



# The Friendship Forum

## CHANGE is the new TREND...

As many of you have probably read in the papers or heard on the news, change is always evolving in healthcare. Nursing homes in Iowa and nationally are experiencing changes already in the New Year and more to come as the year proceeds. One of the biggest changes thus far in the year has been the privatization of the Iowa Medicaid system. As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, Medicaid was transitioned over to private companies to manage. If someone you know has Medicaid, more than likely they now have been getting mailings from one of the three new managed care organizations often referred to as "MCO's". As a provider it is important that the nursing home be aware of what organization the Medicaid member has been assigned or elected to use. If you or anyone you know has questions about this new process, we encourage you to contact us. Along with the privatization of Medicaid funds the regulations are always evolving and it provides an ongoing learning experience for us at the Friendship Home.

On a more local note the Friendship Home is researching the renovation of the pervious residential care on the upper level of the home rather than adding on an addition of a memory care unit. Although, relocation of the memory care unit and an outside courtyard are still in the plans to enhance the

lives of those that reside at the memory care unit. Renovations to the upper level would allow for more private rooms throughout both levels of the facility and allow for some updated amenities to the home.

Hilaree Stringham  
Administrator



Thank You! • Thank You! • Thank You!

We want to thank our community for the support and generosity we received over the holiday season and for the volunteers who continue to come in and help us each week.

*Thank you from all of us at Friendship Home*

Spring 2016



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## FOUNDATION NEWS

### *Welcome to the New Admissions!*

Eva Sinram  
Dorothy Larsen  
Gilbert Pedersen  
Ethel Mack  
Mildred Shirbroun

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### *With Deepest Sympathies to the Families of:*

Dolores Feltner  
Howard Hansen  
Laverne Lansman  
Royce Nichols  
Estelle Rose  
William Shima

The Friendship Home Foundation along with the Friendship Home Association has started re-evaluating the idea of building a new Memory Care Unit.

After listening to community members and supporters through our strategic planning process we see how important it is to our community that the Friendship Home do what they can to utilize the upper level of the home.

We are looking at options to renovate the upper level to accommodate updated rooms for both the memory care unit and ICF.

What does this mean for donors who have pledged money to the memory care unit? We would like to hear from you and ask for your permission to use your pledged dollars toward a renovation instead of the original add on of the memory care unit.

A renovation would be able to provide updated space for more residents than

the add on would.

There has **NOT** been a final decision made yet to whether or not this will be the plan for the future and the association continues work at evaluating what is best for our residents and the future of the Friendship Home. Please look for announcements in the near future.

I am sorry to say that I have decided to take on a new opportunity outside of the Friendship Home. I've enjoyed the year that I have been here so very much and will miss the people I have gotten to know. I wish all the best to the Friendship Home!

*Sherry Huehn,*  
*Foundation/Marketing Director*



# Employee News

## Employee Anniversaries

### Nov-June Anniversaries

Deb Inman – 37 years  
Deb Oakley – 25 years  
Carol Wolff – 25 years  
Jenny Fox – 20 years  
Joan Cramer – 15 years  
Julie Knutsen – 15 years  
Kendra Bladt – 13 years  
Tonia Andersen – 11 years  
Jennifer Albert – 10 years  
Bob Nelson – 9 years  
Sue Kroeker – 9 years  
Jill Smith – 8 years  
Annette Nissen – 8 years  
Traci Weitzel – 7 years  
Karol Dammann – 7 years  
Annette Christensen – 7 years  
Tanner Knutsen – 6 years

Steph Brannan – 6 years  
Shirley Langel – 5 years  
Whitney Richardson – 5 years  
Rose Brabham – 5 years  
Marye Jacobsen – 4 years  
Roxie Pross – 4 years  
Jeff Hernandez – 4 years  
Morgan Oakley – 4 years  
Kate Lebeck – 4 years  
Abby Elmquist – 3 years  
Melanie Petersen – 3 years  
Shelby Smith – 3 years  
Ryan Johnson – 3 years  
Sandee Ericksen – 3 years  
Michelle Vesper – 3 years  
Jen Stetzel – 2 years  
Roxanne Asmus – 2 years

Bailey Nelson – 2 years  
Maison Lebeck – 1 year  
Jennifer Deist – 1 year  
Nicole Sporrer – 1 year  
Ciara Olson – 1 year  
Robert Ericksen – 1 year  
Sarah Dent – 1 year  
Rachel Asmus – 1 year



## Welcome Our New Employees!

Linda Sue Carpenter  
Tracie Kurth  
Crystal Main  
Tobias Main  
Tanya Marshall  
Sadie Schultes

Tricia Sinclair  
Taylor Knutsen  
Karla Kommes





# Scrapbook Memories

## CELEBRATE.....

Residents enjoyed celebrating Christmas, Valentines Day and Easter here at the Friendship Home.



## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.....

Residents Lois Pardee and Wendell Fleming get their picture taken with Santa and his elf after the holiday party.



## CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

(Top Left): Elvie Scott gets a visit from Santa

(Top Right): Lexi Oakley was dressed for the occasion this past Christmas!



## Valentines Day King & Queen

(Left): Darrell Jensen and Melva Stone were our King and Queen for Valentines Day this year!!



Happy  
Easter



### Easter 2016

We had a wonderful Easter Sunday. (pictured front row from L to R) Melva Stone, Marjorie McMillian, and Donna Kessler enjoy a visit from the Easter Bunny. Thank you to our volunteers that day Jean Irlbeck and Terry Blohm!



### Special Guest....

Residents enjoyed their visit from Sophie and the Easter Bunny

### Memory Care Unit

The MCU also enjoyed time with the Easter Bunny!

Pictured L to R: Kristy Bills, Delrene Greve, Jean Irlbeck, Bob Nelson, Crystal Main, Jennifer Albert.



# From the Nursing Department



Greetings from the Nursing Department:

I would like to remind everyone that in addition to offering onsite Podiatry care, we also have Dental Service's available onsite. This includes a Dental Hygienist and a Dentist. They are able to offer routine exams, cleanings, extractions, denture work, etc. all onsite. You must sign up for this service. If you are not already signed up and are interested, please contact me.

Karol Dammann RN, DON



## RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

### February

- Donna Kessler, 2/2
- Lloyd Oakley, 2/4
- Ethel Mack, 2/5
- Norma Petersen, 2/5
- Betty Christensen, 2/11
- Lois Oakley, 2/11
- Marvin Seastrom, 2/28

### March

- Elizabeth Anderson, 3/1
- Marjorie McMillan, 3/7
- Elvie Scott, 3/12
- Sue Duvall, 3/26

### April

- Dorothy Larsen, 4/10

### May

- Jean Michalski, 5/2
- Mardell Hansen, 5/3
- Charlene McLaughlin, 5/6
- Melva Stone, 5/14
- Arlene Nelson, 5/18/
- Phyllis Larsen, 5/22
- Mardelle Gilbert, 5/29

### June

- Barbara Dilliner, 6/2
- Norma June Campbell, 6/6
- David Duvall, 6/8
- Jo Ann Petersen, 6/14



# Thank You!

Thanks to Our Supporters Who Have Made Memorials, Donations, Gifts  
& Bequests to the Friendship Home Foundation (December-March)

**IN MEMORY OF**

**DARLENE ANDERSEN**

Richard & Barbara Beck

**IN MEMORY OF**

**LAVERNE LANSMAN**

Kay Talbot

Robert & Jane Weber

**ANNUAL APPEAL 2016  
DESIGNATED & UNDESIGNAT-  
ED DONATIONS**

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Tim & Janice Andersen,  
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LauraLee Testroet

**IN MEMORY OF ALL RESI-  
DENTS WHO WE HAVE LOST**

Lavonne Harper

**THANK YOU TO THOSE  
WHO HAVE MADE CAPITAL  
CAMPAIGN PLEDGE PAYMENTS  
SINCE December 1, 2015**

Audubon Masonic Association  
Dan & Sarah Christensen  
Rich & Lela Gleason  
Linda Hansen  
Mark & Becky Jones  
Kessler Funeral Home  
Landmands Bank  
Tom & Virginia Mennenoh  
Paul Rogers  
Steve & Margee Shaffer  
Darold & Elaine Tessman  
Nate & Sara Vorm

*Thank you for giving so  
generously! The Friendship  
Home is always in need and  
appreciates every gift!*

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"like" us and see regular updates  
of happenings around the Home!



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*Social Services Director*  
Shirley Langel

*Activities Director*  
Rose Brabham

*Director, Environ. Services*  
Jeff Hernandez

## Upcoming Events!

April 10-16, National Volunteer Week

April 14, Volunteer Appreciation Event @ 6:30 pm

April 18, Wine & Cheese Party

April 24, Kroeker Piano Recital

May 2, Auxiliary Program

May 6, National Nurses Day

May 9, NNHW Kickoff 10:15 am,

Mother's Day Program Ladies Tea and Jaunita's Hat Program 2:30

May 10, Musical Entertainment, 2:30 pm

May 11, Washing of the Hands 10:00 am,

Carnival, 2:30 pm

May 12, Ice Cream Social, 2:30 pm

May 13, BBQ, 11:00 am

May 6—12 National Nurses Week

May 8-14 National Nursing Home Week

June 6, Auxiliary Program

June 9, National CNA Day

June 9-16 National CNA Week

June 21, Garden Club Floral Arrangements

June TBD, Father's Day BBQ

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