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Fairfield Care Newsletter

April 2016

FROM THE PRESIDENT

April, 2016

After leading our Board of Directors with passion and vision, we felt it was time to give Karl Felgenhauer a break. Believe me, these are big shoes to fill, and we really haven't seen any less of Karl around Fairfield Care. He says all the work he does is 'therapy,' but we also know this is the way he operates. Hopefully Karl and Lone will now be able to take time to enjoy doing things together and spending time with family.

Why do I have a passion for Fairfield Care?

- It is a comfortable facility in a rural location
- Beautiful scenery at all times of the year
- Home cooking prepared in our kitchen by great cooks
- Family – We **are** a family, all of us – residents, staff, visitors
- The staff treats the residents like their own parents
- A lovely secure, peaceful courtyard with garden boxes to grow veggies

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Lynn Schafer

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Hello! My name is Traci Bozarth, and as you may have heard, I have taken over the role of Administrator here at Fairfield Care. Please pray for us ☺. I am very proud to work at Fairfield Care because my family has a history with the Town of Fairfield and the care center.

I can remember visiting my great grandma Mabel Greenhill when she lived at this facility. My great aunt Esther Fieser used to volunteer a lot of her time in this facility. She volunteered so much time they eventually put her on the payroll, and then in her later years she lived here. When my grandpa and grandma (Claude and Dorothy Ostheller) retired from farming, they moved off the local family homestead and bought a house in Fairfield. After retirement my grandpa worked as the maintenance man, and my grandma worked in the business office.

If you're thinking maybe there is some nepotism going on here, there really isn't. It is just a coincidence that about a year ago Fairfield Care needed to hire an RN, and since I have a great resume with several good references, they hired me as the Director of Nursing. I continued to work hard, as I have always done, and as a result I was offered the role of Administrator.

Hard work really does pay off, because I am the luckiest person to work at such a beautiful location with the greatest residents in the world and the best staff. I couldn't do my job without the staff. It is wonderful to be at work, look out a window and see the most amazing beautiful rolling hills. No other facility can offer the spiritual tranquility of our views here at Fairfield Care, so hopefully I will be able to continue to do good work and not make my ancestors roll over in their graves. Wish me luck, and if you know people who would like a tour, please have them call Traci at 509-283-2232.

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Every Nickel Helps

It is doubtful that there were very many people in 2011 who thought Fairfield Care could be sustainable. After all, didn't the Good Samaritan feel that way when they closed the facility as a nursing home? But here, five years later we are still in operation, with new people entering on a regular basis, and with residents who praise the staff for the care they receive.

It takes money to operate a building of this size. There are always things on the list of repairs and on the "wish list," but we can only do so many things with the income we have, and this is why we are ever so grateful for folks who see a need and determine to do what they can to see that need become a reality. The Board recently met to review a list of these things, and here is what we determined:

- New chairs are needed for the dining room. The existing chairs are in poor condition and falling apart. Cost between \$5,000-\$8,000.
- The rooftop unit over the 200 wing no longer works, so that wing is quite chilly in cold weather – cost around \$12,000.
- The kitchen prep island with the steamer and two sinks needs new countertop, as per a request by a recent survey. To avoid citation this will need to be replaced – cost up to \$7,000.
- New tires for the big bus – about \$800.
- Better unloading area by the 400 wing – several thousand dollars.
- And of course there is the need for a generator to cover the entire facility - \$150,000 or more.

So many of you have been generous with your giving, and we appreciate each and every one of you. But if you see one of these needs that is of particular interest to you, would you consider making a designated gift for that particular need? Just note that on your check, and we will thank you in advance.

Beyond the Building

Our Activity Director, Daphne Chrysler, was one of three panelists for Eastern Washington University Retirees Association's March 17 "Senior Health and Wellness" discussion in Spokane. For her part in the discussion she brought out what she calls the "PIES concept" – P, supporting the physical strengths to encourage residents to do more than they think they can; I, intellectual, which may include crossword puzzles, reading and writing groups and meetings; E, emotional, which includes all areas of life from depression to loss of spouse and others to memory loss; and S, spiritual, celebrating the spirit of each person wherever they are on their journey.

This is just part of her calendar of activities she has developed each month. Music is an important part as well, and it is a delight to see how many of the residents remember the words to the songs out of the past.



Welcome!



Springtime

News from the Activities Department

What a beautiful Spring! We celebrated St. Patrick's Day with the Monthly Dinner and music by Diane Copeland. We then had our Big Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday before Easter. We had 1200 eggs and within 15 minutes these busy little people had found every single egg. Easter morning we had a beautiful Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. Pastor Paul brought the joy of the Risen Lord to all of us. Month of April has been busy planning for the Spring and summer season. With the creative help from our residents and wonderful volunteers we have decorated our house with bright flowers and colors.

A Memorial Service was held on April 19, remembering a number of wonderful people who have passed away in the last year or two. On the day of our service our dear Andy Gortsema passed away, so he too was remembered. Thank you again to Pastor Paul for beautiful prayers, stories, and his love and thank you to volunteers, families for cookies, pecan pie, and the Memorial pictures and boards of pictures. We are all so blessed to have each other in the Life's Journey.

May 6th, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the Fireside room we are celebrating all our mothers here and on the other side. Everyone is welcome to this great opportunity to honor the mothers in our lives. Everyone is welcome to attend. We are planning a picnic for Memorial Day and on the 27th of May, the Friday before Memorial Day we will have patriotic music and a social at 3:00 p.m.

Fairfield is known for their Flag Day Parade and ceremony every year. This year is no exception. We are going to have an entry in the parade. We are also having a Flag Day Social at Fairfield Care 2:00 that afternoon with a big flag cake, punch, patriotic music by Diane Copeland and an Open House. Come see us see the changes and the beautiful campus of Fairfield Care.

Gardening is starting, and we are planning on how to utilize the boxes out in the courtyard. Making lists of supplies, plants, etc. we will need. It will be a fun ongoing project for the spring and summer with lots of good healthy foods to enjoy.

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Bible Study



Clean Up



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