

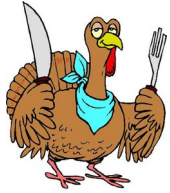


# Countryside Hospice Support & Memory Center

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

Phone: (605) 945-0827

April 2022



## 32<sup>nd</sup> Turkey and Biscuit Supper

Thursday, April 21 – 4:30 - 6:30

First United Methodist Church, 117 N. Central

Free will offering

**Drive  
thru!!**

\*\*\* Enter off Central into the parking lot and exit onto Capitol Ave\*\*\*

This is a new approach but we can do this... This year instead of gathering in the church hall to dine, volunteers will bring your meal of turkey in gravy and veggies, homemade biscuits, salad and dessert directly to your car. It will be securely wrapped and will stay nice and warm until you get home.

We will miss the fellowship of the large dining room but hope you will join us for this “nontraditional” fundraiser.

If you would like to volunteer to help the day of the supper or bake a dessert please call 945-0827.

### Thank you CommTech ...

Donors, with the best of intentions, bring items to the thrift store after regular hours. They are followed by “shoppers” who take what they want and throw the rest of it around. Glass items are broken, bags are ripped open and donations simply disappear. When CommTech heard of our most recent “search and destroy” mission behind the thrift store they immediately made plans to donate and install a multicamera surveillance system. Their crew arrived ready to secure the equipment and train staff within a week. Now we can track and identify those who are at the store after hours and hopefully curtail the loss. With the cameras we can see faces and license plates

Our thanks to Chris Anderson and his staff for their concern and expertise. Nice guys doing good work!

PS – If you, or anyone you know is in need of clothing or other household items please let us know – our voucher system is designed to meet those needs and the selection is much better inside!

### Garage to Community Room...

Our thanks to everyone who made the garage renovation possible. We went from having a somewhat cold and dark garage that we used for storage to a wonderful bright room that is perfect for meetings, support groups, board meetings and more.



Our thanks to Avera for their support, Lee McCurrin for coordinating the project from start to finish, Ben Smith, Matt King Electric, Larry Fry Heating & Cooling, Allied Plumbing, Matt Buschbom Painting, Country Carpet & Flooring, Emily Decker Designs, Builders First Source and Quality Concrete.

Thank you also to our donors who provided tables, chairs, window shades, microwave and other items for the room.

If you need a meeting space for your group or organization give us a call at 945-0827 to see if the space would work for you.

**15,184 Volunteer hours since April 1, 2021** – Thank you to everyone who volunteers for Countryside!

### Celebrating the Board of Directors

The fiscal year ends March 31 for Countryside. At that time we review all the program activities, say goodbye to retiring board members and welcome new members to the table.

Last year the board decided to extend all of their terms a year rather than bring on new members during such an uncertain time. That means many members will serve 7 years before their final term is finished – that commitment keeps Countryside on level ground, making sure that the mission is first and foremost in everyone’s mind, that new projects are looked at carefully and that our financial picture has a constant and careful review.

Often, we hear horror stories of nonprofits struggling because their boards are either “disengaged” or micromanaging the program/staff. Many find it hard to hit the middle ground that keeps the communication open and the program on track.

From our first board in 1982 we have been fortunate to have individuals who have shared their professional expertise and personal support. Many board members have left when their terms expire only to return to serve again. This continuity, knowing where the program has been and where it needs to go, is invaluable.

This year we are sad to lose Becki Potrzeba and Kara Semmler. Both have helped guide us through the decision to make a big move and expand our services. Our thanks for their time and expertise.

New to the board will be Mike Shaw and Jessi Horsley. Mike is returning to the board and has guided us through bylaw revisions, a name change, and more than one duck race! Jessi is new to Countryside and we look forward to her participation.

### Thrift Store volunteers – **357,169 hours** since 1995

On average there are 80 volunteers per month who donate 1200 hours to the thrift store - they are there 7 days a week, many evenings and the occasional holiday. Volunteers work from home or at the store pricing, display and stocking. They attend regular coffee breaks often fueled by homemade goodies, great discussion and laughter. During COVID it was tough to keep them home, and when they returned, they helped maintain a safe, comfortable environment for our donors and shoppers. They believe in the mission and providing care for their community. Words cannot begin to express our appreciation.

And then there is the newsletter crew – they meet monthly to sort and label over 4,000 newsletters. It is a small but very efficient group who brave all sorts of weather and schedule changes to get the job done!

Fundraising volunteers have been part of Countryside since day one. Over the years they have organized bazaars, food booths and Cow Pie Bingo. They have sorted and chased plastic ducks, popped popcorn, made root beer floats, and hosted Turkey and Biscuit Suppers. They made lunches for the Governor’s Hunt, popcorn balls for Halloween and rode in the Rally for Robert. From each event we learned something important – how to organize and streamline events, for one thing, and don’t try to deliver hundreds of frozen pizzas – in July – for another.

Other volunteer activities involve picking up supplies, tallying Dakotamart receipts, facilitating support groups and basically helping out wherever needed. Help truly is just a phone call away.

Through it all the volunteers have hung in there – many of them for over 30 years of cooking, organizing and schlepping stuff from one place to another. Many hours, many friendships.

For every volunteer who has helped – in any way – we give thanks.



## **Pennies for Robert ...Travel funds for cancer patients ... Since April 2021 \$86,515 in funds provided**

With the rise in gas, motel and food prices, Countryside has increased the stipend provided for those traveling for appointments and treatment. While we do not cover the entire expense, your donations help ease the pain at the pump. Thank you.

### **OMA – Opening Minds through Art**

*“A failure-free art program that provides opportunities for creative self-expression and social engagement for people with Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of neuro-cognitive disorders” <https://scrippsoma.org/>*

The OMA project is a nationwide program. Specially trained volunteers are matched with people who have cognitive decline for a 6 week art project. The team meets once a week, in a group setting, to create works of art and socialize.

To bring OMA to Pierre, a member of the memory center staff will be trained as a facilitator. This training starts in April – followed by training and recruitment of volunteers and participants that will be completed by late summer. Volunteers will not need to be artists but will need a comfort level in working with someone with cognitive decline. More information will be coming soon.

The program is spearheaded in SD by Denise Lewis who is sponsoring 5 facilitators in Madison, Lake Norden, Pierre and Sioux Falls. Lewis’s mother, Linda Hilde died from Alzheimer’s. Hilde was an artist and Lewis is using funds from the sale of her mother’s kiln and calendars featuring her mother’s artwork and poetry to sponsor the facilitator’s tuition.

### **Community Programs**

#### **Memory Connection - (Dementia Care Partners Support Group)**

**Pierre** – Thursday, April 21 and May 19 at 6 pm - Countryside Community Room – 415 S. Crow St.

A confidential group for anyone who has a loved one with dementia including the primary caregiver, family members and friends. This group provides support, education and resource information. For more information call 945-0827.

**Gettysburg** – Wednesday May 4 at noon – Grace Bible Church, 310 S. Broadway

For more information or to schedule a memory screen in Gettysburg call 945-0827.

#### **Parkinson’s/Stroke Support Group**

Wednesday, May 11 at noon – Countryside Community Room – 415 S. Crow St.

Newly formed support group for patients and their caregivers dealing with Parkinson’s or stroke recovery.

If you would like to be included in the mailing/e-mail list please call 945-0827. This group is co facilitated by Avera Therapy Services & Countryside staff.

#### **Breast Cancer Survivors (No meeting Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>)**

Thursday, May 5 & 19 at noon – Countryside Community Room – 415 S. Crow St

The Breast Cancer Survivors group is a great example of the benefit of the shared experience. Only someone who has been called back after a routine mammogram, undergone ultrasounds, biopsies, waited for results, made decisions about treatment options etc., truly understands how it feels. This group is informal, confidential and educational. There are stories, tears and much laughter – all the important things.

#### **Wish list ...**

Community room: Small vacuum, bottled water, paper products (plates, napkins, paper towels)

St Benedict’s Guest House: Unscented Tide Pods, dorm size refrigerator

Memory Center: Special 30-piece puzzles with pieces that are easy for patients to handle and complete (Approx. \$20).

Thanks for helping us stay stocked with the basics for guests.

## Memorials...

Carol Fiala

by  
Gary, Debbie & David Fiala

John & Anne Woods

Tom Woods  
Burton & Anna Warne

Jack Fifield  
by  
Maynard & Mary Greenfield

Larry Nelson

by  
Bob & Shirlee Miller  
Jackie Marso  
Mark & Ruth Smith  
Nadine Henderson

Marion Brakke

Zay Norman  
by  
Anita Baker

Odean Solberg

by  
Nancy Friend

Charlie & Isabella Sampica

by  
Yvette & Alan Thomas

Emery Byer

by  
Mary Byer  
Family & Friends  
Timothy & Patricia Pugh  
Eileen Herrin  
Seb & Carol Axtman  
Diane Kehrwald  
Anne Gormley  
Will & Betty Hanson  
Jim & Lori Edman  
Ron & Priscilla Schmidt  
Carla Sahr

Larry Nelson

Shirley Hinzman  
Ron Leidholt  
David Newell

Greg Dean  
Emery Byer  
Zay Norman

by  
Norm & Joann Weaver

Wanda Dilley

Larry Nelson  
by  
Patricia Weeldreyer

Velma Wilder

by  
John & Bobbi Liwski

Harvey Holzwarth

Lorren Smith  
Larry Nelson  
by  
Bev Badger

Judy Ann Bauer

by  
Roger & Patty Skinner

Shirley Hinzman

by  
Tom & Irma LeFaive  
Jeanne Goodman  
Ruth Schmidt  
Sharon Rovella  
Karen Zakahi

Ruth Downs

Carol Zillgitt  
by  
Dale & Donna Gohl

Emery Byer

Dyann Miller  
Jeffrey Neuberger  
Ruth Neuhauser  
Wade Wieczorek  
by  
Roger & Marla Fuller

Bev Zebroski

by  
Deanna Sutton & Scott Sutton

Harvey Holzwarth

Emery Byer  
by  
Dean Hoelscher

Torry L. Rattling Leaf

by  
Teresa Morgan  
Mary Vaughn

Dr. B.O. Lindbloom

by  
Karen Lindbloom

Zay Norman

Wanda Dilley  
Patsy Kringel  
by  
Charles W. Draper

Dolores Anderson

Emery Byer  
Andy Deis  
Connie Deyer  
Helen Easland  
Shirley Hinzman  
Neil Hodges  
Bev Huckins  
Delores Mehrer  
Larry Nelson  
Kay Swenson  
Karen Wooley  
Linda Zeller

by  
Velma Becker

Jess Loe

Tyler Wilcox  
by  
Jeri & Bob Wilcox

Odean Solberg

Ron Leidholt  
by  
Cindy Arch

Wanda Dilley

by  
Jerry & Paula Hunsley

Greg Dean

Don Rounds  
Harvey Holzwarth  
Jean Rounds  
Andy Deis  
Odean Solberg  
Ron Leidholt  
by  
Dean & Cookie Hyde

Patrick Lowin

by  
Lynette Thum

Ruth Downs

Lorren Smith  
by  
Nancy Bloom

## *In Loving Memory...*

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

*In memory of*  
**Loren Wohlwend**  
*It's been 2 years this  
March...  
Joanne Wohlwend*

**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*

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

**Tommy Corcoran, Jr.**  
*Erin Go Bragh! Mate, Dad, Grampa  
Really missing you for the 7<sup>th</sup> year.  
We will be toasting the Jameson (we miss the flask)  
& of course, the green beer.  
May the road rise up to meet you! LUCK OF THE IRISH  
Carmen, Josh & family *

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

*In memory of  
my wonderful mother,  
**Janice Moore**  
on her April 10<sup>th</sup>  
birthday.  
Donna Erikson Kinsley*

*In memory of*  
**Todd Ramsey**  
*on your birthday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
We love & miss you every day.  
You are forever in our hearts.  
Pandora, Trista, Mike, Cody & Julie*

*In memory of  
my loving sister,  
**Dora Lee Christian**  
on her birthday May 14<sup>th</sup>  
Love you & miss you.  
Delores*

*In loving memory  
on your birthday,  
**Tom Corcoran**  
Miss you much,  
Florence & kids*

*In memory of*  
**Todd Ramsey**  
*on your birthday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
We love & miss you, Papa.  
Gage, Berkley, Cort, Jasper & Josie*

*In memory of*  
**Kermith & Florence Edge**  
**&**  
**all whom we have lost**  
*Jim & Connie Carlisle*

*In memory of our dad,  
**Ed Riehle**  
on his birthday  
April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Morris & Lori Riehle  
Laurie & John Allison*

*In loving memory and honor  
to those who have gone from us  
and left our daily lives, unnamed on paper  
but forever etched in our hearts.  
Bob & Janet Judson*

**Lyle E. Sutton**  
*April 20<sup>th</sup> is your 5<sup>th</sup>  
Heavenly Birthday.  
We miss you more, not less.  
Deanna Sutton &  
Scott Sutton*

### **Donations & Memberships...**

**Memberships:** Velma Becker, Jim & Connie Carlisle, Bob & Janet Judson, Doug & Clarie Marsh, Julie Osnes, Bob & Kristin Townsend

**Donations:** Louise Cain, CommTech, Peter & Ellen Maningas, Doug & Clarie Marsh

**Turkey Supper Sponsors:** Anita Baker, Beck Motor Company, Chase Auto & RV, Clausen & Rice, Inc., Country Carpet & Flooring, Inc., DeGrey Helping Hand Club, Delta Dental of SD, First National Bank, Judene Holan, Todd & Kara Hughes, Keller Electric, Jackie Marso, MicroFix, Inc., Oahe Federal Credit Union, The Paint Store Too, Patti Petersen, Shane's Pharmacy, Karen Sindelar, Smith Plumbing, Bea Westall

**Thank you to:** Kay Cee Hodson for your donation to St. Benedict's Guest House and to Leslie & Keith Petersen for your donation of the refrigerator for the Thrift Store break room.

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**We Care Program – Lynn’s Dakotamart**

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 or the Countryside Thrift Store.

**THIS GIFT IS FROM:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR:**  As needed  Pennies for Robert – Travel funds for cancer patients  
 St. Benedict’s Guest House – Lodging for cancer patients  Avera@Home Hospice – Hospice care  
 Memory Center  Membership

In memory/honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ Notify: \_\_\_\_\_

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*This newsletter contains donations processed through April 6. The approximate cutoff date for the May newsletter will be May 11.*

Donations can also be made by credit card on our website [www.countrysidehospicesupport.com](http://www.countrysidehospicesupport.com), through PayPal or you may call the office with your credit card information 605-945-0827.