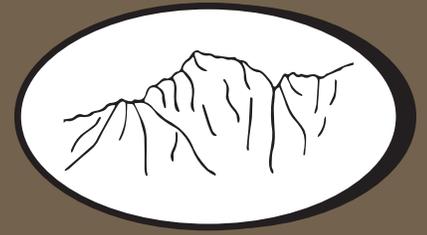


GRANITE HOUSE

DONOR NEWSLETTER

Fall 2017



For our donors, volunteers, and partners on our journey

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

June 2014 – July 2017

STARTUP EXPENSES

and beginning construction

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$81,700

MARKETING/AWARENESS

\$11,600

Printing, mailings, email & website

FUNDRAISING

\$10,500

Grants, events

ADMINISTRATION

\$11,400

Insurance, office supplies, processing fees, training

PROFESSIONAL FEES

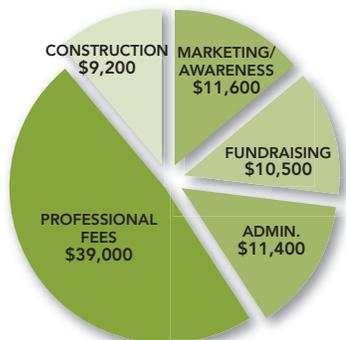
\$39,000

Legal, accounting, architect

CONSTRUCTION*

\$9,200

Survey, permit, plans, materials



*Although the cost of construction is being covered by a line of credit, some donor funds will be used to augment the loan for various items and purchases.

GRANITE HOUSE IS TAKING SHAPE!

After a busy summer, the walls are up and the roof is on at Granite House, and it's dried in for winter. What a pleasure it has been to work with our donors, friends, and crews who got us to this point. The partners page has a list of our generous providers and subcontractors for the construction phase of the project. The spring edition of this newsletter will highlight partners for finishing and exterior phases.



GRANITE HOUSE is building a 24-hour sustainable community residence in Stillwater, Minnesota, for the long-term care of younger adults with severe brain injury who would otherwise be in a nursing home.

OUR FIRST ON-SITE BOARD MEETING



It was a big milestone to have our board of directors gathered at the site for a meeting on Sept 19. There wasn't any furniture or lights but we made do with folding chairs. We looked around, talked about our next steps towards completion, and posed for a commemorative picture. Notice the big smiles and pride in our faces?

From left: Frank Ritter, MD, Anna Bohnen, RN; Lucas Gahler, Donna Koning, MD, Carol Insley, Kirk Dahl, DDS. **Not pictured:** Tom Insley, who was on the excavator working until dark again.

Granite House is a Minnesota nonprofit corporation with a mission:

To provide support and hope to individuals and families living with severe and permanent brain injury.

DONORS TO STARTUP FUND January – July 2017

SUMMIT DONORS

Stan Cernohaus
Bradley Fong
Linda & Dale Otteson

PEAK DONORS

Clair Murphy*
Chuck & Joan Newman*

PLATEAU DONORS

Cathy & Rick Arnfelt*
Carolyn & Mark Briol*
Steven & Carla Jeschke
Bill & Paula Snyder*
Carol Ann Smith*
Marjorie Strate*

MEADOWS DONORS

Gary Baribeau*
Laura Boegli*
Kevin Bjork*
Shannon Enright
Lowell Gillette*
Carmen & Keith Goetsch*
Pete & Lynn Grogan*
Al & Shari Holcomb*
Tom & Carol Insley*
Chuck & Kathie Joseph*
D.W. & Evelyn Michael*
Judith Resler
Dorothy Rogers*
Amy Stocker &
Ron Satkiewicz*
Beth Slocum & Robin Brown*
Winifred Tegge*
Jeff Virant*
Katherine Woodard*
Anonymous donor

FOOTHILLS DONORS

Bruce Beutel*
Dean Cody
Barbara Johnson*
Maggie Hickel*

FOOTHILLS DONORS

(Continued)
Roger & Judy Knutson*
Roxanne Lamkin*
Bill & Peggy Lund*
Louise Paulson*
Nancy Prince
Jenn Schmidt & Devin Evers*
Diane Schultz*
Warren Spannaus*
Janet Weeks*
Anonymous donor

GRANTS/ FOUNDATIONS

Boston Scientific
Employee Match
Malcolm & Barb
Burleigh Fund*
Thrivent Choice*
Amazon Smile

IN-KIND DONATIONS

Aggregate Industries
Cemstone
Collins Electrical
GoDaddy
I.B.E.W. #110
Larson Plumbing
Loewen Windows
Lyman Lumber
Miller Excavating
Rivard Stone
Solid LLC
Synergy Products
Thrivent Community-
Landmark
Twin Cities Habitat for
Humanity
Waterproofing, Inc.
West Lakeland Township

*Repeat Donor

TRIBUTE GIFTS

Gift by | In memory of
Cathy Arnfelt

John J. Walsh
Rick & Cathy Arnfelt
Dorothy Gruidl
Rick & Cathy Arnfelt
Arlen Dale Strate
Tom & Carol Insley
Jim Burns
Tom & Carol Insley
Michael Cramer
Linda & Dale Otteson
Mark Javorka
Nancy Prince
Richard Insley
Dorothy Rogers
Brandon Brown
Dorothy Rogers
Seth Johnson
Dorothy Rogers
Eloise Thomason Kirk
Diane Schultz
Peter Barros
Beth Slocum & Robin Brown
Richard Insley
Marjorie Strate
Doris Grube
Winifred Tegge
Michael Cramer

Gift by | In honor of
Cathy (Frederick) Arnfelt
Bob Zwald's
100th birthday
Jenn Schmidt & Devin Evers
Tom and Carol Insley
Winifred Tegge
Aaron Insley

INCOME SOURCES

June 2014 – July 2017

TOTAL INCOME
\$154,100

INDIVIDUAL DONORS
\$109,500

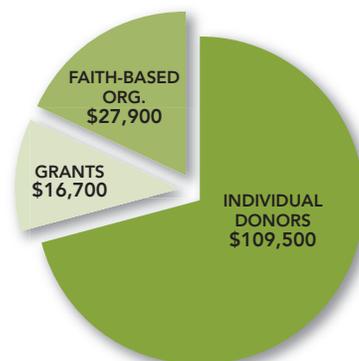
Cash or check, gifts of stock,
online donations

GRANTS
\$16,700

Matching grants, foundations

FAITH-BASED
ORGANIZATIONS
\$27,900

Churches, organizations



JOIN US AT THE NOV 14 HOME AND GARDEN EVENT

SPONSORED BY THRIVENT COMMUNITY-LANDMARK

TUESDAY, NOV. 14 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Royal Golf Club | 11455 20th St. North | Lake Elmo, MN

\$25 per person | Hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, coffee and a cash bar

Join us at the beautifully renovated Royal Golf Club in Lake Elmo (formerly Tartan Park) for an open house to celebrate progress made so far, and to raise funds for the Granite House sensory garden.

The evening will be an opportunity to:

- See photos of the house and meet our generous partners who have made this amazing dream come to life, including our friends at Thrivent.
- Talk with the Washington County Master Gardeners and look at the delightful plans they have created.
- Find out how you can be involved in the Granite House community-accessible sensory garden by sponsoring trees, plants and other elements.
- Sign up to volunteer for the planting and pathway installation in 2018.

See the website NEWS tab for more information and payment options, or call Loretta at 651-779-9720 to make a reservation.

LOOK FOR THE NEW "CAREERS" PAGE ON THE GRANITE HOUSE WEBSITE!



Granite House still has openings for full-time and part-time staff, all shifts. Come and work in the best home care setting in the St. Croix Valley and make a difference in the lives of our residents and their families. Do you know someone who would like to work in a beautiful and caring environment?

Please see details under the CONTACT tab on the website or email Anna Bohnen at anna@granitehousemn.org

From left, standing: Nursing Director Anna Bohnen RN, Melissa Gustafson, Amber Rolewicz. Seated: Aaron Insley

HIGHLIGHTING OUR GENEROUS PARTNERS

MILLER EXCAVATING



Miller Excavating has donated the labor and materials for the excavating and backfilling of the house.

AGGREGATE INDUSTRIES



Our neighbor on Stagecoach Trail has donated the sand and rock for the foundation and backfilling.

SOLID LLC



Solid LLC is providing labor to frame the house and install windows with a charitable discount.

WATERPROOFING, INC.



Chris Gilbert and his crew installed insulated foam to the foundation with a charitable discount.

LOEWEN WINDOWS AND DOORS



WINDOWS AND DOORS

This Canadian firm provided our windows and doors with a generous discount.

I.B.E.W #110



The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers #110 offered a charitable grant for the labor.

HALVERSON CONCRETE



Darin Schlueter worked with Cemstone to get the best possible price on the foundation and floors.

SYNERGY PRODUCTS



Windows • Doors • Cabinets

This Minnetonka distributor added another discount to our Loewen windows and doors order.

COLLINS ELECTRICAL



Collins Electrical is working with the I.B.E.W. #110 on the electrical work.

CEMSTONE



Cemstone provided all the concrete for the walls, floors, and porch at a charitable discount.

LYMAN LUMBER



Lyman Lumber is providing high quality lumber, siding, and custom trusses at a charitable discount.

RIVARD STONE



Rivard Stone will supply the natural stone for the retaining walls at a charitable discount.

THANK YOU

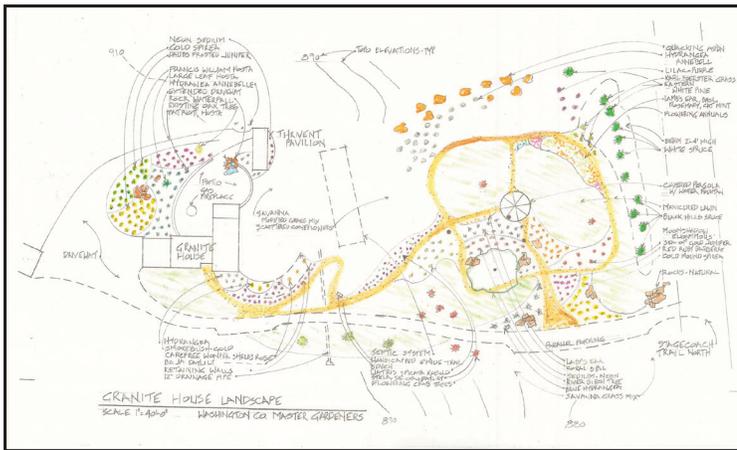
LARSON PLUMBING



Larson is one of our sources from Habitat and is doing our plumbing and HVAC needs with a charitable discount.

FOR YOUR SUPPORT

COMING NEXT YEAR: THE GRANITE HOUSE SENSORY GARDEN



We are fortunate to be designated a Washington County Master Gardener project. This group of volunteers is busy this year planning the gardens around the house for our resident patio. In addition, our two-acre field will be transformed into a wheelchair-accessible community sensory garden, to be open to anyone in the community who uses a wheelchair. Winding paths and a variety of garden elements will be used in the design. Note the Thruvent Pavilion in the drawing near the house. With grant funds from Thruvent Community-Landmark, we will build an accessible screened pavilion, down a path from the front patio, with a view to the lower gardens.

Any type of garden is designed to stimulate the senses. In a sensory garden, plants and other design elements are

selected to provide experiences for heightened sight, smell, hearing, touch, and taste. People with disabilities can achieve benefits physically, mentally, or spiritually by experiencing a variety of plants and elements. Individuals with sensory impairment may have enhanced perception in their other senses. Sensory gardens can serve as beautiful places to relax, reflect, and inspire. Simply being in a garden near plants and nature can help to reduce stress, signs of depression, and improve self-esteem.

Our Master Gardeners are selecting plantings based on **color, texture and fragrance**, and will utilize raised garden beds in some areas to place plantings where our visitors can have direct access to them. Volunteers and therapists may assist the residents in wheelchairs along the winding paths, and may use practical skills of planting and watering to achieve goals of movement and balance.



EXAMPLES OF PLANTINGS BY PURPOSE

Visual & Color

Flowering Crab Trees, Hydrangeas, Black-eyed Susan, Daisies, annuals, painted surfaces

Sound & Movement

Plantings

Quaking Aspen, tall wild grasses, butterfly garden

Other elements

Water feature, wind chimes, kinetic sculptures, textured pathways

Smell

Lilac, Lily of the Valley, cedar wood chips

Herbs

cat mint, rosemary, lavender, basil

Touch

Tree bark, soft lamb's ear, feathery native grasses, delicate ferns

Taste

Edible plants or vegetables

Read the story on page two about our fall event at Royal Golf Club on Nov 14, to kick off our garden project.

Come to see progress on the house and find opportunities to participate with garden installation by dedicating a sponsored tree, bringing plant divisions, or funding a bench, water feature or other element. The installation will be a multi-year project and will always need volunteers. We will partner with Community Thread in Stillwater and would welcome your help.



CAROL'S NOTE: It's so exciting to see the plans come to life! It has been an unexpected blessing to have such generosity from our construction partners and our donors this year. We're gratified that once Granite House is open next spring and the four beds are filled, it will be a sustainable operation, with donor funds being used only to improve the quality of life for the residents and staff. This will include group music therapy, a subsidy for families to provide individual massage therapy, and special events for families and staff. As a nonprofit we can turn any surplus funds back into the home and also provide better benefits for the staff, knowing they are the key to a quality experience for everyone. Many thanks to all of you who have believed in our mission.