



Morrow Home Messenger

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Michael's Message

The Smell of Love

Smells and nursing homes are two terms that often bring bad thoughts to mind. Many people who have visited nursing homes have commented their first impression was bad odors. This is a disgrace to the long term care industry, but not true at quality care organizations. At Morrow Memorial Home, we are fortunate to have an abundance of quality staff and soap, so if there is a malodor, just wait a few minutes and it will be gone.

But the Smell of Love is always present at Morrow Memorial Home and Apartments in our cooking, cleaning, and our caring. This smell permeates throughout each room and hallway at all times. The Smell of Love is evident in all we do to meet the physical, social, and spiritual needs of our residents, tenants, and daycare children. It is a sense used to carry out our mission:

“Morrow Memorial Home and Apartments serves as a tangible expression of God’s love through a continuum of services to all who entrust us with their care. We strive to enhance quality of life by preserving the dignity, independence, and uniqueness of each individual while meeting their physical, social, and spiritual needs. We endeavor to be a faithful steward of obtainable resources recognizing both the needs of those we serve and those who serve.”

Morrow Memorial Home and Apartments has always been known for our quality cooking and associated Smell of Love. These wonderful cooking smells fill our

building often: baked goods, meats, and all the fixings. We had a cook in the past who when she cooked, “you could taste heaven!” We are blessed to have cooks who have worked here many years and know how to prepare and serve delicious meals. Our special meal events attract many hungry people, and our Meals in Motion now serve over 50 people each weekday. Thursday has been “pie day” for many years. The new construction project includes remodeling the kitchen which will help our culinary services staff continue their tradition of wonderful kitchen smells.

The Smell of Love is evident in the all the daily cleaning we do: whether it is sweeping, dusting, mopping, or waxing rooms, washing windows or washing clothes, towels, and bed linen. In today’s health-care environment, cleaning and infection control are major components of quality health care. Visitors and families always remark on the cleanliness of Morrow Memorial Home and Apartments. Our environmental and linen service caregivers quietly perform their smell-of-love duties daily.

Finally the Smell of Love is unmistakable in the personal care we provide. Smells of caring include such items as body washes, alcohol swabs, lotions, baby powder, perfume, beauty shop supplies, flowers, and communion wine. We care 24 hours each day for 7 days per week for 365 days per year, and we have been providing this same care for over 90 years. This includes millions and millions of resident care interactions – all for the benefit of those we serve.

The Smell of Love in our cooking, cleaning, and caring extends our mission to serve the Lord. Visit Morrow Home, take in a large breath of air, and experience the Smell of Love.

In Christ,
Michael

Growing Up In A Nursing Home

by Naomi Fields, former Morrow Home Volunteer & Employee

My Morrow Home experience started when I was two years old, playing underneath Kathleen Snow's desk. This happened to be the same time that my mother began working in the kitchen at Morrow Home. She would bring me (along with my doll) to her staff meetings and I would play under the desk of the Culinary Services Director. I always told Kathleen that I was going to take over her job one day and give everyone raises, to which she would reply "You can have my job anytime you want it, Naomi, and I'll retire." I grew up being around the Morrow Home kitchen and all the workers there. I loved coming in with my mom and have many happy memories of those visits. One of the cooks really took a liking to me, and she is now the Assistant Culinary Services Director. Whenever she had to make bacon for breakfast, she used to make a little extra for me! Those small gestures mean a lot!

My experience greatly deepened when I began to volunteer at the nursing home at the age of nine, against my mom's better judgement. The idea of having me volunteer at such a young age came from Carla Newquist. My mother was afraid that while she was working, I would be getting into trouble in some other part of the nursing home! Her fears were unfounded, however, and Carla's suggestion turned out to be a huge success. I loved

working with the residents. I did about all there was to do: personal visits, card playing, cleaning out bird cages, cleaning patios, helping with exercises and coffee time, walking or riding a pony in the Butterfest parade, and dressing up as a clown for Wellspring Carnivals. I absolutely loved being with the residents. They were so wonderful to me. I never had the opportunity to know my maternal grandparents, but God provided me with many foster grandparents. I was so blessed to have these experiences. A lot of kids my age were intimidated by older people, but they did not know what they were missing. I had many good talks with the residents. They would tell me about how life used to be, and I loved hearing their stories. Many of the residents just wanted someone to talk to them, and in giving that to them, they gave so much back to me. The only drawback of the volunteering I did was that I faced death of many people I loved. It was hard to come in some days and find that one of my dear friends had passed away, but I have cards and mementos given to me by family members, telling me how much their parent had loved me. Despite the inevitable pain (facing death often) of working in a nursing home, I would do it all over again. I volunteered at the nursing home until I was sixteen.

Right after I turned sixteen, I got my driver's license, my first car, and my first loan. I was really in need of a job. I went back to my home-away-from-home and asked Kathleen to hire me as a kitchen worker. It was such a great job for me because I did not have to give up any of my school activities; Kathleen was so great at working around my schedule. The kitchen was a good place to work, and I had some wonderful co-workers. I also was able to stay in touch with my "grandparents" since I was now an employee there. When I graduated from high school, I attended college in Montana, and then Iowa. Kathleen and her assistant, Renee Thurston, allowed me to go on casual-call basis. Any time I had a vacation, I was able to come home and get hours in the kitchen. Kathleen and Renee were and still are so good to me. I worked in the kitchen until just after my twentieth birthday.

As I grew older, I knew the kitchen was not where I really wanted to be. While I was away at college, my mom told me that the Morrow Home had opened a child daycare. I was really excited about it. I loved working with people, but I dearly love children. I heard that the daycare was a very desirable place to work and that many people had applied, so I did not think I would actually get hired there. I graduated from college with a two-year degree last May, and I became engaged in June. I came home to save up



At the Day Care, George Mulvaney, Naomi, Rian Mulvaney

Growing Up In A Nursing Home Cont.

by Naomi Fields,

former Morrow Home Volunteer & Employee

some money, and spend my last year as a single gal with my parents. I was really excited when I heard the daycare had an open position. I applied for the daycare position, and thanks to the recommendations of Kathleen, Renee, and Michael Bonello, I was offered the position. I absolutely love my job! I am so thankful that Mary Ellen, the daycare Director, gave me that chance to do something I really love. On school days, I get to work with all age groups. I also had the opportunity to play the Easter Bunny for our children in March. That was another interesting Morrow Home experience! I once again have a wonderful boss and great co-workers. It is such a blessing to get along so well with the people with whom you work!

I am now almost twenty-one and am preparing to end my employment with the Morrow Home in just a few weeks. I can look back on all the ways my Morrow Home experience has helped shape who I am. I am getting married in June and will be moving away to Indiana. I am so excited, but it will be hard to leave everyone behind. Some of the residents that I was close to when I was a child are still around, and I will greatly miss them. The Morrow Home has given me opportunities that I am sure will help me in my future, especially a future as an in-home-daycare provider. I am so thankful that my mother worked at the Morrow Home, and that her friend suggested that I start volunteering there when I was so young. I hope that the Morrow Home will continue with their high standards of care and that God will bless the staff and the residents. Thanks for all the memories!



Naomi Clowning Around for the 2001 Wellspring Fair

Naomi made an impact on many lives.

*Here are some notes from
past and current supervisors:*

Naomi was an excellent volunteer during the years I worked at Morrow Home...always very helpful with any task needing to be done to prepare for an upcoming party or special event. Her bright smile and giggle could light up any room and always did, with no effort on her part! Our residents loved the caring way she interacted with them in such a genuine way. After one of the special events where many balloons were used, Naomi agreed to take some of the balloons home. She also needed a ride home, so I offered to drive her. We were walking out to my car with the balloons and looked at each other and laughed out loud to see that there was NO ROOM inside my small car for her balloons! We were not to be defeated, so we put the sun roof back and Naomi held on (EXTRA TIGHT) to the strings of brightly colored balloons from her seat inside. The drive was slower than what would be normal, because we didn't want to lose the balloons, but we laughed all the way at the funny looks people gave us. It was a great ending to a fun day.

I consider myself lucky to have had the pleasure to have met Naomi and know, without a doubt, that she has grown up to be a wonderful young lady. Congratulations on your upcoming wedding, Naomi...you deserve the best! Come see us in Florida!

~ Mary Bosman

former Recreation Therapy Director

What a privilege it has been for me to know Naomi Fields. Even at a young age, Naomi had such an encouraging and trustworthy nature. She enjoyed being around older people, and they in turn were drawn to her smile and bubbly personality. She has been an exemplary volunteer for our nursing home. I'm happy to see the wonderful things that Naomi has already done with her life.

God's very best to you, Naomi! I know you will continue to be a blessing to others in whatever the future holds for you.

~Carla Newquist

former Morrow Home Accountant/Office Staff

Naomi is a very special person who holds a special place in my heart and our department. She will be missed, but I wish her all the best as she follows her heart.

~ Kathleen Snow

Culinary Services Director

And lastly, a warm send-off from Young at Heart:

Naomi was a blessing to the children and staff at Young at Heart Child care. She will be dearly missed by everyone. She has a very promising future in the child care field and whatever else crosses her path.

~ Mary Ellen Leis

Director of Young at Heart Child Care

Treasures in Mary Morrow's Attic

by Jenny Koehler, Assistant Housing Coordinator/Marketing
& Jean Mattakat, Morrow Home Auxiliary President

Once you visit Mary Morrow's Attic, you will wonder how one can put a label of just another "Thrift Shop" on a downtown Sparta store that is completely run by volunteers...

I had the opportunity to stop in recently with a carload of leftovers from my daughter's rummage sale. Some of the treasures were clothes and toys my little grandsons outgrew. As I hauled bags and boxes up to the door, I was experiencing separation anxiety. I heard these voices in my head saying "You can't get rid of those pajamas. Remember how cute the boys looked in them?" But I knew I had to let go; my daughter said so.

I was greeted by a host of ladies busily sorting through other treasures, whereupon I discovered one of the ladies was a neighbor from my childhood...there was another familiar face, a past coworker...what a walk down memory lane. It occurred to me that what was happening in Mary Morrow's Attic is the exact thing that happens when we go through our boxes of treasures. Conversation arose of yesteryears. I didn't want to leave! But I was assured that my daughter's rummage sale leftovers were in good hands. What I left behind will soon become treasures to another grandma somewhere.

What a completely perfect name for this store. As with any new life, birthing pains were experienced in setting up the store. But Mary Morrow would be proud. Visit Mary Morrow's Attic and see for yourself how these wonderful

volunteers work together preparing these treasures for their next home. That is certainly a "Treasure" in itself!

Mary Morrow's Attic is located at 128 S. Water Street, Sparta. Donations and volunteers from the public are welcome. Everything received is recycled in some way. (Please note, however we cannot accept TV's, computers, large furniture, or appliances.) An IRS tax deduction receipt can be given for your donation. The store is open Tuesday through Friday from 10am to 5pm, Saturday 10am to 3pm. For more information, contact Jean Mattakat at 269-1544 or Dora Olson at 269-4650.



Opening Day! Volunteer Dora Olson behind the counter. Among the shoppers: Ruby Peck at the counter, Ida Mae Ingham on the far right. Ida Mae and Ruby were our first customers.

A "New" Team at Morrow Home

Morrow Memorial Home and Apartments is excited to announce our new Director of Adult Living Services, Chris Nordberg (formerly Burnett). Chris has come back to her hometown to take this position. After graduating from Sparta High School in 1978, Chris went to college in the Twin Cities and also spent some time in Milwaukee. Chris has been working with older adults since the early 1980's. Her husband, Clark Nordberg, is director of the Bethel Home in Viroqua. Clark and Chris have two teenage boys who attend school in Viroqua and are very involved in sports.

Chris spent the last 13 years working at Franciscan Skemp Healthcare in La Crosse, where she started the assisted living apartments' program and handled the independent apartments.

With Chris on board, Todd Ramlet's new title is Nursing Home Administrator, giving Michael Bonello the opportunity to focus on the duties of Executive Director.

Chris is looking toward moving forward in the new CBRF

building project. She has already observed great teamwork efforts in the apartment staff and appreciates how everyone pitches in and supports each other to serve the needs of the tenants.

Welcome back home, Chris!



Michael Bonello, Executive Director of Morrow Memorial Home and its ministries; Todd Ramlet, Nursing Home Administrator; Chris Nordberg, Director of Adult Living Services for the Apartments

Valentine Tea *By Christine Vian, Director of Recreation Therapy*

Residents, tenants, family members and staff gathered together to celebrate Valentine's Day during the 43rd Morrow Home Valentine Tea. This event involves extensive preparations, meaningful traditions and elegant decorations and refreshments. The celebration began with the coronation of the King and Queen of Hearts. This tradition has evolved in conjunction with the expansion of the Morrow Home Community. We now crown royalty from the Assisted Living Apartments as well as the Nursing Home. The Valentine Celebration also includes a special time to honor those who have reached 90 years of age or older. We were especially privileged to honor two seniors who have lived 100 years. This annual celebration seems to be favored by staff, residents, tenants and family members. Those who have attended the Tea often comment that they feel they have been to a prom. Indeed this is the atmosphere we strive for.

Many of our seniors did not have the opportunity to attend a prom, have a formal wedding reception or participate in many other formal celebrations. It is our great honor to provide this experience for them.



Back: Fern Olsen, Harry Hendersin, June Gerke. Front: Ken Scafe, Robert Mendell, Anna Haun, Gene Zannacker, Ken Schure, Doris Nading

Rewards of Volunteering

A definition for Volunteer: "somebody who freely offers their assistance without expectation of receiving something in return."

Throughout this Messenger, you will see articles about people volunteering in some way here at the Morrow Home. Even though the volunteers give themselves freely, each has expressed volumes of what they have received in return.

Volunteering is no respecter to age either. Naomi Fields was only 9 years old when she began volunteering in the nursing home, while some of the volunteer Meals In Motion drivers are retired.

Now that we have opened the door for you to join our

wonderful Morrow Home and Apartments, "What can I volunteer for," you ask? Let us count the ways: Currently, the apartments are in much need for assistance in evening and weekend activities, assisting in bingo, shuffleboard, help with manicures, outdoor gardening, floral arranging, helping at outings, driving for shopping events, and the list goes on.

We hope to hear from you very soon. Please call Christine Vian, Director of Recreation Therapy, coordinating volunteers for our Morrow Home and Apartments, at 269-3168 to begin experiencing the rewards of being a volunteer.

Volunteer Tea *By Christine Vian, Director of Recreation Therapy*

Morrow Home proudly honored its volunteer corps during National Volunteer Tea Week. This year's theme was, "Volunteers Shower us With Love." Seventy-five volunteers attended the event. Refreshments were served, door prizes

were handed out and conversation and laughter filled the room. The volunteers were greeted by the 2009 Kings and Queens of Hearts who began their public relation duties with this event.



Volunteers Shower Us With Love

National Nursing Home Week Celebrations & Olympics



Banana Races, Alzina Hanson



Dining at the Ritz, Kathy Schmitz and Betty Braithwaite



Yummy Banana Splits, Rita Barenthin



Shoe Races, Elle Erickson



Shoe Race Team, Ken Schure and Charlie Anderson

“A Week full of special events and Olympic competitions for staff and residents”



Balloon Races, Lindsay Weber and Nikki Sund



Wheelchair races, Jen Williams

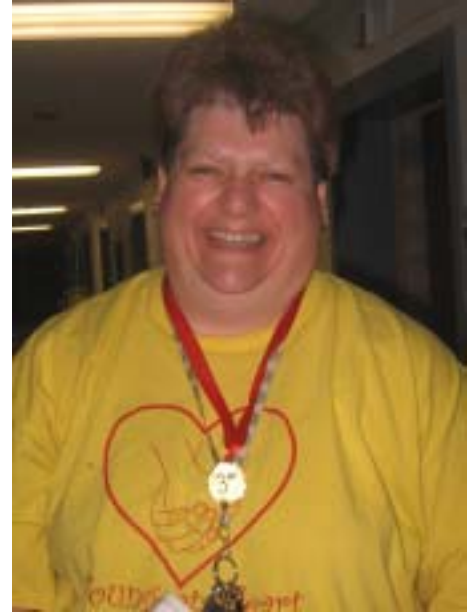
National Nursing Home Week Celebrations & Olympics



Olympic Champion Lindsay Weber



Olympic Champion, Bob Swartz



Olympic Champion, Eileen Ripley



Olympic Champions, Olga Christiansen



Balloon Races Champion Nikki Sund



Alzina enjoys a fun-filled week!



Wheelchair Rides, Mae Randle



Photo on Left: Shoe Races, Walker Woodworth

Until
Next
Year...

Serving Our Community, Part 1 *by Jenny Koehler, Assistant Housing Coordinator*

“Morrow Memorial Home and Apartments serves as a tangible expression of God’s love...” In 2006 Morrow Home began a home delivery of noon meals in the Sparta area.

“We endeavor to be faithful steward of obtainable resources...” The preparation of these meals was combined with the current meals that are being prepared for the nursing home residents and the apartment tenants.

“...recognizing both the needs of those we serve...” Residents who had been in the nursing home for short term rehabilitation were in need of a little extra in-home help, so providing them with their noon meal was a way Morrow Home could continue to serve.

“And those who serve.” Morrow Home is blessed with many volunteers. We are grateful for their service.

Above are excerpts of the Morrow Home Mission Statement and how it became the directives of a ministry outreach of the Morrow Home, called Meals In Motion. While striving to meet the needs of the elderly within the campus, it stood to reason that Morrow Home should use its resources to reach out to the community as well.

Our current meal delivery volunteers are Jeff Cronick, Bob Dengel, Warren Isbell, Duane McClain, Don Mulry, Burr Nussdorfer, Dean Olson, JoAnn Schanhofer, Bruce and Rita Wanlass and Al Wright and his daughter, who graciously provided us with an insight to what it’s like to deliver these meals.

Each volunteer delivers an average of 17 meals each weekday, totaling over 50 meals altogether. Just as the U.S. Postal Services endures the variables of weather, so do our volunteers; they are committed to serving during wind and sleet and snow and ice and below zero temps, all well known in Wisconsin. It can also take a few deliveries to determine which door to enter. It takes patience until one gets to know the individual’s infirmities, especially those hard of hearing. A phone call ahead helps. The routes are pre-planned to cover a specific area of the community.

Once the meal has been delivered, then starts the fun part—the conversation. One gentleman teases Dean Olson about his Buick still running. One lady gives him homemade candy at Christmas. All the people are appreciative of that personal visit.

Bob Dengel has had a lot of good conversations. Having lived in this area all his life, they have many stories to talk about, so he has to balance out his time so he can chat with each person at least a little bit.

JoAnn Schanhofer began delivering meals because her parents were receiving meals. It’s one of the reason they were able to stay in their home a little longer, until her mother passed away. So now JoAnn considers her delivering as a “pay forward” way to say thanks. JoAnn enjoys just getting to know each person—and their pets! She now makes sure to take dog treats with her. If you ever run into JoAnn, you’ll

have to ask her about the couple conversations that she says we can’t really put into print...

And did you know that sometimes, Don Mulry not only delivers the meal and meets all kinds of pets, but he helps with other duties: He’s been asked to retrieve the person’s mail, or take out their garbage, and he’s even changed a clock in the home during daylight savings. Way to go Don!

Many of the people that Bruce and Rita Wanlass deliver to are previous customers of theirs when they owned the Ray’s Supermarket in downtown Sparta. Bruce meets lots of nice people and those who make him laugh too.

Duane McClain has also gone beyond the meal delivery by extending a hand to a husband and wife, both over 90 years old, on a holiday when no meals were delivered, by taking them out for lunch. The re-lived a lot of history.

Read more in our next Messenger “Serving Our Community, Part 2.” Thank you, meal delivery volunteers, for sharing your experiences with us. May you be blessed in the days ahead with the efforts you put forth to serve our community through Morrow Home’s Meals In Motion ministry. For those who wish to join our group of meal delivery volunteers, please call Morrow Home Culinary Services at 269-3168. We’ll be glad to include you in this rewarding outreach!



Dean Olson, Meals in Motion Volunteer



Gladys Mendler receives a meal from Lois Crady, Morrow Home kitchen employee who helps deliver meals

New To Our Home

We welcome the following people who have joined our Morrow Home family between the dates of January 20, 2009 and May 31, 2009:

NURSING HOME

Dorothy Cramer	Willis "Bud" Kohls
Laura Eley	Marianne Libke
Edmen Fanta	Casper "Cap" Linnehan
Katherine "Kit" Filter	Velma Mason
Grace Franklin	Alverna Morales
Frances Griffin	Abby Olson
Bernice Helgesen	Leona Parker
Mailen Hoefs	Marlene Rietfort
Maxine Isensee	Kenneth Scafe
Helen Jefferson	Charles Schorr
James Johnson	Janice Winter
Carlton Kastberg	

HOMESTEAD INDEPENDENT & ASSISTED LIVING APARTMENTS

Bernice Baumbach	Erma Boris
Ellen Oldenburg	Elfrieda Bolyard
Harold Oldenburg	Harley Jenkins

PARKVIEW INDEPENDENT LIVING APARTMENTS

Bill Richgruber	Leona Ziegler
Vern Dunnum	

MARYCREST ASSISTED LIVING APARTMENTS

Elizabeth Mulvaney	Robert Langwill
Shirley Baumel	Mildred Adkins
Helen Jefferson	Virginia Strege

We are proud to have provided service to the following people who have returned home or to another setting:

Mildred Adkins	Judith Kramer
Shirley Baumel	Dorothy Kronberg
David Brown	Litza Lawrence
Margaret Brueggeman	Doris Marshall
Edwin Chambers	Nancy Mayer
Dan Clemmerson	Pearl Munn
Marjorie Davel	Rita Noe
Robert Dengel	Hilda Olsen
Laura Eley	William Roberts
Lamont Engelson	Leone Ross
Jeanette Greeno	Irma Schmitz
Darrell Hansen	Donald Thurston
Margherita Harris	Arlene Wing
DelMarie Hemmersbach	Violet Wolfe
Helen Jefferson	Thelma Zimmerman
Bessie Kmiecik	Jasmine Zingler

Planting Time at Parkview

By Jenny Koehler, Assistant Housing Coordinator & Janell Hendersin, Parkview Tenant "Secretary"

It is finally planting time here at Parkview Apartments. Tom Hemstock is monitoring the patio gardens, while Vera Siekert tends to the perennials. We are looking forward to the Concerts in the Park at Evans-Bosshard to begin again. We have the most wonderful spot to enjoy the music—our backyard!

While we were waiting for the warm weather to arrive, Theresa, Kasey, and Jenny kept us entertained each month with our monthly get togethers: In January, many of us enjoyed Darrell Hansen's famous chili along with potato soup, mountain cornbread, and dessert bars. In February was our annual Valentine breakfast with delicious sweet rolls, another scrumptious hot dish supper was served in March with ice cream pies. April's supper was freshly-baked pizza and caramel apples; and we just had wonderful sloppy joes and root beer floats in May. We really enjoy playing bingo before our suppers. Jenny is our stand-up comedian with jokes between each game.

Tenants and families shared some of their adventures with us. Arlene Roberts spent two weeks in Florida during February. Wally Kinyon's son told us about butterfly catching in different countries, showing us his collection of butterflies from Peru.

We even had special visitors on May Day. Children from the Sparta Charter Pre-Kindergarten Day Care brought us hand-made May baskets filled with "Hugs" & "Kisses." We certainly appreciated their sweet gestures.

Much transition has occurred, a previous Parkview tenant, Bernice Baumbach, who transferred to Homestead passed away recently. We will remember the fun times we shared with Bernice. Mae Paquette & Helen Jefferson have transferred to Assisted Living at MaryCrest Apartments. We are glad to still have them close to us. We are equally happy to welcome Bill Richgruber, Vern Dunnum & Leona Ziegler to the Parkview Apartments. We hope they feel they can "plant" themselves into our family setting here at Parkview!



**Parkview tenants enjoy chatting with each other.
Ida Helgeson, Joan Kepa, Gen Hilleshiem, Hazel Peterson**

Remembering

By Kathy Schmitz, Pastoral Care

At Morrow Memorial Home, we consider ourselves blessed to care for our elders and others during the end-of-life process. Through our Pastoral Care and Palliative Care Team, we have looked at ways to bring comfort for loved ones and our staff of caregivers when God calls “home” one of those entrusted to our care. The bereavement pieces that are done and shared have grown in number and in meaning over the years I have worked in Pastoral Care and as a team member.

When someone enters the dying phase, a photo of a rose is placed by the door of the room so staff is aware of the special needs the resident and family may have. Our Serenity Room is available for families to use. The Pastoral Care Coordinator works with the family to ensure that all spiritual support desired is in place. When a resident dies, our staff holds a Bedside Closure Service with family. The name is placed on the Remembrance

Board on that floor. A rose placed in a special vase is sent to the funeral home and staff tries to attend the services. A sympathy card is placed at the respective nurse’s station for staff to sign. The Pastoral Care Coordinator then picks up the card and adds a personal letter to family and encloses a copy of *My Friend I Care*, a booklet on grieving.

To help remember and celebrate these special lives, we host a Quarterly Memorial Service in our chapel with our Chaplain, Rev. David Carlson.

The newest addition has been a Memory Photo Board. Jenny Koehler from our Assisted Living staff helps coordinate this time of remembering. During the service, families are invited to “light a candle” and share memories. These are times of tears and laughter. The votive candle is Morrow Memorial Home’s gift to the family after the service. At the close of the service, a Power Point slide presentation is

composed of pictures of those being remembered. It is put together at the end of the quarter and placed in our atrium a week prior to the service, is used at the service, and then moved back to the atrium for a week following the service. We hope to use these photos from throughout the year to create a collage at Christmas time to coordinate with our Love Lights project. We feel so blessed to have become acquainted with those entrusted to our care as well as with their families as we continue to carry out our mission statement of providing “A Christian Tradition of Caring.”



May's Memory Board



Unto Life Eternal

January 20, 2009 - May 31, 2009

Bernice Baumbach
Doris Beauvais
Signe Dammen
Florentine Doll
Laverne Fuenger
Esther Hansen
Theron "Ted" Isensee
Margaret Johnson
Toni Jordan
Gerald Leis
Herman Mason
Gleva Morehouse
Lucille Oldenburg
Edgar Perry
Bernice Rieck
Gladys Rose
Helen Synner

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR HOME

January 15, 2009 – May 28, 2009

CLOTHING: Randy Hughes; Pete Clemmerson; Linda Miller; Bill Teoli; Roger Johnson; Harriett Lindner, Esther Ginthur; Bernice & Ray Hough; Julie Rodgers, Nancy Mayer; Phil Dammen; Karen Foellmi and Helen Jefferson.

MAGAZINES AND BOOKS: Linda Miller; Jolene Vieth; Ed Holz; Gary Bade; American Legion Aux.; Sue Bolden; Jeanne Hentges;

FURNITURE: Randy Hughes, bed and electric lift chair; Linda Miller, dresser; Harold Lindner; Bernice & Ray Hough, easy chair; Phil Dammen, recliner and lamp and Barbara Lueck, couch, chair and end tables.

MISC.: Rhonda Abbott, Halloween costumes for residents; Brighter Tomorrows, mittens and gloves; Linda Miller, greeting cards; Bill Teoli, DVDs, VHS tapes; Gallis, Steve & Brian Schmitz, corn for squirrels & birds; Karen Edwards, Christmas cards; Larry Antony, TV and microwave; Martha Davenport, 2 DTV boxes; Harold Lindner; Carol Schauf and the West Beaver Creek 4-H, handmade Easter Baskets for our residents; Phyllis Hughes, floral wreath; Mary Jorgensen, hamper and magazine rack; Mary Ellen Leis, cups for canteen, Leonilda Kelly, hearing aid batteries; Robert & Patricia Swartz, DVD player and movies; Bernice Hough, coffee machine, popcorn popper and waffle iron; Ruthie Jerome, pictures from MMH past; Jean Mattakat, 2 converter boxes; Jean Hentges, box of craft items; Dan & Robin Kohls, travel movies; Joyce Anderson, boxes of cards; Miriam Cuddy, greeting cards and Barbara Lueck, towels, sheets and dishes.

NURSING HOME EQUIPMENT: Linda Miller, walker; Bill Teoli, electric bed and walker; Sharon Seamster, wheel chair; Nancy Mayer, electric bed; Trinity Lutheran Church, wheelchair parts;

FLOWERS AND PLANTS: Linda Miller and Paul & Cindy Solberg; Sparta Floral staff, many Azalea plants; Marie Rienks, 2 large plants;

DAYCARE: Andrew & Renee Thurston, baby swing; Kathleen Snow, baby bumbo and Pat & Julie Burke, extra mittens.

MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS

1 Corinthians 13:13 (KJV) And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Morrow Memorial Home and Apartments is eternally grateful for the gifts offered in memory or in honor of loved ones. The Morrow Home Foundation, to which the funds are entrusted, endeavors to be good stewards of these gifts.

Since the last issue of the Messenger, we have received the following donations:

In memory of Lou Roels from Jean Abbott for Young at Heart Child Care Center

In memory of Steve Abbott from Dr. & Mrs. Paul Albrecht; Darlene Parkinson; Johns, Flaherty, & Collins, S.C.; Mr. & Mrs. Steven Secrist; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gajewsky; Beth Wilms; Mr. & Mrs. Eric Pipkin; Mr. & Mrs. J. David Rice; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Rosborough; Bernadette Otto; Mr. & Mrs.

MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS (Cont.)

Warren Isbell; Arndt, Buswell, & Thorn: Mr. & Mrs. William Ripley; and Mr. & Mrs. Del Yahnke.

In memory of Bob Hughes from Mr. & Mrs. Don Hemstock, Marcella Clemmerson, and Donna Path

In memory of Marlene Wells to be used for Young at Heart Child Care Center and Intergenerational Programming from Melinda McClain; Oliver Lindsay; Mr. & Mrs. William Ripley; Mr. & Mrs. Travis Leis; Mr. & Mrs. William Tourdout; Karen Hauser; Morrow Home Sunshine Fund; Mr. & Mrs. George Baker; Mr. & Mrs. Don Hemstock; Mr. & Mrs. Roger Jerome; Heather Roellig; Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Selbrede; Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Snow; Mr. & Mrs. Donald Vandervort; Howard Vieth; Mary Vowinkel; Robert Kranz, II; David Wells; Elizabeth Wells; James Wells; Beth Wilms; Jan Yahnke; David Vieth; and the Family and Friends of Marlene Wells

In memory of David Gray from Mr. Gray's family to be used for Care Assurance

In memory of Lucille Oldenburg from Mr. & Mrs. John Ornes to be used for the hospice room

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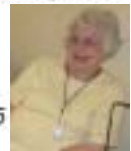


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