The Lillian Booth Actors Home of The Actors Fund

State-of-the-art Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing for Everyone Who Has Dedicated Their Lives to Performing Arts and Entertainment
The Lillian Booth Actors Home is a very special part of The Actors Fund, a national human services organization that helps everyone—in the spotlight and behind the scenes—who works in performing arts and entertainment. Serving professionals in film, theatre, television, music, opera, radio and dance, The Fund’s programs include social services and emergency assistance, health care and insurance, housing, and employment and training services. With offices in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago, The Actors Fund has—since 1882—been a safety net for those in need, crisis or transition.

The Actors Fund Home is an especially important and cherished part of this tradition, and has its own unique history that has always been intertwined with the lives of artists.

For over a hundred years, the word “home” has figured prominently in our name. That’s our commitment to all of our residents—to provide a warm and dignified place for people from the creative community who have given our society so much.

“I am in awe every time I visit The Home. It’s a national treasure of talented artists under one roof—a group with so much to share with us, and with each other.”

Brian Stokes Mitchell, Chairman of the Board, The Actors Fund

History of The Home

1882: Founding of The Actors Fund.

1902: The Actors Fund opens a home for retired entertainers on Staten Island.

1928: The Actors Fund Home moves to the former mansion of millionairess Hetty Green, located on a six-acre estate in Englewood, New Jersey.

1961: The Green mansion is replaced by a newly constructed Actors Fund Home.

1975: The Percy Williams Wing is constructed after a merger with the Percy Williams Home of Long Island.

1988: The Edwin Forrest Wing is created after a merger with the Edwin Forrest Home of Philadelphia, expanding The Home with the addition of a fifty-bed extended care nursing home.

1993: An enhanced unit wing is added to The Home and named in honor of film and television star Natalie Schafer, who left more than $1.5 million to The Actors Fund through her estate.

1998: The Home is converted from a retirement home to an assisted living facility.

2001: “Curtain Call,” a highly acclaimed documentary on the stories and lives of Actors Fund Home residents, is nominated for a Best Documentary Short Subject Oscar.

2007: The Home is renamed The Lillian Booth Actors Home in honor of a $2 million gift from Lillian Booth.


2009: The Home completes a $12 million renovation and expansion, adding more beds and a new rehabilitation wing.
Welcome Home...

Welcome to The Lillian Booth Actors Home, The Actors Fund’s assisted living and skilled nursing care facility. Here you’ll find a very special community of unique individuals—people who have dedicated a major portion of their professional lives to performing arts and entertainment.

The Home welcomes everyone in entertainment, and their families, to a residence where you or your loved one will find the help and support they need, while still maintaining their identity and honoring their past.

Times have changed since The Actors Fund was founded in 1882. From vaudeville, phonographs, and motion pictures to radio, television, and the internet—the entertainment industry is constantly evolving.

But one thing has not changed—our spirit of “helping everyone in entertainment.”

As an Oscar-nominated documentary about The Home said it best, our residents run the gamut “from household names to the people that helped make them household names.”

At The Home, our experienced professional staff provides superb health care and supportive services in an environment filled with warmth, charm and a real community.

Our care and services are specially designed for our residents’ social and recreational needs, and provide exciting opportunities that enrich their lives every day, just as our residents have enriched the lives of so many before them.

The result is a unique and vibrant quality of life that emphasizes individualized care and a nurturing environment.

Walking on our six beautiful acres in Englewood, New Jersey, you may meet a Broadway actor. Relaxing in our lounges, you may say hello to a television producer. Perhaps you’ll enjoy lunch with a dancer, a key grip, a jazz musician, a director—and a cast of so many others.

Join us at The Home, where you’ll experience for yourself this vital community of artists.

Your Community, Your Home
Our Assisted Living Facility is a diverse place, with completely independent residents as well as those who require a little more help with their activities of daily living. We not only meet our community members’ needs, we also take pride in creating an intimate, individualized atmosphere where everyone feels well taken care of and completely at home.

**Our Assisted Living Facility housing features:**

- Private rooms and bathrooms for each resident
- Freedom to decorate and personalize your living space
- Coordination of doctors’ visits with van transportation
- Rooms feature:
  - An outside telephone line as well as an emergency call system to our 24-hour nursing staff
  - 44 channel television package
  - High speed wireless internet access
  - Individual climate control for each room

Our Assisted Living Medical Team helps residents maintain a healthy, active lifestyle.

**Our Team includes:**

- Nursing staff and Personal Care Assistants
- Rehabilitation team
- Social workers
- Physicians
- Psychiatrist
- Psychologist
- Podiatrist
- Chiropractor
- Dentists
- Audiologists
- Eye care specialists

**Our central dining hall provides:**

- Three meals a day, with snacks available throughout the day
- Ability to meet special dietary requirements
- Experienced culinary staff and chefs
- Formal, yet intimately personalized wait staff service
- Well-balanced, nutritious meals
“Aaron Schroeder wrote more than 1,000 recorded songs, including five Number 1 hits for Elvis! His final years were spent living among folks from all fields of entertainment—with a staff providing a warm and caring atmosphere at The Actors Home...and peace of mind for people like me.”

Abby Schroeder, with her husband Aaron
Our Skilled Nursing Staff is committed to responding to your medical needs with immediate care of the highest quality, and to your emotional and social needs with empathy and respect. Upon admission, we work with you, your family and your friends to create a detailed individual care plan, including:

- 24-hour, round the clock nursing staff
- Certified Nursing Assistants
- High staff-to-patient ratio

All ensuring the highest quality of care possible.

In conjunction with the Assisted Living Medical Team, our Skilled Nursing Facility Staff addresses all the needs and concerns of you or your loved one immediately. In addition to all the medical services of Assisted Living, we offer:

- Onsite intravenous therapy
- Visiting dentists, audiologists and eye care specialists

Our Caring...
...Your Comfort

Just like at the Assisted Living Facility, the Skilled Nursing Facility Staff is profoundly committed to making The Actors Fund Home your home. Our facility not only offers privacy when desired, but also companionship when sought. To that end, we highly encourage our residents to personalize their rooms and take full advantage of our amenities, including:

- Private and semi-private rooms
- Freedom to decorate and personalize your living space
- Thoughtfully designed, senior-friendly bath accommodations
- In-house satellite television service
- High speed wireless internet access

“The Actors Fund has been a great blessing in the life of Carrie Smith, star of Broadway’s Black and Blue, and for the community that loves her.

We were at our wit’s end and under a heavy time constraint to find the right facility for her. When we entered the lovely, elegant environment at The Home, we were greeted by an amazing gentleman who let me know that this place is unique; we quickly learned that it is.

The staff who tends to Carrie’s daily needs maintains her personal dignity at a high level—one that meets Carrie’s standards. The Nursing Staff is amazing in their care and the Administrative Team is invested in the welfare of each and every life at The Home. I am so grateful to all of them for coming to our rescue.”

Antoinette Montague (left), Jazz, Blues singer/entertainer with Carrie Smith.
A hallmark of The Actors Fund is respect for the personal dignity of those who need support. At The Lillian Booth Actors Home our Social Services Staff assists residents and their families with compassion as they deal with the anxieties that accompany life’s transitions.

We are always there to support and counsel our residents and their loved ones through confidential services including:

- Assistance in the transition to life at The Home
- Help with planning a return to your community following a temporary stay
- Ongoing counseling, support groups and crisis intervention
- Private, individual consultations with family members

Our Compassion
At The Home, we believe in healing mind and body in order to offer every resident the greatest possible physical and social independence. Our state-of-the-art Rehabilitation Center features the most technologically advanced equipment available as well as a fully-trained comprehensive Rehabilitation Staff, providing:

- Physical, occupational, speech and restorative therapists
- Physiatrist to identify the source of pain, treat it and develop a plan to restore function
- Therapists who specialize in working with older adults
- Onsite services, six days a week
- Comprehensive, individualized care plans that maximize physical and social independence

And our Rehabilitation Gym features advanced treatments such as:

- VitalStim
- Motorized Therapeutic Exercise
- Shortwave Diathermy
- Multi-Modality Electrical Stimulation
- Ultrasound
- Patterned Electrical Neuromuscular Stimulation
Our excellent social, medical and culinary staff members work hard to make sure residents don’t have anything to worry about. This gives our community members the freedom to enjoy all of The Home’s wonderful features on our six beautiful acres in Englewood, New Jersey.

Our Home residents enjoy:

- Socializing in the large and beautifully decorated MusiCares Salon, featuring:
  — Widescreen television
  — Homey and comfortable living room atmosphere
  — An antique grand piano, donated by Tony Award-winning director Harold Prince
- Frequent performances by visiting entertainers
Residents can also take pleasure in:

- A sunny afternoon in our glass-walled Solarium
- A carefree stroll through The Fran Gaar-den of Aquatic Delights, featuring a Japanese teahouse, patio and waterfall
- A visit to our convenient, in-house beauty salon
- A quiet evening in our Lambs Club library and reading room
- A visit with family and friends in our secluded Mary Fisher Secret Garden

“My dad’s career in entertainment was honored and respected at The Home. He worked behind the scenes on Broadway and was a proud union member for 50 years. I never once had to worry with him living there and I couldn’t have asked for anything better. The staff at The Home care for the residents as if they were their own mother or father, and he was with a great group of people from all facets of entertainment—a group who I consider family.”

John C. Cooper with (l-r) Joe Benincasa, Actors Fund President & CEO, his father John A. Cooper and James J. Claffey, Jr., President of Local One, International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees
The Home provides our residents with many fulfilling activities by offering an extensive and exciting recreation program, including:

- Music, Art or Pet Therapies
- Chorus, Horticulture, Craft and Bingo Groups
- Daily exercise classes
- Local community outings to shows, restaurants, or cultural events
- Volunteer-led small group interaction and personal visits
- Cocktail hour

Other community events include “The Family and Friends” functions, hosted by the administration of the facility and held on a regular basis throughout the year. These events provide updates about The Home, educational information and emotional support, and address any concerns that our loved ones may have.
We also offer arts and performing arts-centered activities, such as poetry classes and theatre and singing groups, where our community members are not only a part of the audience, but also active participants. These activities give residents opportunities to explore their creativity and keep engaged with their artistic sides.

Residents enjoy monthly visits from entertainers and celebrities, such as Alan Alda, Tyne Daly, Mary Tyler Moore, Bernadette Peters and Tommy Tune (to name just a few), who drop by for anything from an informal Q&A to an impromptu performance. Recent visitors include Michael Feinstein, who shared his music and stories of his career, and Geoffrey Rush, Lynn Redgrave, Jane Powell and Brian Stokes Mitchell, who celebrated Shakespeare’s birthday with our residents.

Visit The Lillian Booth Actors Home today, and “Welcome, Home!”
Admissions

Applying for a long-term care facility can be a difficult task for prospective residents and their families and friends. Our Admissions Coordinator is available to explain the application process and to answer questions relating to eligibility, financial arrangements and documentation requirements. Tours of The Lillian Booth Actors Home can be arranged for prospective residents and their families by calling 201.871.8882. Applications can also be found online at actorsfund.org.

Directions

By car, from New York:
Take the George Washington Bridge (upper level, right lane) to Palisades Parkway, and then take exit #1 (Englewood Cliffs).

Continue straight down Palisades Avenue (through the Englewood Business District) to Monument Circle. Turn right at the monument onto Tenafly Road.

Turn left at the second traffic light onto West Hudson Avenue.

The Home is on your right, with a circular driveway. The first building is the Assisted Living facility and the nursing home is adjacent.

By car, from New York, alternate route:
Take the George Washington Bridge to Route 4, and exit on Grand Avenue, Englewood.

Continue following “H” signs, as Grand Avenue becomes Engle Street.

Pass Englewood Hospital, and turn left at the next traffic light onto Hudson Avenue.

Bear left at the fork.

Continue on West Hudson over tracks and past the traffic light, and The Home will be on your right.

By car, via New Jersey Turnpike:
Take Exit #70, Teaneck.

Bear right and continue to the second traffic light (past hotel).

Turn right onto Teaneck Road. Go straight for approximately 2 miles.

Turn right onto Ward Plaza, which is a wide street adjacent to the Teaneck Armory.

At the stop sign, turn right onto Liberty Road and make the first left onto West Hudson Avenue.

The Home will be on your left.

By bus:
Take the #166 New Jersey Transit from the Port Authority in Manhattan.

Leave the bus at Engle Street and Hudson Avenue.

Walk down West Hudson, bearing left at the fork, over the tracks, and past the traffic light. The Home will be on your right.

By bus, alternate route:
Take the #84 Red or Tan line from the George Washington Bridge Terminal in upper Manhattan.

Leave the bus at the corner of West Hudson and Tenafly Road. Walk west on West Hudson for 1 ½ blocks. The Home will be on your right.

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