



Countryside Hospice Support & Memory Center

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Passion is what drives us. It helps us build our goals and dreams.
It's how we determine our purpose in life and why we do the work to get there.

It is a foggy February afternoon and I am eating stale rice cakes out of my desk drawer. Rice cakes have little to offer when they are fresh but after they have been sitting for a few months, they have even less. And yet, I have eaten two.

The desk in question has seen many rice cakes come and go since we first borrowed it from St Mary's in 1980.

Borrowed may not be the correct word since we may or may not have asked permission before we pushed it down the hall, into the elevator and into our new office space. But in our defense to this day no one has come looking for it.

A borrowed desk, a donated typewriter and a passion for end of life care. That is how the Countryside story begins.

While I'm not advocating eating stale treats or stealing office furniture, I could pitch a pretty strong case for passion -

With time, hard work and support, passion can turn a small dream into reality...

And sometimes you don't know where that dream will take you. We started with hospice care at St Mary's in 1980 but a move to the community in 2003 took us in a totally different direction and the result was Pennies for Robert, the Memory Center, St Benedict's Guest House and a variety of support programs. With your help It was a good move.

So what happened to hospice care? Avera@Home Hospice has been providing the direct patient hospice care in our community since 2003. We like what they do and we like how they do it.

Countryside provides \$6,000 a month to Avera@Home to supplement their funding so they can provide additional patient care, equipment and supplies. We also pass along any donations that we receive that are designated for their program. Confusing? A little bit. Good for the community? We hope so.

As space allows, we will be inviting Avera@ Home Hospice to share about their program in the newsletter.

Hello from Avera@Home -

Avera@Home Hospice is who does the hands-on Hospice Care in our area. We are a small staff but are growing daily it seems. We currently have 8 Case Manager RN's, 5 Visiting Nurses and 6 Certified Nurses Aides. We also have 2 Social Workers, a Chaplain, our Medical Director, Dr. Richardson and a host of volunteers. We are in need of more volunteers and would love to visit with you if you would like to work with hospice patients. For more info please give Gloria a call at 224-3218. Thanks, Jen

Since April 1, 2023 your donations have provided the following:

\$79,400 in travel funds for cancer patients through *Pennies for Robert*

Lodging for 86 guests at St. Benedict's Guest House for a total of 282 nights

132 free memory screens – 84 were first time screens and 48 were retests. Retests are conducted to see how patients are doing both by comparing their initial and retest scores and obtaining updated information from patients and their caregivers. It is also important to know if they have followed the recommendations made at their initial appointment.

Mark your calendars...

Turkey Supper – Thursday, April 4 – First United Methodist Church – dine in or carry out. Volunteers needed to help with every aspect of the day from gravy making to cleanup! Fingers crossed for beautiful weather.

Rally for Robert – Saturday, Sept 14 – Help us celebrate Robert’s birthday by spending the day on a leisurely ride, rolling a few dice, enjoying a meal, and maybe winning a great prize. Motorcycles and all cars are welcome to join in the 132 mile loop from Pierre to Gettysburg and back.

3rd Annual Memory Walk – Saturday, October 5 at Oahe Downstream – we will walk in support of everyone who is impacted by memory loss - bring your family, friends or co-workers – share your stories -- enjoy the OMA artwork display and help raise funds for the Memory Center.

Community programs

Memory Connection – (Dementia Care Partners Support Group – for family members)

Thursday, March 21– 6pm – Countryside Community Room

The format is informal and includes group discussion, educational information and the opportunity to ask questions and brainstorm the challenges of living with dementia. If you have any questions give Max a call at 945-0827.

Parkinson’s/Stroke Support Group

Wednesday, March 6 – noon to 1 pm – Countryside Community Room (note date change to first Wednesday)

Support group for patients dealing with Parkinson’s and their caregivers. Format includes guest speakers, resource information and exercise guidance.

Parkinson’s grants

The South Dakota Parkinson Foundation (SDPF) has grants available for specific items including – but not limited to - walkers, exercise equipment, gym memberships, transportation assistance, therapy tools, home modifications, etc. Grant amounts are up to \$250 and are not provided for medical expenses including doctors/specialist visits, medication or trials. Applications must be submitted by the 1st of the month and are available online

www.southdakotaparkinson.org or we have copies at the Countryside office 415 S. Crow. For more information call 605-271-6113.

Breast Cancer Survivors

Thursday, March 21 – noon to 1 pm – Countryside Community Room

Support/educational group for breast cancer survivors. This group is open to new members at any time. If you are just starting your breast cancer journey or are several months or even years out and would like to connect with someone who has had a similar experience, this group is for you. For more information call 945-0827.

OMA (Opening Minds Through Art) – Thursdays 10:30 - 11:30 am

OMA is a *free* program that provides an opportunity for socialization and the creative process for those with moderate to severe memory loss. Each week an art project is introduced – the basic concept is explained but from there it is up to the artist to select colors and design. All the art is abstract – there is no way to fail.

A volunteer works one on one with each artist and Memory Center staff are present to provide direction and support.

If you have a loved one with memory loss who would enjoy an hour of socialization and art or if you would like to volunteer, please call Cindy at 945-0827. New participants welcome.

Greeting cards featuring OMA artwork are available at the Countryside office. OMA has a wish list for art supplies on Amazon - https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2MNXFBXMIESIE?ref=wl_fv_le

Memorials...

John Woods
Anne Woods
Chuck Woods
Tom Woods
Connie Woods
Burton & Anna Warne
Jack Fifield
by
Maynard & Mary Greenfield

Dr. Mike Holland
Jill Gusso
Nancy Hoyme
Richard Phillips
Gary Knudson
Gary Heintz
Darwin Ripley
Sherman Monroe
Bessie (Dolly) Nafus
Rocky Oakland
Marilyn Teske
Connie Woods
Audrey Borth
Janice Dockter
Ione Neuharth
Toby Putzier
Daph Richards
Jill Wellhouse
Craig Smith
Wendy Shay Lehrkamp
Lowell King
Marilyn Person
by
Gerry & Nancy Cutshaw

Dave Merrill
by
Dale & Donna Gohl

Duane Butt
Craig Smith
Robert Ten Eyck
Pat Mitchell
Charles Ellis
Irene LaFurge
Chuck Libby
Mary Jean Lomheim
Darwin Ripley
Don Goosen
Jerry Thomas
by
Lois Byrum

Melvin Cunningham
by
Marcy Fifield

David Forney
Duane Butt
by
Jim & Shari Forney

Wendy Shay Lehrkamp
by
Family & Friends
Curtis & Roxann Everson
Darin & Clare Charlson
Charlene & James Schumacher
Sheryl Hawkins
Orville Charlson

Rochelle Oakland
by
Vonnie Shields
Yolonda Soyer
Meg Ryland

Gary Feller
by
Don & Shirley Sandal
Marie R. Foster
by
Tom & Irene Giessinger

Pat Mitchell
Craig Smith
Sharon Kuiper
Marty Gannon
Marilyn Teske
Ron Merriman
Don Zeller
Pal Jessop
Billy Kelly
Jill Wellhouse
Andy Gerlach
by
Steve & Monica Harding

Dave Padgett
Al Kundert
Glenn Sandal
by
Norm & Joann Weaver

Conrad Otterness
by
Phyllis Maddox

Kenneth Cox
by
Dorothy Smith

Florence Evonne Heermann
by
Duane & Meredith Heermann
Family & Friends
Earl & Jaylene Fanger

Stuart Quam
by
Fred & Julie Waxler

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by
Mike & Cheryl Cowan

Margaret Ann O'Brien
by
Larry & Barb McQuiston

Marilyn Person
Dave Padgett
by
Eldon & Betty Lindquist

Glenn Sandal
Kenny & Katie Cox
by
Marc & Sharon Hoelscher

Bob Bartlett
Stacey Schaefer
Stuart Quam
by
Gloria Bartlett

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by
Carmen & Josh Schwartzkopf

Jerry Jacobsen
by
Jafar & Jessica Karim

Donnie Huebner
by
Chuck & Sandy Schlueter

Memorials...

Al Kundert
Kenneth Cox
Mary Jean Schoessler
by
Bob & Shirlee Miller

Onie Neuharth
Evelyn Charlson
Brad Schreiber
Jerry Jacobsen
Monte Curry
Gaylord Sonnenschein
Dolly Nafus
Hupp Family
Velda Pitlick
Neil Schochenmaier
Robert Ten Eyck
Elizabeth (Betty) Demianew
Wendy Lehrkamp
Patrick Mitchell
Steve Likness
Barbara Harvey
Jill Wellhouse
Mercedes Martin
Mark Hoines
by
Joel & Carol Gengler

Ken & Katie Cox
by
Hawthorn Heights Condo Assoc.

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Ken & Marilyn Beck
Trish Purintun
Cheryl Benham
Jim Bohls
Conrad Otterness
Harper Hupp
River Ludemann
Steve Likness
Dick Tobin
Jill Tobin-Gusso
Gaylord Sonnenschein
Pat Mitchell
Don Shields
Monte & Kit Curry
Katie & Ken Cox
Ron Merriman
Al Kundert
Bob Ten Eyck
by
Steve & Jami Beck

Marilyn Person
Al Kundert
by
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Jennifer Royka
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Dale & Donna Gohl

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Bob & Elaine Yackley

Jim Hennen
Stephen Swath
Connie Woods
by
Jerry & Linda Fischer

Curt Goehring
Dave Padgett
Rocky Oakland
by
Mary Lou Goehring

Jerry Thomas
Jerald "Woody" Stahl
by
Pete & Patty McGee

Mary Jean Schoessler
by
Anne Anderson

Woody Stahl
Nadine Harsin
by
Sondra Russell

Marlene Patrick
by
Tammy & Terry Van Dam

Darleen Reiser
Sharon Roseland
by
Nancy Bloom

Erlyn Beck
Kenneth & Katie Cox
Cedric Dayton Hall
Dr. Phillip E. Hoffsten
Donald Huebner
Cora Marie Jeffries
Ron Merriman
Joyce G. Norman
Rocky Oakland
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Opal Tousley
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Thad & Caroline Uecker

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Bob Fuchs
by
Richard & Anna May Masteller

Barb Biber
Cora Jeffries
Jennifer Royka
by
John & Margaret Ellefson

Don Zeller
Jennifer Royka
by
Dale & Joyce Tipton

In Loving Memory of ...



Marie Lamm

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

Linda Obermeier

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

In loving memory of

Buddy Gayle Welch

*Cherished memories
never fade.
Love and miss you forever.
Meg*

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
my husband, **Russ Albrecht**
my parents,*

Neil & Audrey Sandidge

*by
Connie Albrecht*

In memory of
Stan Stenson

*Remembering & missing
you on February 12th –
our 47th anniversary.
Nancy*

Glenn Marrington

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

Patrick McInnis

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

In memory of
Tommy Corcoran, Jr.

*Our birthdays are coming
up fast
--We will miss you--
Big Holiday coming up
without the FLASK!*

Miss U Forever

Carmen & Josh & Family

Sonny,

*In you, I found the love of my life.
You taught me that true love never ends.
I will love you forever and always.
Happy Valentine's Day
Charlene*

In loving memory of

Pam Scarborough

*on the anniversary of her passing 2-2-22
I treasure all the special memories of you.
You are forever in my heart.
Rosemary Rounds*

*In memory of our
Friend & Classmate*

Marlene Patrick

*Rest in Peace Friend
Richard Masteller
Jan Widvey
Carol Hawley
Kay Moore
Bonnie Wagner
Dora Lea Sassman
Cleo Shroyer
Colleen Booth (Calvin)
Vivian High Class of '59*

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Memberships:

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Thank you to Diane Inch for donating laundry soap and Marc & Sharon Hoelscher for donating food for our guests.

We Care Program – Dakotamart

Thank you to Dakotamart...For every \$10,000 we collect in receipts Dakotamart donates \$100 to Countryside. Please save all your receipts – they can be dropped off at the Countryside office or the 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
 Don Boyd OMA memorial

In memory/honor of: _____ Notify: _____

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This newsletter contains donations processed through February 7. The approximate cutoff date for the March newsletter will be March 6.

Donations can also be made by credit card on our website www.countrysidehospicesupport.com, or you may call the office with your credit card information 605-945-0827.