

"It is imperative to ask our self every morning "what will I give those around me today?"  
One cannot feel self-worth without giving." - *Hisham El Rouby*

What will I give to those around me today? It is an interesting question. Will it be love, compassion and honesty or will it be a bad mood, commands or nothing at all? Each day we wake up we are given a gift. A chance to make the most of what the Lord has given us. A chance to make a difference in the lives of those with whom we come in contact. It does not have to be a great act that creates recognition. It can be as simple as saying "Good morning" to someone you pass. It can be a genuine smile. A smile that transmits the message "you are important to me and I am glad our paths have crossed".

Every day at Auburn Homes and Services our volunteers do just that. They give of themselves to enhance the lives of our residents and fill those days with warmth, compassion and love. But our residents are not the only ones to have their day made better. All of the staff of Auburn are blessed with the gifts volunteers give. We are reassured in our daily routines that someone other than ourselves share the same value of giving to those around them. It is a wonderful thing to be on the giving and receiving end.

It does not take a lot of time to make a difference. There are many volunteer opportunities at Auburn. You can become a member of our volunteer program. Sharing your talents and time with the residents. Playing the piano, reading a book, chatting and telling stories or simply sharing quiet time just enjoying the knowledge that there is someone there who cares.

Auburn Care Auxiliary is another active presence at Auburn that holds a volunteer opportunity. These people volunteer not only their time but their energy to help the residents and the organization. By holding fundraising events they are able to raise money for items that will make the community more comfortable for all.

If you have an interest in becoming a volunteer or an Auxiliary member please give us a call. Please take a moment each day and ask yourself "*What will I give those around me today?*"

Sincerely;  
Mike Senden



Mike Senden, CEO/President

# Auburn Care Auxiliary

## The Heart of Giving

Beginning in 1997 Auburn Homes and Services has been blessed with a very special partner in ministry, namely, the Auburn Auxiliary. This dedicated group of ladies was established as a partnership with staff in order to build social and financial resources to directly benefit the residents of Auburn Homes.

The theme of the Auxiliary is centered around the words Hands, Heart, and Resources. Their mission is to build personal relationships with residents and to support them through financial gifts.

Fundraising for the Auxiliary occurs several ways each year. They include a Christmas Boutique, a Spring Boutique, and a Card Club event in October. This year the Auxiliary added a very successful Harvest Market Stand at the Auburn Homes “*Unity In The Community*” celebration held on our Chaska campus on September 21<sup>st</sup>. People had the opportunity to purchase a variety of fresh vegetables, herbs, gift baskets, soup mixes, cookie mixes, canned and baked goods.



Auxiliary members at Unity in the Community

Over the years the Auxiliary has contributed over \$166,000 of financial gifts to support the activities, programs, and facilities that directly impact the residents of Auburn Homes. Along with this amazing support, the ladies of the Auxiliary have donated over 12,750 recorded hours of volunteer time in personal connection with our seniors.

The current leadership of the Auxiliary includes: President, Avis Paulson, Vice President Carol Kane, Secretary, Dee Lipe and Treasurer, Vicki Murray. Carol Kane states, “I hope I have been able to give back even a fraction of what I have received from the relationships and experiences I have had here.”

The residents and staff of Auburn Homes and Services would like to share a very heartfelt thank you to the Auxiliary for their generous donation of time and financial gifts.

New members are always welcome. If you or anyone you know is interested in a very meaningful experience, please contact **Avis Paulson at 952-496-9113**. For anyone wishing to pay-back or pay-it-forward, the opportunity for direct impact on our senior’s lives is certainly right here.

# The Festival of Trees 2014: Christmas Carols



Auburn Homes and Services, together with the Moravian Care Foundation, invite you to participate in Festival of Trees 2014: Christmas Carols. The gala will be held on Friday, November 21st, at the Oak Ridge Hotel and Conference Center in Chaska. Highlights of the evening include beautiful, professionally decorated holiday trees, live and silent auctions, exciting raffles, an elegant dinner and dancing among the glittering trees.

The Festival of Trees was brought to Auburn Homes and Services through a collaboration of Connie Kraus, chair of the event, and Paul David, past Director of the Moravian Care Foundation. Their goal was to build an event that was a unique, high quality experience that would represent Auburn to the community and raise annual gifts to further develop the life-enhancement opportunities so critical to support our Senior's physical and mental health through active, engaged lifestyles.

Paul and Connie first met at the Dunn Brothers coffee shop in Chaska, and the gala has been running ever since. After only two years of existence, it is becoming established as a premier Fall event in our area and a dynamic fundraiser for our *Life Enhancement Fund*. To date, we have raised net income of \$76,000. The goal for this year's event is \$50,000.

Paul shared, "When you think of program and community building, you think of Connie. She is awesome! I have never met a more committed person, she is dedicated and selfless."



We believe that healthy living for our elderly includes continuing life-long interests and actions, to the fullest extent possible. Therefore, the Festival of Trees and *Life Enhancement Fund* were created in order to support Auburn Homes residents' quality of life through active, engaged lifestyles. All income from the event enables Auburn to expand and further develop the life-enhancement opportunities so critical to our seniors' healthy, purposeful living.

Patti Melancon, Life Enhancement Coordinator at Auburn Meadows, stated "The Life Enhancement funds have provided great support to the residents. These resources have enabled the expansion of both our independent and group activities. Most importantly the financial contribution through this program has brought us together as a community."

We are currently accepting silent and live auction donations and festival sponsorships. If you are interested in helping with any of these opportunities, or attending the event, please contact Kathy Fredrich, at the Foundation office, 952-361-0320 or [kfredrich@auburnhomes.org](mailto:kfredrich@auburnhomes.org).



## In the Good Old Summertime

We all hate to admit it but, Labor Day marks the unofficial end of summer in Minnesota. Auburn Homes and Services would like to share some of our residents' favorite summer moments.



The residents at Auburn Homes in Waconia enjoyed their annual fishing trip to Lake Minnetonka this summer. Each year the residents look forward to spending time at the lake anticipating the big catch. This year the residents appreciated a picture perfect day with warm temperatures and sunshine. The fishing was a little slow, but everyone loved being outdoors.



Auburn Meadows in Waconia celebrated the dog days of summer with a party. The kids from Lil Explorers Day Care joined the residents for a water party on the patio. The kids ran through the sprinkler while the residents took aim with squirt guns spraying them with water. Both the residents and the kids had a blast.



Cathy Webster, nutrition and culinary coordinator of the Garden Café, brought rosemary, thyme, basil, oregano, dill, parsley and chives from her garden to share with the residents at Auburn Courts in Chaska. They talked about which herbs are best for cooking their favorite dishes. Cathy and the residents decided to make a potato salad with the fresh ingredients. After chopping the herbs and peeling and dicing the potatoes, the residents enjoyed the deliciously seasoned potato salad on a warm summer day.

The residents at Auburn Manor in Chaska enjoyed the company of Camp Discovery Kids during their visit in early July. The kids played games and blew bubbles with the residents in the Gardens. It was a summer afternoon that brought back many childhood memories.



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### **Give on GiveMN.org | November 13, 2014**

Each year, Minnesotans overwhelm us with their generosity on Give to the Max Day. Last year you helped raise more than \$17 million for Minnesota organizations in just 24 hours.

Help us ignite generosity again for this year's Give to the Max Day. Support Auburn Homes & Services with a donation on November 13. Just search for Auburn Homes & Services on GiveMN.org and donate with a credit card. No registration or set up needed.

### **Schedule Your Giving**

Starting on November 1, 2014, you'll be able to schedule your donations on GiveMN.org. It's simple. Go to GiveMN.org, search for Auburn Homes & Services, visit the organization's page and select the scheduled giving option on the donation form.

It's a great way to participate even if you're out of town or just like to plan ahead.

Scheduled giving will be available between November 1 and November 13.

### **Matching Gift Has Been Given!!!**

Another way individuals can participate in Give to the Max Day is to donate matching funds. A generous donor has given us a \$1000 matching gift. So every donation given will be matched up to \$1000.00 We are very grateful to have this added incentive for giving. Please consider donating on November 13th to Auburn Homes & Services by going to [www.givemn.org](http://www.givemn.org) and click the donate button, or go to our website at: [www.auburnhomes.org](http://www.auburnhomes.org) and look for the GiveMN logo.

# Giving a Gift with a Future



Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been supporting Auburn Homes and Services for close to 15 years. Every year they have made one or more gifts to help with special programs and/or capital improvements. They are loyal donors. Recently they added another dimension to their giving – they chose to make “a gift with a future.” It is a gift that will continue their legacy of annual support for the mission of Auburn Homes and Services, far into the future.

Three things attracted them to this new level of support:

1. **The gift with a future lasts.** Unlike their other gifts that are used to meet annual program or capital needs at Auburn, their new gift will be placed into a secure and enduring fund. That is, their gift will be set aside to be used to provide assistance over “the long haul.” It will be kept in perpetuity for as long as Auburn Homes and Services exists. It is truly a lasting gift.
2. **The gift with a future grows.** Auburn Homes and Services will not only protect and keep this very special gift, we will place it into an endowment, invest prudently so it will retain its value over time. Our goal is that every gift with a future will be worth more 50 years from now than it is today.
3. **The gift with a future gives.** The purpose behind every forward-looking gift goes beyond lasting protection and growth. It includes the provision of an ongoing supply of financial support for Auburn Homes and Services. This is done by investing the fund assets in order to generate enough interest income whereby the fund provides annual “gifts” to Auburn Homes and Services. The gift with a future is a gift that keeps on giving generation after generation.

By now you probably know that this “gift with a future” is a gift to the Auburn Homes and Services endowment fund. These wonderful gifts are created by donors who want to support Auburn Homes and Services for the rest of their lives – and beyond.

Donations with a future are often created through gifts of cash, bequests in a will, appreciated stock, insurance policies, or charitable trusts. What will fit best with your personal estate planning and charitable gifting is complex, requiring careful consideration and attention to detail. You should talk with a qualified financial planner as you coordinate or review your plans.

To learn more about Auburn Homes endowment funds, or if you have questions about creating an estate or memorial gift, contact Bob Kuhlman, Director of the Moravian Care Foundation, at 952-361-0460 or [bkuhlman@auburnhomes.org](mailto:bkuhlman@auburnhomes.org).



**Please indicate the area you would like your gift to benefit:**

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**Please indicate the amount of your gift:**

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We are honored to receive your gift which is a charitable tax deduction.



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## Going Green

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## Mark your Calendar



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*21, 2014*—at Oak  
Ridge Conference  
Center, Chaska



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Join us on November 13 for the great Minnesota give together! **Give to the Max Day** is a day for Minnesotans to come together and raise as much money as possible for nonprofits and schools in 24 hours, beginning midnight on November 13 and ending midnight on November 14.

Show your support by making a gift to Auburn Homes & Services on November 13!

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