

2014 — A Year with Renewed Energy!

It is currently 8:30am and I just got to the office after clearing my driveway of 10 inches of winter wonderland. Will spring ever get here? It has been a cold and long winter here in Minnesota but I know that the weather will eventually warm up and we will see the grass and warmer temperatures again soon. Here at Auburn Homes and Services we are looking forward to the change in season with renewed anticipation.

Auburn Meadows in Waconia has reached the one year anniversary of being open and caring for the residents of the Waconia area. The last few items on the list of things to be done have been completed. The new flag poles are flying the Stars and Stripes and the exceptionally beautiful stained glass window in the celebration room has been installed. The staff have worked very hard to build an atmosphere of care, compassion, and home and they have succeeded. The proof is in the smiles of the residents and the fact that there are only a few units left to be filled. That's amazing and a tribute to the staff that provide the care. It is a wonderful feeling knowing that we are able to care for even more people in Carver County than we did a year ago.

As Auburn Homes and Services moves through 2014 we will continue to provide the high level of care people have come to know. We are also working to improve upon that by developing better programs and services to meet the physical, spiritual and mental health needs of the residents and families we serve. A lot of what is being done to enhance the residents' lives is being supported by you the community and I would like to say "Thank you!" The support of the community through donations, participation in the Festival of Trees and Auburn Golf Classic or giving of your time by volunteering truly is a blessing to the residents.

As we move through 2014 I hope you find good health and many opportunities to make a difference in your community. We at Auburn Homes and Services look forward to the new-year with renewed energy to continue striving to provide quality care to the elderly in the communities we serve. If you have questions or are looking for ways to make a difference in the lives of the elderly in your community, please email me at mjsenden@auburnhomes.org.



Mike Senden, CEO/President

A Gathering of Eagles



Auburn Homes, Chaska, hosted “*A Salute to Our Veterans*” on Sunday, February 16th. This solemn and tear-filled ceremony thanked each veteran residing at Auburn, Chaska, recognizing their military history. The United States Marine Corps, represented by LCPL Rachel Murray and LCPL Enrique Hernandez, honored each Veteran as their military experience was shared with everyone present. Children, grandchildren, nieces, and other relatives read with great pride the history of their family’s veteran hero.

These men and women veterans represented more than 91 years of military service to our country. Their histories included a United States Marine having been involved in the horrific fighting in the taking of Guadalcanal, Tarawa, the Gilbert Islands, Saipan, and Tinian. During these battles, this veteran lost his entire unit with the exception of himself and his Commanding Officer. An Air Force jet pilot flying more than 100 combat missions, receiving the Silver Star and 18 air medals for heroism in Vietnam. A Private in the United States Army, who helped build a pipeline from India, through the jungles of Burma, and into China in order to supply fuel for land vehicles and aircraft, enabling the allied forces to attack Japan. Two veterans were in route to attack the Japanese homeland when they learned with great joy that the Japanese had surrendered. There were many more individual experiences shared during this moving event. Regardless of each veteran’s personal story, all of our Auburn veterans gave up part of their lives for the freedom of our country.

Sara Engelhardt, granddaughter of one of our heroes, sang the Star Spangled Banner. Lynda Ryski provided military music, and Pastor Mike Eder of the Chaska Moravian Church added prayers for the veterans and our current military families.

This program was the idea of Auburn volunteer, Michael Petersen. Michael is a 27-year Navy Veteran. As a Navy Pilot, he flew 269 combat missions in Viet Nam, receiving 17 air medals, including the Purple Heart. Michael and his wife, Suzan live in Chaska. Suzan’s mother has called Auburn Courts her home for the past two years.

Recognizing Your *Shining Star*



At Auburn Homes and Services we are honored to serve all our residents. Of course, there are many people who participate in each resident's daily service and care. Some staff play a more visible, direct role, like our nursing assistants, servers, housekeepers and nurses. Many others, however, work behind the scenes to ensure that our mission to meet the physical, social, mental and spiritual needs, of each individual resident are met; in the spirit of Christ's love.

Have you experienced a moment when a staff member made sure you or your loved one was given care that was not only great, but personal and exceptional? Have you experienced someone whose act of kindness “made your day” or touched your heart? Our new *Shining Star* program is an opportunity for you to recognize and thank these exceptional care givers.

We have created a brochure to help introduce and explain how this program works. This brochure includes an envelope for you to make a gift to your Auburn community in honor of the service, care, or act of kindness received from your *Shining Star*. You can honor an individual staff member or several staff members. They will be notified of your special gift in their honor and will receive a special star pin to recognize and thank them. Your gift will be used to support the work of your *Shining Star* and specific Auburn community.

Most important, your *Shining Star* will experience a great sense of pride, knowing that the service, care, or act of kindness was important and left a positive impression with you and/or your loved one. Recognition from you for doing a great job is a rewarding and cherished gift for staff. When you give in honor of your *Shining Star*, you not only say “Thank You” to the person(s) who made a difference in the care you received, your gift also ensures that we can continue providing the type of community that our residents and staff deserve.

Watch for the *Shining Star* brochures in various locations in each of our service areas. If you don't see a brochure and are interested in saying thank you in this special way, please ask a caregiver or staff person to help you find one.



Star Society Provides Opportunities for Planned Gifts

The Star Society at Auburn Homes and Services was created to recognize and thank benefactors who have included Auburn Homes in their will or estate planning. Most of these legacy gifts come in the form of a simple bequest, included in a will. However, creating a clear, well prepared estate plan can be an opportunity to improve the tax implications for your own retirement plan, increase the gift you leave to your family/loved ones, and is an incredibly powerful way to leave a lasting legacy with any organization(s) that is/are close to your heart.

In the coming year, the Moravian Care Foundation will be refocusing on the planned giving program for Auburn Homes and Services. Our hopes are to help people/families with their personal estate planning and possibly growing the endowment for Auburn Homes. This would include our Chaplaincy Endowment Fund.

Some of you may already have included Auburn Homes and Services in your will or estate plan. If so, please contact the Foundation. It will help us update our records, clarify our long-term planning, inspire others to consider including Auburn Homes and Services in their estate planning, and allow us to recognize and thank you for your partnership with the people and mission of Auburn.

Listed below are various examples of income-generating gifts and deferred planned gifts.

Gift Annuities: A gift annuity is a type of gift that provides an income to the donor(s). This gift structure will begin making fixed annual payments to the donor(s) for life and, if desired, for the life of another beneficiary. Upon the death of the last beneficiary, the remaining funds will serve as a gift to Auburn Homes and Services, and/or an organization of your choice.

Charitable Remainder Trusts: There are various types of charitable remainder trusts, all of which will allow donors to provide income for themselves or others for life, or a term of years, while still making a generous gift to Auburn Homes and Services, and/or an organization of your choice. Donors of charitable remainder trusts transfer assets – usually cash, securities, or real estate – to a trustee of their choice. During the term the trustee invests the assets. When the term ends, the remaining principal passes to Auburn Homes and/or the organization of your choice.

Bequests: The simplest and most common way to make a planned gift is to include Auburn Homes as a beneficiary in your will. The amount of your gift can be a specific dollar amount or a percentage of the remainder of your estate. Simple language is available upon request.

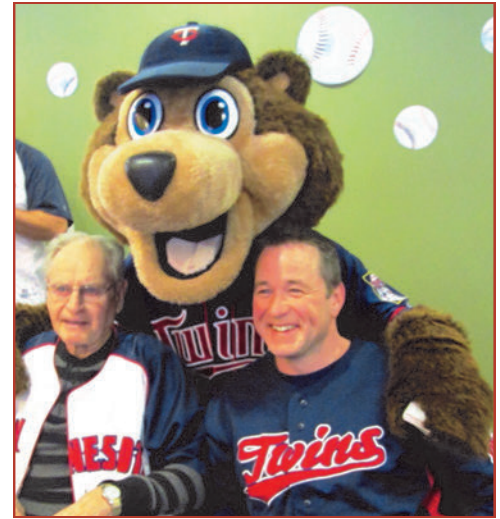
Life Insurance: Designating Auburn Homes as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy can be a smart and easy way to make a planned gift. Upon the insured's death, Auburn Homes would receive all or a portion of the life insurance proceeds. Another option is to make Auburn Homes the owner of the policy and to make the annual payments to Auburn Homes as a tax deductible gift.

If you have questions in general about the benefits of planned giving, please call Bob Kuhlman, Director of the Foundation, at (952)361-0460, or email him at bkuhlman@auburnhomes.org.

Minnesota Twins Visit Auburn Home in Waconia



The Minnesota Twins' 54th Annual Winter Caravan featured stops this year in nearly 50 locations across all of Minnesota. It is one of the longest running and most extensive off-season team caravans in professional sports. It features a number of current and former Twins players, visiting schools, hospitals, corporations, and service clubs.



Thanks to Merisa Stifter, Therapeutic Recreation Director of Auburn Home in Waconia, our residents were able to enjoy this fun-filled experience. Merisa contacted the Twins organization back in February of 2013. Merisa says that she talked with a “real nice gentleman that took my information. He then told me that he would not guarantee anything but would pass along the information. I thought to myself, “Wow at least I talked to someone!” In December of 2013, while sitting at her desk the phone rang. She looked at the caller ID which said “Target Field”. In her amazement she answered the phone and was told that the Minnesota Twins Caravan wanted to make a stop at Auburn Home. Merisa said, “I was very excited to tell the residents, especially the baseball fans. As the word got out everyone was excited — residents, family, and staff.”



On January 20th, 2014, the Twins stopped to visit Auburn Home in Waconia!

On that cold, Monday morning in January, residents and families from Auburn Home and Meadows waited patiently, anticipating the arrival of the Twins players. Residents and staff alike were dressed in Twins apparel for this special day. When the Caravan finally arrived everyone burst into applause as Glen Perkins, Brian Dozier, Tom Brunansky and Dan Gladden walked in to the Celebration Room. Our residents were excited! Their families were excited! The staff was excited! Looking around the room, you could see smiles everywhere.

The players were wonderful as they answered questions and spent lots of individual time with each resident and family. They signed autographs, had loads of pictures taken and just sat to chat. It was so much fun, seeing so many smiles and the sparkle in so many eyes.



Happy One Year Anniversary Auburn Meadows!!

Auburn Meadows, a 61 unit assisted living in Waconia officially opened on December 11, 2012. With Christmas right around the corner, the staff worked diligently to get the building decorated and ready for residents who would be moving in during the holiday season. The first resident moved into Auburn Meadows December 14, 2012.

Auburn Meadows focuses on quality care, exceptional service and a quality lifestyle for our residents. The Auburn Meadows team is proud to be part of the Auburn Homes and Services family. Housing Administrator, Sheila Nieland-Snyder, states, “I am proud of all the accomplishments we have achieved in the past year. We continue to grow and develop while welcoming new residents into our community.”

Auburn Meadows was pleased to welcome Sheila’s mother, Amy Nieland, into the Auburn community. Amy was involved in the decorating for the holidays and that was the moment she decided if she ever needed assisted living Auburn Meadows would be the place for her. While decorating the building she thought to herself “this is where I want to be.” As Amy’s health changed she knew she could no longer live alone. She moved into Auburn Meadows in September of 2013. Amy said the building is beautiful, cozy and welcoming. She enjoys the fireplaces and utilizes amenities such as the library and theatre. Amy chose Auburn Meadows because she knew she would be in good hands. Her favorite thing about Auburn Meadows is the staff. Amy states, “The staff here is friendly, caring and they work together as a team. They go the extra mile.” Amy feels comfortable and safe in the Auburn Meadow’s environment.



Daughters, Sandy and Sheila with Amy Nieland

We take our mission of *Serving Seniors in the Spirit of Christ’s Love* to heart in everything we do. Auburn Homes and Services is all about building community. We believe that as our seniors age they deserve to remain in their community and Auburn Meadows gives seniors this opportunity to ‘age in place’.

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Auburn Meadows, Waconia—Assisted Living | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>The Gardens</i> , Chaska—Outdoor courtyard |
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We are honored to receive your gift which is a charitable tax deduction.



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Auburn hosts **Long Term Care Seminars**

- * *Thursday, April 17*, at the Auburn Chapel in Chaska with Ron Kolb, Accredited Medicaid Planner
- * *Sunday, May 4*, at Auburn Meadows, Waconia, with Thrivent Financial Planners, Marty & Michelle Cole

Volunteer/Donor Thank You Dinner, Tuesday, June 17, for all Auburn volunteers and donors, held at the Auburn Garden, Chaska campus, 6:30 welcome, 6:45 dinner, 7:15 program

Call to Care Golf Classic, Monday, July 21, 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:

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