

Bethesda

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Community Newsletter

Spring 2013

"Exceptional People, Exceptional Care"

Our Residents

Millie Miller has been a resident at our Bethesda Skilled Nursing Home for almost one year. The first time I met Millie was last summer, she was sitting on the front porch at Bethesda, taking in the sunshine.

Millie was born in Aberdeen and grew up in Hecla, South Dakota. Millie was born on March 13, 1917 and is 96 years old. Millie has a smile that would warm anyone's heart.

Millie married Donald Miller and they raised four children on the farm in the Houghton/Claremont area.

Millie and Donald created a home full of love for their children. Millie's daughter describes this time in their lives as "a circle of love." She shared that Millie was so talented, a great cook and baker, good in front of groups and very organized. Millie was described as "always upbeat" and involved in so many activities. Some would refer to her as "Marvelous Millie" because of all that she could accomplish! Her children see Millie as "the most remarkable woman." "She has shown us how to live our lives." Donald passed away ten years ago.

During the time that Millie has been here at Bethesda, her children have visited regularly and call their visits "love miles." Her family have observed her "getting better" since she has been here at Bethesda and have thanked us numerous times for taking such good care of their mother. Millie shared, "I really like it here."

I oftentimes see Millie sitting in the sunshine and sharing her beautiful smile with everyone that goes by...

Written by PJJ



Photo: (left to right) Back row: Lylia (daughter-in-law), Barb, Don Front row: Patty, Kay, Millie)

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____ Enclosed is my gift ____ in memory of, ____ in recognition of, ____ in honor of,

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Please mail this form with your check or request for information to:

Bethesda, 1224 South High Street, Aberdeen, SD 57401 or contact us at 1-605-225-7580; If you have made a legacy gift or want more information about your planned giving options, please contact Bruce Johnson, Administrator at 1-605-225-7580 or Peggy Jo Larson, Director of Development and Community Relations at 1-605-377-2722.

Thank You for your support!

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MEMORIAL CARD PACKETS

Bethesda has created this **new opportunity for giving** in memory of loved ones and it is free. Each memorial card packet includes a nice sympathy card, sympathy card envelope and donation envelope. If you would like memorial card packets, they are available at the front desk area in the main entrance or contact Peggy Jo Larson at 377-2722 or peggyjolarson@bha.cc

Our Annual Meeting



Our Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:00pm. Bethesda staff, board members, community members and representatives from each of our twelve sponsoring churches were in attendance. Howard Swenson, President of the Bethesda Board of Directors welcomed everyone and seventy people shared a wonderful meal together. The meeting opened with devotions by Pastor Chris Anderson, Chaplain. Reports were presented and new board members, Sharon Paranto and Mike Weber were welcomed. Our appreciation to outgoing board members Sue Gates and Joe Gustafson.



Administrator, Bruce Johnson gave a report which included updates about the new Adult Day Health Center. Groundbreaking is planned for 2013. Peggy Jo Larson, Director of Development and Community Relations gave a report on 2012-13 goals and accomplishments.

It is always an enjoyable evening to spend with our "Friends of Bethesda."



Our Staff



Pastor Chris Anderson, Chaplain

Pastor Chris Anderson is our new Chaplain here at Bethesda. He has been an ordained minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for seventeen years and is originally from Grand Forks, N.D.

For many years Scandinavia Lutheran Church, of rural Aberdeen, and Bethesda have shared a pastor and this tradition continues. Pastor Chris was called by the congregation to serve in this dual role on Feb.24, and began his duties on March 18.

Besides providing pastoral care and leadership of the church's worship and mission life, Pastor Chris provides spiritual support to Bethesda residents and staff. He holds weekly church services and Bible studies with our residents, visits the hospitals, and is available to be with residents, staff and family members when there is a need. He and his family have lived in Aberdeen for almost eight years. His wife Jennifer is a full-time student at NSU, pursuing a degree in elementary/special education. They have two sons, Jake age 17; a sophomore at Central High School, and Brock age 6; a kindergartner at Simmon's Elementary.

Pastor Chris stated, "It is so important to offer our residents and our staff comprehensive care, which includes attention to their spiritual needs as well as their physical needs." "I feel privileged to be part of the Bethesda team and to be serving in the role as Chaplain!"

Pastor Chris also serves as an On-Call Chaplain at Avera St. Luke's Hospital and Worthmore Addiction Treatment Center. He



has also been involved in our community by being a part of Aberdeen Community Theatre and Stratford Dinner Theatre productions and The Living Christmas Tree concerts; which he has thoroughly enjoyed!

Pastor Chris has many gifts to share and we are pleased to welcome him to our Bethesda family. Please join us in welcoming Pastor Chris to Bethesda!



Deb Rice, Director of Parkside Retirement Community and Bethesda Community Services

Deb Rice is our new Director of Parkside Retirement Community, in addition to continuing to serve as Director of Bethesda Community Services. Deb grew up in Illinois and moved to South Dakota in 1989. She received her R.N. degree from Presentation College in 1994 and has experience working with independent living/assisted living and nursing home programs. Deb has a husband, two children and three grandchildren. Family is important to Deb, and as we were discussing her work, she stated, "It really comes down to the relationship you build with each resident, it's like a family." Please join us in congratulating Deb on her new position here at Bethesda!

Our Staff

Bethesda is honored to recognize two of our exceptional staff members for outstanding service. We appreciate every one of our two hundred employees and this is one way that we recognize employees throughout the year.



Bethesda's 2013 Employee of the Year
Char Berg

Char Berg has worked at Bethesda's Sharing Center, child daycare, for five years. Char's family includes her husband of twenty years, three daughters, one son and three grandchildren with one on the way. Char enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, reading and biking. Char states that the most meaningful part of her job is "working with the kids, that is the most important, just being with the kids." "I think of the kids the most."



2013 Walter Jerde Award Recipient
Ashley Syhre

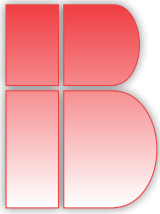
Ashley Syhre, R.N. has worked at Bethesda for almost three years. She received her B.S. in Nursing from Presentation College. She enjoys scrapbooking, watching and coaching soccer and volleyball, hunting and fishing. Ashley was married in 2010 and she and her husband are expecting their first child in July. Ashley has many extended family members here in Aberdeen. Ashley states that "I really like the atmosphere here at Bethesda. There's a lot of perks and you are able to have that personal touch and rapport with residents."

Coming Soon...

Bethesda is working with Quality Quick Print of Aberdeen to begin updating our web site and options for giving. Look for the new web site to be launched this summer!

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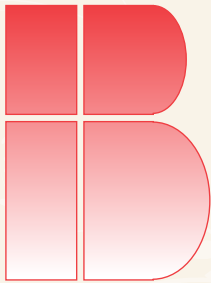
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