

Holding the Hands of Those in Need

Have you ever come across a picture of a path, seen a trail you have never been on, or come in contact with someone who has an interesting past? Does it draw to your mind a quick thought of “I wonder where it leads” or “What is the story of their life”? This has happened to me many times while reading World War II history books. I often find myself trying to understand and feel what the individual is going through on their journey. I don’t think that anybody can fully understand where another has been in their life but we can share in their journey in the hope of making both their life and ours a little bit better.

“Family is not just about blood, it’s about who is willing to hold your hand when you need it the most.”-anonymous

Over the last several years Auburn Manor staff has been striving to fill the final days of a resident’s journey with compassion, love and celebration. The program “JourneyShared” has been helping families to feel a little more comfortable as they share special moments with their loved one and staff in the final days and hours of life. We have seen many good things happen with this program and wish to share it with more of the residents and families we serve. Carol Wachter, Chaplain

for Auburn Homes and Services and several others have been working to bring this program out to each of our facilities. The goal is to have the program running organization wide this summer. (See the story on page 6.)

As we move through our life’s journey we deal with what needs to be done, we handle the ups and downs the path may bring and this often draws all of our attention. We sometimes forget to take a moment and reflect upon or give thanks to those that have helped us along the way. The Shining

Star program, which was implemented a few months ago, has been a blessed path in providing another opportunity to say thank you to staff members. The staff members who provide outstanding and loving care have graciously received this honor. It truly is appreciated! If you have any questions about the Shining Star program please contact Bob Kuhlman, 952-361-0460, in our Foundation office.

Please join us in holding the hands of those in need.

The rewards are wonderful!

Sincerely,

Mike Senden



Mike Senden, CEO/President

Couples Call Auburn Home

As life spans continue to increase, the concept of couples living together in senior communities is becoming more and more familiar. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the percentage of those aged 60 and over who reported being married has increased over the past several decades, while the number reporting widowhood has decreased. Many of those couples find it necessary to look for senior care as they age and they want to do so without being separated. Finding appropriate care for a couple with differing needs can be a challenge. We would like you to meet a few of the wonderful couples that call Auburn home.



Jack and Mary Ann Bell

Jack and Mary Ann Bell both live at Auburn Meadows in Waconia. Jack lives independently and Mary Ann lives in assisted living. Jack and Mary Ann met at an outdoor skating rink. When Jack saw Mary Ann he said, “I am going to marry that girl.” On August 12th they will be married 72 years! Mary Ann said the keys to marriage are work, values and lots of love. Jack and Mary Ann moved from Iowa to Minnesota in 2005 to be closer to their family. They resided at another assisted living facility until 2013 when that facility could not meet their needs. Auburn Meadows was able to accommodate both Jack and Mary Ann’s needs with apartments in close proximity. Jack has breakfast with Mary Ann every morning and goes to visit her at lunch time. He has dinner with her and they watch Wheel of Fortune together then Jack goes back to his apartment. Mary Ann is happy to see Jack every time he visits. Mary Ann and Jack love the care that MaryAnn receives at Auburn. Jack also thinks the staff is superb.

Earl “Scrubby” and Aldoris Engelhardt met at a Chaska town league baseball game. Like many young couples, they would go to the town game and then dance at the Valley Ballroom in the evening. They chose Auburn because they grew up in Chaska and wanted to stay in the community where they raised their family. Earl lives at Auburn Manor, the skilled nursing facility and Aldoris lives at Auburn Courts assisted living. She is able to avoid the elements by walking down the hallway to see Earl twice a day. Aldoris gets her exercise by taking the newspaper down to Earl each morning. She also visits in the late afternoon. Auburn is convenient for the Engelhardts’ adult children who can see both mom and dad in one visit.



Earl and Aldoris Engelhardt

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Dr. Charles and Donna Bean met in geometry class and were high school sweethearts. This year they celebrated 66 years of marriage. The Beans moved to Waconia when Dr. Bean started working at Lakeview Clinic. Dr. Bean practiced medicine for 42 years at Lakeview. They fell in love with the people and the Waconia community and remained in Waconia for 60 years. The Beans have a strong connection to the Moravian Church and chose Auburn Meadows for that reason. They receive some additional services which helps them remain together as a couple. Their favorite thing about Auburn Meadows is the caring staff.



Charles and Donna Bean



Ethel and Neil Koebnick

Neil and Ethel Koebnick live together in our assisted living apartments of Auburn Courts, Chaska. They were married in 1957 and this year will be celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary! Ethel grew up in Fergus Falls while Neil grew up in Stewart. Careers moved them both to the Twin Cities where they met at the Veteran's Hospital as friends of friends, supporting another friend who was battling cancer. They originally lived in Spring Lake Park before moving to live with family in Belle Plaine. After Neil suffered major health issues including cancer, heart and leg problems, they moved to Auburn Courts. Neil and Ethel enjoy living together in their two-bedroom apartment, "a place where we can continue to be together."

Making the move to a senior community is always a major life change, but when a couple can make that move together, the decision becomes a little easier. In many cases, particularly when a couple has been married for many years, the ability to live together can make or break their decision on whether or not to move to a senior living facility.

Auburn Homes & Services currently has 15 couples living in our facilities. As shared above, their situations are unique and vary greatly. It often comes down to balancing the wants and needs between the two people who may or may not be at different places in their lives. Auburn Homes & Services is committed to working with couples and their families in order to develop the best possible match for their priorities and to provide flexibility for change as their life situations change.

Creating a Legacy Through Planned Giving

Most of us want to know that we made a difference. We want to feel that our loved ones, other people, or organizations will be better because of our involvement.

There are many ways through which an individual, couple, or family can make a difference. One way is to support charitable organizations. Whether the gift will benefit the organization immediately or is a deferred gift, each gift will positively impact the organization and, more importantly, those who are served.



The easiest and most direct way to make a deferred charitable gift is by **bequest in a will**. It requires only a short paragraph in the will that names the charitable beneficiary and states the amount of the gift. It may be a given amount or a percentage of the estate. At the time of the donor's death, the charity receives the gift and the donor's estate takes the income and estate tax deductions.

Charitable gifts help meet both current philanthropic goals and create personal legacy well into the future. Planned gifts, specifically, provide creative and flexible strategies for estate planning. But did you know that a planned gift can also protect personal assets, provide for loved ones, and guarantee income for life?

Life insurance is an excellent tool for making charitable gifts. It provides an "amplified" benefit far in excess of what would otherwise be possible. It may be in the form of a paid-up insurance policy, or may be structured so the annual premium payments can be deductible. The charity may be the primary or a contingency beneficiary.

Another way to make a planned gift is to create a **charitable trust**. There are many types of charitable trusts, the most common of which include a charitable remainder trust and the charitable lead trust. The remainder trust creates income for the donor or designated beneficiaries throughout their lives or for a given number of years, not to exceed 20 years. At the term of the trust, the remainder goes to the designated charity. The lead trust turns that arrangement around and provides income for the charity for a given number of years and the remainder then goes to the donor or designated beneficiaries. These trusts may be in the form of an annuity, which generates a given annual income for the life of the trust, or a unitrust, which generates a flexible income dependent on the annual evaluation of the trust.



These are just a few of the possible planned gifts you may consider. Charitable giving can play an important role in your estate planning. However, changes in tax laws and other considerations require extra planning and close attention to detail. You should talk with a qualified financial planner as you write or review your plans. If you have questions or have already included Auburn Homes and Services in your estate plan, please contact Bob Kuhlman, Director of the Moravian Care Foundation, in support of Auburn Homes and Services, at (952)361-0460, or email him at bkuhlman@auburnhomes.org.

18th Annual Call to Care Classic Golf Tournament



Lou Robb

Auburn Homes & Services is sponsoring our 18th Annual Golf Tournament at Deer Run Golf Club on Monday, July 14. All proceeds go to the life enhancement fund for our residents.

This year's tournament is dedicated to the memory of Glenda "Lou" Robb, long-term and beloved Human Resource Director at Auburn Homes. When we opened Auburn Manor in 1988, Lou performed all the office functions. She hired employees, did payroll by hand, counseled employees, did the monthly newsletter and played pranks on anyone she could.

Lou retired in January of 2005. After her retirement, Lou served on the Auburn Homes & Services Board of Directors from 2009-2011.

She was a fixture at the golf tournament every year doing the registration and picking on the golfers. Lou knew almost everyone at the tournament and always had a good time.

Auburn Homes & Services would not be where it is today without Lou Robb. That is why we are dedicating this year's golf tournament in her memory. We would like to remember Lou for her faithful service to our organization. It was a privilege to know her and work with her.

Teens Bloom



Cari Roberts, Jamina Jarvilchto and Bailey Holasek

We were blessed this spring to have three seniors from Chaska High School come and plant flowers for the enjoyment of our residents. The three young ladies, with the help of Joanne from Holaseks Greenhouses, showed up with smiles, plants, plant food, potting soil and gloves. It was great to see them work so hard at making our Chaska campus garden even more beautiful. They left behind some wonderful plants and a tomato plant which has already started bearing some nice tomatoes!

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness.



Journey Through the End of Life

Auburn Homes and Services is committed to offering dignified and meaningful care throughout all experiences within our walls, including the journey through the end-of-life. Because we recognize the need for support for residents, their friends and family, and staff in this season, we are expanding our JourneyShared program from its original context at Auburn Manor to all Auburn entities. We extend a special thanks to the Auburn Care Auxiliary for funding the start-up cost of developing the JourneyShared program essentials with our Courts, Courtyard, and Waconia campus neighbors.

JourneyShared is designed to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of residents, families, and staff from the dying process to death to experiences of grief. Program highlights include: a comfort cart or basket offering refreshments and written material to aid the resident's loved ones, a memory journal in which staff and other residents are encouraged to share their love of the resident that will be gifted to the resident's family, a bedside memorial service for closure at the time of death, handmade quilts providing dignity during processional from the campus, an elegant tribute display to pay resident honor, and, of course, the butterfly icon that follows the resident throughout the program, symbolizing the resident's metamorphosis from this life to the next.

Our times are in the hands of our gracious Lord. He will care for us in every condition for our eternal good. Let the way we care for our lives and those of others be a strong witness to a world sinking into unbelief and wickedness that human life is a precious gift of God that he gives and takes. May our words and actions proclaim as patient Job once did, "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised" (Job 1:21).

For questions or ways in which you can join us in this JourneyShared program, please contact Chaplain Carol Wachter at 952-361-0316 or Chaplain Michelle Hienz at 952-442-6719.



Join us Friday, November 21, at the Oak Ridge Conference Center for our 3rd annual ***Festival of Trees Gala*** — “*Christmas Carols*”! Turn up your holiday spirit, dust off your dancing shoes, grab your friends and come support the life enhancement programs for our seniors at Auburn Homes & Services. This exciting evening includes an elegant dinner, silent and live auctions, raffles, and of course, the breathtaking display of beautiful Christmas trees.

We are currently accepting silent and live auction donations and festival sponsorships. Your generosity helps make the Festival of Trees a success!

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

- Auburn Home in Waconia—Skilled Nursing
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Going Green

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We are asking that donors offer their support by:

- Cutting off and filling out the above form
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Coming Events

“Hot Dog It’s Summer”, *Thursday, July 10*—11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Auburn Meadows, Waconia

Call to Care Golf Classic, *Monday, July 14* at Deer Run Golf Club, Victoria, MN

Unity in the Community, *Sunday, September 21*—at the Chaska campus

Shred Right event, *Saturday, September 27, 2014*—9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. at Auburn Meadows, Waconia

Festival of Trees, *Friday, November 21, 2014*—at Oak Ridge Conference Center, Chaska

For other daily events happening at Auburn Homes and Services check out our activity calendars on our website:

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