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SUMMER 2016



Building the new Mount Olivet Careview Home addition will be a one-year project.

Construction Begins on Addition

“It’s a team effort,” says Tricia Asuncion, director of environmental services and safety. She is referring to the tremendous amount of behind-the-scenes work going on because of the construction project which has now begun at Mount Olivet Careview Home. It is an attitude that is rampant during this construction time.

Walk in the Lyndale Avenue entrance and you will see evidence of work underway: The walkway between Mount Olivet Home and Mount Olivet Careview Home is now a one-way corridor. The pastoral care staff office has been moved. And the dietary staff is working out of the former staff lunch room and break room. Plywood spans the entrance to the kitchen. What you can’t see is more interesting: The kitchen has been gutted, down to bare floors and building shell. Right now concrete footings, which will hold eight steel columns that will support the four new floors above, are being poured in that space. The employee break room



The kitchen area is gutted so footings to support the new building can be poured.

has been moved downstairs, to the classroom there. But in the midst of that upheaval, care of residents goes on without a missed step because of that “team effort.”

Administrator Tim Hokanson says, “The kitchen and the food it prepares has always served as the foundation of our residents’ lives. Now it will also serve as the foundation for the new building that will rise above it.”

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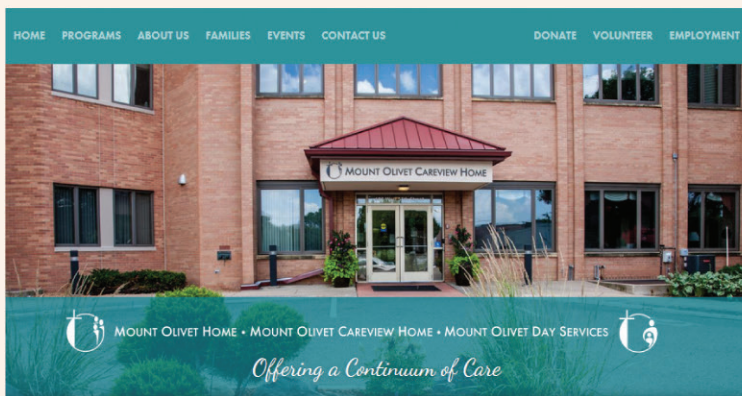
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Volunteer Roundup

Offering a continuum of high-quality care for seniors and children in an intergenerational setting

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New Website Launched!

July marked the launch of a new website for Mount Olivet Home, Mount Olivet Careview Home, and Mount Olivet Day Services. Technology has changed rapidly since the first site was launched in 2007, and online communication has become an increasingly important part of providing high-quality care and services.

The new site is a convenient place for you to stay connected to the programs on Lyndale. You can make an online gift, email your loved one, contact us with questions and comments, email an employment application, and much more. The new site is also optimized for mobile devices, so checking in on the go is easier than ever.

Help us keep improving the website! Contact Nona at nspringer@mtolivethomes.org or use the "Contact Us" form on the website with your feedback.

You can also check out the Construction Webcam to get a bird's-eye view of the progress of the new building project. Visit www.mtolivethomes.org today!

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OUR VALUES

- Preserving and enhancing the dignity and self-worth of each person
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- Providing the best possible services to our residents, participants and families
- Upholding the spirit of philanthropy and volunteerism
- Creating an atmosphere of enthusiasm in all that we do

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

TIM HOKANSON

Dear Friend,

If you have ever done any remodeling of your house while you were still living in it, you will have a good idea what the residents, staff, and family members are going through with the start of our Careview construction program. Just like one says that it was all worth it when a house remodeling is completed, we know we will be able to say that too. I thank everyone for putting up with the needed disruption and say to "hang in there," because the result will be one of the finest nursing homes anywhere to go along with the excellent care given by our dedicated staff.

We all need to prepare for the future, and as a facility, we are doing that as well. Resident and family expectations call for more privacy and more homelike surroundings. In the future there will be a greater reliance on physical, occupational, and speech therapy to help residents reach their highest level of life enjoyment. We will accomplish this with our new building and remodeling, which includes 61 private rooms, remodeling in every corner, and a new therapy center. We will increase our transitional care beds (TCU) from 16 to 24 beds to better serve those who need rehab and short-term stays. We will position ourselves as both the provider and employer of choice as we build on our reputation for high-quality care in a Christian environment.

There is still much to be done. We are actively raising money to help us furnish all the rooms to "welcome residents home," so when they move into the new rooms and the remodeled rooms, they will find beautiful new furnishings in a homelike setting. For more information on how you can make a difference, call our development office at 612.821.3150.

Thank you for being part of our family.

The safety of residents, staff, visitors, and construction workers is a top priority for Kraus-Anderson Construction Company.

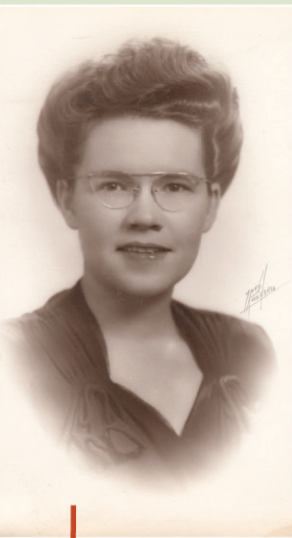
Most of the current kitchen equipment will be used again when construction is complete.

TCU beds will increase from 16 to 24.



CELEBRATING A CENTENARIAN

ELLEN
HOFF



Ellen Hoff

Ellen Hoff celebrates her 100th birthday on August 17.

Ellen was born in Dawson, Minnesota. Her mother died shortly after her birth, so for the first five years of her life, she lived with her Aunt Mabel in Hanley Falls. “She spoiled me!” Ellen says. And Ellen

loved her dearly in return. When her father remarried, Ellen returned home to Dawson, living with her father, stepmother, and two older brothers.

Ellen’s father, Charles Retrum, was a storekeeper, but also a politician. He served as a representative in the Minnesota State House for several years. “We used to go down and sit in the House and watch him,” she says. “And I’m still a Republican,” she announces proudly.

After high school, Ellen went to Augsburg College and then to nurse’s training at Lutheran Deaconess Hos-

pital in Minneapolis. She worked as a nurse for many years, including several years in Montevideo, Minnesota.

In time she married Carlton Hoff, a salesman of fabric and related items. “He was the most wonderful man,” Ellen smiles as she recalls him. “Very kind.” Carlton had arthritis, Ellen remembers, “so I had to carry his sample cases at times.” They lived in Richfield, where both their sons, George and Greg, went to school.



Carlton Hoff



Ellen and her sons, Greg (l) & George (r)

bingo and “I go to all the classes,” she says proudly.

Ask her the secret to such a long life, and Ellen replies, “Just keep going.” It’s what Ellen has done for 100 years!

The entire Mount Olivet family wishes Ellen a happy 100th birthday!

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Ellen & her family at a grandson's wedding

FACES AND PLACES

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON



The Bakken Trio performed.



Guests included:
(L-r): Peggy McLellan, Margaret Paine, Jean Wallner, Elaine Hanson & Clara Pierson
(L-r): Susan Shull & Charlotte Phillippe



(L-r): Staff members Storm Jacobs, Dave Olson and Tim Sandvig provided valet parking.



We welcomed:
(L-r): Betty Olson, Geri Decorsey & Joyce Muhl
(L-r): Rose Marie Gram, Marvyl Kotsonas & Bev Anton



The children from Mount Olivet Day Services sang.



Joining us:
Bob & Janet Peterson



Joining in the fun:
(L-r): Karen Johnson & Joyce Lindeman
(L-r): Heidi Opitz, Barb Olson & Carol Anondson
(L-r): Sandy Connell & Mary Knutson

AT MOUNT OLIVET HOME, MOUNT OLIVET CAREVIEW HOME & MOUNT OLIVET DAY SERVICES

Members of The Rose Ensemble invited residents to sing along to folk songs in their program titled, "American Roots."



MODS participant Trellis and staff member Marsha Kimble enjoy using the new rain barrel to water plants.

A visit from a miniature horse was a hit with residents and staff.



Resident Jackie Williams & Deacon Sean Curtan of Church of the Annunciation on their way to Rosary



Music of Fort Snelling gave residents an idea of music and life during the early days of Minnesota.



(L-r): Staff member Sophie Conger and residents Marvin Biever, Joni Parker, and Lucy McGee enjoy playing bingo together.

MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016



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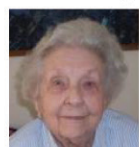
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Nancy Courteau
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Ben & Nancy Drake
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Patricia Dunn
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Roy & Colleen Eklund
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Jean Feroc
Penny & Rich Fick
Joan & William Fleming
Arlene Flemmer
Bartley & Mary Lou Foster
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Joan Ronbeck
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George Swanson
Loretta Vossler



Gifts in memory of Donna Steinke provided a wonderful performance by The Rose Ensemble. (L-r): Two of Donna's children, Bill and Janet, with Jordan Sramek (r) of The Rose Ensemble.

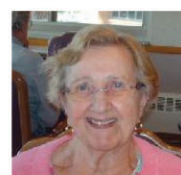
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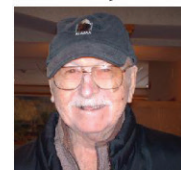


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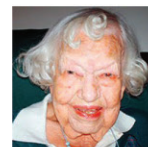


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Howard & Patricia Larson
Sandra Nekola
Barbara Shellenberger
Kathleen Witzman



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William & Lydia Midness
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Patricia Pitcher
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Construction Begins

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In spite of much more limited space, Lydia Kljucaricek, director of culinary services, points out that the menus have not changed. Residents are still getting the high-quality meals that they have learned to expect. The only modification residents will notice is that, right now, they are being served on paper plates. “And we are trying hard to be sustainable,” Lydia says.

“We’re working in about one-third of the space we had before construction started,” Lydia points out. Every meal, she notes, requires that 65 to 70 pots be washed and sanitized. And the dish room facilities are being devoted to that cleaning process. Hence, the use of paper products during this interim.

The other “wrinkle” in food preparation is that the food storage area is now three pods sitting in the patio area—one freezer storage, one refrigerated storage, and the third dry storage. Each day you see staff accessing the food they need from those pods.

When the kitchen is completed, it will be slightly smaller than the original space, primarily because of the supporting columns, “but we have carefully worked out the layout of the new kitchen,” Lydia says. “It will be wonderful!”

Kraus-Anderson is the general contractor for this project. Their on-site field superintendent, Carol Sende, has 32 years’ experience in construction, starting out as a carpenter. And she is very familiar with the Mount Olivet complex, having worked on the Careview addition in 1991 and managing the construction of the Mount Olivet Day Services building. Carol says that right now 15 workers are on-site, but that number will increase to about 60 when the construction process is in full swing. “Right now we are in the demolition stage. Plus we are putting in footings. At the end of August you will start seeing steel going up.” Carol predicts that residents will find

the months ahead more interesting, “Right now it’s loud: but they can’t see the work that is going on. I just think the most interesting time will be when people see the new steel going in.” She predicts that by winter, scaffolding will be all around the new building.

Carol is well aware of the demands of such significant construction in the midst of so many residents and staff. “I keep reminding the workers that this is the residents’ home,” she says. “The safety aspect is key for us. We have to be careful. We can’t take a chance.” Coordination with Mount Olivet Careview Home staff is crucial. “I talk to Tricia every day,” she says.

Besides her usual job, Tricia coordinates the behind-the-scenes work to make sure construction can be carried out on schedule, with as little disruption to residents as possible. She reiterates that teamwork is key. “Each of us brings something else to the table. I’m the facilitator. Give me the deadlines and I’ll work with the people involved. No one person can think of everything. It takes a lot of behind-the-scenes planning.” She says staff members have been very positive about working in modified space. Tricia points out, “We have this wonderful family environment and this construction allows us to move to the next level, providing an even better setting and home for our residents.”

Tammy Nelson, assistant administrator, echoes Tricia’s comments. “It’s more difficult for us right now,” she says. “But in the long run, it’s for the



The kitchen is temporarily located in the former employee lunch room. (L-r): Dietary staff members Sandy Blanton, Chee Yang, and Keshwar Ragnandan don't mind the smaller space.



(L-r): Staff member Tricia Asuncion and project superintendent Carol Sende talk daily to make sure the construction plans and resident care are in sync.

residents. We will offer so many more single rooms, and a rooftop garden, along with state-of-the-art facilities.”

She points out that phase two of the construction—the renovation of the current Mount Olivet Careview Home building, which will take place after the new construction is completed—will more directly affect residents. “Communication is important. We will keep residents and their families aware of what’s happening at all times,” she promised.

Tammy is focused on the end goal: “I know there will be some disruption and changes, but in the long term it will improve the lives of our residents. That is our mission.”



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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

MARI CARLSON



Dear Friend and Supporter,

It is a happening place around Mount Olivet Careview Home! Everywhere you look there is evidence of construction for our new addition. How exciting! There will be some challenges during the next couple of years, but I know the outcome will be worth it. Thanks for your patience as we prepare beautiful new rooms for our residents.

In September we will have a special focus on and training for volunteers, who make such a difference in the lives of our residents. I imagine the concept of volunteering is not new to you since Minnesota ranks among the top five states in the nation for numbers of active and committed volunteers. If you have ever thought about volunteering your time, I hope you will act on it right now by calling Heidi Opitz, our volunteer coordinator, at 612.821.3490. I guarantee that you will have an unbelievable return on your investment in the smiles and heartfelt gratitude of residents.

On Tuesday, October 18, the Mount Olivet Homes' Auxiliary will hold its annual Gala. Please join us. The event raises money for each of the four Mount Olivet affiliated organizations, and it is always a fun time. We thank Lori Anderson and Lizabeth Halva, co-chairs of the event, for their leadership!

Lastly, on Sunday, November 6, we will hold our 2016 Mount Olivet Vision Partners event at Mia, the Minneapolis Institute of Art, with lunch and tours of the Reformation art collection on loan from Germany. Minneapolis is the only destination for this incredible art collection. If you have remembered a Mount Olivet organization in your estate plan with a gift of any kind, you are a Vision Partner and are invited to this event. Give me a call if you have not already done so, to let me know of your legacy plans, so you can be included on our guest list.

Happy August!

With appreciation,

Mari Carlson, Director of Development
 Mount Olivet Lutheran Church & Affiliated Organizations
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VOLUNTEER ROUNDUP

Thursday, September 29, 2016

10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

Mount Olivet Careview Home
 Lund Chapel

Volunteers at Mount Olivet Home, Mount Olivet Careview Home, and Mount Olivet Day Services are invited to the annual Volunteer Roundup.

Join us for a tantalizing brunch, volunteer updates, a discussion on the new construction, updates from nursing, and a prize drawing!

Please RSVP via postcard, online at www.mtolivethomes.org, or contact Heidi Opitz at hopitz@mtolivethomes.org or 612.821.3490 by September 22, 2016.



Resident Anna Stowowy was happy to be escorted to The Rose Ensemble performance by volunteer Sandy Vigen.