

WaterStone Employees Adopt Grandparents

December 2011

Did you know that many seniors don't receive any gifts or visitors during the holiday season?
According to the National Center for Health Statistics:

- More than 50% of nursing home residents have no close relatives.
 - 46% have no living children.

Studies also show that the number of visits and calls from "significant others" decline by half once they enter the nursing home. Activities run by volunteers are an integral part of bringing the feeling of "home" and "comfort" to nursing home residents.

These statistics are the reason why WaterStone Bank employees were determined to make the holidays a bit brighter for the seniors at Clement Manor in Greenfield.

The Adopt-A-Grandparent event in December 2011 was two-fold: we coordinated a gift drive along with a volunteer event.

We received 31 tags from seniors at Clement Manor who usually go without any gifts or visitors during the holidays. Each tag listed the name of a senior and their holiday wish. Employees adopted all 31 tags, and wrapped gifts were collected and taken to the volunteer event at Clement Manor on December 4, 2011.

During the volunteer event, WaterStone employees, friends, and family participated in a very rewarding afternoon full of holiday cheer and goodwill. We assisted many of the residents in playing one of their favorite card games (Flippo), sang Christmas carols and distributed the gifts donated by WaterStone Bank employees.

