

“In the Spirit of Christ’s Love”

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.” -Aesop

On any given day here at Auburn Homes and Services, I am given the blessing of observing unending kindness and compassion. I have seen it between staff and residents, residents and their families and resident to resident. It is a wonderful feeling to know I am a part of an organization that carries these values as a part of its core belief.

This atmosphere starts with our staff. Auburn has been very blessed to attract people who at their core yearn to give of themselves to enrich the lives of others. Their satisfaction comes from helping and sharing in the daily lives of the elderly. They share the laughter of a good story or conversation, help to ease discomfort and pain of illness and they share in the emotions of the heart with families when a loved one leaves this world. It is with great respect and honor that I say thank you to them.

“JourneyShared” is a prime example of how our staff continues to expand their kindness and compassion with residents and families. “JourneyShared” is a ministry that was started by the staff at Auburn Manor. It was developed to provide comfort, compassion and dignity to those who are in the final stages of their life. Families and staff come together to share in the journey of someone that is loved. The staff development of this ministry has been so strong that it is now an integral part of our mission throughout all of our facilities.

Please take a moment and ask yourself, “How do I share my kindness and compassion with those I come in contact with?” If you happen to be in one of Auburn’s facilities extend it to the residents and staff. If you are in the community and have had or currently have a family member or friend experiencing the compassion of Auburn, write a note of thanks or consider a gift through our “*Shining Star program*”. Believe me it makes a very big difference in the lives of our staff. It may even bring tears of gratefulness to those being recognized.



Mike Senden, CEO/President

Marvel Heath, A Life of Impact and Legacy

Service was a way of life for Marvel Heath. In fact, in 1996 she received Chaska community's highest service award, the George C. Klein "Service Above Self" Memorial Award, given by the Chaska Rotary. That "Service Above Self" attitude was demonstrated throughout her life, by her multitude of friendships, endeavors and accomplishments.

Somewhat early in her career, Marvel became the Assistant Dean of Women at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. While there she met Tom Heath who was here from Pennsylvania on a 1-year work project in Minneapolis, working for the Amidon Publishing Company. Of course, Tom never went back to Pennsylvania. They first met at a St. Olaf Christmas concert in December of 1968. They began dating after meeting again at the Moravian Church of Northfield in January of 1969, and were married in May that same year. Marvel and Tom were blessed by almost 46 years of marriage.



Marvel Heath

Marvel was an active member of the Eastern Carver County League of Women Voters for over 20 years. She was the co-chair of the Chaska Community Diversity Committee, creating a Human Rights Commission. She was a member of the School District 112 Curriculum Advisory Committee and at her Moravian Church of Chaska served on the Board of Elders, as Sunday school superintendent and as a counselor and youth leader. She served as board chair of the Interfaith Institute on Aging as well as serving on the Carver Senior Advisory Committee. She also was a member of the Community Sounding Board.

According to friends who served with Marvel, "She did not let you quit! Nothing was ever left half-done. You worked to find the solution and followed-thru."

Outside of her early career as a teacher, perhaps Marvel's most enduring legacy is the work and mission of Auburn Homes and Services. She began as the administrator/manager of the 22-bed Lake Auburn Home for the Aged, a Moravian Care Ministries service for retired pastors and missionaries on Lake Auburn, in Victoria. In 1982 she coordinated the planning and construction of Talheim Senior Apartments in Chaska. Marvel then began lobbying the state legislature on care options, specifically in order to obtain nursing home status for a facility in Chaska. In spite of a moratorium on all nursing home expansion at the time, she got her approval. She immediately began planning, fundraising, and eventually, supervision of the construction of Auburn Manor. The skilled nursing home facility opened in 1988.

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Mike Senden, CEO/President shared, “Auburn Homes and Services continues to grow and thrive today, building on the early foundation and vision of Marvel Heath.”

Marvel passed on to her heavenly home this past April 14th. She was an amazing blessing to everyone she met or touched throughout her life and career; including her friends, her church, her community and certainly the people and mission of Auburn Homes and Services. We thank God for Marvel Heath’s remarkable life and legacy.



19th Annual Call to Care Golf Classic

In the spirit of Christ’s love, Auburn Homes & Services provides care, service and ministry, primarily for the elderly, through a partnership of staff, residents, families, volunteers, churches and the community.



The 19th annual Call to Care Golf Classic will be held on Monday, July 13, 2015. We are once again holding this golf event at Deer Run Golf Course in Victoria.

For the past 13 years CliftonLarsonAllen has been a Corporate Sponsor of the Call to Care Golf Classic and we thank them for again stepping up to be this year’s Corporate Sponsor. Robb’s Electric and Yetzer’s Home Furnishing are putting green sponsors and Waconia Ford is sponsoring our carts this year. Lenzen Chevrolet & Buick has been our hole in one sponsor for the past several years. We are grateful that all of these companies are so supportive of Auburn Homes & Services .

Every year the income provided by the Call to Care Classic supports programs and/or projects that enhance the quality of life for our senior residents.

This year’s Call to Care Classic will support the renovations beginning in Auburn Manor on our Chaska campus; specifically to purchase new tables and chairs for the Auburn Manor dining room.

If you are interested in being part of our golf event please go to our website: www.auburnhomes.org/moraviancarefoundation to register or become a sponsor.

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 which have touched your life or have a mission in which you believe. Whether your 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.

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

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.

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, (952-361-0460) in support of Auburn Homes and Services.



Auburn Staff Continues to Shine



Just over one year ago, Auburn Homes and Services launched the Shining Star Program, giving grateful residents and family members the opportunity to give a gift to Auburn Homes in honor of a special “Shining Star”.

The Shining Star Program is an opportunity to recognize and say thank you to an individual who has provided care that was not only great, but personal and exceptional; someone who provided care that “made your day”, “touched your heart” or “calmed a concern”.

There is a story for every Shining Star receiving recognition, each one unique and personal. One of our resident’s family shared the following in her Shining Star recognition; *“(name) is very responsive and attentive to my mother’s needs. She pays attention to details for the residents and makes suggestions where needed. I so appreciate her and trust her to take good care of my mother.”*

In this our first year, 47 staff members have been honored as Shining Stars! These Shining Star recipients are most often amazed that someone took the time to thank them and make a gift, for simply doing their job. They are recognized with a star pin to be worn on their staff badges, publicly awarded at one of their daily “stand-up” sessions. They are also recognized in the staff newsletter and record is made in their personal work file. Gifts to the Shining Star Program are designed to go to the area of greatest need in the facility where the Shining Star works.

Each Shining Star story is unique and impactful. If someone has made a difference in your, or a loved one’s, Auburn experience – no matter how big or small it may seem – consider making a gift to honor them through the Shining Star Program. Your recognition and thanks validate the wonderful work being done by a caring staff.

Shining Star brochures with recognition forms are available in every Auburn facility.



“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?



We are challenged to purchase a new, 26-passenger, handicap-accessible bus. Our current bus has seen over 17 years of great use, but is now beginning to need expensive repair.

The community at large has shown great support for the purchase of a new bus. Chaska and Carver Lions groups have both made commitments to this campaign. Waconia Lions, Victoria Lions and the Chanhassen Legion have all been approached to provide support for this campaign.

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 **“Let’s Roll” Campaign** is well on its way to reaching our goal of \$80,000. To date we have received \$22,650 which will be matched by a \$25,000 gift giving us a total of \$47,650 toward our goal.

We need your help to achieve this important goal!

If you would like to be a part of the **“Let’s Roll” Campaign**, please use the form on page 7 and mark the **“Let’s Roll” Bus Campaign** box.

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

- Auburn Home in Waconia—Skilled Nursing
- Auburn Courts, Chaska—Assisted Living
- Auburn Meadows, Waconia—Assisted Living
- Chaplaincy Endowment Fund
- Auburn Manor, Chaska—Skilled Nursing
- The Courtyard at Auburn, Chaska—Memory Care
- The Gardens*, Chaska—Outdoor courtyard
- “Let’s Roll” Bus Campaign***

Please indicate the amount of your gift:

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

Payment Method: Payment enclosed Visa MasterCard
 Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____
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This gift is in **Memory** of in **Honor** of _____

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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/MoravianCareFoundation



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Coming Events



Call to Care Golf Classic, *Monday, July 13*, at Deer Run Golf Club, Victoria, MN.

“Hot Dog It’s Summer”, *Wednesday, July 22*, at Auburn Meadows, 591 Cherry Drive, Waconia. 11-1.

Festival of Trees, “Tis the Season”, *Friday, November 20*, at Oak Ridge Conference Center, Chaska.

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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