones on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 6:00pm. We invite you to join us for an evening of fellowship, fabulous food, and entertainment as we celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving.

Due to our limited space, seating will be by reservation only, and each resident may invite up to 2 guests. If you plan on attending, please reserve your seat as soon as possible. Once we reach the dining room's full capacity, we will no longer accept reservations, so the sooner you call, the greater the chance of reserving a seat.

We look forward to another wonderful turn-out and an evening that's enjoyable for all. Please contact Kristin Tridico at (614) 252-4931, ext. 128 to make your reservation.

Make Your

VOTE

Count!

All voters must be registered by **October 6, 2008** to be eligible to vote in the **November 4th General Election.**

Register to Vote at

[vote.franklincounty
ohio.gov/](http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/)

Isabelle Ridgway Care Center's Directory
General Number: (614) 252-4931

IRCC's
MISSION

*Isabelle Ridgway
 Care Center's
 mission
 is to provide
 warm,
 compassionate,
 culturally
 appropriate
 and
 family-friendly
 care to the
 aging population
 of
 Central Ohio.*



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<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Extension</u>
President/CEO	Patricia Mullins	126
Administrator	Alanna Morgan	130
Executive Assistant	Frankie Otis	112
Receptionist	Anika Burgess	110

Department Directors

(listed alphabetically by department)

Admissions	Arica Brenner	165
Adult Day Care/Outreach	Ashley Hammerle	119
Chaplain/Development	Guy Schley	138
Dining Services	Belinda Mosley	140
Finance	John Atala	118
Housekeeping/Laundry	Wanda Isbell-Hardy	157
Human Resources	Matilda Woods	125
Maintenance	Terry Hill	137
Nurse Practitioner	Tamera Johnson-Roy	281
Nursing	Cheryl King	120
Nursing, Assistant Dir.	Lynette Baker	158
Program Services	Kristin Tridico	128
Program Services Asst. Dir.	Diana King	117
Social Services Director	Loyce Scott	150
Social Services	Michelle Ray	151
Therapy	Debbie Scott	155

Nursing Stations

2nd Floor (All Units)	Charge Nurse	122
3rd Floor (All Units)	Charge Nurse	133

Changing Seasons



As the autumn leaves begin to fall, we are again reminded of the change in the seasons. Summer is over, and we prepare for cooler weather.

This is the time for our residents and family members to take inventory of their clothing and other personal items as we get ready for colder weather. We ask that you help your loved one sort through their closets to determine what clothes can be removed or stored, such as the summer clothing, and discard those that are worn or need replacement. Since the closet space for our residents is limited, we would appreciate your help in taking inventory. Please ensure that your loved one has enough warm clothing. Thank you.