

Evangeline G. Carey tours home named for her

The night before she was to marry then-Gov. Hugh L. Carey of New York, Evangeline Gouletas, a Chicago condominium businesswoman, attended a dinner in Washington, D.C., with her fiancé.

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) was holding the dinner, and a lot of people were surprised that they would arrive so close to the ceremony, it was recalled yesterday.

That was two and a half years ago, and Mrs. Carey mentioned the event as she stood before guests in the new Evangeline Gouletas-Carey Residence on a quiet tree-lined street in Oakwood.

"I have always had a very special place in my heart for the

handicapped and disabled," she said.

In the last three years of her work in the Chicago school system, she administered special government education programs for the handicapped, not realizing that the programs were initiated under the Carey administration in New York, she told the guests.

Spiffily dressed in a skirt, jacket and white blouse, Mrs. Carey, center of attention, was accompanied by UCP officials as she toured the new 10-bed facility, an exact replica of another that has opened in Queens.

"Nice!" she remarked, while walking through the scrubbed corridors, past the specially equipped bathrooms and single bedrooms, later to pose for a

photo with UCP officials near the plate bearing her name outside.

Those who greeted her, including master of ceremonies Nina Eaton, talked of encouragement she gave the former governor in supporting homes of the kind.

Outside, in the mild sun, were some of the residents, in wheelchairs.

One UCP official told of a woman client who back in an institution would hide her possessions under a bed to keep them from getting stolen. That practice ended when the woman was moved into the Oakwood center.

Financing and construction was handled largely through the state Facilities Development Corp.



Toasting the new Oakwood UCP residence are, from the left, Evangeline Gouletas-Carey, her parents, Steven and Marie Gouletas and Nina Eaton.

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