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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED: SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN TO FUND NEW VAN AND BUS CONCLUDES

By: Katie Kleven, North Star Manor Public Relations & Fundraising Officer

It is with great pleasure that North Star Manor announces that we have reached our fundraising goal to purchase new and updated transportation! The hefty fundraising goal was reached late this summer, and we are now proud owners of a brand new van and bus! Reaching this substantial goal was a monumental effort, and it would not have been possible without the incredible support from our community.

We extend our deepest, most sincere gratitude to all the generous donors whose contributions made this dream a reality. Your belief in our mission and your commitment to the well-being of our residents is truly humbling and deeply appreciated. You have directly invested in the joy, health, and mobility of the North Star Manor family.

Finally, a massive thank you is due to all our dedicated staff members. Your unwavering hard work, commitment to the fundraising effort, and tireless dedication to our residents are the cornerstones of North Star Manor. Your efforts have secured a brighter, more mobile future for everyone here.

We look forward to seeing our residents enjoy many safe, comfortable, and memorable trips in our new vehicles for years to come.



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EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

1 Year

Sara Hoerner
Katelyn Dewell
Cameron Swope
Isabel McGregor
Kainen Koponen

2 Years

Britney Columbus
Katie Kleven
Sophia Westman
Katelyn Mock

3 Years

Beth Bray

5 Years

Matt Desrosier

6 Years

Carrie Baumann
Amanda Liebersbach

8 Years

April Vansickle

51 Years

Darlene Pagnac

JOIN OUR TEAM!



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER 3RD QUARTER



Kyle Kovar
NSM Employee:
2 Years



The role of a cook is exceptionally demanding. Despite the busy nature of his responsibilities, he consistently maintains a friendly and kind demeanor. He exhibits great patience with the residents, ensuring that each of them has everything they require during mealtimes. Satisfying the needs of all nursing home and assisted living residents is a formidable challenge; nevertheless, this individual excels at it with remarkable efficiency. He is an outstanding cook, and we have all reaped the benefits of his culinary skills!

Moreover, his attitude, whether in person or when communicating via radio with staff, is always positive and welcoming. He consistently speaks with kindness, even though it is evident that he is incredibly busy. We all know his "Roger that!" on the walkie. Additionally, this person contributes significantly to the well-being of his grandparents, who reside in our independent apartments. His grandmother is thankful for all he does to help them when they need it. He is a man with a generous heart who deserves to be celebrated and acknowledged.

Congratulations, Kyle!

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

North Star Manor is thrilled to celebrate our outstanding Athletes of the Month! These dedicated individuals embody the spirit of perseverance, demonstrating incredible hard work and commitment in their restorative rehabilitation journeys. Their unwavering dedication to strengthening their bodies has yielded remarkable results, allowing them to continue gaining strength and achieve significant successes. We are so proud of their efforts and the inspiring progress they've made!



July
George Wikstrom



August
Arlis Dann



September
Jimmie Potucek

ACTIVITIES

The North Star Manor Activities Department had a jam-packed summer full of fun! Residents enjoyed outings, including trips to the Godel Memorial Library and the exciting annual Marshall County Fair, where they even played a round of bingo. They visited a delightful lemonade stand and took relaxing rides in the golf cart around the town. They also got creative by designing their own beautiful floral arrangements with flowers from Klasen's Greenhouse. As summer wrapped up, they participated in Assisted Living Week by reading to the littles, bringing joy to all.



Dorothy and Darline pose next to their beautiful bouquets they created during a visit from Klasen's Greenhouse.



Larry and Ruth enjoy some delicious lemonade from the Little Steps lemonade stand.



Samantha, her daughter Bernice, & Kathy at the lemonade stand.



The Godel Memorial Library became one of the residents' favorite places to visit this summer thanks to lots of great live music and other performances.



Residents participated in the NSM evacuation drill.



Arlis and Eleanor enjoyed making their own floral arrangements with Klasen's Greenhouse.



The ladies really enjoyed music in the park this summer.



The gazebo is always popular in the summer.



Men's group enjoyed a visit from race car driver Weston, and the rest of Team Olson Racing.

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The annual North Star Manor Family Picnic served as an excellent finale to the summer. The event featured a family meal, live musical performances, alongside concessions offering snow cones and cotton candy. In addition, a dedicated area with games and prizes was provided for younger attendees. The gathering was well-attended and enjoyed by all. See you all next year!



Jim and his great-grandchildren smile big for the camera at the annual North Star Manor Family Picnic.



Families and residents in attendance enjoyed a delicious meal, treats, and live music.



MaryJo Sturman and Cathy Erickson supplied wonderful music for residents and families to enjoy.



We had another great turnout this year, despite having to have it inside due to weather.



Minerva poses for a quick photo while she enjoys the polka music.



Darlyne Benson loved dancing with CNA Emmie McGlynn.



Nettie poses for a photo with her family. It was a great evening filled with good food, good people, and good music.

ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC



Jim shows off his Tennessee Waltz skills with his granddaughter.



Dorothy and great grandson Judah smile for a quick photo with his prize gummy bear.



Mom (Sharon) used to be the one bringing the kids to the DQ, now the roles are reversed!



Kids in attendance had a blast playing games and winning prizes.



Longtime friends Rita Walker, Joann and Maynard Laymon enjoying their evening at the picnic



Fun was had by all! Every participant won a prize.



Grand prize winners won DQ gift cards.



Toni Burton, with the help of her grandkids, provided delicious cotton candy and shaved ice for residents and families to enjoy.



Gene and Rae Ann pose for a quick photo at the annual Family Picnic.

NORTH STAR MANOR ASSISTED LIVING

WELCOME TO NORTH STAR MANOR ASSISTED LIVING

North Star Manor's Assisted Living community provides a comfortable, safe option that still feels like home. For residents, a sense of community is always present, a little fun is part of every day, and visitors are always welcome. By removing the everyday burdens of home upkeep and providing a rich social fabric, this vibrant community lifestyle allows you to focus on what matters most: living a joyful, active, and supported life.

Our mission is clear: "To grow a compassionate community that provides an environment of love, care, and kindness for all who pass through our doors."

Contact us today to schedule a private tour to learn more about our facility!

SERVICES AVAILABLE:

- Furnished appliances
- Utilities
- On-campus beauty/barber shop
- Social events and activities
- On-campus access to North Valley Health Center
- Staff available 24/7
- Meal plan
- Emergency call pendant
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- Medication management
- Bath or shower assistance
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- Daily wellness check
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ASSISTED LIVING WEEK 2025



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We proudly celebrated National Assisted Living Week from September 7th through 13th! Centered on the inspiring theme of "Ageless Adventure," the week was dedicated to honoring the vibrant lives, enduring spirit, and continuous journeys of our residents. We are committed to fostering an environment where every day presents an opportunity for exploration, connection, and joy.



The highlight of National Assisted Living Week was having our friends from Little Sprouts over to listen to some of our residents read children's stories. Our guest readers were Kathy Rokke and Ruth Bjorsness.



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OUR RESIDENTS ARE SO SWEET!

CANDY DONATIONS WANTED:

North Star Manor is looking for bags of individually wrapped candy for residents to pass out on Halloween. Candy and monetary donations may be dropped off at North Star Manor Long Term Care.



5TH ANNUAL TRICK OR TREAT WALK-THROUGH

What: Trick-Or-Treat Walk-Through with our residents
Where: North Star Manor Long Term Care
Who: Friends, Family, Community Members
When: Friday, October 31, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

