

Villa St Benedict Foundation
...caring for seniors



Want to help?

A *bequest* to Villa St. Benedict Foundation is a powerful way to lend your support for the role Villa St. Benedict plays in the lives of our residents, their families, and our senior community. In addition to making our Foundation a beneficiary to your will or financial accounts, we would be pleased to work with you to design an estate plan specifically tailored to your wishes. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

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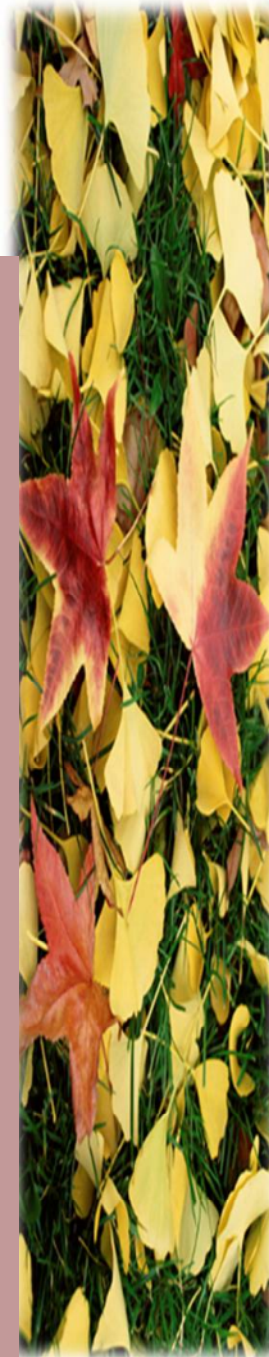
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Villa St. Benedict is a not-for-profit community, and the Foundation is committed to our mission to provide our residents with a continuum of care encompassing their physical, spiritual, and emotional needs... Caring for Seniors. Senior Living in the Benedictine Tradition

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2013 Contribution Results

Thanks to all of our friends who contributed to the Foundation last year.

We received over 600 separate donations to the fund last year, totaling over \$50,000. This has allowed us to touch the lives of our Seniors in significant ways, carrying out our mission of caring.

Thank you!

General Fund

Donations to our Villa St. Benedict General Fund are used to support its mission to improve the lives of our residents.

These donations may be used for future capital improvements or for general needs important to our residents.

Charitable Care Fund

Unlike most senior care communities, Villa St. Benedict will never turn its back on a resident who can no longer afford to live in their VSB home.

This commitment is an expensive one, but is a major part of our mission.

Memory Care Fund

Abby Lane is the name of our beautiful home for residents needing the special care that comes with diminishing memory.

Donations to this fund will be directed to the enhancement of the lives of our Abbey Lane residents.

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The Villa St. Benedict Foundation was formed in 2006 and is a not-for-profit, philanthropic organization, qualifying for charitable tax donations.

The Foundation is dedicated to supporting the Mission of Villa St. Benedict and enhancing the lives of the people we serve.

Remembering Our Friends



Thanks to all of you who contributed to our Foundation in a loved one's name. Last year we received \$22,000 from friends like you who wanted to remember someone special in their lives.

Over 240 contributions were made with a gift to the Villa St. Benedict Foundation in the name of that special friend or family member.

It's a loving and valuable way to share in the memories.



One of our very special projects in 2013 was this beautiful gazebo which now graces our grounds. Villa St. Benedict lost a very dear friend last year, Sister Joanne Williams, O.S.B. Many of you were lucky enough to have known her, and many of you contributed toward this beautiful gazebo which was built with funds from the Foundation as a memorial to her loving presence.

A Message from Villa St. Benedict



Kathy DiCristina, CEO

Prior to working at Villa St. Benedict I worked for a Home Care Agency delivering care to seniors in a variety of settings. Years later I ran in to the daughter of a former patient of mine. I asked her how her dad was doing and she immediately broke into tears. Her emotions were so raw that I feared her father had passed away. Much to my surprise the story she shared was not what I expected. Her dad lived at a for-profit, assisted living community in Naperville. "One day", she said, "we were informed my father would need to move out". The home where her father had developed wonderful relationships with both residents and staff was abruptly changed. He had to make new living arrangements, not because the assisted living community could no longer meet his needs, but rather because his finances were exhausted. How thankful I am to work for an organization that honors the dignity of each person...an organization that values the residents regardless of their financial position. A strong foundation makes that difference. Please help us to continue our "good works" and ensure this story doesn't become a reality for the residents of Villa St. Benedict.

Each day at Villa St. Benedict begins with a flurry of activity — staff shift changes, culinary staff busy in the kitchen, residents waking to start a new day. Having breakfast with their friends, whether in our assisted living dining rooms or in the piazza over continental breakfast, is a favorite way to start the day — catching up on the morning news, or planning the day ahead. As the day unfolds, staff and volunteers create an environment that is caring, supportive and enjoyable for all residents — always with a smile. Through your support we were able to do some wonderful things for the seniors here at VSB. But we are just getting started, and the future has some exciting plans. However, it won't be possible without your support.

Please help to fulfill our mission, caring for seniors.

Jo Jerak, Foundation Director



2013 Accomplishments...

As our foundation gains momentum, we are in a better position to contribute to our mission, enriching the lives of our residents and community seniors. Last year we were able to accomplish much — in addition to expanding our support of the Charitable Care program, the Foundation made possible the addition of several new projects for the residents of Villa St. Benedict. These included our beautiful gazebo; an image reader for our visually challenged residents to use in our library; adding to the fun with stimulating "brain games"; and our newly designed entry-way for Benedale Center.



Looking Forward....

Thanks to the generosity of friends like you, we look forward to another exciting year. Our hope is to further expand our support for the Charitable Care program while establishing new initiatives in support of our residents and seniors in the community. Among these are the introduction of Art and Music Therapy programs; summer concerts on the lawn; and completion of the next phase of our entry way to Benedale Center. None of these initiatives would be possible without the generous support of you, our

Friends of the Foundation.