

# King-Bruwaert House Legacy and Leaders



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



Dear K-B  
Families and  
Friends,

I have happily stepped into a new role at King-Bruwaert House after serving as Treasurer on the Board of Directors. I am succeeding Martin Gross as Chairman of the Board, a position he has held very ably for nearly 10 years.

This Spring, the Board began a strategic and long-range planning process for King-Bruwaert House in which we examined all facets of operations. At the completion of this process, we came away with a number of important conclusions. The most important is our continued commitment to our charitable mission. Seventy-three years ago, Suzanne King-Bruwaert recognized the importance of caring for our elderly in a way that provides them with comfort, security, and dignity, regardless of their financial situation. We reconfirmed the importance of this core value

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## King-Bruwaert House Beneficiary of \$1 Million Bequest

Herbert Bruckner, a lifelong resident of Hinsdale and Delray Beach, Florida, has left King-Bruwaert House \$1 million. Mr. Bruckner began his association with King-Bruwaert as a developer of Godair Park and a Board Member of Godair in the 1950's. Both Godair and King-Bruwaert had similar missions and in 1979, Mr. Bruckner encouraged K-B to assume responsibility for Godair.

Current resident, Mrs. Charlotte Schmitt, was Mr. Bruckner's sister. Mrs. Schmitt has lived at King-Bruwaert since 2000, but previously lived in the Woods. "Herb was very thoughtful and generous. He had many causes he held near and dear to his heart and K-B was one of them," said Mrs. Schmitt. A portion of the \$1 million that King-Bruwaert will receive from Mr. Bruckner's trust will be distributed in March of 2006, and the balance will be received six months later. He gave the gift in memory of his parents, William and Edith Bruckner.

"My brother was a careful planner and very intelligent about distributing his assets. By splitting his estate in half, one half divided among family, and the other half divided among charities," Mrs. Schmitt said, "he avoided sizable estate taxes."

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## King-Bruwaert House Announces Legacy Society

In order to properly recognize those generous individuals who have made an estate or planned gift to King-Bruwaert House, we are creating a new giving society. The Suzanne King-Bruwaert Legacy Society honors their generous commitment to the future of King-Bruwaert House and our ongoing mission of providing unsurpassed levels of care.



Some of our kind donors may not have notified King-Bruwaert House of our inclusion in their estate plans. If you have not previously informed us, please notify Julie Milam, Director of Development, of your thoughtful gift. You may choose to remain anonymous in all recognition materials and plaques.

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during our strategic planning discussions. We recognize our charitable mission as a quality that sets us apart from most other retirement communities.

This commitment to our charitable mission has recently been reinforced by former Godair Park Board member and philanthropist who lived in Hinsdale most of his life. Receiving a generous gift from the estate of Herbert Bruckner will help us to strengthen our endowment so that we can increase our charitable activities and further continue Suzanne King-Bruwaert's mission.

The coming years will bring many changes in the way we serve our residents, just as there have been many changes in the past decade. I want to assure you that King-Bruwaert House will meet these challenges and will continue to serve as a leader among retirement communities. On behalf of the Board, I want to thank you for your support and invite you to continue to think of King-Bruwaert House as you make your charitable plans. I look forward to serving as Chairman and keeping you informed of our progress.

Sincerely,  
John Kayser

## Nursing Scholarship Transforms CNA's Life



An anonymous donor has transformed the life of one of our Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) who took care of the donor's spouse in Healthcare. This donor grew to know the CNA over the course of the spouse's stay in Healthcare and recognized the individual's dedication to the job, compassion for the residents, and determination to educational pursuits to become a registered nurse.

A nursing program can take four years to complete and become a costly endeavor. Juggling a full-time course load, a full-time job, and family responsibilities can seem insurmountable, especially when tuition bills loom each year. Receiving a scholarship can take the burden of paying for tuition and books off the nursing student's mind, allowing for more concentration on the goal. This donor is committed to contributing to the CNA's education to completion.

The CNA who will benefit from this scholarship has spoken with Carl Baker, Administrator of King-Bruwaert House, about the CNA's future plans after finishing the nursing program. "The CNA is committed to working at K-B when the program is complete. They feel they owe so much to K-B that once they become an RN, they want to give back by working here," Mr. Baker reported. "This is wonderful news for K-B in light of the fact that we are in the midst of a nursing shortage. Offering a nursing scholarship is a positive way for K-B to take steps to give high-level staff the ability to expand their education while retaining them as employees."

If you are interested in learning more about our Nursing Scholarship Program, please contact Julie Milam at 630-230-9520.



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Mr. Bruckner strongly believed in the mission of King-Bruwaert House to provide unsurpassed levels of care regardless of an individual's ability to continue paying for their expenses. He restricted his gift to the Endowment Fund to serve that purpose.

"He loved King-Bruwaert House and would have lived his remaining years here had it not been for his rheumatism which did better in the Florida weather," commented Mrs. Schmitt.

The timing of Mr. Bruckner's gift ties in with a series of board-focused strategic planning meetings that map out the future of King-Bruwaert. In the strategic plan, an emphasis is being made on the charitable mission of King-Bruwaert. With Mr. Bruckner's gift, we will be able to ensure that future generations will benefit from his generosity.



*Artist Haaley Pihl poses with outgoing K-B Board Member Barbara Jones.*

## “Art for the Ages” Benefit Art Fair

Artist Hadley Pihl of Hinsdale believes in sharing his talents. For the past three years, he has played an important role in helping to organize the annual “Art for the Ages” Benefit Art Fair at King-Bruwaert House.

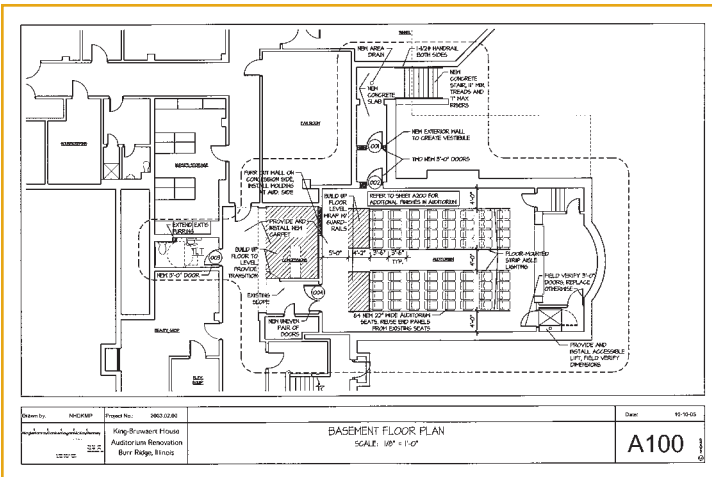
Not only has Hadley been responsible for donating many paintings to the annual event, he also lends a helping hand to K-B organizers and fellow artists with exhibit preparation.

The June, 2005 art fair generated about \$10,000 with all proceeds directed to the K-B Endowment Fund. A total of 14 local artists participated in this year’s benefit, showcasing their beautiful oil paintings, watercolors, glasswork, photography, unique apparel and jewelry.

More than 400 residents, neighbors and guests enjoyed wine, cheese and harp music as they browsed the exhibits and made purchases.

A new activity added to the June event turned out to be especially fun and successful. Members of the Art Fair Committee hosted a Silent Auction featuring more than 50 restaurant gift certificates, sports tickets, household accessories and artwork. Guests enjoyed the K-B auction and many stayed to the end of the fair to celebrate their status as winning bidders.

The next event takes place in June 2006. Anyone interested in donating gifts to the Silent Auction should call Julie Milam at (630) 230-9520. Artists considering participation in the event should call Bonnie Kohout at (630) 230-9521 or Mary Meegan (630) 230-9522.



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King-Bruwaert House often hears from residents, family members, and friends regarding the important role K-B has played in their lives. It is a testament to King-Bruwaert's mission of providing outstanding care to our residents that so many choose to give something back in the form of a legacy gift. These gifts are very important to K-B's future. Please consider adding K-B to your estate planning. It's as simple as using the following language on an IRA, insurance policy, or other beneficiary designated forms; or providing it to your attorney for inclusion in your Will or living trust:

**"I leave (% of your estate, \$ amount, residue) to King-Bruwaert House, a not-for-profit organization located in Burr Ridge, Illinois, to support the ongoing mission of King-Bruwaert House."**

If you would like to further designate your estate gift for a particular purpose, please contact Julie Milam for further information to ensure your wishes are carried out. All communications are without obligation and held strictly confidential. Your intentions will be recognized in our newly formed giving society, the Suzanne King-Bruwaert Legacy Society.