Sue's Thoughts

I do love my job here at Dallas Retirement Village as the Development Director for our Foundation. In the almost four years since I began this position I have learned the ins and outs of development work in a retirement community, applied the many lessons I’ve learned and feel that we are in a good position to launch our first capital campaign. Dallas Retirement Village is ready to expand ~ offering new independent living apartments which include some amazing amenities. The Foundation has been challenged to raise $350,000 to build the new “lodge” event center here on campus. The Foundation Board of Directors and Resident Council are excited to engage the support of our residents, their families and the community to help us with this endeavor through planning committees, fundraising efforts and to help us celebrate this next phase of DRV.

If you want to jump on board during the beginning stages of this project to offer your insight and knowledge – contact me directly as soon as possible. If you know this is a project you would support and want to help us meet our goal - you can make a donation today! We have a gracious money match – dollar for dollar up to $50,000! One meaningful way to give is to buy a square foot of the new center ($175) as a donation in honor or in memory of someone you know who lives or lived here at DRV. Donations to Dallas Retirement Foundation are tax-deductible to the extent permissible by law. I look forward to hearing from you! Respectfully yours ~ Sue
Sometimes we find ourselves in a situation where prayer is our only hope. This was true for a long-standing resident of Dallas Retirement Village Apartments. Three years ago we had a resident who was facing the possibility of being moved out of her home where she had lived for nearly 11 years. This sweet lady and her late husband planned for their retirement years – no question they saved, invested and lived conservatively; however, the final dividends from the husband's retirement and investments left this resident with only her social security; which simply wasn't sufficient to pay rent and provide for even the most basic needs. Well her only course of action was to pray. She completely trusted that the Lord would provide! She giggled with delight the day I met her and offered that the Dallas Retirement Foundation would stand in the gap for her rent so she could stay in her home. She kept saying over and over “Oh our God is good … He answered my prayers at just the right moment”. Over the years I would meet with her and review her situation. I treasured each of these meetings as she would impart wisdom about how to live simply with gratitude. She would tell me that society today has too much abundance and that she was content with God's blessing in her life. This dear resident would tell me stories about growing up in a family where she was one of nine children in the mid-west. She owned one house dress for everyday wear and one nicer dress for church, and that was plenty, and she was grateful for those dresses.

Being able to stay in her home here at Dallas Retirement Village was a blessing and she found ways to pay it forward by being a blessing to many on campus. She lead exercise classes and was a good neighbor and friend to so many here on campus.

On June 18, 2014 my friend went home to be with the Lord. Her family has expressed their appreciation for the help over the years that allowed her to stay in her home and here on campus. The Foundation benevolence fund was established for just this type of situation and stands ready to help the next person who finds himself or herself praying for help to stay in their home.
Looking forward to seeing you at

**Summerfest**
Polk County Courthouse Lawn
July 24 - 26
Booth open each day from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
except on Saturday, July 26th from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Polk County Fair**
Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall
August 7 - 10
Booth open each day from 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
except Sunday August 10th from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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David’s Corner

I am excited to see the first newsletter from the foundation become a reality. You will find articles that I hope inspire you and give you a clear picture that the Foundation is working hard for our residents, this campus and our community. As the fundraising arm of Dallas Retirement Village I am looking to the Foundation to support programs and projects that will enhance the living experience for our residents and strengthen our community. One such project is raising the funds to build the event center here on campus – while this is an exciting challenge for the Foundation I am confident that they will achieve the goal – join us in support of this new wonderful and much needed addition to our campus.

David Parrett, Executive Director
The Pavilion Project

The Foundation was given the privilege to replace the aged and beloved gazebo on campus. The Foundation Board and Council knew the importance of having an outdoor area for residents to be outdoors while being protected from the elements of the Northwest. Hence the Pavilion project came to life and has truly become the campus focus. The Pavilion has been completely built by donor dollars and has become a source of pride as it continues to be enhanced to include a fireplace wall, a beautiful mantel and now with canvas curtain to keep the afternoon winds at bay. You can find residents enjoying the sunrise with a cup of coffee or a nursing graduation with family and friends gathered to celebrate the new milestone. We have employee appreciation luncheons, family reunions and class reunions scheduled throughout the summer months. Truly the Pavilion has become a campus gathering place. If you haven’t been on campus for a while – stop by the Pavilion and enjoy what so many of our residents have come to love as their new gathering place.
Did you know that the Dallas Retirement Village has a Foundation? Of course we hope you knew that we did – but maybe like some of our residents and community members you want to know why that decision was made. As the scale and scope of the Dallas Retirement Village evolved, the leadership wished to separate the role of daily operations from fundraising and support. Therefore, in 1992 the Dallas Retirement Foundation was created and in 1993 was awarded their own tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. The Dallas Retirement Foundation (DRF) mission is to serve the community by actively supporting the work of the Dallas Retirement Village.

In August of 2010 Sue Lamb was hired as our Development Director to bring fresh energy, organization and leadership to move the Foundation to the next level. The Dallas Retirement Foundation operates with a Board of Directors and a Resident Council creating a partnership that ensures the residents voices and wishes are represented in planning efforts. The Foundation provides gifts of benevolence through financial assistance, campus enhancements, resident wellness, and scholarships to employees and graduating Dallas High school students. The Foundation is always seeking to expand opportunities and experiences for the growing senior population of Dallas and Polk County. The Foundation was established to foster philanthropic giving in support of seniors.
Dallas Retirement Village is excited and proud to announce the 2014 scholarship recipients. The funds for this program come from the proceeds of the Foundation Gift Shop located in the Health Care Center on the Dallas Retirement Village Campus.

Three (3) financial scholarships were awarded. The first two (2) to Dallas Retirement Village employees in furtherance of their educational goals: $1,000.00 to Andrea Nyassi working toward her degree in Business Administration and $1,000.00 to Sabra Gramelt working towards nursing associate degree both attending Chemeketa Community College. The third scholarship was awarded to a Dallas High School graduating Senior, Maria McCarthy in the amount of $1,500.00 in support of her pre-nursing education at Western Oregon University. Supporting employees in their pursuit of educational goals is key to extraordinary service delivery. Supporting a graduating High School senior is key in launching her educational goals. Congratulations to Andrea, Sabra and Maria!