Upcoming Continuing Education Programs

Feb 19 ~ Developing Proficiency in Clinical Supervision

Mar 6 ~ Life Planning for Older Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Mar 10 ~ Working with Severe Hoarders

Mar 13 ~ Who We Are Is What We Do: Ethics & Boundaries

Mar 19 ~ Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren

Mar 20 ~ The Amazing Brain: Communicating with Individuals with Dementia, Part 1

Apr 1 ~ Elder Mistreatment: Common Abusers and Interventions

Apr 8 ~ Handling Difficult and Challenging Clients

Apr 11 ~ Gender Differences in the Workplace

Apr 14 ~ Mental Health Nursing and Older Adults

Apr 17 ~ Complex Behavioral Processes: Psychopathology of Aging

Visit benrose.org/education for more information and registration.

MyCare Ohio Forum at Benjamin Rose

Nearly 400 consumers, advocates and professional providers attended half-day forums on MyCare Ohio on January 29, 2014 at the Conference Center at Benjamin Rose. The program was presented by the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging, the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging and LEAP (Linking Employment, Abilities, and Potential).

For more information, including materials presented at the forum, visit benrose.org/KPI.

Benjamin Rose Director of Community Advocacy Semnathie Brooks (left) moderates a panel on MyCare Ohio

BRI Care Consultation to be offered by Ohio Alzheimer's Associations

The Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging has teamed up with seven Alzheimer’s Associations serving the state of Ohio to offer BRI Care Consultation, an evidence-based practice that grew out of more than 15 years of research from Benjamin Rose.

BRI Care Consultation is a telephone-based program that offers "coaching" to older adults with dementia or chronic conditions and their caregivers. BRI Care Consultants use a carefully developed protocol to work with individuals to develop a care plan and follow-up to make sure plans are being carried out. They are also available by telephone or email for enrolled individuals and their caregivers to contact when needs arise.

Initial licensing of the statewide program is being funded by the Ohio Department of Aging, through a grant from the U.S. Administration for Community Living to create "dementia capable" communities.

More information at benrose.org/research.
Benjamin Rose Headquarters Earns LEED Silver Certification

The Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging has been awarded LEED® Silver Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). The LEED rating system is the foremost program for buildings, homes and communities that are designed, constructed, maintained and operated for improved environmental and human health performance.

The LEED Silver Certification was awarded for the Benjamin Rose headquarters, which opened in April 2013. “Creating an environmentally friendly headquarters was important to us,” said Richard Browdie, President and CEO of Benjamin Rose. “We wanted an open, collaborative work environment that used materials and space wisely.”

Benjamin Rose achieved LEED Silver certification for implementing practical and measurable solutions aimed at achieving high performance in sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

“Designing Benjamin Rose’s new headquarters to achieve LEED Silver was a great opportunity for the entire project team to work in a wholly collaborative and integrated process striving to attain a specific set of objectives,” said lead architect Dave DiFrancesco of Herman Gibans Fodor, Inc. - Architects. “Every facet of the new building was carefully considered through the lens of the LEED criteria.”

For more information, visit benrose.org/news.

Attention Caregivers! Your Idea Could Be Worth $1,000

Applications are being accepted for the 2014 Innovation in Caregiving Awards. The annual awards recognize caregivers who invent a device or technique that solves a caregiving challenge, or find a new application for an existing device or technique that supports caregiving and eases the burden on caregivers.

The awards were created thanks to a generous donation from the late Elizabeth "Betty" Rose, who served on the Benjamin Rose Board of Directors.

More information and an application are available online at benrose.org/about.

Luvz Puzzles (below) earned a 2014 Innovation in Caregiving Award for Renard Turner.

Publications and Presentations from Benjamin Rose

Justin D. Johnson, Carol J. Whitlatch & Heather L. Menne of the Margaret Blenkner Research Institute at Benjamin Rose published "Activity and Well-Being of Older Adults: Does Cognitive Impairment Play a Role?" in the March 2014 issue of Research on Aging.

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