

Meet our New Staff Leader

As the new *Executive Director* of VHS, I have been impressed by several things: the great professionalism and attention to detail of my predecessor Eleanor Frenkel, the quality and dedication of the staff, the high quality standards of the organization, the great year-round support we receive from Bergen County, and the great collegiality of the non-profits we work with. My vision is to build on those strengths and make the program and fundraising changes that will ensure our long-term viability on behalf of the elderly clients we serve.

Our core principles remain the same: providing affordable home care, innovative programs and the highest standards in the home health care industry. VHS has a well-deserved great reputation earned over six decades of service and our “brand” is strong. That translates into our clients and their families knowing that we will always strive for excellence and make the client experience an excellent one-when the children and other relatives go about their daily lives, they must always believe that mom and dad are being well cared for. The population we serve is growing every day and for us to help our clients age-in-place in their long-time home or other group facility, we must continue to recruit, compensate and retain the best Home Health Aides, plus CHEER volunteers and staff who truly care about those they care for.

In the several months that I have been here, I have seen the wonderful, hand-written letters we get from our clients and their families, met most of our aides, and interacted with our CHEER volunteers and staff. They do often challenging work with skills, compassion and grace and we are thrilled that they have chosen this work...and this organization.

We will soon have a new Strategic Plan that will give us the blueprint for growth and service-delivery for at least the next three years. We are witnessing dramatic changes in the healthcare industry and we must adapt so we can be here for thousands more Bergen County residents for another 60+ years.

Ed Remsen



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Executive Director

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Special points of interest:

- **Join our team!** We are hiring Certified Home Health Aides. Hourly and live-in aides are needed.
- **Director of Nursing needed.** Part-Time Valid RN with Bachelor's degree in Nursing or other health related field.
- **Volunteer Opportunities for Clerical Duties Available.** Monday-Friday, 2-4 hours per day.
- **Know of anyone that should receive a copy of this Newsletter?**



VHS

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Remember the importance of estate planning. Legacy gifts help VHS achieve our goal of providing quality care to home bound seniors.

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Contact Information

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VHS is a certified non-profit home care agency that has been serving the elderly residents of Bergen County for 61 years. VHS helps individuals who are unable to care for themselves and helps family members who are struggling to cope with the care of aging relatives. VHS provides certified home health aides, shopping and errand services, housekeeping services and respite care. For further information about VHS, contact us by calling 201.488.0041 or visit our website www.vhsbc.com.

KUDOS to Chris!!!

The CHEER Program, funded by Bergen County Department of Human Services is attracting the best volunteers. Recently, Chris Dominguez saved her client's life! When making her weekly visit, she saw the client was not feeling well. His wife has dementia and did not realize the severity of the situation. Chris called 9-1-1. When the paramedics arrived, there was almost no pulse. After a 2 week stay in the hospital, our client returned home. Without Chris this story would surely have had a different ending.

Intern Profile: **We** are delighted to have Michael Bonsu as our office intern for this semester. Michael is studying Social Work at Ramapo College and is a real asset to us. He has been assisting with several projects, including updating our website. Take a look @ www.vhsbc.com.

*The Bergen County Division of Senior Services has just notified us that it will renew it's nearly \$75,000 contract with VHS for our CHEER Program!

*We wish to thank the Henry & Marilyn Taub Foundation for it's \$50,000 grant for our Stay at Home Program.

*Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers from United Water/Suez for their assistance at our October 17th Fundraiser.

We did it!

October 17th was a great day for employees and friends at our Oktoberfest. We packed the room at Mill Gardens, enjoyed beers and wines paired with lots of hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment. We had fun with tricky tray raffles and a great door prize!

We thank Mill Gardens, Nick Drivanos their Administrator, our Board Members-Iram Valentin and Nick Drivanos for hosting this event. Mill Gardens is a great location, and they serve delicious foods. We are proud to have a great relationship with Mill Gardens and recognize that they directly contribute to our success. Funds raised will help support the low income seniors of Bergen County that cannot afford home care.

We also want to thank our Silver Sponsors of our Oktoberfest: Otterstedt Insurance and Oritani Bank.

