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# Heart & Heart

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## A Heart for Helping Others Bill Roth Shares His Reasons for Giving

here are moments in life that shape the person you are to become. For Bill Roth, when he looks back over his lifetime, certain instances stand out as making him have a strong desire to give back to his community and to help others.

A veteran who served in the 34th Division of the National Guard during World War II, Bill experienced what most people could not imagine. For more than 26 months he was a prisoner of war. He was trekking across Europe when victory was announced.

Returning home, Bill struggled with the effects of the war. Today he credits those difficulties for turning him into the giver he is today. "I guess it's a way for me to make up for some of the past," Bill explains. "I want to help other people."

Bill married Dorothy Jespersen in 1950. Dorothy was an elementary education teacher in Exira for 25 years, and Bill worked for Iowa Public Service. They had three children—Lori, Jim and Michael. Lori, an RN, passed away in 1983 after Iosing her sight and suffering kidney failure due to diabetes.

In 2006, Dorothy passed away. "I know a lot of people are in the same boat, but I sure miss her," Bill shares. Dorothy lived at the Friendship Home for more than a year after being diagnosed with bone marrow cancer. "She received excellent care," Bill explains. In his experience, both the hospital and the Friendship Home stood out as having incredible caregivers. Each year on National Nurses Week, a dozen roses is delivered, courtesy of Bill, in appreciation for those who provide direct care.

#### A Desire to Give Back

When the Friendship Home Foundation was started in 2011, Bill quickly became one of the first supporters. In a newsletter article the Foundation expressed a desire to purchase a handicap-accessible minivan. Bill was one of two individuals who immediately stepped forward to make a donation, and he remained interested in the project's success until the van was fully paid for.

This year the Foundation started the capital campaign for a new Memory Care Unit. Again he made

a pledge and shared his strong desire to see the project become a reality.

"The Friendship Home is special to me," Bill shares. "You are all special people."

As he looks to the future, Bill knows that he wants to continue supporting the community. "Audubon is my town," he says. Therefore, Bill has taken extra steps to remember the Home, as well as other organizations close to his heart, in his estate plans. "We need this Friendship Home," he shares.

Although Bill is 92 years old, you would never imagine it. Bill is an avid golfer throughout the warmer months. In the community, he is a member of the Lions Club, VFW, American Legion, Historical Society and Audubon County Conservation Club. He was a 37-year member of the Audubon Fire Department and also served on the Compensation Board at the Courthouse.

The Friendship Home Foundation greatly appreciates Bill and all that he has done—and will continue to do—for our community.



Genelle Deist, Foundation Director, and Bill Roth stand behind the 3D model for the Friendship Home's new Memory Care Unit.

## Your Estate Planning Backpack

aving an up-to-date estate plan is essential to ensuring your intentions during life are honored at death. Below are important items that should be a part of every estate plan.

#### Will

A will (or trust) is a critical tool for individuals of all ages and of all income levels.

#### With Your Will, You Can:

- Direct division of your property as you wish it to be distributed, rather than according to state rules
- Make special arrangements for family members who are minors or disabled
- Name guardian(s) for minor children
- Select an executor who is well qualified to oversee the handling of your estate
- Provide charitable support for those organizations close to your heart.

#### Power of Attorney

A power of attorney allows you to name another person to act on your behalf. in terms of financial matters, if you cannot take care of them yourself. Your POA Allows You To:

Ensure your affairs are handled in the way you intend, by the person most qualified to do so

### Living Will

This important document allows you to state your health care wishes if you are unable to speak for yourself. A Living Will Offers:

Your family members relief from guessing what your final wishes would be

#### Work With an Expert. Every

individual's circumstances are different. Be sure to work with a gualified attorney when drafting estate planning documents, and revisit the documents each time a major life-changing event occurs.

Power of Attorney

Living Will



Charitable giving through your estate plan is a wonderful way to impact the lives of others, while allowing you the security of having access to the asset during your lifetime.



Go to our website, www.friendshiphome.com, for more information on our current capital campaign, as well as a list of our most frequently asked questions. Or, call Genelle at 712.563.2651 to learn more.

## Friendship Home Memory **Care Unit**

## A Strong Vision for the Future

- Rooms designed for personal space & privacy
- Dedicated areas for dining, activities and sitting
- Ability to safely go outdoors to enjoy beautiful gardens
- Room to roam in a circular layout, ideal for "wandering"
- Serving kitchen, allowing meals to be cooked on-site

## Your Contributions Are Deeply Appreciated!

Each quarter, all donations are recognized in the "Friendship Forum," the newsletter of the Friendship Home Association. For space limitations, in this publication we will recognize those who give \$100 or more (in cumulative giving) since our last mailing (June 2013). Please go to friendshiphome.com and click on "Friendship

and click on "Friendship Forum" under the "About Us" link to look at each quarter's newsletter for an entire listing of donations.

Thank you to all who give of their time, talent or treasure to make the Home great!

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## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GIFTS & PLEDGES (for up to 5 years)

#### Gifts of \$100,000-\$300,000

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#### Gifts of \$75,000-\$100,000

#### Audubon State Bank Charitable Foundation

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Our vision is "to support the mission of the Friendship Home as it meets the needs of the community as it grows into the future."

#### About "Heart to Heart"

This newsletter is a product of the Friendship Home Foundation. Our occasional newsletters, brochures and seminars will be designed to offer our friends and supporters helpful information. If you ever have questions or would like to discuss specific ways to make a difference, please call Genelle Deist, Foundation Director, at 712.563.2651. If you choose not to receive Foundation mailings, call Genelle or send her an email at market-



#### **Did You Know?**

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any major credit card or personal PayPal accounts.



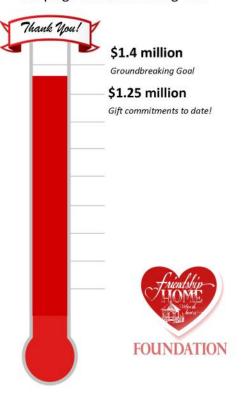
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#### Friendship Home Memory Care Unit

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