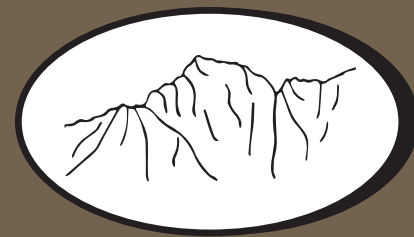


GRANITE HOUSE

DONOR NEWSLETTER

Spring 2020



For our donors, volunteers, and partners on our journey

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

June 2014 – Dec 2019

EXPENSES FROM DONOR FUNDS

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 205,700

RESIDENT SENSORY PROGRAMS

\$12,700

Music therapy, sensory, gardens, décor, comforts for residents

MARKETING/AWARENESS & FUNDRAISING

\$26,800

Printing, mailings, email, website, events, grant applications

ADMINISTRATION & PROFESSIONAL FEES

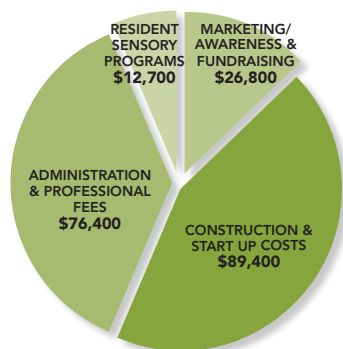
\$76,400

Insurance, office supplies, legal, accounting, architect

CONSTRUCTION & STARTUP COSTS

\$89,400

Permits, materials, lifts, elevator, staff recruit/hire/train, startup household items and supplies



A WARM AND COZY WINTER AT GRANITE HOUSE



It was warm and cozy this winter at Granite House, with beautiful decorations and the spirit of the season. Amber and Tom cut down a very tall tree which was donated by our West Lakeland neighbors, Blackwood Nursery. Our neighbor Phyllis donated her snow village collection and with stockings hung and presents under the tree, it was a very happy Christmas season for the staff, the residents, and their families.

GRANITE HOUSE has built a 24-hour community residence in Stillwater, Minnesota, for the long-term care of younger adults with severe and permanent brain injury who might otherwise be in a nursing home.



SURVIVING & THRIVING

Many thanks to our wonderful, caring staff who have helped us through the COVID-19 pandemic. We have been closed to visitors, including families, while the staff provides extra attention and sensory time. Anna and Amber keep everyone updated, provide specialized training, and make sure that staff are screened before any contact with the residents. Masks made by a resident's mom are still being worn as we look forward to the end of this period of restrictions.

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 - December 2019

SUMMIT DONORS

Cathy & Rick Arnfelt*
Nancy Baker & family*
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TRIBUTE GIFTS

Gift by | In memory of

Cathy & Rick Arnfelt

11 GIFTS

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Geraldine Flackey
Katherine (Kitty) Larson
Gladys Martin
Dwayne Merrick
John Rogers Resh
Ed Stone
Tracy Swanberg
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Raymond Yager

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Jim Burns

Chuck Proulx

Dolores Stocker

Dorothy Rogers

2 GIFTS

Claudia Tillet
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Richard Insley

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Marjorie Strate

Richard Bol

Gift by | In honor of

Candy & Robert Arey

2 GIFTS

All who made
Granite House possible
Carol/Tom Insley

Lynn Grogan

2 GIFTS

Judy & Creighton Ballard
Clark & Shirley Choi Grogan

Nancy Prince

The Insley Family

Marilyn Varchetto

Gladys Ritter

Ronald & Marilyn Varchetto

Frank & Gladys Ritter

DONATIONS IN HONOR OF MARK VOTAVA'S BIRTHDAY

For Spencer Baker's 2020 Eagle Scout project, the deck & wheelchair swing for Granite House

Nancy Baker & family
John Benz
Terry Bozek
Michael & Sheri Helmbrecht Dahlke
Keven & Frances Fisher
David Franta
Peggy Franklin
Mina Good
Edward & Kathy Gorman
Nancy & Dan Klausner
Randel & Mary Maxwell
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Doug & LaRae Paulson
Bruce Penning
Chuck Proulx
Amanda Rupp
Naften Sadoff
Thomas & Kristine Slater
Mark & Vivian Votava
Dale Weihe
Anonymous
Total donated: \$3,370
Goal: \$5,000
Still need: \$1,630

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Total for year: \$2056
Many thanks to these Thrivent Financial clients who designated Granite House for their Thrivent Choice Dollars in 2019:
Dianne & Randel Brink
Dinja Frye
Carmen & Keith Goettsch
Mina Good
Bonnie Kennett
Cherryl Rose
William Stoffregen
Loretta Tobin
Kim Watson



IN-KIND DONATIONS

Blackwood Nursery
Phyllis Anderson

*Repeat Donor

REMINDER:

We no longer have our P.O. Box in Bayport, so all mail should go to the house. Thank you!

INCOME SOURCES

June 2014 – Dec 2019

TOTAL INCOME

\$271,900

INDIVIDUAL DONORS

\$210,500

Cash or check, gifts of stock, online donations

GRANTS

\$28,200

Matching grants, foundations

FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

\$33,200

Churches, organizations

DONOR EXPENSES UPDATE

With our first full year behind us, our annual GIFTS AT WORK charts on the front page of our spring newsletter will reflect only those expenses that have been and continue to be funded by our donors. The Construction & Startup costs are behind us now, and those numbers will not change. Our Fundraising focus shifted from events and grant-writing to direct contact with our donors through our printed newsletter, facebook page, and our new monthly e-newsletter. Administration and Professional Fees will also decrease. Now that we are operational, we are using donor funds for special Resident Programs, such as music therapy, our sensory program, special events and decor for residents and staff, and our outdoor gardens. Programs are only a small part of the chart right now, as we were in startup mode for four years and serving residents for just one year. Watch as our programs expand, thanks to your support. We are so grateful to all of you who have believed in us, supported us, come to our events, and celebrated with us. We would not be here without you!

Carol

UPDATES & FEATURES



FEATURED: ANNA, OUR NURSING DIRECTOR

Our residents are thriving in our beautiful home, thanks to Anna! She wears many hats at Granite House, but her priorities are the health and well-being of our residents and training on their cares. She is often seen doing hands-on cares with the residents. Anna was one of the founders of the nonprofit in 2014, and her vision of this caring place was the inspiration for its creation. She has a lot of responsibility to ensure compliance with our state and county licensors and works with the resident families to create care plans that provide the highest quality of life for them. Anna is a registered nurse and has years of experience working in group homes and assisted living/memory care facilities. Being a caregiver is a passion of hers as she loves developing relationships with residents and their families. She also enjoys spending time with her family outside (husband Mark, daughter Natalia, 6, and son Carson, 3, along with dogs Greta and Archie and her cat Stella). Anna enjoys watching T.V. shows, crafting/decorating, doing yard work and much more.



FEATURED: RICH, LEAD CAREGIVER

Introducing Rich, a charter member of the Granite House staff, who serves as both our lead caregiver on the evening shift and the maintenance coordinator at the house. We were all fortunate to bring him on board with the managers during the summer of 2018 as we completed the interior work on the house, making good use of his 20 years of experience in carpentry. Rich left a lasting mark on the project by using his skills as a finish carpenter to install baseboard and interior door trim, hang doors and consult with the work. As the maintenance coordinator, Rich is the person staff members call for daily fix-it questions and is also responsible for any seasonal and scheduled household tasks. Rich has prior experience working in group homes and enjoys providing one-on-one care. He can be found in the afternoons in the great room or on the porch reading aloud to the residents. His current hobby is fixing up his home to sell and he looks forward to a summer wedding this year. Rich says that the best part of his job at Granite House is to see the residents smile.



FEATURED DONOR

Cathy's Music Studio in Lake Elmo is owned and operated by Cathy Arnfelt. She is pictured here (far left) with her neighbors, Granite House founders Tom and Carol Insley, with a locally made *Reverie Harp* she presented to us when we opened. Our Music Therapist, Julie, uses the harp during her sessions, and it sounds like angel music—so relaxing and beautiful. Since 2016, Cathy and her husband, Rick, have led the fundraising campaign for our Music Therapy Program. One snowy day last December, Cathy even came to Granite House with her keyboard and played holiday music for the residents and staff as she does at Lakeview Hospital. How fortunate we are to have such talented and generous neighbors! Thank you, Cathy, for bringing music to us every day.



NEW BOARD MEMBER

We welcome Larry Cutler, a long-time Granite House friend.

Larry volunteered for insulation duty and cleanup days during construction and has been a generous donor since our early years. He joins us as a member of our board of directors. His bio is on the website.



UPDATE: WHEELCHAIR SWING PROJECT

Fundraising for the new deck and wheelchair swing got a big boost last fall with Spencer Baker's friends and family, who donated generously to his Eagle Scout project. With \$3370 raised so far, he is hoping to raise another \$1630 to purchase materials and the swing. We encourage our own donors to designate a gift to help Spencer's project and benefit our residents. He plans to be finished by early fall so the swing can be enjoyed before winter. Thank you again, we appreciate your support!

MISSION
Provide support and hope to individuals and families living with severe and permanent brain injury.

PURPOSE
Provide an environment and social interactions that enrich the lives of individuals with severe brain injury.

GOALS
Support: for caregiving families
Advocacy: for this population
Housing: a home style alternative

A place for families to heal

WEBSITE RE-LAUNCHED, FEBRUARY 2020

Have you looked at the Granite House website lately? It is new and fresh, with current photos of the house, our four residents and the staff. Read about our beginnings, our mission, and our founders and leaders. View a slide show about construction and a list of our partners. Download our publications and follow links to news articles about Granite House and information about brain injury. Check out our current career openings and how to make a tax-exempt gift.

www.granitehousemn.org



HARDSCAPE AND LANDSCAPE

Late last fall, Tom completed the first (and largest) stone retaining wall on the lower level entry. This year's projects have begun with roofing and siding on the utility shed to match the house. The wall by the garage is next, using the same large stones as in front, followed by finish grading and landscaping. He will also be part of Spencer's deck crew to complete that project by fall. Many thanks to Tom for yet another summer of full-time volunteer work with his own equipment.



NOTE FROM THE STAFF

Staff at Granite House have not let COVID-19 dampen their spirits. They have been bringing the residents outside as much as possible when the weather allows. They are enjoying planting seeds to start an outdoor garden so the residents can eat home grown veggies and herbs. It has been fun to be painting fingernails with bright spring colors. We are all busy getting resident rooms ready for warmer weather by boxing up winter clothes to make room for spring/summer clothing and putting screens back on windows to enjoy fresh spring air. It's great to see the trees around the property finally starting to bud. Staff will be incorporating sensory activities that can be done outside or on the porch, including flowers, bubbles, and reading. We all look forward to warm days with families and friends together again.

Anna

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