



From the President's Desk Martha Deaver

We at AANHR are back at work advocating for nursing home residents after a month long hiatus. We trust you have had a great summer and are ready to "step up to the plate" to join our advocating activities. I've allotted my space this time to several tidbits of timely info. Please mark your calendars to join AANHR for our annual Capitol Rally for Resident Rights during the week set aside annually to recognize & confirm the rights reserved for nursing home residents by Arkansas law. This year's rally is set for Monday, October 6, at 11:00 a.m. on the Capitol Steps. I'm pleased to announce that Gov. Mike Beebe will be our rally keynote speaker.

It's always nice to hear "good tidings" from a nursing home. I received the following reprint of an appreciation sentiment from a family member at Greenhurst Nursing Center in Charleston:

"Kris,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you and the Greenhurst Staff for the superb care rendered to my mother during her stay at your facility. While many contributed to her well-being, I was especially impressed by the folks I interfaced with...nurses, aids, orderlies, etc. They made me feel welcome and went far beyond what is considered reasonable to make sure my mother received the best care possible. I'm satisfied Greenhurst is recognized as a credit to the greater Charleston community. My family and I are forever grateful for your service."

Jim Chastain

SAVE THE DATE!

NCCNHR 33rd National Conference & Annual Meeting
Making It Happen: Advocacy into Action ~ Action into Care
October 15-17, 2008
Hilton Indianapolis, Indiana
National Citizens Coalition for Nursing Home Reform
2008 National Conference & Annual Meeting Information

AANHR Friend and Supporter, Darren O'Quinn Is Running A Marathon "And I am running it for a reason."

"I am running the Chicago Marathon on October 12 in memory of my grandmother and my father, who both passed away this year. The marathon is a tough race consisting of a grueling 26.2 miles that takes a lot of heart, but Mammy and Daddy were tough and had a lot of heart, too. They both lived extraordinary lives with a motto of helping others. So, I dedicate this race to them for the purpose of raising money for the National and Arkansas hospice organizations. Mammy and Daddy would have liked that. Plus, the solitude of the many long training runs necessary to properly prepare for a marathon allows me time to reflect on their lives and lessons and has the added benefit of helping lift some of the sadness related to their passing. Just click below to donate or do it the old fashioned way: National Hospice Foundation, Dept. 6058, Washington, DC 20042-6058 (with a memo on the check "RTR/Chicago/O'Quinn"). Also, you can share the following link with your family and friends. Thanks, Darren."

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