



# Countryside Hospice Support & Memory Center

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

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October 2020

Bittersweet....

American bittersweet is a vigorous perennial vine with yellowish-green flowers that bloom in spring, but the flowers are plain and uninteresting compared to the berries that follow. As the flowers fade, orange-yellow capsules appear. In late fall and winter, the capsules open at the ends to display the bright orange berries inside. The berries remain on the plant well into winter, brightening winter landscapes and attracting birds and other wildlife.

If you are not familiar with bittersweet and not skilled at spotting the distinctive chartreuse leaves - in a heavily wooded area - from a moving vehicle - you might miss this wonderful part of fall. I am fortunate to have friends who helped me hone the skill of spotting it while zipping along at 50 miles per hour. For many years we did not travel without garbage bags, clippers and gloves so we could harvest this elusive plant. This task now includes a third generation, passed on from father to daughter to granddaughter. A rite of fall, a rite of passage.

Bittersweet is hardy, the vine twists and turns to provide a sturdy foundation. It never waivers even with strong winds, unlike some of us who are starting to sway with the ongoing impact of COVID-19 and the upcoming election.

The bittersweet stands strong through the fall, we however are weary.

At Countryside, our foundation feels firm thanks to your ongoing support. We have missed fundraisers and at times closed the thrift store but we have continued to provide travel funds and lodging for cancer patients, support for Avera@Home Hospice and memory screenings.

You have recognized that patients need care and families need support no matter what else is going on – no matter how hard the winds of life blow. The bright berries of bittersweet and generous support of the community make these difficult days much easier – they fill us with a sense of hope and gratitude. Thank you.

## **Volunteer Hours – 1,997 hours in August and September 2020**

Volunteers are another critical part of our foundation, there is the thrift store crew working 7 days a week and some evenings, the newsletter crew, a volunteer who helps with the support groups and of course the Board of Directors who meet monthly and keep us on the straight and narrow. These are strange times and our plan may change from day to day – everyone has been flexible and supportive through stops and starts at the thrift store and navigating the land of ZOOM. This is not the first time the volunteer team has pulled together to help maintain our mission and commitment to the community. Without them it would be impossible – our thanks.

## **Pennies for Robert - \$6,835 provided for travel funds in September 2020**

Your donations sponsored 69 trips either to Pierre for cancer treatment or leaving Pierre for treatment – that could mean as few as 5,500 miles on the road or as many as 30,000 total miles traveled. That is a lot of windshield time, a lot of missed work and a lot of time away from family. You helped make those trips a little easier. Thank you.

## **National Caregivers Month**

November is the month where we take time to recognize the 78 million people who are caring for a family member. Many caregivers juggle a job, young children and a second household. Time for a haircut or lunch with friends is difficult to find and their health often suffers. If you know someone who is caring for a loved one please reach out – a note, a phone call or a plate of brownies may brighten someone's day. Raking leaves, shoveling a sidewalk or picking up a grocery order may take a big task off someone's "to do" list.

## Community Programs

All meetings listed meet at the Countryside office 415 S. Crow St. Meetings will require masks and we will do social distancing. Watch our Facebook page for any changes, for more information call 945-0827.

### **Breast Cancer Survivors** - Thursdays November 5 & 19 at noon

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. The meetings are informal and last about one hour, please feel free to bring your lunch.

This year the group will sponsor a tree at *Christmas at the Capitol* – we will decorate the tree on Saturday, November 21 at 8am – all breast cancer survivors are welcome to participate – for more information call 945-0827.

### **October is Breast Cancer Awareness month**

This month we celebrate all the ladies and gentlemen – and their families - that have been diagnosed with breast cancer no matter where they are on their journey. For those who have survived their diagnosis we celebrate, for those currently fighting we cheer and for those who lost their battle we mourn.

### **Dementia Care Partners Support Group** – Thursday, November 19 6pm (third Thursday of the month)

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.

### **Stroke Support Group** – for patients and family members

The Stroke Support Group will resume monthly meetings in the spring. If you are interested in being part of the email group to learn about future meetings, please give Max or Cindy M. a call at 945-0827. We would also welcome any input on topics or speakers for the meetings.

**Thrift Store Update**      Shopping hours: Tues – Friday 10am - 5pm    Saturday 10am – 3 pm  
   Donation hours: Mon – Friday 9am – 3pm    Saturday 9am – noon

## Halloween

Halloween will be different this year but if you need costumes check out our large selection (**50% off !**). We have costumes of all sizes – perfect for Halloween, skits for school or playing dress up on a long snowy day.

## Christmas

We know it is early, but we also know you like to get your outside lights up before the snow flies – and we know that we all need something fun and different to look forward to – so stop in and see what we have for decorations, trees and gift ideas. New items will be added to the sales floor daily and as the weeks go by we will have everything you need from gift boxes, wrapping paper and ribbon to the ugly sweater for the virtual office Christmas party. If you need a Santa, snowman or angel to add to your collection or a new tablecloth or set of holiday dishes, you will be in luck.

Don't forget to check out the **NEW** back room – there is a little bit of everything in there.

\*\*\*We are continuing our COVID precautions at the store: there is a limit of 20 shoppers at any time, everyone is required to wear a mask and social distance. If you have been exposed to COVID in the past 2 weeks or are not feeling well we would ask that you wait to shop. Scheduled shopping appointments will guarantee you a spot at the store, you can reserve your time by calling 945-0827. If you do not call ahead you may still get to shop if the number of people in the store is below 20. We will continue to ask the screening questions when you call for an appointment or enter the store – thank you for your patience – this whole process is tiring for us all. If you are unable to wear a mask to shop we look forward to seeing you when the restrictions are lifted.

Thank you for saving your donations for us and respecting the donation hours.

## Memorials ...

Carol Fiala

by  
Gary, Debbie & David Fiala

John & Anne Woods

Burton & Anna Warne

Jack Fifield

by  
Maynard & Mary Greenfield

Doris Cummins

by  
Richard & Denise Pfannenstiel  
Diana Boland Pfannenstiel  
Sid & Susy Reitz

Alvena Thompson

by  
Lloyd Thompson  
Family & Friends  
Frances Welch  
Kay Parker  
Rev. Brad Urbach  
Steve Nelson  
Gary & Sally Marrone  
Bill & Kathy VanDuzer  
Cora Jeffries  
Mary Giddings  
Monte & Judi Schneider  
Penn & Roberta Williams  
Florence Corcoran  
Bob & Jan Fuller  
Karen Hasek  
Kelly & Darci Lanam  
Lola Clelland  
Jim Smith Family  
Craig & Dorothy Smith

Terry Walter

David Braun

by  
Louween Schoenhard

Don Trimble

by  
Larry & Nancy Galinat

Bob Bartlett

Louise Buhler

Judy Bassett

Aaron Clark

Doris Cummins

Curt Goehring

Grant Gormley

Veny Thompson

Tom Weber

by  
Nancy Thomsen

Nita Colson

by  
Billie McMullen  
LaDonna Engle  
Jim & Laurie Hinckley  
Neil & Kathy Davis  
Carlene Barber

Amy Fridley

by  
Dale & Donna Gohl

Philip Mathews

Nita Colson

by  
John & Joan Bush

Ardelle McPherson

Aaron Clark

Bob Nystrom

Alvena Thompson

by  
Dennis & Dorothy Gibbs

Carol Barge

by  
Craig Solberg

Dale & Todd Knott

by  
Chuck & Barb Poches

Alvena Thompson

Marilyn Cromwell

by  
Sandy Nafziger Sheppard

Doris Cummins

Terry Walter

by  
Deb Fahey

Judy Blair

Barb Cleland

Aaron Clark

Louise Buhler

Austin Scott

Doris Cummins

Veny Thompson

by  
Joel & Carol Gengler

Porter Nuttall

by  
Sharon Nuttall

Jessie & Martin Cordell

Marty Cordell

Howard Cordell

Ralph Cordell

Kathy Cordell

Rick Kramer

Dan Kramer

James West

Tim Tobias

by  
Monte Kramer & Pat Cordell-Kramer

Jean Mertens

by  
Colleen Hullinger

Phil Mathews

by  
Jim & Marian Palmer  
Russell & Janet Hurst  
Lyle & Phyllis Kenzy

Enid Hyde

by  
Jerry Grage

Kermith & Florence Edge

Charles & Marie Carlisle

by  
Jim & Connie Carlisle

Colleen Burchill

Len Sheppard

Fran Keller

Myron Kusler

Vickie Maskovich

Vic Fosheim

by  
Bob & Jeri Wilcox

Colleen Weiss

Bill Zimmerman

by  
Chuck & Jenelle Busse

Nita Colson

Bill Zimmerman

by  
Cindy Arch & Duane Winkler

John Young

Red Westall

by  
Dale & Donna Gohl

## Memorials and donations...

Penn "Stump" Williams

by  
Marc & Sharon Hoelscher  
Steve & Julie Ellingson  
Mike Boocock  
Frances Welch

Aaron Clark

by  
Verne & Frieda Baker

Bill Zimmerman

by  
Terry & Mary Ness  
John "Tug" & Joan Bush  
Betty Garrett  
Vivian & Tom Asmussen  
Mike & Jean Denton

Bill Zimmerman

Cecil Staples  
by  
Darwin & Mary Meyer

Marshall McNamara

Jim Belkonen  
Aaron Clark  
Alvena Thompson  
Terry Walter  
Amy Fridley  
Gerry Heismeyer  
Bill Zimmerman

by  
Dennis & Shirley Eisnach

Veny Thompson

Bill Zimmerman  
Penn (Stump) Williams  
Barry Pickner  
by  
Rosemary Rounds

Sharon Keller

by  
Seb & Carol Axtman

Amy Fridley

John Young  
Bill Zimmerman  
Penn Williams III  
by  
Dennis & Dorothy Gibbs

Penn "Stump" Williams III

John Young  
by  
Art & Mary Rezac

Joyce Collins

by  
Twila Schuler

Philip Mathews

Wayne (Fio) Tibbs  
Nita Colson  
Bill Zimmerman  
Ilene Johnson  
Penn (Stump) Williams  
by  
Frank & Carol Newcomb

Red Westall

by  
Lari & Linda Ott  
Leona Buhler  
Dick & Rita Wendt

Kendall Smith

Freda Lawhon  
Fabian Morin  
Jackie Nuttbrock  
by  
Ray & Iris Meligan

Bill Zimmerman

John J. Hoffman  
by  
Bob & Glynnes Sargent

Ilene Johnson

by  
Nancy Bloom

Bill Zimmerman

John Young  
Jerald "Red" Westall  
Penn Williams III  
by  
Bob & Shirlee Miller

Ilene Johnson

Aaron Clark  
Penn Williams III  
Aunt Esther Jackson  
by  
Patricia Weeldreyer

*Thank you to Street Masters  
for your donation of \$1,089  
to the Pennies for Robert  
Program.*

*Pictured are Holly Hoing  
and Marlin Roseland*



*In Loving Memory of ...*

**Marcia Burrows**  
*John  
Janet – Deb – Susan -  
Dawn*

**Jack Seidlitz**  
*Our cousin who  
loved Grandpa's Twins  
by  
Jeri Wilcox*

**Carol Fiala**  
*We miss you -  
Mark & Deb Wixon*

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

**Marie Lamm**  
*Bob & Beth McInnis  
Susan & Bob  
Marrington  
Ralph Dirksen  
Joe & Kathy Gittings*

**Darlene Treib**  
*Bob & Beth McInnis  
Sam Treib  
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*

*In memory of*  
**Bruce Baker**  
*One year since our last  
goodbye 10/3/19  
We miss you  
very much.  
Mom, Dad & Family*

*In memory of*  
**Fayne Kirley Weant**  
*(2014)*  
**Edward Weant**  
*(2016)*  
*by Dinah Davis*

*In memory of my brother,*  
**Eldon Magnuson**  
*on his Halloween Birthday.  
A great guy –  
We miss you so much.  
Love,  
Delores Volmer*

*In memory of*  
**Dave Moore**  
**Larry Ice**  
**Vera Schiefelbein**  
**Lillian Severyn**  
*by  
Dawn Henriksen*

**Roger Nagel**  
*Happy Birthday  
October 19 from your  
family - we miss you &  
love you forever.*

*In loving memory of  
my parents on their birthdays*  
**Marianne Burg, October 6 & Jacob H. Burg, October 12**  
*Love you and miss you!  
Patricia Burg*

*In loving memory of*  
**Virgie & Bob Hartford**  
*We miss you!  
Kris, Joe & Kate*

*My Jack,  
on his 79<sup>th</sup> heavenly  
birthday  
Marcy*

*In memory of  
my parents, Alvin & Daisy Plumb and  
all of my beloved family & friends  
who have gone before.  
Renee Plumb*

*In memory of  
both of our grandmas  
and father  
The Rollie Family*



**Memberships:** Jim & Connie Carlisle, Mary Gillette, Jerry Grage, Ray & Iris Meligan, Terry & Mary Ness, Renee Plumb, Linda Sack, Dick & Rita Wendt, Bob & Jeri Wilcox

**Donations:** Verne & Frieda Baker, Don & Kate Boyd, Stella Fulgaro, Judene Holan, Sarah Ketteler, Sebastian LeBeau, Lynn's Dakotamart, Peter & Ellen Maningas, Steve & Barb Taylor, Norm & Jo Weaver

*In honor of:*  
**Kirsten & Mila Wilcox –**  
*“Together they conquered the forest”*  
**Bob & Jeri Wilcox**

*In honor of:*  
**Pastor Matt Spoden**  
*and Resurrection Lutheran Church*  
**by Ray & Iris Meligan**

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Thank you to Lynn’s Dakotamart for this wonderful community program. For every \$10,000 we collect in receipts Lynn’s donates \$100 to Countryside. Please save all your receipts – every department counts including gas, pharmacy, food, clothing, and sporting goods. Receipts can be dropped off at the Countryside office.

***\*\*If you will be temporarily away during the winter, please call us with your forwarding address\*\****

**THIS GIFT IS FROM:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE USE MY GIFT FOR:**

Memorial    Memory Center    Membership    Avera@Home    Pennies for Robert    St. Benedict’s Guest House  
Hospice care   Cancer patients’ travel   Lodging for cancer patients

**MY GIFT IS:**

In Memory/Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Please Notify (include address if possible) \_\_\_\_\_

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