

Bethesda

1224 South High Street
Aberdeen, SD 57401-7724
605-225-7580

Community Newsletter

Spring 2016

"Exceptional People, Exceptional Care"

Our Residents *~Five Generations of Family~*



Front row: (Left to Right) Hayden Rangel (Great, Great Granddaughter) and Irene Gese

Back row: (Left to Right) Deb Sander (Daughter); Stacy Baumgartner (Granddaughter); Ashley Rangel (Great Granddaughter); All first born daughters.

Irene Gese has been living at Bethesda Home of Aberdeen for several months now, and has shared wonderful stories about her family. Irene was born in 1931 and grew up in Hillsvue, SD (south of Eureka). She moved to Aberdeen at age 19, began working at the Gambles Store, met her husband and fell in love. They had six children which Irene describes as "wonderful kids!" Irene has enjoyed five generations of family! She states, "I've had a wonderful life, except for losing my husband." Irene has a beautiful "home" at Bethesda, with family photos, keepsakes and many visits from her family. Irene shared, "I love it here...they take care of everything for you...and the people here are wonderful!" "I couldn't find a better place to be...it's almost too good to be true!"

Bethesda Caregiver Support Services

The K.O. Lee Adult Day Health Center at Bethesda offers Caregiver support, education and respite. Call us at **225-7602** to learn more and explore which options will work for you!

"We believe peace of mind comes with knowing a loved one is in a caring and comfortable environment where they are receiving exceptional care."

The K.O. Lee Adult Day Health Center at Bethesda



Do you or a loved one have mobility issues? Is bathing in your home becoming difficult and maybe even dangerous? Come in and **ENJOY** a safe, affordable and spa-like bathing experience at the K.O. Lee Adult Day Health Center! We invite you to spend some free time with us and check out all that the Adult Day Health Center has to offer!

**Call us at 225-7602 to schedule your
FREE Visit and/or Bath**



You are Invited!

**Mark your calendar and join us for
Bethesda's Annual Community Picnic
June 28th ~ 5-7pm
1224 S. High St. Aberdeen, SD**

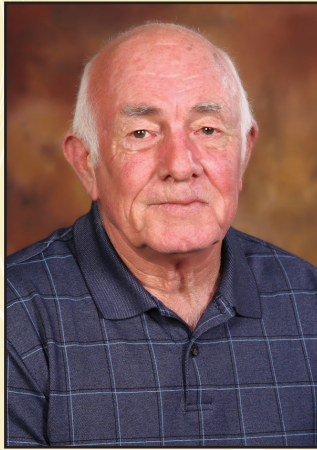


Our Staff

Laurie Gerdes

~Outstanding Service Award~

Laurie has been employed as our Courier at Bethesda for three years. Laurie transports residents to appointments, shopping and takes care of errands for all the programs at Bethesda. Laurie and his wife Kathy have one son, one daughter and two "granddogs." Laurie shared, "I don't really have any hobbies, I do watch sports, I'm a "sports enthusiast." "I tried retirement for two weeks and then came to Bethesda to work!" Laurie's enjoys "dealing with the senior population, they are fun!" "It's time to give back a bit." Laurie's sense of humor, kindness, helpfulness and skills are gifts to all of us here at Bethesda!



Bonnie Nesby

~Walter Jerde Award~

Bonnie has been employed as an Activities Assistant at Bethesda Home and Bethesda Towne Square/ Assisted Living for just over a year. Bonnie and her husband Larry have one son, one daughter and two granddaughters. Bonnie is originally from Leola and she and her husband have lived in Japan for 10 years prior to moving back to South Dakota. Bonnie and her husband have traveled extensively in the U.S., Europe and Asia. Bonnie shared, "I have always enjoyed working with the elderly." She enjoys the old saying her parents taught her, "It is better to give than to receive." Bonnie gives away lots of smiles, kindness, caring and respect every day. Bonnie's kind and caring heart is a true gift to everyone at Bethesda!



Land Gift Announcement: Alma Richert Estate

Bethesda received notice in June of 1989, that Bethesda Home of Aberdeen was listed in the Last Will and Testament of Alma Richert. With gratitude, we share the story of this wonderful gift with you...

Alma Richert named her Niece who was living in Ortonville, MN a Life Estate in 79.31 acres of farm land three miles south of Ortonville, MN. Her Niece would receive the cash rent, minus property taxes for the remainder of her natural life. Alma's Niece passed away on March 15, 2015. At that time, the property became the property of Bethesda.

The land had a legal binding rental agreement through the summer and fall of 2015.

Bethesda commissioned an appraisal to be completed on the property in the summer of 2015 and placed the land up for auction with our local legal counsel in December of 2015.

Bethesda accepted the final highest bid of the bid process which was \$430,515.00. Minus closing cost the net proceeds to Bethesda were \$425,596.86.

As a part of Alma's Last Will and Testament, Bethesda has named the Activity Room as a Memorial to Alma Richert, her Husband William, son William Jr. and daughter Helena Richert.

Alma and her husband farmed 6 miles west of Warner. She and her family were members of St. John Lutheran Church in Warner. Alma had been a resident of Bethesda Home in the 1980's.

The Board at Bethesda Home of Aberdeen will be making decisions regarding this significant gift in the next several months.

Bethesda is very grateful for this wonderful gift!

Opportunities for Giving

You Can Make a Difference At Bethesda!

Thrivent Choice



**THRIVENT
FINANCIAL®**

Connecting faith & finances for good.®

Thrivent Action Teams

Amazon Smile

When making online purchases through Amazon, designate **Bethesda Home of Aberdeen and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to Bethesda!**

amazonsmile

Remember, always start at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

You can donate to Bethesda, everytime you make an online purchase on Amazon.com!

Just sign up with Amazon Smile and designate **Bethesda Home of Aberdeen**.

It's easy, takes only a couple of minutes and does not cost you anything. The proceeds help with designated fundraising projects for our residents here at Bethesda.

Thank you in advance for supporting Bethesda!

Schwan's Cares

By placing an order through [Schwans.com](https://www.schwans.com) and using #27299, a portion of the sales will come back to support Bethesda's



Sharing Center/Child Daycare and Pre-school. This fundraising campaign will assist in replacing our existing playground equipment. We spend a lot of time outdoors and these items would be a wonderful gift to our program. Thank you for supporting Bethesda's Sharing Center!

1. **Visit** <https://www.schwans-cares.com/c/27299>

2. **Click** "Shop to Give"

3. **Shop** You'll find the perfect meal ideas for parties and events, all delivered right to your door.

OR CALL Schwan's Home Service at 1-855-870-7208 to make an order before June 23, 2016!

Chamber for Good



Check out the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce website at: www.aberdeen-chamber.com and look for Bethesda's listing. You can donate locally and truly make a difference!

*Every day
God gives us a chance to make a difference.*

Wish List

~Priority Projects~

#1 Bethesda Bus Project



As Bethesda grows and continues to provide a comprehensive continuum of exceptional care, practical needs like transportation become a priority. Bethesda's current handicap accessible bus is over 24 years old and needs to be replaced as soon as possible. Many of our residents have transportation needs and the ability to provide reliable transportation services is so important.

Please join us in reaching our \$50,000 goal and make a donation to the Bus Project TODAY!

Funds Raised = \$44,000 as of May 1, 2016

#2 John Deere Maintenance and Lawn Equipment

#3 Art Supplies: Canvas, Acrylic Paints & Brushes

"Check out the WISH LIST, we need more John Deere's around here!"

"John Deere Girl"

Caroline Jarvi is a resident at Parkside Retirement Community at Bethesda.

She and her husband were farmers. Caroline shared a story about the year they had to decide whether to pay a hired man or have her help with the farming. Her husband bought her a John Deere 4020 and she helped in the field for years...



"John Deere 4020"



Our Donors ~ 2016

Friends of Bethesda Project

Ray & Marcie Andersh
Allen & Delores Anderson
Paul & Donna Blide
Marjorie Cash
Doug & Diane Dangel
Sue & Allen Gates
Bruce & Jan Johnson
Peggy Jo Larson
Richard A. Maunu
Gina Sommers
Nancy Stange
Howard Swenson
Robert & Joan Thompson
Lynn Wanner

BETHESDA Comfort Cross

PROJECT:

Debbie Pool ~ Monthly Online Donation

BETHESDA BUS/VAN

PROJECT:

Anonymous Donor
Paul and Donna Blide
Florence Brandner
Judy and Miles Bretsch
Charlie and Ginny Clark
Cole Papers
Pat Dennert ~ Thrivent Financial
Emmanuel Lutheran Church ~ Groton
Bruce and Jan Johnson
Rodney and Leone Jondahl
Dale and Bonnie Larson
Joyce and the late Harlan Mertz

Charlie Mitchell
Our Saviors Lutheran Church ~ Redfield
St. James Lutheran Church ~ Leola
St. John's Lutheran Church ~ Hecla
Phil and Joanne Swenson
Thrivent Choice
Mike Weber

In Honor of:

Uncle Edwin Bretsch's 95th Birthday
Elaine Bunke

In Memory of:

Janice Anderson
Arlen & Ramona Hanson
H. Dale Brooks
Howard Swenson
Tom Casanova
Dennis K. and Shirley Larson
Adeline Baker Cassels
Howard Swenson
CJ Clemens
Linda & Ronald (Joe)Torrence
Connie Dennert
Arlen & Ramona Hanson
Julius & Hildegard Gugel
James, Deborah & Kevin Nelson
Brittany Holzer
Linda & Ronald (Joe)Torrence
Leonard & Edna Hottman
Deloris & Robert Fewings
Eddie Jose
Mae and Dean Click
Lloyd Knecht
Arlen & Ramona Hanson

Larry Lindhorst

Larry & Janeen Meier

Agnes Littrell

Larry Littrell

Marilyn Littrell

Greg & Rhonda Wieker

Tammy Logan

Larry & Janeen Meier

Howard Nelson

Arlen & Ramona Hanson

David & Rita Pettigrew

Linda & Ronald (Joe)Torrence

Stanley Nelson

Linda & Ronald (Joe)Torrence

Colleen Nielson

BAE Co-workers: Brenda,

Lorrie, Kelly, Ryan & Elaine

Dean & Mae Click

LaVonne Olson

Fred & Bonnie Suurmeyer

LaVaun Palmer

Linda & Ronald (Joe)Torrence

Donald Peterson

Joe & Linda Torrence

Harold Peterson

LaVonne Peterson

Dean & Mae Click

Antonia (Toni) Ristau

Toni Ristau

Joyce Rogers

Toni Ristau

Mearl Schanzenbach

Zona Schanzenbach

Gay Ristau ~ Ristau Insurance Agency, Inc.

Bruce Skeie

Gary Bretsch

Larry Spencer

Doris Larson

Midge Stager

Larry & Janeen Meier

Richard Arden Torrence

Linda & Ronald Torrence

Alice Vandenakker

Toni Ristau

Perk Washenberger

Elaine Bunke

Pearl Wilson

Joanne Hummel Family Trust

Stella Winburn

Doris Larson

Curt Wockenfuss

Arlen & Ramona Hanson

Roger Zimmerman

LaVina Hopf

OTHER DONATIONS:

Brian Vander Weyst

THRIVENT CHOICE

DONATIONS:

Gregory Beck
James Boekelheide
Lori Bohle
Dorene Borchard
Marjorie Cash
Vicki Conn
Diane Dangel
Theodore Deilke
Patricia Dennert
Cindy Fleckenstein
Judy Gelling
Mavis Howland
Bruce Johnson

Thank you for your generosity, support and caring

Continued on next page

Bethesda Donor List 2016 (continued)

Rodney Jondahl
Connie Kimball
Elizabeth Knepeke
Leo Malsom
Patricia Malson
Linda Miller
Norma Moerke
Roland Moerke
Rich Omland
Lavonne Peterson
Allen Siefkes
Karen Siefkes
Nancy Smith
Penny Stolle
William Stolle
Joyce Svihovec
Howard Swenson
Kathleen Swenson
Reed Swenson
Sharon Weiss
Derae Wilson

THRIVENT ACTION

TEAMS:

IN-KIND DONATIONS:

Charlie & Ginny Clark
Connie Egan
Terry Ellingson
Eugene & Jean Face
Joy Flagtvædt
Pam Flagtwet
Margaret "Molly" Gunderson
Evie Holdhusen
Arlys Kluess
Peggy Jo Larson
Larry Littrell

Rosanne Malsom
Greg Nielson
Mike, Larry & Bob Olson
Arnie & Kim Schock
Thrivent ~ Aberdeen
Ken Trammell
Family of Curt Wockenfuss

In Memory of:

Dale Brooks

Linda Brooks

Adeline R. Baker Cassels

Cindy Sieber

Earl Leroy Fjelstad

Marie Fjelstad

John S. Forseth

Margaret Forseth

Vi Gronso

Ginger Howell

Albert Hoffman

Sharon Stoecker

Connie Johnsen

Lyle Johnsen

Eddie Jose

Donna Reich

Gerald Keeley

Edna Keeley

Harlan Mertz

Joyce Mertz

Verona Mintz

Terry Ellingson

LaVonne Olson

Larry & Sue Olson

Mae Palmer

David Palmer

Harold Peterson

LaVonne Peterson

Esther Hoeft Smith

Tiffany Hoeft

Peggy Wegehaupt

Glenn Wegehaupt

Roger Zimmerman

Wilma Zimmerman

BETHESDA ACTIVITIES

Judy Bretsch

Bertha Turnquist

ADULT DAY HEALTH

CENTER AT BETHESDA

CWD ~ Pledge

Kathy Harris ~ Pledge

Becky & Dwight Althoff & Family

Crystal Swenson

Howard N. Swenson

Phil & Joanne Swenson & Family

Sons of Norway Greig Lodge

No. 1-578

Sharla & Mark Thompson & Family

Zion Lutheran Church/

Aberdeen~Pledge

ADHC In-Kind Donations:

Mary Eisenbeisz

Red Cross Gray Ladies

BETHESDA FOUNDATION:

TOWNE SQUARE/

ASSISTED LIVING:

In Memory of:

Verona Mintz

Steve & Betty Dunker

PARKSIDE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

In-Kind Donations:

Kathy Barr

Deb Rice

PARKSIDE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY:

Regina Senger

BETHESDA SHARING CENTER

In-Kind Gifts:

Ruth Casanova

Deb Rice

BETHESDA SHARING CENTER

Thrivent Choice:

Lori Bohle

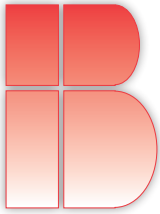
Shelly Buckmeier

Kathy Harris

BETHESDA HOME OF ABERDEEN:

BUSHELS FOR BETHESDA:

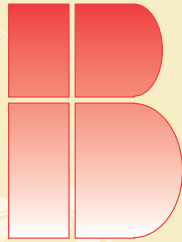
BEEF FOR BETHESDA:



Bethesda

1224 South High Street
Aberdeen, SD 57401-7724
605-225-7580

NONPROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
ABERDEEN SD
PERMIT NO 29



Bethesda

Providing A Comprehensive
Continuum Of Exceptional Care

“Exceptional People, Exceptional Care”

Bethesda Home of Aberdeen

1224 South High Street
Aberdeen, SD 57401-7724
Phone: 605-225-7580
Fax: 605-225-7585

Skilled Nursing Home Care

Bethesda Sharing Center

1224 South High Street
Aberdeen, SD 57401-7724
Phone: 605-225-7596
Fax: 605-225-7585

Child Daycare & PreSchool

Bethesda Towne Square

1425 15th Avenue Southeast
Aberdeen, SD 57401-7726
Phone: 605-225-7600
Fax: 605-229-1073

Assisted Living Apartments

Parkside Retirement Community

1324 12th Avenue Southeast
Aberdeen, SD 57401-7754
Phone: 605-225-7900
Fax: 605-225-7585

*Independent Senior Living
Apartments*

Bethesda In-Home Community Services

1324 12th Avenue Southeast
Aberdeen, SD 57401-7754
Phone: 605-225-7900
Fax: 605-225-7585

In-Home Care Services

K.O. Lee Adult Day Health Center

1403 15th Avenue Southeast
Aberdeen, SD 57401-7754
Phone: 605-225-7602
Fax: 605-225-7585

*A new alternative to assisted living
& nursing home care, person-
centered & customized care to
stay at home longer!*

www.bha.cc
e-mail: info@bha.cc