

**PROGRESS AT THE PROPERTY**  
2114 Stagecoach Trail · Stillwater, MN 55082



**Summer 2015:** Tom Insley clearing the building site with his excavator, pulling stumps and moving brush off the property. Construction will begin this summer.



**Fall 2015:** From architect Brian Larson, a view of Granite House from the driveway. The porches are above the garages, bedrooms are behind on the left, and you can see the great room on the hill. Your donations are helping create the perfect plan for our residents, which can be used again if another house is needed.



**Fall 2014:** Anna Bohnen, the future nursing director of Granite House, learning how to use a chain saw with Tom Insley's help.



What a year it has been! Who would have guessed that by this time we'd be close to groundbreaking! Many thanks to our board, our partners, our volunteers, and especially our donors, who have made it possible to pay the bills during our pre-construction startup phase. This journey has been a real learning curve, with licensing, legal, and marketing, but we are all energized and the inertia is moving us forward. Once the plans are finished, the next phase will be to purchase the equipment and furnishings for the house. We expect to be fully sustainable once we are up and running, but

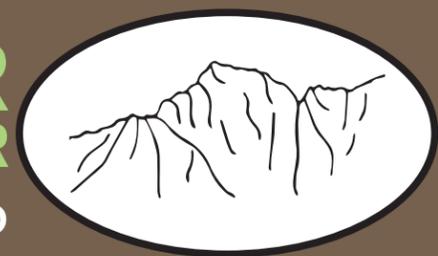
we still need your support this summer. Families like mine understand our vision and are joining my support group. Our partners are encouraging us to build this community residence for adults and fill this need. With your help our dream will become a reality. Thank you.

*Carol Insley*

Carol Insley  
Founder, Board Chair, and Aaron's mom

# GRANITE HOUSE

**DONOR NEWSLETTER**  
Spring 2016



For our donors, volunteers, and partners on our journey

## Your donations make a difference

### Milestones reached with startup fund

- Minnesota state incorporation July 24, 2014
- Website launched Dec 23, 2014
- Brochure mailing May 1, 2015
- Video live on website, YouTube and Facebook July 12, 2015
- Federal tax-exempt status 501(c)(3) granted Oct 8, 2015
- Announcement cards for fall fundraising mailed Nov 1, 2015
- Received first CAD drawings from architect Nov 12, 2015
- Minnesota sales tax-exempt status approved Jan 26, 2016

### Your gifts at work

**2014 - 2015 EXPENSES**  
Total expenses \$32,000

**MARKETING/AWARENESS \$7,900**

Printing, website hosting, promotional video, advertising

**FUNDRAISING \$9,400**

Grant research, proposals

**ADMINISTRATION \$3,800**

Insurance, training materials, software, office supplies

**PROFESSIONAL FEES \$10,900**

Legal, accounting, architectural, land survey



**The Granite House Board of Directors for 2014-2016:**

**Front, L to R:** Carol Insley, board chair; Kirk Dahl, DDS, board vice-chair; Anna Bohnen, RN, secretary; Tom Insley, treasurer  
**Back, L to R:** Lucas Gahler; Donna Koning, MD; MN Rep. Kathy Lohmer  
Also pictured: Andree Aronson, funds developer



**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 June 2014 - Dec 2015

### Summit donors

Larry Cutler  
Katherine Dunn  
Karl Hanson  
Donald and Pat Insley  
Glen Insley  
\*Thomas and Carol Insley  
Gladys and Frank Ritter  
\*Winifred Tegge  
Anonymous

### Peak donors

\*Kirk and Carla Dahl  
\*Lynn Grogan  
Kathleen Lohmer  
\*Mike and Mimi Moss  
\*Joan Rothfuss  
James Voegli

### Plateau donors

\*Gary and Kathy Baribeau  
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Greg and Diane Karp  
\*Elizabeth and Tom Linker  
Krystal Long  
Kathleen Peleski  
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Michael Runge

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### Meadows donors

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Anonymous donors

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Beth Schraeder  
Amy Stocker  
Kimberly Warshaw  
Susan and Don Young

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### **INCOME SOURCES**

Total income \$65,900

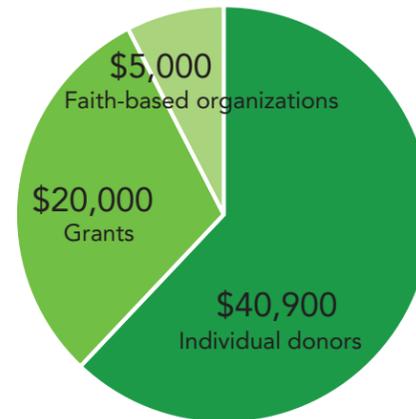
#### **INDIVIDUAL DONORS \$40,900**

Cash or check, online donations and gifts of stock

#### **GRANTS \$20,000**

Matching grants, foundation grants

#### **FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS \$5,000**



### TRIBUTE GIFTS:

Jo Borchers:  
Lynn and Pete Grogan:  
Carol and Tom Insley:  
Dorothy Rogers:  
Mary Jo Sandretsky:  
Winifred Tegge:  
Kimberly Warshaw:  
Anonymous:

*In honor of the Insley family*  
*In memory of Bob Arey*  
*In honor of Aaron*  
*In memory of Jeff Johnson*  
*Dedicated to Wayne Thell*  
*In memory of Richard Insley*  
*Dedicated to Eric Warshaw of Virginia Beach*  
*In honor of Carol and Tom Insley*

### GRANTS/FOUNDATIONS

Christ Lutheran Church, Lake Elmo  
Kay Clint Fund for Emerging Needs  
Landmark Community of Thrivent Financial

### IN-KIND DONATIONS

Zach Peterson Productions  
Larson Architects, LLC

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS Walk For Thought teams 2014 & 2015

Andree Aronson  
Dena Belisle  
Leann Bjelle  
Greg Boettner  
Anna Bohnen  
Mark Bohnen  
Carolyn Briol  
Cheryl Burch-Schoff  
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Katie Corbett  
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Lisa Cortez  
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Heather Serier  
Amy Stocker  
Winifred Tegge  
Jeff Virant  
Katherine Woodard

Thank you for supporting the MN Brain Injury Alliance on our Granite House Team! Your gifts go to programs for families across the state.

We are so touched by the generosity of our friends, neighbors, family, and even strangers. The last few days of the year were exciting as we watched our last-minute donors come through with checks, on PayPal, and donations of stock. A special thank you to the anonymous donor on our GiveMN site who made a generous gift, dedicated to our family, and allowed us to reach the full amount of the Thrivent match. It warms our hearts to know you are out there.

 Carol and Tom Insley, parents of Aaron

## MOVING FORWARD WITH OUR GOALS

**SUPPORT:** Our family support group meets monthly at the Marjorie McKneely Conservatory at Como.



**Jan 2015:** Joan Rothfuss and Carol Insley by the sunken gardens in the Conservatory, at the first family support group. Since then our group has grown by two new members.

**HOUSING:** Licensing, plans, fundraising to provide a better long-term care option for young adults who would otherwise spend decades in institutions.



**Sept 2015: visit from the MN Dept. of Human Services**  
**L to R:** Rep. Kathy Lohmer, Carol Insley, board members; Alex Bartolic, Director of Disability Services Division, and Assistant Commissioner Jennifer DeCubellis, Community Supports Administration at the DHS. Seated is Aaron Insley.

**ADVOCACY:** Raising awareness about severe brain injury within the health care and brain injury communities, and among the general public.



**Sept 2015:** Granite House team at the Walk for Thought, the annual fundraiser for the Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance. A big thank you to our supporters for raising \$2,700 for brain injury programs and services!

## Granite House still needs your support

### Special needs for our residents

- Ceiling lifts in bedrooms and in therapy areas
- Roll-in shower and hydrotherapy tub
- Wheelchair swing and exercise equipment
- Residential elevator to get to the therapy level
- Standby generator for those Minnesota storms
- Seating for family, visitors, and therapists
- Support for massage therapy for residents
- Ongoing funding for group music therapy
- Salt water aquarium, fish, and monthly upkeep
- Sensory Garden for our residents:

Thrivent matching grant for gazebo, plus plans for walkways, plants, trees.

More in our next newsletter!

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