



Countryside Hospice Support & Memory Center

415 S. Crow St., Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Phone: (605) 945-0827

December 2019



Thank you to everyone who has helped make the Tree of Lights shine. With each donation we receive through the holiday season we are adding the names of your loved ones to the tree at the thrift store. The tree is not very large so at first glance it looks like we couldn't add many more names – but there is always room – don't ask me how it works, it just does. A space on the tree just for you and your memories... thank you

St. Benedict's Guest House

The winter weather has brought guests to St. Benedict's. Patients with early morning appointments or questionable driving conditions have been able to stay in the comfortable home that you created.

When asked how this space was created we give credit to the community, the thrift store crew, Avera St Mary's and St Mary's foundation for making this possible. We also mention the gentle guiding spirit of the St Benedict Sisters.

That is quite a team that came together in less than 8 months – from first conversation to move in date – to make a dream a reality. We have said it many times before – we are not driving the bus we are simply along for the ride. Thanks for riding with us, keeping the road ahead open and full of possibilities for serving the community.

Pennies for Robert

Speaking of iffy travel conditions, cancer shows no mercy when it comes to winter weather. Every day patients are hitting the road toward appointments and treatments that they do not want to miss. Whether they are coming into Pierre or leaving our community *Pennies for Robert* helps make the trip a little easier by providing funds for gas and lodging. Each check that we write sends a little piece of you along with them on their journey – hopefully toward a healthier 2020. In November we provided \$8,345 for a total of \$81,670 since April - thank you for making this support possible.

In honor of
Claire Peschong
By
Jon & Carol Garry



In honor of the thrift store book lady
Julie Ellingson
By
Gary & Connie Palmer

In honor of
Laurie Allison
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In honor of the Murray family
Jim Murray
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Countryside Community Programs

Breast Cancer Survivors

Thursday, January 2 & 16 at noon Countryside office 415 S. Crow St
(no meeting December 19th)

The twice a month meetings are open to all women who have had a breast cancer diagnosis – it is an opportunity to ask questions, share your experience and receive support. Women who have been diagnosed with other cancers are also invited to attend – there is room at the table for everyone. The meetings are informal and last about one hour. Feel free to bring your lunch. For more information call 945-0827.

Dementia Care Partners Support Group

Thursday December 19 & Thursday January 16 - 6pm Countryside office 415 S. Crow Street
A confidential group for anyone who cares for a loved one with dementia including the primary caregiver, family members and friends. This group provides support, education and resource information and is open to new participants at any time. For more information call 945-0827.

Stroke Support Group – for patients and family members

Tuesday December 17 & January 21 at noon - Countryside office

Newly formed support group for stroke survivors, their spouse &/ caregivers. The format will be group discussion, guest speakers and more. Feel free to bring your lunch. For more information call Cindy M. or Maxine at 945-0827.

Avera Community Programs

Avera St. Mary's Women's Cancer Support

January 10th at noon (2nd Friday of the month)

Helmsley Center Cafeteria conference room - This group is open to women of all ages who are dealing with any type of cancer. For more information contact Gloria 224-3100 or gloria.rowen@avera.org

Avera St. Mary's Men's Cancer Support

December 20th & January 17th at noon (3rd Friday of the month)

Helmsley Center Cafeteria conference room - for men who have any type of cancer. For more information call Gloria 224-3100 or gloria.rowen@avera.org

Perception....Reality

Have you ever been absolutely sure of something...until someone gives you positive proof that you were wrong? And even then did you shake your head and say something like "I could swear that...."

That happened to me last week; I was certain about a piece of information that I was sharing and then someone said "I don't think that is right". A friendly but spirited discussion followed that went something like this: "yes it is", "no it isn't" until my coworker found the correct information. I was wrong. Dang, you gotta hate it when that happens.

Did I deliberately tell a piece of misinformation? Was I testing my co workers to see if they knew what the real scoop was? Nope, I just remembered it differently. And it was so real to me that I would have placed money on my facts being correct.

My perception was my reality.

Fortunately for me, when the right information was presented I could take it in and recognize my error. The misinformation was gone, replaced with the correct facts.

Unfortunately for patients with memory loss their perception cannot be changed. We know that what they are saying is not accurate but no matter how many times we try to correct or feed them new information it just doesn't stick. They aren't being stubborn it is simply a case that their perception is their reality. Period.

Millions of hours have been spent trying to "re-orientate" patients that appear confused. We have tried verbal cues, written cues, coaxing, positive reinforcement and even punishment to try and bring them into our reality.

The result is often frustration, maybe anger and at times outright combativeness or withdrawal. Trust is broken as the patient views us as someone who doesn't believe them. Self-esteem and confidence takes a nosedive as patients feel they can do nothing right. Hearts are broken and denial is paramount as families are faced with the reality of the situation.

Our new, improved thought process is to simply join the patient in their reality. Instead of trying to force the issue we redirect or pick some piece of their perception to focus on. If they are insisting they are going to have lunch with a long deceased relative we can talk about how wonderful it would be to see that person and what should we have to eat.

Hopefully the result will be a pleasant trip down memory lane during which both the patient and family or caregiver can smile and relax. This doesn't happen easily as it is in our nature to try and coax our loved ones back to us.

Memory loss is indeed a roller coaster of emotions for all involved, but perhaps we can regain some semblance of control by changing our perception – to meet their reality.

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Tree of Lights

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 by
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Clifford Fravel
On your 13th birthday in heaven
It would have been your 100th
birthday December 17 on earth
Still missing you everyday
Love, Randy & Linda Vevig

Norman & Doris Neilan
You are especially missed during
the holidays!
Colleen, Cindy & Candy

Craig Thompson – my dad
whose birthday was Christmas
Day

Dr. B.O. Lindbloom
Our family doctor and friend

Marlin McKenney
Gone for a year now but not
forgotten

M.C. & Mary Jean Lomheim

Faye Vevig
On her birthday Christmas Day
Love and miss you mom,
Randy & Linda Vevig

Harold Obenauer
On his birthday December 27
Elda Obenauer

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In Loving Memory of ...

**Norm & Margo
Merriweather
Nova & Irene Palmer**
Still miss you so...
Gary & Connie Palmer

Deb Bowman
by
Randy Bowman

Carol Fiala
We miss you -
Mark & Deb Wixon

Linda Obermeier
We miss you pretty girl!
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In loving memory
of
Roger Lehmkuhl
with love,
Frank Turner
Jasmin Fosheim


In loving memory of our grampa,
Bob Hartford
Watch over us in 2020!
Hannah Westall, Clara, & Nick Buchal, Lucy Westall
Sophie Hartford, Grace Johnson, Ellie Johnson,
Colton Hartford & Addie Johnson

Thinking of my
parents
this holiday season
Emil & Peggy Koth
by
Janice & George Wang


In honor of
the November
birthdays
of
**Art Ramsey
Crystal Glasshoff**
By Bill & Phyllis
Zimmerman




In loving memory of
My husband
Tom Clack
on his birthday
December 2
by
Sigrid Clack



In honor of all our
friends & relatives who
have passed away
by
Roy & Charlotte Hiller



Roger Lehmkuhl
from
The Schumacher family
The McLaughlin family
The Schmitz family



We Care

Countryside participates in the *We Care* program sponsored by Lynn's Dakotamart. For every \$10,000 in grocery receipts that we collect Lynn's donates \$100 to Countryside. The receipts add up quickly and can include groceries, fuel, alcohol, prescriptions, hunting and fishing equipment, clothing and anything else you can find in the store - at any of their locations. Please remember us when you purchase your Christmas meal items, a bottle of wine or a new gun! Receipts can be dropped off at the Countryside office or the thrift store.

Thrift Store update...

Have you ever wondered who is responsible for stocking and pricing all the Christmas "stuff" at the thrift store? Well it starts with our inmate crew who accepts and sorts the incoming donations throughout the year. Then Bill schleps them to the storage unit - meticulously arranging and stacking boxes so they can come back to the store in a timely manner - and in the right order - roughly 2000 boxes plus trees total. In October the boxes start returning to the store and they are priced and stocked by thrift store staff and a group of volunteers (who work mostly evenings and weekends) Everything in the store gets shifted to make room for the decorations and a prayer goes up that it will all sell by the new year. In January it starts all over again. What a great team - our thanks.

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