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Sue's Thoughts

The old adage “time flies when you're having fun” sure fits when I consider that I have been in this position for nearly eight years. From 2010 through today the Foundation has been able to help; residents remain in their home with rent assistance, provide specialized medical equipment, support wellness through swim passes and exercise equipment, grant several educational scholarships, build a therapy kitchen in memory care, and brought the Pavilion and restroom to campus. In April 2017, the Lodge Capital Campaign concluded with a grand total of \$445,000 being raised to build the Cascade Commons, Library and Theater. We have launched a new program to celebrate employee excellence – Celebrate our Greatness (COG); making sure employees know how much they are appreciated translates into quality love and care for our residents. In this issue you will find a timeline of projects the Foundation has been blessed to support over the last eight years.

The future is bright – God is at the helm which makes having fun and enjoying this position a sure thing!
~ Respectfully yours, *Sue*



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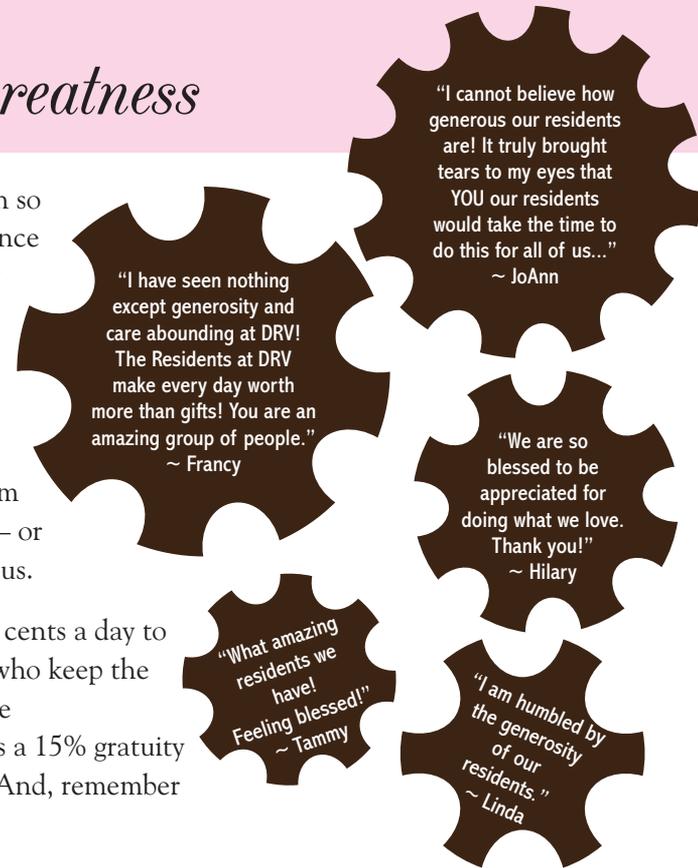
Celebrate Our Greatness

The Celebrate Our Greatness (COG) program has been absolutely amazing on so many levels! To give the residents a way to thank employees; to recognize excellence with our Employee of the Month program, to celebrate with year-end bonuses for employees and to be planning ways to celebrate greatness with staff appreciation week is what makes working at Dallas Retirement Village the BEST. We know that if our employees know they are valued and appreciated that our residents experience love made visible.

Many of our residents, their family and friends continue to support the program through their giving either using the envelopes – one enclosed in this newsletter – or dropping cash or checks into our “giving boxes” located in all three areas of campus.

Take a minute to consider supporting our year-end bonus program – from .25 cents a day to \$2.15 a day – you can extend appreciation to those who clean your home, those who keep the grounds beautiful, those who serve meals or those behind the scenes that keep the organization running smoothly and efficiently . The \$2.15 cost per day represents a 15% gratuity for employees. If you wish additional envelopes contact the Foundation Office. And, remember donations are tax deductible to the extent the law permits.

Look at the words of appreciation from employees – your support makes a difference in the lives of our employees – thank you so much!



Where the Foundation was planted

2010

- Development Director Hired (August 10th)
- Established Foundation Task Force
- Amended Foundation Bylaws
- Updated Web Page and implemented on-line donations
- Fundraiser for Fallen Soldier and his family (Ian Tawney)
- Resident Rent Assistance: Benevolence Fund

2011

- Appointment of Foundation Board of Directors and Foundation Resident Council
- Awarded Dallas Community Foundation Grant: Resident Rent Assistance
- Foundation Sponsored Memberships to Dallas Aquatic Center
- American Flags Purchased for each Garden Home and around campus
- Purchased specialized wheelchair for resident
- Purchased new song books for Chapel
- Resident Rent Assistance
- Gift Acceptance and Administration Policy adopted

2012

- Purchased Automated External Defibrillators (AED) for Lyle Elementary
- Received \$20,000 Grant from Henry J Hillman for Pavilion Project
- Gift Shop comes under Foundation (Scholarships from proceeds)
- Ground-breaking/building Pavilion: Phase 1 (Dedication 9/28/12)
- Revised Mission Statement adopted
- Payroll Deduction for Charitable Giving by employees adopted

2013

- Honor Flight Pilot Project: Three DRV Residents sent to Washington DC
- Built Garden Tool Shed
- Chapel Expansion: Purchased chairs
- Pavilion: Phase 2 – Stone wall/fireplace
- Philanthropic Naming & Endowment Policy adopted
- Honor Flight: Round 2

. . . it bloomed!

2014

- Begin capital campaign for The Lodge event center, library and theater
- Honor Flight Program: Round 3
- SARA Pendant Purchased for Independent Living resident
- Pavilion: Wind Barrier Purchased and Installed
- Autzen Foundation \$10,000 Grant Received: Capital Campaign

2015

- Oregon Community Foundation \$20,000 Grant Received: Capital Campaign
- Received Grant from Dallas Community Foundation to Build Therapy Kitchen in Memory Care
- Established Legacy Society
- Resident Rent Assistance: Benevolence Fund
- Pavilion: Phase 3 – Restroom/Storage Added

2016

- Village Apartment Planter Boxes Refurbished
- Received Grant from Dallas Community Foundation: Music and Memory
- New Flagpole and Flag for Village Apartments
- Built Seven Raised Garden Beds
- Capital Campaign Continues

2017

- Capital Campaign Donor Appreciation Luncheon held
- Received Grant from Dallas Community Foundation: Lodge Restaurant
- Established Celebrate our Greatness (COG)
- Support Dallas High School Turf and Track Projects

2018

- Hobby Center Equipment: Purchased Lathe and supporting tools
- Received Grant from Dallas Community Foundation for Virtual Reality Program
- Received Grant from Dallas Community Foundation for Aromatherapy Project

Gardening

by David Fletcher

*The quality of gardening is not strained.
It nourishes as the gentle rain from heaven falls upon the people beneath.
They are thrice blessed.
It blesses those that sow and plant.
It blesses those that observe the season of growth
It blesses the resulting gifts of fruit and flowers.*

The beneficial physical exercise is ongoing with various seasonal requirements. An even more invigorating benefit is the exercise of the mental faculties. First as to choice of plants and then to plan what is needed for their best growth pattern. Finally to have the satisfaction of cooperating with the regenerative power-of-God. Yes, gardening is so elemental (air, earth, sun, seed, water) and yet so profound a mystery at the same time. Not only the mystery of the sprouting seed, but even deeper into the mystery of all creation. Gardening is a constructive alternative and antidote to the stressful daily news of chaotic worldly events.

“Be still and know that I (am) God ... Psalm 46:10





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Dave's Corner

In a world of continual motion and change, I give thanks to the things that remain steadfast, those things we can always count on. With the rising of the sun, each day is a new beginning, it is our opportunity to push forward with hope. Whether our days are filled with joy, celebration, or sorrow, the setting of the sun is also a way to let go of those things and with the rising sun comes a new day waiting to be lived.

The seasons are another constant in our lives that God has given us to start over or to let go. Spring time has to be one of my favorite seasons because with it everything seems alive; flowers, plants, trees even the birds, all burst on us with color, beauty and sound. Actually, I enjoy each season for different reasons. In my opinion, one key to living happily is to choose to “not skip to the end”. If I look forward only to springtime, no matter how beautiful it is, I would miss out on the warmth of summer or the colors of fall and the magic of winter. Live each day for that day, and as the sun sets, let it go.

The theme of this newsletter is to “Bloom where you are planted”. If you are that bright yellow daffodil that brings in spring, be the best daffodil you can be. Do not wish you were a cedar, no matter how much you wish you were, it is not what you are. Embrace the beauty of who you are, there is only one you, and you were created for that reason. Your contribution here at Dallas Retirement Village is one of a kind, and only you can choose to share it with the rest of us.

2017 was truly a blessed year, so much was accomplished, we are so thankful for that day, that season. 2018 is a new day what will our story be, will you help us write it?


David Parrett, Executive Director