

GRANITE HOUSE

DONOR NEWSLETTER

Spring 2024



For our donors, volunteers, and partners on our journey

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

June 2014 – Dec 2023
EXPENSES FROM
DONOR FUNDS

TOTAL EXPENSES
\$328,400



RESIDENT SENSORY
PROGRAMS/GARDENS
\$103,900

*Music therapy, sensory, gardens,
décor, resident and staff programs*

MARKETING/AWARENESS
& FUNDRAISING
\$34,300

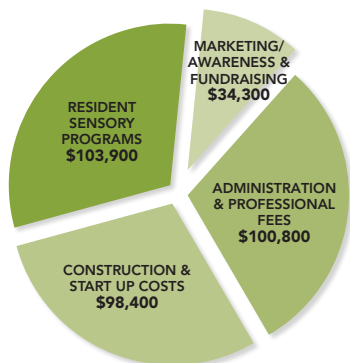
*Printing, mailings, email, website,
events, grant applications*

ADMINISTRATION &
PROFESSIONAL FEES
\$100,800

*Insurance, office supplies,
legal, accounting, architect*

CONSTRUCTION &
STARTUP COSTS
\$98,400

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

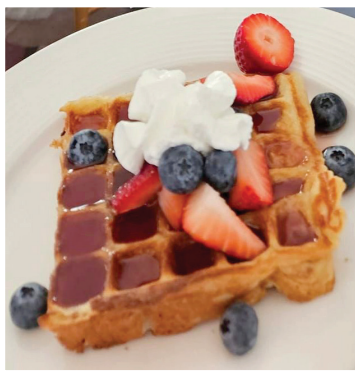


— LOOK WHO CAME TO GRANITE HOUSE! — BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, DECEMBER 23



Breakfast with Santa was enjoyed by the residents, their families, and the staff. It's the beginning of a new tradition; a time for gathering, sharing some fabulous food, and taking lots of photos with the big guy. Look on the last page for more photos and stories from late fall and winter events with the staff and residents, and inside for the annual Honor Roll of Donors.

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. Purpose-built with community support, it opened in November 2018.



GOT WAFFLES?

We had so much fun with our weekend waffles this winter! First, with Santa and friends, and then for our first Valentine's Day breakfast. We had all of the resident families, plus some caregivers with their children. It made it feel like one big family gathering, with a couple of dogs getting attention, hugs and a few table scraps here and there. Tom even tried a gluten-free recipe this time, with excellent results.

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.

ANNUAL HONOR ROLL OF DONORS January - December 2023

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DONOR PROFILE

June 2014 – Dec 2023

TOTAL INCOME FROM DONATIONS

\$547,900

INDIVIDUAL DONORS

\$458,800

Cash or check, gifts of stock, online donations

GRANTS

\$48,300

Matching grants, foundations

FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

\$40,800

Churches, organizations

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Gerald Varchetto



A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Our quarterly board meetings are always engaging and our discussions lively. At our first meeting of this year, Amber gave a site report on the activities, successes and needs of the house. We are so proud of her and Grace for seeing us through a tough couple of years and showing enthusiasm as well as fortitude. The outpouring of support from our donors, partners and friends in the past year was greater than any single year since our opening five years ago. The list itself is impressive, and the longer list of tributes shows that our donors believe in our mission and want to honor those with their generosity. On behalf of the board, a sincere thank you for your faith in what we are doing, and your support for our mission. We are indebted to you and strive to meet your expectations.

thank you!

Carol



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TRIBUTE GIFT MEMORIALS

Gift by | In memory of

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Bonnie & Jan Reyers
Dorothy Rogers
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Janet Sterk
Renee Stevens
Amy Stocker & Ron Satkiewicz
Karen & Douglas Stoltzmann
Maureen Tumulty
Robert & Vicki Valente
Jeff Virant
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**Does your employer match gifts
for a 501c3 charity?**



KAITLIN FEATURED CAREGIVER

When a new caregiver comes to Granite House with special training and experience, everyone benefits. Kaitlin joined us in the summer of 2022 during a gap year between school and career, and for an entire year, we had our very own full-time Physical Therapist. She helped our residents with special techniques for stretching and positioning for comfort and recovery. She also instructed our staff in proper use of hands-on Range of Motion exercises.

Kaitlin grew up in Maplewood, MN and her extended family includes our own Amber and Melissa, her first cousins. Kaitlin attended St. Catherine University, receiving her Bachelors in Exercise and Sport Science with a minor in Psychology. She continued at St. Catherine as part of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, graduating in 2022. Her year at Granite House was an opportunity to use her skills, share her nurturing instincts, and prepare for a career as a Physical Therapist (PT).

As of late fall 2023, Kaitlin has been working as a travel Physical Therapist, taking 13-week rotations at various facilities to gain experience and travel the country. She hopes to continue this path for a few years until she can find the right fit for a full-time position. Kaitlin's dog Jax has also been part of Granite House since 2022, and whenever Kaitlin is in town and picks up shifts, Jax comes along to see his friends. They joined us for our Breakfast with Santa in December.

Kaitlin hopes to one day open her own clinic with her sister, who is also a PT. The best thing about Granite House, she says, is the family feeling from staff, the residents, and the families of the residents. Kaitlin has gained a unique perspective into healthcare and caregiving to bring to her career. It has never felt like work, she says, with love and laughter, and wonderful people working together.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

**Total for 2023:
\$549**

**Thanks to these
Thrivent Clients
who designated**

**Granite House for their
Thrivent Choice Dollars:**

Djina Frye*
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HALLOWEEN AT GRANITE HOUSE

The call went out for the families to bring in costumes, and the result was fabulous! We had a cute Dalmatian puppy, a 1960's flower child, and a lobster, with big claw mitts.



FALL FUN AT COUNTRY SUN FARM

Everyone on staff wants to sign up for this fun annual event in Lake Elmo. This year, Grace and her baby came, as well as some of the resident family members. The best parts are always the animals and the corn pit, plus just getting out on a beautiful late fall day.



GILLETTE WALK & ROLL EVENT

We came out to support this event at the Vikings training center and were greeted by many who saw our Granite House team shirts. It was great to connect with caregivers, providers and others served by Gillette. Plus, they had an ice cream truck!



VALENTINE'S DAY BRUNCH

All the resident families came for a relaxing waffle brunch. It was so nice for the families to get together and visit. Grace came with her husband and baby Kashton, who spread smiles everywhere. Tom made his special homemade waffles with sausage.

NOTE FROM THE STAFF

As we get back outside on our beautiful property, we are reminded that it was just ten years ago this summer that Granite House was founded, and this piece of woods claimed for our home. So much has happened since then, and many people have come through our doors as donors, caregivers, and residents. We are proud to make this place our own, and it is a privilege to work with such an amazing group of people. Our staff make every day new and promising, looking for that spark that shows us our residents are happy to be here and that they feel safe, in their own home. In spite of the turnover in residents and staff, our core group is strong and we have a common mission. Many thanks to everyone who supports our efforts and takes pride in what we do.

Amber and Grace



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