



Countryside Hospice Support & Memory Center

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

Phone: (605) 945-0827

May 2024

The purpose of Countryside Hospice Support and Memory Center is to provide diverse programs for individuals in the community who are faced with cancer, memory loss and end of life issues.

March was the end of our fiscal year – a time to look back and reflect - to be sure we are being fiscally responsible and in line with our mission. This past year, with your help, we were able to return just shy of \$400,000 in services to the community.

333 free nights at St Benedict's Guest House for 109 guests

157 free memory screens

\$95,035 in travel funds for cancer patients

\$80,095 donation to Avera@Home Hospice

293 artists participated in OMA

We had a Turkey Supper, Rally for Robert, and a Memory Walk

The Board of Directors met every month

The newsletter crew put labels on over 44,400 newsletters

Verna tallied thousands of dollars of Dakotamart receipts

The thrift store had a record year – staff and volunteers sorted, cleaned, priced, stocked and bagged over 420,000 items

Each month we offered Breast Cancer support, Parkinson's support and Dementia caregiver support groups

And last but certainly not least – volunteers contributed over 15,149 hours ... all for the community

I think it is safe to say – mission accomplished! Thank you

Planning for a transition ...

Even though my personality doesn't appear to be compatible with retirement, it simply makes sense to start thinking about the next Executive Director for Countryside! While there is no firm timeline we know the sooner we start the process the better chance we have for finding the right candidate – we hope you will help us with this task.

The ED position is full time and involves daily oversight of Countryside including the thrift store. Business experience is helpful but just as important is an understanding of the mission and the ability to connect with people. No two days are ever the same and being organized and able to shift gears is a must. The nonprofit world is different, we have fewer rules and regulations, less paperwork – more time for patients and their families.

Please think about the people in your circle and talk about this position – it is a once in a lifetime opportunity for someone who is looking for more than just a job, appreciates teamwork, and wants to make a difference in the community. The program is solid, no fires to put out and no large projects pending – there will be time to learn the ropes. We offer vacation and sick time, personal hours and a retirement plan.

The job description and application are on the main page of our website www.countrysidehospicesupport.com, contact information for members of the transition committee is also listed. Thanks for your help. Holly

Mark your calendar!

RALLY FOR ROBERT

MOTORCYCLE & CAR DICE RUN

In memory of Robert Disburg – to benefit *Pennies for Robert*

Saturday, September 7, 2024

Registration starts at 10 am at Beck Motors – start time 11 am

137 mile loop to Gettysburg – 6 dice stops – return to Cactus Jack's Lounge for lunch, prizes, raffle drawing, door prizes, 50/50 raffle and more. Prizes for top 3 and low score and a **wild Card**. Top prize \$300.

Raffle items include a handcrafted knife by Ben Orsbon, a quilt by Jan & Doug Parker and a \$500 Scheels gift certificate. Tickets will be available in June.

Pennies for Robert ... If you know anyone traveling for cancer care please spread the word about Pennies for Robert – this fund provides a stipend for travel to help cover gas and lodging expenses – whether they are leaving our community for care or coming to the Helmsley Center from out of town. All we need is the patient's name, address, phone number and dates of travel. The process is simple and there is no limit to the number of times funds can be requested.

Over a MILLION dollars in support has been provided since 2004 – that is support for many, many miles

Community programs – All programs will meet at Countryside - 415 S. Crow Street

Parkinson's Support Group Wednesday, June 5th at noon. Visit with others who have a Parkinson's diagnosis. Topics include medications, exercise, safety issues and day-to-day challenges. Family members are also welcome.

Breast Cancer Survivors Discussion Group Thursday, June 20 at noon. Support and informational group for anyone who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. All survivors are welcome to attend. Lately the discussion has covered a variety of topics including how it feels to be many years post diagnosis, the importance of being your own health advocate and everyday challenges. This is a small group with a focus on confidentiality and support.

Memory Connection Thursday, June 20 at 6:00 p.m. Discussion group for family members and friends caring for a loved one with dementia. An opportunity to brainstorm and share information.

OMA – Thursdays 10:30 - 11:30 Opening Minds through Art (OMA) is a program where individuals who have memory loss and a volunteer create art. If you have time this summer for a volunteer experience call Cindy at 945-0827. Online training is also an option.

Thank you for these St Benedict's and OMA donations:

Helen Anderson - beautiful pillowcases for our guests

Girl Scout Troop 40226 - cookies for St Benedict's and OMA participants/volunteers

Mary Lehecka Nelson - art supplies for OMA

Nancy Bloom - food for St Benedict's

The Memory Clinic is busy and we are adding a new position – we are looking for a RN/SW or counselor who wants to work a flexible part time schedule. Applicant will learn a comprehensive cognitive testing process and work one on one with patients and their families. If you enjoy using your critical thinking skills, want a slower work pace and small office setting, give us a call at 605-945-0827. Job description and applications are available at the office, 415 S. Crow.

Memorials...

Mary Greenfield

John Woods

Anne Woods

Chuck Woods

Tom Woods

Connie Woods

Burton & Anna Warne

Jack Fifield

by

Maynard Greenfield

Rose Marie Wood

by

James Wood

Maynard Wagner

by

Robert & Roxann Thielen

Jim Forney

by

Brent & Linda Dykstra

Mary Greenfield

by

Terry & Mary Varilek

Dean Hoelscher

Mary Greenfield

Ryan "Opie" Taylor

Marlys Nelleremoe

Don Shields

Al Kundert

Joyce Keller

Lola Ness Clelland

by

Gerry & Nancy Cutshaw

Bernie Stoesser

by

James & Barbara Beastrom

Lorraine Ellwein

Mary Jean Schoessler

Al Kundert

Bern Stoesser

by

Steve & Peggy Stout

Beverly Andrews

by

Katherine & Paul Patterson

Luella Tople

by

Susan Cybulski

Michael & Sandra Walker

Lola Ness Clelland

by

Terry & Mary Ness

Family & Friends

Jeff & Cindy Clelland

Dale & Donna Gohl

Marge Perry

Bev Badger

David & Lisa Neuharth

Don & Shirley Sandal

Doug & Lily Mitchell

Elton & Karla Blemaster

Fern Barnett

Gene & Christine Tetzlaff

Gill & Jan Hedman

Judy Page

Kathy Villa

Larry & Mona Smith

Lynette Thum

Mark & Sue Kemper

Mary & Lyle Stewart

Mary Moeller

Mike & Ann Sines

Mike & Susan Smith

Miriam Circle LMC

Rob & Rosemarie Donlin

Rodney & Patti Stoesser

Roger & Joann Lonbaken

Ross & Nancy Sperry

Sandra Kangas

SD Soil Health Coalition

Steve & Carol Valland

Steve & Jane Naylor

Tami & Kevin Merrill

Terry Corcoran

Terry Matson

Tim & Janelle Badger

Wahneta Schweigert

Wayne Champ

Linda & Richard Schultz

Keith Skrondah

Larry Venner

Marlys Nelleremoe

Harry Simmons

by

Norm & Joann Weaver

Keith Skrondah

by

Marc & Sharon Hoelscher

Donna Solberg

Jim & Linda Cruse

Opal Tousley

Marilyn Teske

Bernard Stoesser

Don Shields

by

Cash & April Brooks

Leonard Petersen

Raymond Neuhauser

Bernie Stoesser

Marlys Nelleremoe

Pat Becker

Ryan Taylor

Joyce Keller

by

Rosemary Rounds

Mary Greenfield

Darleen Reiser

Betty Norman

by

Roger & Marla Fuller

Larry Venner

Sister Jeremy

Rene Liegl

by

Seb & Carol Axtman

Daryl Johnson

by

Jay & Bev Mickelson

Sheryl Blake

Deb Fahey

Duane Bernstein

by

Pat Bernstein

Jackie Burke

Herb Davis

Beth Wegehaupt

by

John & Margaret Ellefson

Memorials...

Jackie Burke
Maxine Blasdell
Sam Bowles
Jean Hertel
by
Sondra Russell

Charlene Benjamin
by
Mark & Ruth Smith

Don Egly
Daryl Johnson
Mike Heintz
Jeanette Black
by
Gary & Grace Schmitgen

Bob Bartlett
Stacy Schaefer
Bernie Stoesser
by
Gloria Bartlett

Leonard Petersen
by
Jeralyn Nelson

Lola Clelland
Daryl Johnson
Jeanette Black
Cleo Klatt
by
Nancy Bloom

Bernie Stoesser
Joyce Keller
Ray Neuhauser
Larry Venner
Maxine Blasdell
Shirley Varilek
Mary Greenfield
by
Ray & Mo Shepherd

Mike Maskovich, Sr.
William Maskovich
Charles Maskovich
Ethel Maskovich
Kevin Maskovich
Vickie (Varilek) Maskovich
John Varilek
Shirley Varilek
John Meyer
by
Mike Maskovich

Jeremy Dodson
Lorraine Ellwein
Barb Sweeney
Mary Jean Schoessler
Barb Biber
Lola Ness Clelland
by
Monty & Peggy Bechtold

Jerry Schwahn
by
Leonard & Janice Deal

Priscilla Olson
by
Dale & Donna Gohl

Keith Skron Dahl
Joyce Keller
by
Kathy & Doug Ripley

Jill Wellhouse
Alberta Denton
by
Mike & Jean Denton

Marlys Nellermoe
by
Betty McDorman

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Marge Pirnat
by
Kristi Berheim

Jim Forney
Leonard 'Pete' Petersen
Mary Jean Schoessler
Al Kundert
by
Sally Christenson

*In loving memory of
our parents ...
you are forever
in our hearts.
Jim & Linda Cruse*

*In loving memory of
Rita Van Overschelde Gates
who died on May 11, 2011
from
J.R. and Bernadette Fishburne*

*In loving memory of
Leon Friend
on his May 3rd birthday
by
Nancy Friend*



*In Memory & Honor of
my mother,
Mary Canode
Still missing you & your love
after 14 years.*

Cindy

*Remembering some very special mothers
on Mother's Day*

Luella Canode
Vaudis Ivey
Janis Jones
Eileen Kusser
Freda Lawhon
Cindy



In Loving Memory of ...

In memory of
Harold Obenauer
on our wedding anniversary May 6
Elda Obenauer

In loving memory of
Judy Bauer
who left us on March 13, 2022 to be with the angels.
Miss you every hour of every day...
Always our love,
Don & Shirley Sandal

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

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
Ron Reed
Jan. 23, 1951-Sept 14, 1967
by
Thomas Gardner

In memory of
Janice Bronemann
on her birthday
May 14th
Gone but not forgotten.
Jerald

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

Two years ago I lost my best friend, my confidant, and the love of my life.

Nothing will ever be the same without you.

I love you now and forever, Sonny

Charlene

In loving memory of
Vickie (Varilek) Maskovich
We love and miss you every day.
You are forever in our hearts.
Love, Mike Maskovich, Brad Maskovich,
Stephanie Briggs and Jerid Maskovich

In memory of
Bill Zimmerman
on his birthday May 11th.
Phyllis Zimmerman
John & Sandy Zimmerman
Scott & Gaye Granville

In memory of
Laura Rittel

A blessing to us in life and continuing in our memories.

You are still a part of us at gatherings and in our joyful conversations.

Donna, Karen, Brad,
Tana & Liz



In Remembrance...

Dan Kelly	Don Trimble	Mike Walsh
Gilbert McBride	Phil & Lorraine Ellwein	Woody Bunch
Comet Haraldson	Bobby Ellwanger	Mark Larscheid
Brian Ice	Rhys Schmitt	Gaylord Sonnenschein
Larry Gee	Roger & Suzanne Pries	Monte Granados
Gretchen Dirks	Don Huebner	John "Butch" Bennett

and all the athletes, their supporters as well in the

-Spirit of Pearl Means-

Pearl Daniel-Means (2/10/1960 – 5/28/2022) Activist, Spiritualist, Matriarch
by Thomas Gardner



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Memberships: Chuck & Sandy Schlueter, Pat Bernstein

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 May 8. The approximate cutoff date for the June newsletter will be June 5.

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.