Beautiful New Portico Entrance Planned for Mount Olivet Careview Home

The 2019 year-end fundraising focus is for support to construct a new portico entrance similar to the portico at Mount Olivet Home. Residents need protection from the weather as they come and go to appointments and outings. In addition to the new portico, the sidewalks and driveway will be flattened and curbs removed to create a safer environment for wheelchairs and pedestrians. An appealing landscape will be added to enhance the entrance.

Your support is needed to make this happen. You will receive more information about this project soon. Please contact Jennifer Carlson at (612) 821.3154 or jcarlson@mtolivethomes.org with questions.
The Compassionate Caregiver Award is an employee recognition program that recognizes staff members who exceed in their job performance and consistently exemplify excellent care and service.

This award was inspired and then funded by Steve and Elaine Roach, whose parents Marilyn and Robert Roach had been residents at Mount Olivet Home and Mount Olivet Careview Home. The Roach family is committed to the need for high quality care for all residents at all times.

The framework used to support this program is based on caring and leadership principles which directly inform the award criteria. Seven specific attributes and corresponding behaviors make up the ideal Compassionate Caregiver: caring, attentive, respectful, engaged, proactive, responsible, and joyful.

This criteria is comprehensive and interrelated, meaning no one attribute or behavior can exist without the others. The Compassionate Caregiver is well-rounded in contributions and work.

The Compassionate Caregiver Award reinforces our culture of one team, one mission—providing high-quality long-term care in a loving and caring environment. Serving our residents is the reason for every job at Mount Olivet. All employees are encouraged to think about how they, personally, can become a Compassionate Caregiver and enhance the experience of our residents.

Families are invited to nominate individuals for the award.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

TIM HOKANSON

Dear Friends and Families,

A tremendous amount of thought has gone into the newly-minted Compassionate Caregiver Award initiated last July thanks to the generosity of Steve and Elaine Roach. Steve, a retired executive from Houston, Texas, had parents who were both residents at Mount Olivet Careview Home several years ago. Through their family’s experiences, Steve wanted to make an impact on raising the level of care provided by all employees. We have had two outstanding staff members receive the Compassionate Caregiver Award which includes both recognition and a monetary award. They are role models for our entire staff for their exemplary care provided to our residents. I am excited about this program and thank Steven and Elaine for trusting us to create and manage this one-of-a-kind program.

I am so pleased that Laurie Hancer has joined our staff as the volunteer coordinator. She will be a wonderful addition to our team and brings lots of enthusiasm for serving our residents. Volunteers are our most valued asset, so I encourage you to call her and commit some time to our residents. Her picture and contact information is on page 7.

Our year-end campaign is right around the corner, and it is exciting to think about what a new covered front entrance, sometimes called a portico, will do to make it easier for our residents and their families as they come and go to appointments and visits. We know it can be difficult for walkers and wheelchairs to navigate the uneven curbs, so we will remove those barriers. Automatic opening doors will be a welcome amenity. New landscaping will also improve the feel that you get coming into the 55th Street entrance. I really hope you will include Careview in your giving this coming holiday season.

Thank you!

Tim Hokanson

Thank you!
Eleanor Laumb has lived 102 years, years filled with the joys of family and work. Born to John and Mary Markegard on the family farm near Rushford, Minnesota, she recalls riding horses, milking cows, and feeding chickens. Eleanor had five brothers and sisters.

A one-room school was two miles from their farm, and Eleanor and her siblings walked there every day—in all kinds of weather. She laughs when she tells about the time she and her brother fell into the creek they had to cross on the way to school. Wet and muddy, they didn’t return home but went on to class. “We sat by the stove in the classroom to dry out,” Eleanor says. She also recalls taking the sleigh the eight miles to church in the cold winter, with bricks her father had heated in the oven tucked under blankets to keep them warm.

She also learned to drive. She says, conspiratorially, “My dad said to me one day, ‘How would you like to go to Winona and get your driver’s license?’ My mother was shook up about it, but then she liked to have me drive for her.” Eleanor’s love of driving continued throughout her life.

After school in Rushford, she went to the Ag School at the University of Minnesota for high school. It was difficult because I always had to work for room and board, then study after that.”

Eleanor returned to Rushford after a couple years at the Ag School to help care for a brother and sister with physical limitations. “They were perfectly healthy,” Eleanor says. “They just couldn’t walk.”

In Rushford, she met Arthur Laumb and they were married. The two moved to Minneapolis to find work during World War II. Arthur welded Liberty Ships in Chaska, and Eleanor worked at Daytons. “I sold dresses that I couldn’t afford,” she chuckles.

After the war, they continued living in Minneapolis, with Arthur working as a welder, building truck bodies, primarily emergency vehicles. They had three sons—John, Richard, and Steven. When the boys were all in school, Eleanor went back to work, always at department stores—in addition to Daytons, at various times taking catalog orders at Montgomery Ward in the Midway and at J.C. Penney in Southdale.

When asked about favorite activities, Eleanor immediately responds, “I liked to cook and bake and have company.” As a teenager she was a champion bread baker, and she continued to hone that skill as she raised her family. Betraying her 100% Norwegian heritage, Eleanor remembers that “lutefisk and lefse were a Christmas treat.” She traveled to Norway in 1980.

Eleanor and her family were members of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church.

Arthur died in 1976 from cancer at the age of 63. Eleanor continued to live in their south Minneapolis home until, at age 88, she moved into a condo. She moved back to Rushford at age 98, and came to Mount Olivet Careview Home a few months ago.

Besides her three sons, Eleanor has seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. “They all come to see me,” Eleanor says with a gleam in her eye.

Eleanor has long life in her genes: Her mother lived to age 90 and her brother Truman to 105. We wish Eleanor a very happy 102nd birthday!
Chaplain Lori Youngvorst serves food to fairgoers.

Nurse manager Lucky Nwachukwu takes his turn in the dunk tank.

Therapeutic recreation memory care manager Drea Davis prepared a plate with the classic corndog.

Fairgoers delighted in the animals.

Residents, family & staff were invited.

Therapeutic recreation staff member Terry Korbel directs participants to the games area.

Photos pages 4-5 by Peter Stratmoen.
Resident Helen Kloster with laundry staff member Jennieve Scott enjoy the classic cars.

Children from Mount Olivet Day Services join the fun at the fair.

Resident Helen Bowman and volunteer Elona Graff blow bubbles.

Accordian music by Mike Opitz (r)

Therapeutic recreation staff member Sue Webster escorts resident Donna McNair to the fair.

Adults and children enjoy face painting.
MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

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We apologize if your name was omitted or misspelled. Call Tyler at 612.821.3151 for corrections.

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Residents Bob & Dotty Woodsome celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on September 4 with their family.

(l-r) Pastor David Lose, Lance & Trudy Olson, and Mari Carlson at the 2019 Vision Partners event, held at the American Swedish Institute, where the Olsons were named Mount Olivet Vision Partners of the year. Trudy is a Mount Olivet Careview Home board member.

Auxiliary member June Kroog & resident Barbara Rogers survey the beautiful items at the Mount Olivet Careview Home Gift Shop.

The children at Mount Olivet Day Services watch the chrysalis, which had developed from a caterpillar, become a beautiful butterfly!

Laurie Hancer Joins Staff

“I am beyond thrilled to be at Mount Olivet Home and Mount Olivet Careview Home as the new volunteer coordinator!” said Laurie Hancer. “This is truly a homecoming for me, as I was born and raised in south Minneapolis.” Laurie considers Mount Olivet Church her lifetime church home, having been baptized, confirmed, and married there. She spent five summers on staff at Cathedral of the Pines, where she started dating her late husband, Marty, who was an ELCA pastor for 25 years. His ministries took them to congregations in Brainerd, Princeton, and most recently to North Hollywood, California. After his cancer diagnosis and death in 2018, Laurie made the choice to return home to Minneapolis. “What a good choice that was!” exclaimed Laurie. “I am blessed to have my adult daughters, Amanda and Megan, in Minneapolis as well.”

As volunteer coordinator, Laurie is excited to get to know the amazing people who currently volunteer and also seek out and encourage new participants in the program. “We have many ongoing volunteer opportunities,” says Laurie. “Please contact me at lhancer@mtolivethomes.org or 612.821.3232 with any questions, ideas, or times that you are available to help continue offering residents the high-quality programming they deserve.”

Welcome, Laurie!
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Mari Carlson, Director of Development

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