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An artist's drawing of the new Mount Olivet Home entrance

Mount Olivet Home Entrance Is Focus of Year-End Initiative

The lobby and entrance to Mount Olivet Home, which serves as the main entrance on Lyndale, is long overdue for remodeling. There is a high amount of activity through this entry every day and it needs to be updated. Renovating this entrance will be the focus of our year-end giving initiative.

Another important aspect of this remodel is to provide a greater sense of security for the building and our residents. There will be a gate/door by the receptionist and all visitors will have to identify themselves before being allowed into the building. Currently, anybody from the outside can walk right into our foyer. This update will give a greater sense of security for our residents in addition to making our entrance more welcoming to their loved ones.

The reception area is where most residents pick up their mail on the way to the main dining room, so a more efficient way to sort that mail will also be established. In addition, this entrance is the main viewing area for all of our security cameras placed around the building.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could help us remodel this area which will benefit us for years to come. The estimated cost of this extensive remodeling is approximately \$175,000.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting this year-end initiative.



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CELEBRATING OUR RESIDENTS

CHARLES PYDYCH

Walk into Charles “Charlie” Pydych’s room at Mount Olivet Home and you immediately recognize the experiences that shaped his life: flying warplanes for the U.S. Air Force. Artwork of planes dot the walls, along with a painting of Charlie, by his daughter, as a young pilot.

Charlie and his parents lived in West Springfield, Massachusetts where they owned a store.

Charlie attended school in the neighboring town of Long Meadow. While in high school, Charlie caught the attention of the headmaster of a local private

school, Deerfield Academy, and he was invited to study there for his final two high school years.

That same headmaster arranged for Charlie to attend Amherst College, a nearby, prestigious liberal arts college. While there Charlie joined the U.S. Air Force, which put him in line to join the armed services since the Korean War had just begun.

After graduating from Amherst, Charlie was sent to flight training school, where he was trained to fly T-34 and T-28 training jets. Seemingly bound for Korea, Charlie was sent instead to jet fighter training at Laredo, Texas, where he learned to fly T-33 training jets, graduating as a second lieutenant.

Next, he trained at Lake Charles, Louisiana, flying B-47 bombers, which carried nuclear bombs. It was the time of the Cold War and the concept of

Charlie cradles a model of one of the fighters he flew.



mutual assured destruction. He served in the Strategic Air Command, which, Charlie says, “prevented World War III.”

Before his transfer to Louisiana, Charlie married his college sweetheart, Connie Roberts. During the next few years they welcomed four children: Charles, Madeleine, Anthony, and Leslie.

When his three years of active duty was completed, Charlie attended the Wharton School where he earned an MBA, then went to work for a Wall Street investment firm, finally heading their investment division, and later for the IRS.

Charlie and Connie lived in Philadelphia throughout his post-military career. His wife died three years ago, and he moved to Mount Olivet Home, near his son Charles’ home in Edina.

“I’ve had quite an adventure,” Charlie says, “and I thank God for it.” He adds, “It was dangerous training, but it was important in keeping us out of war.” Charlie continued flying throughout his life. “Flying was a gift from God,” he says as he shows his log book, with 1200 hours of flight time. He has many stories to tell as he remembers those crucial years serving our country.



Lieutenant Pydych, painted by his daughter Madeleine

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

TIM HOKANSON



Dear friends,

I am pleased to write this column and report so many good things that are happening here in our campus community. For the last 18 months our staff, residents, their families, and our volunteers have been totally engaged with fighting the COVID-19 virus. The whole world seemingly stopped in its tracks, but we continue to do what is best for our residents and our community. Quarantine and visitation restrictions have been mandated by the Health Department and staff COVID testing occurs on a weekly basis. We are pleased at the response of our staff to our vaccine mandate and we can announce that except for a few medical and religious exemptions allowed by law, our staff is 100 % vaccinated! This is an amazing milestone and is an example of how much our employees care about protecting our residents.

This month we were notified by *Newsweek* magazine that Mount Olivet Careview Home has been selected as the top rated nursing home in Minnesota from over 300 nursing homes. This was achieved based on federal Health Department facility scores, annual surveys, and how few COVID cases we have had. This was earned because of our front-line staff in every department going the extra mile in caring for our residents. Our high retention rate of employees is a big part of providing excellent care and we do everything possible to see that our employees are fulfilled and feel like part of our family here.

Thank you for being part of our extended family.


Tim Hokanson, administrator

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

Thank You, Mari!

For 29 years, Mari Carlson has served as the Director of Development for our church and its six affiliated ministries, a position she created at the request of Pastor Paul Youngdahl in 1992.

During her tenure, Mari met the goals of seven capital campaigns, all in excess of a million dollars; built successful annual giving programs for our Mount Olivet family; produced excellent newsletters for our affiliated ministries; and created memorable and effective fundraising events. Mari's work on the capital campaigns contributed to making them highly successful initiatives that have served—and will continue to serve—the mission of our church for years. The church's most recent capital campaign, "Building on a Strong Foundation—With Christ as Our Rock," successfully raised \$30 million.

Mari also created the church's planned giving program, enabling individuals who make a planned gift to become part of the Mount Olivet Vision Partners group and support the ongoing ministries of Mount Olivet and its affiliated ministries for years to come.

We are so grateful for all that Mari has accomplished and wish her well in her future endeavors.

The Rev. Dr. David Lose, Senior Pastor of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church





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Mount Olivet Day Services Says “Thanks” to Ginny Cullen and Roberta George

October 2021 will bring big changes to Mount Olivet Day Services (MODS). At the end of September two key staff persons will be retiring. With a combined 50 years of experience at MODS, they have left a legacy there.

Roberta George, health care lead for adult participants, has been at MODS for 26 years. A trained medications aide, Roberta assists adult participants with their prescriptions as well as assisting with baths and bathroom use. She also works with the kitchen at Mount Olivet Home to order meals and snacks for the participants.

Roberta was the second employee at MODS when she came over from Mount Olivet Home on September 11, 1995. “I love this place,” Roberta says. “We have had a lot of awesome adults come through this place through the years.” Roberta says, “We treat this place like a home away from home.”

Roberta remarks, “I want to spend more time with family and travel with my husband,” she says. “I will miss the social interaction between staff and participants and families. The people we serve are so appreciative—and they say, ‘I love you.’”

Ginny Cullen, director of adult services, is also leaving at the end of

September. She has served in that role since February 17, 1997.

She quickly cites “quality care, individualized attention, and close relationships with family members” as qualities that make Mount Olivet Day Services a special place. “We emphasize respect for participants, caregivers, and staff. We offer respite care, socialization and stimulation, close relationships between participants, and a sense of purpose.” Ginny finds special joy in working with memory-challenged participants: “We see them as they are. So we need to find our way into their world.”

Ginny also adds that “the wider Mount Olivet community has been so supportive, so progressive. They know how to involve and engage people, and that has been good for us here.”

She confesses that COVID-19 made her decide to retire at this time. “The last couple years have been difficult. We had to shut down for a time, when our adult participants could not come in. During that period I tried to stay in touch with our adult participants and their families in one way or another. And we were so happy to welcome them back—slowly, but as quickly as we could. We have rebounded quite



Retiring from Mount Olivet Day Services (l-r):
Roberta George and Ginny Cullen

well, though we do have room for additional participants, both children and adults.”

Ginny says, “I have been blessed in many ways. We have such a good group here—we’re a team—and I always want our adult participants to have a good day every day they are with us. My biggest joy has been the relationships with participants, caregivers, and staff. I will miss that, and I know it will continue with Lucy Palma at the lead.”