

VILLAGE VOICE

HOLIDAY EDITION 2024

Serve with Grace, Compassion, & Love

Dear Friends and Families,

As we approach the close of this year, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the many blessings in our lives. This year has brought both challenges and joys, and through it all, our mission has remained strong and steadfast in its purpose of “Celebrating Life’s Journey Together in God’s Love.”

To Our Residents:

Our residents are the heart of everything we do. It is a true blessing to serve so many remarkable individuals from diverse backgrounds, coming together as one big Bethany Village family. We are honored to spend time with each resident, whose smiles, stories, and strength continue to inspire us all.

To Our Families:

We are privileged to work with such wonderful families, partnering with you in the care of your loved ones. Your kindness, encouragement, and trust drive us to provide the best care possible. Your support and guidance are central to our success as caregivers, and we are grateful to walk this journey with you.

To Our Community:

We would be remiss not to acknowledge the surrounding community. Your prayers, kind words, and encouragement have lifted us in times of need and celebrated with us in moments of joy. From our wonderful Auxiliary to every passing “thank you,” each act of support renews our commitment to this work and reminds us why we have dedicated our lives to caring for others.

To Our Staff:

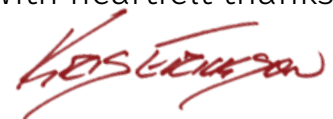
Matthew 25:40 reminds us, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Our staff embody this spirit daily, celebrating, comforting, and caring deeply for those entrusted to us. They sacrifice personal time, family gatherings, and holidays to provide compassionate care 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They are truly the heroes of our mission, bringing love and dedication to their work each day.

As we look to the year ahead, we remain deeply committed to our mission, inspired by the words of Galatians 6:9: “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” With your support and God’s guidance, we will continue to serve others with grace, compassion, and love.



Kris Erickson,
Bethany Village CEO

With heartfelt thanks,



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Joe Benter,
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Past, Present, & Future

BETHANY HOME

Let's just say the year 2024 started way differently than it is ending, and I am happy to say that it has been a positive journey. Let me

explain: on March 25, 2024, I started my first day here at Bethany Home after almost two years away from the healthcare industry. Coming back to healthcare, I was both excited and apprehensive about that first day. Over the previous few years, I learned a lot about myself and what truly made me happy. Taking care of people has been my life and I was back. Coming here has renewed my faith in God and people.

Bethany Home is way more than just a place where we take care of people. It's a culture and best of all, a family. I have never been part of a facility that has been more welcoming. Our goal is to provide the best quality care possible for our residents. *Check!* Another goal is to make Bethany Home a place where staff look forward to coming to work. *Check!* A place where you can be interactive with people and at the end of the day feel like you have made a difference in somebody's world. *Check!* Yes, like in most families, some days are up and some down, yet I couldn't ask for a better group of people with whom to be associated.

As with everything, change happens. This year we welcomed new staff, saw others discover new opportunities, and celebrated some retirements. No one knows what 2025 will bring, but the one thing I

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SUNFLOWER TERRACE



Assisted Living is All About Quality



Kaitlynn Kennedy,
RN, Assisted Living
Operator

During the holiday season, it is always great to reflect on the joyous memories we had throughout the year. This year we focused a lot on the word "Quality". Merriam Webster defines quality as, "a distinguishing attribute."

At Bethany Village and Sunflower Terrace our distinguishing quality is seen in the supportive care we provide and the relationships we build with our residents and community members.

Some of our memories we had fun making this year included zoo trips, weekly farmers market, holiday luncheons spent with friends and family, and monthly gatherings with the KAY Club. These are just a few of the many memorable moments we shared not only within our community but within the Lindsborg community as well.

We cannot express enough gratitude to the families, friends, volunteers, and the entire local community that help support Sunflower Terrace by Bethany Village. It truly takes a "village" and we are glad to be a part of yours.



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know is that it will not be boring! We can choose to see the light and not the darkness in our experiences. We can stop along the way to be grateful, reflect on what we have versus what we don't and appreciate the journey with friends and family.

A quote from one of my favorite authors, Nicholas Sansbury Smith: "Accept your past without regrets. Handle your present with confidence. Face your future without fear."



Donor Spotlight

Greg & Susan Lundstrom

share a connection to the Lindsborg community and Bethany Home. Contributions from the Lundstroms and the Verlla Coughenhour Trust helped make the recent Bethany Home dining renovation possible as well as various other improvements throughout the building.

BV: Can you share a little bit about your background and what drew you to philanthropy?

SL: Greg and I met at Bethany College and have made Lindsborg our home for the past 44 years. We have been supportive of many of the Lindsborg institutions and organizations over the years as a way of giving back to this wonderful community that we call home.

Tell me about your history with Bethany Home.

Although we have had many acquaintances who lived at Bethany Home over the years, my mother was the only family member who lived there. Following a stroke, Mom moved to Sunflower Terrace and eventually moved to Bethany Home. Having lived most of her life in Manhattan, it was more convenient for me to have her close and we were thankful that she was here in Lindsborg.

What inspired you to support Bethany Home?

We have supported Bethany Home for many years, first out of respect for some of the former leaders such as Leon Burch, and now out of appreciation for the care my mother received.



Do you see your contribution as a way to create a legacy or inspire others to give back to the community?

Our contributions are not necessarily designed to inspire anyone, but I do feel that if we want Lindsborg to thrive, we need to be supportive of the institutions and organizations that make the community viable, vital and interesting.

What advice would you give to individuals looking to make a difference in their communities?

There are so many organizations in the community that make this such a special place. I encourage everyone to find those things that speak to them and find a way to be engaged. That engagement can come from simply attending events, as well as volunteering time or providing financial support.

What would you say to others who may be considering a gift to Bethany Home?

A long-term care facility becomes a necessity for many and is an important part of any community. Supporting Bethany Home will help ensure that there is a place in our community that provides comfort and care for our neighbors today and perhaps ourselves in the future.





CHAPLAIN'S BLESSING

*¹³ Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing!
For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his suffering ones.*

Isaiah 49:13 NRSV

I searched for the words 'comfort/joy' in the NRSV and Isaiah 49:13 popped up. It was not a familiar verse to me. But as I read and re-read it, the Spirit led. It is just the right verse for the holiday season.

As I walk around all the places that make up Bethany Village, I am blessed to see the words from Isaiah live through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit that moves through staff and residents. My heart is filled with awe, joy and in a sense, it breaks into song. I see the Holy Spirit comforting with compassion. I see the Spirit spreading joy. It is a gift, witnessing the Spirit at work. It is an act that happens all year round at Bethany Village. This act is in response to the gift of Jesus Christ. A gift to the world that we celebrate during the holiday season.

We celebrate Jesus who lived, died and rose for us that our sins may be forgiven. A gift that destroyed the power of death. Jesus, the Messiah, who brought joy and comfort with compassion on

a cross and an empty tomb. We celebrate, we sing for joy, this Messiah who makes us new. We are comforted to know we will join the heavenly host one day in praise of God who loves us so much.

We receive joy and comfort by God's grace through the Holy Spirit. This joy and comfort that moves us to show joy and comfort. Joy and comfort through the ministry of presence. Joy and comfort through smiles and tears. Joy and comfort with compassion as we help each other through times of celebration and suffering.

The Holy Spirit is at work! The Holy Spirit is leading us! As we walk through this world, climb the mountains, go through the valleys, the Spirit breaks forth. There is comfort! There is joy! There is compassion! We celebrate the gift of Jesus Christ who lived, died and rose that it all may happen. Thanks be to God! A blessed holiday season to all!

Pastor Ethan Feistner



Join Us

FOR WORSHIP

DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
SUNFLOWER TERRACE 1:00PM; BETHANY HOME 2:15PM
COOKIES AND COFFEE TO FOLLOW

DECEMBER 25 – NO CHAPEL SERVICES



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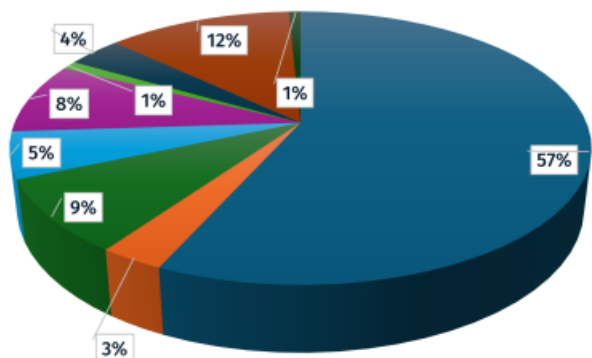
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Marketing	1%
Property Taxes & Bed Tax	1%



Skilled Nursing Budge at A Glance

As illustrated, over half of the budget for Bethany Home is designated for nursing expenses and direct care staff salaries. As the price of medical care and supplies continues to rise, Bethany Home strives to provide peace of mind through thoughtful, personalized service and care, embraces innovation, forward thinking stewardship, and market-leading practices.

Bethany Village depends on the support of the community and friends. Financial donations help offset unreimbursed care expenses, fund capital improvements, pay for Chaplaincy expenses, and support activities for residents.



2024: Year in Pictures



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Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:4

