



Countryside Hospice Support & Memory Center

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We're going on a bear hunt...oh my

In the beginning of this strange time of no school and no work, a great idea spread across town. I believe it started at Beck Motors when they placed stuffed bears randomly in cars in their lot and encouraged parents to drive the lot and have the kids find the bears. Genius idea on several levels. This spread through neighborhoods across town, providing a certain sense of adventure and comfort for kids and adults as they spied bears of all sizes and shapes propped up on steering wheels, window sills and flower boxes.

We're Going on a Bear Hunt is also a children's book by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury. It is the story of a family that goes on a walk in search of a big bear, along the way they encounter several obstacles, long wavy grass, a river, mud, a forest, a snow storm and finally a cave. In the cave is – you guessed it – a big bear – this sends the young family racing again through all the obstacles until they arrive safely at home.

And at every obstacle – the family realizes *they can't go over it – they can't go under it – they have to go through it.*

Kind of like Covid19.

We have been through a community crisis before with the flood. That was a life changing experience for many. But we did have the advantage of knowing what was coming – we could see it and prepare for it. This is different – when you look outside everything looks just fine, but when you turn on the tv it is a different story. I have to admit it plays with my head a little.

For many of us there may be a fear of becoming ill, for others it means the loss of a job and our daily routine. Social distancing is hard on those who are used to shaking hands and giving hugs. It doesn't sound like much but we know that sometimes it is the slap on the back or the squeeze of a hand that can provide so much comfort. Our community is used to being shoulder to shoulder, in church, at our coffee groups and at work.

And we will be shoulder to shoulder again. In the meantime we must do what is needed to stay safe and be prepared to help when this is over. We need to help our small businesses, our farmers and our healthcare providers weather this storm.

If you have never been a good listener please practice now – listen to your family members and friends who are angry, frightened or sad. You don't have to fix it you just need to listen without judgement. And when it is all too much remember that denial is a very comfy place to be, curl up with a good book or a silly movie. Laugh, walk and cook – escape it all for a while.

We will be good again but I'm guessing we won't be the same – a good bear hunt takes a toll...

Pennies for Robert

In the past year you have helped provide \$111,072 for 984 trips for cancer care.

The travel funds are made possible by the generosity of the community and the donors and customers of the thrift store. One community donor that we don't mention often enough is the Corner Station that provided \$3,933 in gas cards, matching each card that we purchased. This is a huge donation that they have been making for several years – they are the quiet contributors, asking for little recognition, only wanting to do their part to help make the cancer journey a little easier for someone. Thank you all...

Changing things up a little to provide a quiet, comfortable place to land after a hectic workday

In an attempt to do our part in preparing the community for potential COVID19 cases we are making some temporary changes at St. Benedict's. The 6 guest rooms will be converted into extra lodging for medical staff who need a bed for the night. This may be staff that are working several days in a row and do not want to risk taking the virus home at the end of their shift, or some who live out of town and need to be closer to the hospital.

Pennies for Robert will continue to provide lodging funds at local motels for cancer patients so everyone will have a bed.

We hope these beds will never be used for medical staff but if they are we would appreciate your help in providing some basic supplies: individually boxed cereal, microwaveable food, bottled water, gift cards for pizza/delivery food (for both medical staff and cancer patients), toilet paper, etc. We aren't sure when or what we will need – please watch our Facebook page or call the office for more information 945-0827.

Tough times

Thank you for your continued support during this time – with the thrift store closed and our turkey supper cancelled we are watching our pennies even more closely than usual. Our goal is to keep all our current staff and when the green light is given we will be ready to open the thrift store, reschedule the memory screenings and resume the support groups. While we are anxious for that to happen, our biggest concern right now is that everyone is safe and healthy, we will put the rest of it all back together when the time is right. Thank you to the Countryside Board for their support and direction.

330,785 hours (and 30 minutes)

This is the number of volunteer hours that have been donated to Countryside – from the first moment we thought of Countryside in 1980 the program has been built on volunteer energy – hundreds of thousands of hours in board and committee meetings, thrift store development & operations, newsletter crews, and every kind of fund raiser known to man – all working together to serve the community – April 19 -25 is National Volunteer week – we aren't able to celebrate this year but please know that in our book every week should be volunteer week - how do we ever say thank you ...

Memorials and Donations...

Irene Eisenbeisz

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*In honor of all those on the front
line in the fight against COVID-19.
from Bob & Jeri Wilcox*

Memorials...

Carol Fiala

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by
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In Loving Memory of ...

Marcia Burrows

*John
Janet – Deb – Susan -
Dawn*

Roger Nagel

*We love you and
miss you every day!
Sharon Nagel & Family*

Carol Fiala

*We miss you -
Mark & Deb Wixon*

Linda Obermeier

*We miss you pretty girl!
Pete, Tammy, Aimee,
Joey, Amanda, Sawyer,
Axton & Jerney*

Marie Lamm

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Susan & Bob
Marrington
Ralph Dirksen
Joe & Kathy Gittings*

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Susan & Bob Marrington
Ralph Dirksen
Joe & Kathy Gittings*

Orma E. McInnis

*Bob & Beth McInnis,
Sam Treib,
Susan & Bob Marrington,
Kathy & Joe Gittings
& Ralph Dirksen*

John McInnis


*Joe & Kathy Gittings,
Susan & Bob Marrington,
Bob & Beth McInnis,
Sam Treib,
& Ralph Dirksen*

*My husband,
Delmer Volmer
on the anniversary
of his death
April 17, 2011
Still miss you.
Love, Delores*

Lyle E. Sutton

*We think of you every day but especially on April 20th,
your 3rd birthday in Heaven.
Nothing is the same!
Deanna Sutton, Scott Sutton,
Tim & Tammy Withers & Trent*

Thomas Corcoran, Jr.

*Papa, Grampa –
Didn't miss much on

St. Patty's Day
but we ALL missed you.
Crazy down here
without you.
PS: Happy 93rd B-Day on
April 29th
PSS: How's the bowling up
there? Josh finally bowled
a 300, UB so proud!
Carmen & Josh
Schwartzkopf*

Tom Corcoran

*Happy Birthday
April 29th
Miss you much.
Florence Corcoran &
Family*

In memory of

Michele La Fave

*on her birthday April 4th
Love you & miss you very much.
Eldon & Lilia La Fave*

*In memory of
**Margi Haberman
Shawn Kalinay
Jo Peta
Elaine Podhradsky**
by
Countryside Staff*

In memory of

Dad, Dr. "Lindy" Lindbloom

*and
Bernie Christenson
on their April birthdays.
You are my heroes! Love and miss you!
Brent*

In loving memory of

Mike Hawkins

*on his birthday
April 23rd
Love and miss you.
Dad & Mom*

In memory of

Leon Friend

*on his May 3 birthday
by
Nancy Friend*

In loving memory of

Douglas Keller

*on his 62nd birthday, April 2nd.
We love and miss you every day, son!
Don & Shirley Sandal*

In loving memory of

Nancy Thomas

*from
Jeannette Beemer*

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