

# GRANITE HOUSE

## DONOR NEWSLETTER

Spring 2017



For our donors, volunteers, and partners on our journey

### YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

June 2014 – Dec 2016

#### STARTUP EXPENSES BEFORE GROUNDBREAKING

##### TOTAL EXPENSES

**\$62,400**

##### MARKETING/AWARENESS

**\$10,500**

Printing, mailings, website hosting

##### FUNDRAISING

**\$10,400**

Grants, events

##### ADMINISTRATION

**\$8,700**

Insurance, office supplies, processing fees, training

##### PROFESSIONAL FEES

**\$32,800**

Legal, accounting, architect



## We did it with your help!

Groundbreaking Ceremony April 29, 2017

We had a beautiful clear day for our celebration. Friends and supporters attended our program and cheered as the board members and partners took the first ceremonial shovel of soil at the site. Just as we made the first dig, a bald eagle flew directly overhead, a blessing for our mission.



**From left:** Dan Kylo, West Lakeland Township Chairman; Lucas Gahler, board; Anna Bohnen, RN, board; Todd Gillingham, Thrivent Financial; Donna Koning, MD, board; MN Rep. Kathy Lohmer; Tom Insley, board; Carol Insley, board; Kirk Dahl, DDS, board; Frank Ritter, MD, board.

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

## Update to our board of directors



**From left:** Carol Insley; Kirk Dahl, DDS; Anna Bohnen, RN; and Tom Insley.  
**Back:** Frank Ritter, MD; Lucas Gahler; and Donna Koning, MD.

We said goodbye to MN Rep. Kathy Lohmer in July 2016 and welcomed Dr. Frank J. Ritter to our board. With our strong team of medical experts, we are writing our policy and procedures documents and creating handbooks for staff and the families we will serve. Kathy will continue to be our board member emeritus and provide consultation and support.

**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 July – December 2016

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Thrivent Choice Dollars\*  
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## IN-KIND DONATIONS

45 Degrees  
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Floyd Anderson  
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Kaz Turner-Brylinski  
*Todd B. Turner, Jr.*

## INCOME SOURCES

JUNE 2014 – DEC 2016

TOTAL INCOME

**\$138,800**

INDIVIDUAL DONORS

**\$99,300**

Cash or check, online donations,  
gifts of stock

GRANTS

**\$12,700**

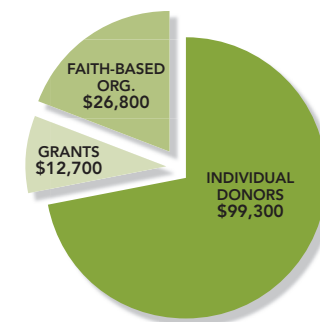
Matching grants, foundation grants

FAITH-BASED

ORGANIZATIONS

**\$26,800**

Churches, organizations



## WALK FOR THOUGHT - SEPT 17

Our Granite House friends came out for the 2016 Walk for Thought, the annual fundraiser for the Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance. We had a great day at the new location, Long Lake Regional Park in New Brighton, MN. **Our team has raised over \$3,000 in just three years.**

Volunteers and donors at this year's event:

Carolyn Briol  
The Corbett family  
Kirk & Carla Dahl  
Devin Evers  
Mary Fruetel  
Lucas & Claire Gahler  
Tom & Carol Insley  
Joan Rothfuss  
Jenn Schmidt  
Anthony Wong



Sept 2016: Our team at the Walk for Thought



# OUR PARTNERS FOR SUCCESS – THRIVENT, HABITAT & YOU

## CAMROSE HILL FUNDRAISER: Oct 16, 2016

*Sponsored by our partners  
at Thrivent Community-Landmark*

What a beautiful fall outing we had at the Camrose Hill Flower Farm! Our Thrivent Community-Landmark hosts worked all summer to plan this event, and thanks to their generosity, all of the proceeds went to the Granite House startup fund. Our guests enjoyed the lovely gardens at the farm and bid on a wide variety of items in our silent auction. We enjoyed music, a fabulous buffet, and our program, featuring author and playwright Kevin Kling. His unique storytelling had us alternately laughing and thoughtfully thinking about people with disabilities. Thanks to all our donors who came or sent their gifts in support.



Thrivent Community-Landmark



Our speaker, Kevin Kling

## PIONEER PRESS STORY

August 7, 2016



From left: Carol, Aaron and Tom Insley at home  
(Photo courtesy of Jean Pieri, Pioneer Press)

The story of Granite House was beautifully told by Mary Divine in a front-page article. She captured the personal story of the Insley family, tracing the creation of the nonprofit and our mission. The article reached many families who have experienced brain injury and resulted in new donors, offers of help with the residence, and new families for our support group. Go to the NEWS tab on the website for a link to the online story and photos.

## SUPPORT GROUP GROWS

With the publicity from the story in the Pioneer Press and simply word of mouth, our support group has grown. We welcome anyone who is caring for or supporting a friend or family member with cognition deficits who needs a high level of care. Please contact Carol at 651-436-4422 or [carol@granitehousemn.org](mailto:carol@granitehousemn.org) for details.



From left: Our support group at Camrose Hill  
Joan Rothfuss, Karen Turner, and Carol Insley

## TWIN CITIES HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

*Sharing their gifts of time and talent*



In order to maximize our resources, we will be partnering on the construction with Habitat. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to work with this prominent nonprofit organization to build a unique "habitat" for our residents. Chad Bouley, Vice President of Homebuilding for Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, has referred their list of trusted subcontractors and suppliers to us. Chad has also offered to act as our construction management

consultant. Tom Insley will work with Chad as the project manager in addition to representing Granite House as their general contractor. With Chad and Tom donating their time, and Granite House acting as the general contractor, we expect some significant savings on the project. We will also be looking for volunteer help for aspects that can accommodate the build.



**CAROL'S NOTE:** It has been nearly three years since Tom, Anna and I – the three founders – sat at our kitchen table and decided to start Granite House. It is so exciting to finally be starting on construction of the residence. We are grateful to our donors and partners for getting us this far. We are in the home stretch – but we still need your help! Because Granite House is a nonprofit, any surplus funds will go back into the house to enhance the quality of life for our residents, their families, and the staff. Granite House will be a place for families to heal and a very special place for our community to be involved. Thank you all for believing in our mission.

## PROGRESS AT THE PROPERTY • 2114 Stagecoach Trail North, Stillwater, MN



**BREAKING GROUND:** Some of our generous neighbors on Stagecoach Trail are donating their efforts to Granite House. The excavation will begin May 4 and will be donated by Miller Excavating, with the rock and sand being donated by Aggregate Industries. We also anticipate charitable considerations from several more of our contractors and suppliers, some of them being referred to us by Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity. We hope to have the house “dried in” – windows and doors installed – by the end of June. Watch for updates on our Facebook page and the BUILDING tab on the website.

**IN OUR NEXT ISSUE:** The Washington County Master Gardeners will help to design and install a wheelchair-accessible community sensory garden next year on the Granite House property. It will be a beautiful natural space designed for everyone in the wheelchair community to enjoy. Find out soon how you can be part of this exciting project.

**At left:** Granite House board members and partners at groundbreaking ceremony

## PROGRESS ON OUR STARTUP FUNDING

Home elevator	\$25,000	GOT IT!
Bedroom flooring	\$10,000	GOT IT!
Therapy bath	\$10,000	GOT IT!
Standby generator	\$20,000	GOT IT!
Fire suppression	\$15,000	– NEED IT!
Bedroom lifts	\$34,000	– NEED IT!
Therapy lifts	\$16,000	– NEED IT!
Window upgrade	\$20,000	– WANT IT!
Roof upgrade	\$30,000	– WANT IT!



Ceiling lifts in each bedroom and in the therapy areas are vital to the safety and comfort of our residents. Nursing homes use large lifts called “Hoyers” which require two people and are difficult on some floor surfaces. Ceiling lifts can be easily operated by one aide, can be maneuvered into any part of the room, and are safer for both the patient and the operator.

Fire suppression sprinklers will be installed on both levels to ensure that in an emergency, there is time to get all of our residents to safety. With wheelchair access to the outdoors on both levels, this meets fire code and ensures safety for all, and Bayport Fire & Rescue is only three miles away on Stagecoach Trail.

## JOIN THE GRANITE HOUSE TEAM

### VOLUNTEER THIS SUMMER!

Please help us make Granite House a reality. We can use whatever talents you have. Expert at taping windows to prep for painting? Know how to install rubber flooring? We’d like to use your expertise. Short on construction skills? No problem. We need materials movers and job site sweepers. Cooks can bring us lunches, photographers can help us document our progress on Facebook, and bargain hunters can help us find affordable kitchen appliances. Downsizing? We can use donations of furniture and household items. Email Carol Insley at [carol@granitehousemn.org](mailto:carol@granitehousemn.org) or call us at 651-436-4422 to get on the volunteer contact list.

### BECOME ONE OF OUR CARE PROVIDERS!

Do you know someone who would like to earn better than average pay with benefits working at Granite House? We will be starting our talent search this summer and will need full-time and part-time staff, all shifts. It will be a beautiful and caring job setting with great rewards in helping our residents and their families. Email Carol Insley at [carol@granitehousemn.org](mailto:carol@granitehousemn.org) or call 651-436-4422 for details.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Over half our donors are friends, co-workers, or family of our board of directors. We would like to broaden our donor base, so please share our newsletter with your circle of friends. Many of our contacts have been personally touched by brain injury. Why not start a conversation with your friends and tell them about our mission? You may find that people you see every day know someone who has been affected by this diagnosis. More than one third of our donors have made more than one gift, and one in seven has made a gift of \$1,000 or more. Now that we have broken ground and our dream is becoming a reality, we need your help more than ever. Thank you for your support. We will make you proud.