

Changes Come Over Time

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.” -Reinhold Niebuhr

Change is an inevitable force that shapes our lives, our country and our world. How we perceive change can be bountiful and enriching or it can be destructive if not accepted.

With the aging of the “Baby Boomers” and the impacts they will have, it is inevitable that change is necessary in the care delivery systems to ensure quality care. There will be many changes not only in the cost and reimbursements of healthcare but also in the way care is delivered to those in need.

Auburn Homes and Services, over the last several decades, has worked to position itself in a way that it can provide quality care to the elderly of the communities we serve. It started in the 80’s when Auburn Manor moved to Chaska and went from a board and care facility to a skilled nursing facility. Then in 1997 we introduced assisted living in Chaska and a few years later expanded the services provided to meet the growing demand of those with memory issues. In 2008 Auburn Home in Waconia opened, replacing a 70 plus year old skilled care facility in Waconia and bringing with it a new look and comfort to those we serve. Along with the new facility we dedicated a portion of the building to serve those that are in need of short term rehabilitative services. As these services grew we also identified that Waconia had additional needs in the community for assisted living and memory care. So in 2012 we opened, with great community support, Auburn Meadows Assisted Living and memory care.

Change is a continual reality, especially in our industry and Auburn Homes and services is working to embrace change so that those we serve receive the quality of care they have become accustomed to. In 2015 we will be

changing our licensure in our home health services and developing a program to meet the ever growing demand of care outside of our assisted living facilities. It will provide another way in which we at Auburn can extend support to those in need in the community. Along with building new services we will begin the process of planning a remodel and new construction at our Chaska campus. The planning process will be over the next several years requiring many approvals from the state.

Auburn’s desire is that through our partnership with the City of Chaska and many others in the community, construction would begin in five to ten years.

Along with the bigger program changes there are several other smaller areas within the organization that are being reviewed and changed. As we move into the future we will continue to provide the quality of care for which we are known. Quality care that will bring comfort and compassion to the people we serve, delivered in a way that meets the challenges of what we face today and into the future.



Mike Senden, CEO/President

Another Successful Gala Event!

The latest version of our amazing *Festival of Trees Gala* was a huge success! Once again, we filled the Oak Ridge Conference Center's ball room with over 220 people. The fundraising event was a great achievement in support of our life enhancement programs. It was an excellent representation of the quality of Auburn Homes and Services and an elegant evening of fun and fellowship. In only our third year, it has become one of the community's signature events, kicking off the Christmas season. It is the largest annual fundraising event to provide additional support to Auburn Homes and Services.

Thank you to our event sponsors and many donors. A special thanks to *Yetzer's Home Furnishings and Floor Coverings* as a lead event sponsor for all three years of our event! We would also like to thank our amazing chair for the past three years and originator of the event, Connie Kraus, for her vision and leadership.



People's Choice Award Winner

Whether or not you were able to attend Festival of Trees any donations received are appreciated. By supporting the life enhancement programs, your gift directly impacts the lives of our seniors, each and every day.

This year a new item was added to our live auction called "**Fund-A-Need**". The Fund-A-Need program enables donors to "bid" their pledge to a specific need. With your generous contributions, Auburn Homes and Services was able to purchase the much needed handicap accessible van.

The van enables us to offer complimentary, individualized transportation to our seniors to different locations within the City of Waconia (i.e. trips to the hospital or clinic). In the past, our residents would have relied on family members to provide this type of transportation or pay a fee from a local service provider. In this first year of operation, the program will focus on the Waconia community, with plans to expand the program to include all our facilities in the near future.

Due to the great response to the Fund-A-Need program, we have hired Kevin Meyer as our new transportation coordinator. He coordinates all transportation and drives both the van and bus. Thanks to the Fund-a-Need the first year of van operation is completely funded. Auburn Homes and Services has acquired all the licenses, fees and insurance, purchased a cell phone and I-pad for communication and coordination as well as funding for gas and repairs. The program will "kick-off" in March.

Thank you for participating in our event and supporting the Festival of Trees. Most of all, thank you for believing in the mission and the people of Auburn Homes and Services.

Rediscovering Life at Auburn Meadows



Dick Hunter with one of his dollhouses.

Dick Hunter has come home. He has been a resident at Auburn Meadows for two years. His son, Doug, shared that the family moved him here from another state in December, 2012. “We felt he did not have the quality of life he deserved after raising six boys and all the fun we had together as a family”, stated Doug regarding the decision to move Dick to Auburn Meadows.

When Dick came to Auburn he was taken off the medications that had been sedating him, allowing him to come out of the fog he was experiencing and enabling him to become himself again. He has thrived at Auburn Meadows!

Dick is now doing things he has loved to do all his life. He is building things with his hands, something he had not done in years. Over the past two years, he has constructed four handcrafted wooden dollhouses, among many other projects. Two of his dollhouses were entered in the Carver County Fair and received first and second place ribbons.

One of his dollhouses was donated to the Belle Plaine Food Shelf and was auctioned at their benefit for \$625! This past Christmas season, the three remaining dollhouses were donated to the Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women, through their Gifts for Hope Program. Dick shared, “I enjoy making the dollhouses and it is great to give back to the community.”

“Dick loves the people at Auburn and we know the staff love our Dad. His life here is really a good experience for him and for our family. It is a thrill to see him doing so well and living as happy as he is,” said Doug.

A Legacy Gift Everyone Can Make

Is it time to dust off the will? When was the last time you reviewed your Last Will & Testament? During our lifetimes, changes occur – marriages, remarriages, children are born or adopted, property values change, deaths occur, or children grow beyond needing the same type of gifts.

Many changes in life circumstances often trigger the need to change your will. No estate is too small for a proper will. If you want your legacy and gifts to go where you desire, you must have a will, a will that is kept up-to-date. Reviewing your will provides you with the opportunity to make sure the people you love and the charitable causes most important to you are remembered.



An up-to-date will lets you:

- designate who will act as executor of your estate.
- specify how your estate will be shared with your family and loved ones.
- specify which items of property will go to specific individuals.
- name the guardians of minor children in case of unexpected death of you and your spouse.
- leave property and/or gift to charitable organizations of your choice.

Did you know:

- without a will, your state's law – not you – determine how, when and to whom your property is distributed?
- you can reduce, possibly even eliminate estate taxes and save taxes in a survivor's estate with a well-planned will?
- you may create trusts to provide for your spouse, children or others?

Because individual situations vary, be sure to consult your financial and tax advisor as you review your estate planning. If you would like to learn more about the broader benefits available in planned giving or ways to include Auburn Homes and Services in your estate plan, please contact Bob Kuhlman, Director of the Moravian Care Foundation. You may call him at 952-361-0460 or email him at bkuhlman@auburnhomes.org

Company Matching Funds

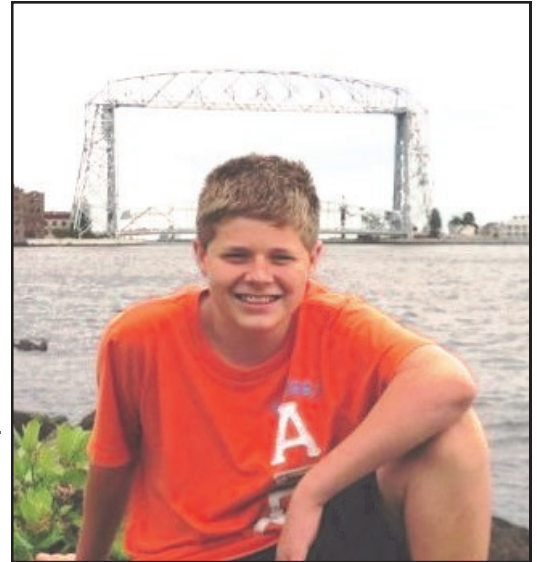
As a 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code, Auburn Homes & Services is eligible to receive matching gifts from many companies. This gives many donors the opportunity to double or triple the size of their gifts to Auburn. As each company sets its own rules, eligibility varies. Typically, the donor completes an online or paper form provided by the company. The form is then directed to Auburn. Auburn completes the charity's section on the form and returns the form to the company. The company issues a check to Auburn according to its disbursement schedule. Auburn will designate the company's match to the same designation as the donor unless company rules provide otherwise.

Auburn Hosts Blood Drive with Special Significance

Auburn Homes and Services had already planned to host a blood drive in January. That is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month, chosen because it is the most challenging month to recruit people to give blood.

This year's drive, however, took on very special meaning when a personal need arose for the Auburn family. Natalie Eder serves as a Health Unit Coordinator at Auburn. Her 15-year-old son, Zack, was recently diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma Cancer. Zack will be undergoing a 6-week radiation program, has already received his first blood transfusion and will be in need of more transfusions in the future.

With the blood drive being dedicated to support Zack, our goal was to have 25 people donate blood at Auburn Meadows on January 21st. On that day, 24 people had pre-scheduled, 32 people presented to donate, and after a very busy day, 28 individuals donated blood in order to support Zach.



Zack Eder



Natalie Eder led all our blood donors by giving blood herself and shared how thankful they are for the support of their Auburn family.

“My family thanks all of you from the bottom of our hearts!!!! It means the world to us!

And thank you for all of the support I have received in the past few months, I am proud to call all of you my family!”

Natalie Eder
Randy & Zack too!

- Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
- Although an estimated 38% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate, less than 10% actually do each year.
- Blood cannot be manufactured – it can only come from generous donors.
- The average adult has about 10 pints of blood in his body. Roughly 1 pint is given during a donation.

Information from www.redcrossblood.org

“Let’s Roll” Campaign

If you could help a senior maintain their *independence, individuality and dignity as they age*: **would you?**

If you could enable a senior to *stay involved, active, growing*: **would you?**

If you could enrich a senior’s life by bringing them *experiences that keep them young at heart*: **would you?**

If you could enhance a senior’s *sense of freedom and enjoyment*: **would you?**

If you could help a senior *create lasting, shared memories*: **would you?**

If you could impact all the above with one generous gift: would you?



The handicap-accessible van, purchased and supported by the Festival of Trees Fund-A-Need program, is in operation at our Waconia facilities. It is being kept very busy providing individual transportation needs for our residents.

Now we are challenged to purchase a new, 26-passenger, handicap-accessible bus. Our current bus has seen many years of great use, but is now beginning to need expensive repair.

The transportation provided by our bus is a vital service, enabling all the experiences shared above through activities that have included:

- * Arboretum Visits
- * History Museums
- * Bird Watching
- * Boat Rides
- * Fishing Trips
- * Restaurants
- * Movie Theaters
- * Plays & Musicals
- * Arts & Craft shows & stores
- * Community Activities
- * Community Center Activities
- * Trips to Home Towns

The list could go on.

Auburn Homes and Services will soon be launching our *“Let’s Roll” Campaign*. The purpose of the campaign is to raise \$80,000 in order to purchase the new bus. John Lenzen, of Lenzen Chevrolet Buick, Chaska, has offered to work with us in order to get the best price. Watch for more information to be sent out regarding this campaign.

We need your help to achieve this important goal!

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

- Auburn Home in Waconia—Skilled Nursing
- Auburn Manor, Chaska—Skilled Nursing
- Auburn Courts, Chaska—Assisted Living
- The Courtyard at Auburn, Chaska—Memory Care
- Auburn Meadows, Waconia—Assisted Living
- The Gardens*, Chaska—Outdoor courtyard
- Chaplaincy Endowment Fund
- Interested in Deferred Gift Planning information

Please indicate the amount of your gift:

- \$50 \$75 \$100 \$500 Other _____

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Please make checks payable to: Moravian Care Foundation

Mail to: 501 N. Oak Street, Chaska, MN 55318

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



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Going Green

In our efforts to increase efficiencies without compromising quality we have eliminated the remittance envelope from this newsletter.

We are asking that donors offer their support by:

- Cutting off and filling out the above form
- Sending it to us with a check or credit card information

You can also donate online at: www.auburnhomes.org.



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Coming Events

Volunteer/Donor Thank You Dinner, Tuesday, April 28 for all Auburn volunteers and donors and will be held at Auburn Meadows, 591 Cherry Drive, Waconia

Call to Care Golf Classic, Monday, July 20, at Deer Run Golf Club, Victoria, MN

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

www.auburnhomes.org

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