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Introducing . . .

Our new logo! As new sister homes, Holton Home and Bradley House have the best of both worlds. We are each unique but have the benefit of working together to provide the best of care. For example, our nurses meet regularly, sharing the wisdom of their different backgrounds to come up with caregiving policies and procedures that serve both homes well.

It's time to address our awkward name. Since we legally merged, we are Holton Home, Inc., doing business as Holton Home and doing business as Bradley House. We love our names – Bradley House and Holton Home, and there will be no change to them. But we needed a new parent company name that represents us both. We had lots of passionate stakeholders weigh in and, in the end, agreed to **Garden Path Elder Living**.

Both homes have beautiful gardens and gazebos and paths that take you through them. Residents and friends so enjoy the nature that surrounds us and the accessibility of our grounds. That joy is reflected in the term Elder Living because our focus is on life and offering warm and enlivening experiences every day.

Next was a new logo that reflects who we are and that could be shared by both homes. You see the product here – the hills of Vermont, a welcoming path and a home lit up with love and light. Just like us!

BRADLEY HOUSE
A Garden Path Elder Living community



HOLTON HOME
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Staff

Bradley House

Cindy Jerome, *Executive Director*

Holton Home

Debra Abel, *Site Director*
Carol Bengston, *LNA*
Tim Cavanaugh, *Activities Director*
Karen Coger, *LNA*
Heather Corey, *Senior LNA*
Carie-Ann Davis, *Housekeeper*
Catheryn Dix, *RA, Housekeeper*
Steve Foresteire, *Chef Manager*
Kimona Hall, *LNA, Per Diem*
Lisa Holabird, *RN, RCA*
Tammy Kemp, *LNA*
Warren Kimberly, *Cook*
Ed Kowalski, *Maintenance Director*
Michelle Lucy, *LPN*
Autumn O'Sullivan, *RA*
Darlene Perkins, *LNA*
Stephanie Pike, *RA*
Rae Ann Pinault, *Executive Assistant*
Kellie Poplawski, *RA*
Elizah Temple, *RN*
Melissa Wood, *RA*

Eileen Ogden, *Resident Care RN*
(for Bradley House and Holton Home)

Félicité Adjoua, *RA, Per Diem*
Morgan Aldrich, *LNA*
Alicia Bebey, *LNA*
Susie Belleci, *Activities, Per Diem*
Nancy Bonneau, *LNA*
Pam Boyd, *Cook*
Chris Clark, *Maintenance Director*
Carie-Ann Davis, *Housekeeper*
Julie Emery, *RA, Per Diem*
Amy Hall, *RA, Per Diem*
Kimona Hall, *LNA, Per Diem*
Imelda Haloho, *LNA*
Ruth Kibby, *LNA, Per Diem*
Carol Killay, *RA*
Lynn Miner, *LNA*
Shirley Morrill, *Housekeeper*
Kelly Morse, *RA*
Wendy Parent, *LNA*
Karen Penson, *LNA*
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Kree Rinfret, *Executive Assistant*
Chelsea Saber, *RA*
Emma Sheldon, *Site Director*
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Birthdays

There are no resident birthdays for Holton Home in January.

Bradley House resident birthdays in January include:
♦ Liz on the 31st

Revival Update

Construction on Phase 1 of the Bradley House addition is going smoothly, with the exception of it taking longer than the contractor thought would be the case. We expect to be in this beautiful new wing in mid-January.

A few of the new rooms have not yet been reserved. If you know someone who might benefit from having trained staff ready to offer assistance, 24 hours/day, or someone who just is tired of doing the shopping, cooking and shoveling themselves, give us a call. (802) 254-5524 or email Debra@BradleyHouseVT.org.



Karen Cogger is Bradley House's



A little bit about Karen:

Karen holds the "baylor" position (weekends only) at Bradley House so those of us who work weekdays hardly ever see her, but we know that she is here. She has been working at Bradley House since February of 2013.

When Karen is not working she enjoys her 9-year-old yellow lab and her new 6 month old mini Dachshund puppy. She enjoys visiting her son and granddaughter in Rochester NH and she loves to garden. The residents speak very highly of her and are re-assured when she is here because they know that she can handle any situation.

Here are some of their comments:

- Absolutely unbelievable. Always willing to help with a smile.
- Competent and compassionate. Reliable.
- Karen is a very caring person and she can see what your needs are, and I just like to have her come in.
- Very careful with what she does.
- Very cheerful personality and immediately receptive to what we ask.

Pam Boyd is Holton Home's



A little bit about Pam:

Pam Boyd has worked as a Cook in the Holton Home kitchen for over nine years. She is an amazing baker and one of the kindest, most friendly people you could meet. Pam goes the extra mile, putting real flowers on the monthly birthday cakes she makes and making us sugar on snow during the sugaring season. Pam has a nice design sense, whether it's arranging flowers on a cake or making Christmas wreaths. She makes hundreds of wreaths leading up to the holidays. The beautiful wreaths hanging at both Holton Home and Bradley House are Pam's creations. Here are some comments from residents on what they love about Pam:

- Maple syrup
- I like her personality. She's always friendly
- Has nice jokes
- Very comforting, a loving person
- Very accommodating
- A smile a mile wide
- She makes good food
- She is interested in what she's doing and it shows
- She loves to share about her life at home
- Makes wonderful cakes



Marie and Grace enjoying the new chairs in the parlor

A big thank you to the Visiting Committee for donating these beautiful chairs to update Holton Home's parlor. Two more new chairs will be coming soon! Now we have a brand new dining room, and will have our parlor looking brand new in no time. If you or someone you know would be interested in making a special donation toward the parlor project, it would be very much appreciated. Together, let's keep these smiles alive!

Emma Sheldon
Site Director, Holton Home

A LOVELY DAY IN NOVEMBER

As we all know, November in Vermont can be a bit challenging to get through: colder temperatures, grey skies and stark landscapes. If you can, it is nice to find color to help brighten your spirit. That is exactly what seven of us from Bradley House did on Wednesday, November 15, when we made the trek down to the annual fall Chrysanthemum Show, at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts.

Luckily it was a beautiful sunny day and not only did we find color at the show, but the variations in shape and size were amazing to see. It took a couple of trips around the display to take it all in. Some of us took a break and went to other greenhouses, not part of the show, and then came back to the mums. And, speaking of the other greenhouses, they were also amazing to behold. There are plants and trees from all around the world. The tropical and subtropical greenhouses have benches where you can sit and rest awhile. There are shrubs and trees there that we know as houseplants.

After about an hour and a half we all felt tired and hungry; so, we headed home, stopping for lunch at The Four Leaf Clover in Bernardston. We all agreed that it had been a lovely November day.

Tim Cavanaugh, Bradley House Activities Director



Alison enjoying the light and beauty



A sampling of the colors and styles



Janet strikes a pose in front of some favorites

Decking the Halls of Holton Home

Every December a fantastic tree from Elysian Hills arrives. The tree gets decorated with the help of our 8th grade companions from Hilltop Montessori. Beforehand, we pop a mountain of popcorn and string it with cranberries while chatting and listening to carols.

Many of the ornaments pre-date me: beautiful handmade lace snowflakes, golden walnuts which were made to replicate ones a resident made while she was a girl in Germany, and others from craft projects and people's collections. The tree always comes together beautifully.

In the evenings the lights and reflections of the tree warm the Blue Room. Sometimes I read with one little light on so everyone can bask in its glow and listen to the familiar words of holiday stories.

Pam makes beautiful wreaths each year that deck our doors and Chelsea beautifies the parlor, elevators and dining room, with her amazing style. The garland that decorates the stairway joins forces with the greens on the mantles to make the parlor smell perfectly Christmassy! Shirley Squires even lends us some of her nativities to adorn our Halls. Our menorah glows in the evenings, with progressive light and we celebrate the solstice (and the longer days that follow) and light candles and talk about what they represent for Kwanzaa.

Holton Home is inclusive, cozy and warm, with lots of good cheer wafting through the air! May the end of your year be filled with much joy that spills over into the new year!

Ellenka Wasung-Lott
Holton Home Activities Director



Autumn gifts