




# Sunset News

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## Another Record Year for Pot O' Gold



Since Lutheran Sunset Ministries' inception in the mid-1950s, we have enjoyed a strong support network of volunteers, including those from among our residents, as well as from the broader community beyond the Sunset campus. Serving in many capacities, the Sunset Volunteer Auxiliary makes a significant contribution to the type and quality of services we are able to offer our residents.

Not only do we have amazing volunteers in our long-term and assisted living communities, but we also have more than 40 volunteers dedicated to our Pot O' Gold Thrift Store. Through the sale of donated items, Pot O' Gold has provided funding for numerous projects and pieces of equipment for the residents of Sunset, significantly adding to their quality of life. Pergolas and gardens lining the Health Center, transportation vehicles, and new exercise equipment for the Wm Martin Rehabilitation Center are just a few of the improvements made possible over the years. In 2018, the Pot O' Gold raised a record-breaking \$169,784! Thank you to our Pot O' Gold volunteers. We truly appreciate your hard work and dedication.

Sunset Home • College Hill Assisted Living • Rainbow Retirement Community  
Hospice Sunset • Sunset Companion Services

## Message from the President



*A*s I sit down to write this, it is a cold, drizzly day in February. So, what better time to be inside and reflect on the previous year – specifically on the dedicated people who have invested a lot of time and energy to help make Lutheran Sunset Ministries (LSM) what it is today.

First of all, are the Pot O' Gold and its volunteers who are amazing. Our ministry is so blessed to have such a committed group of volunteers who, since 2001, have given selflessly of their time and talents to raise funds for our ministry and its residents. We have a variety of equipment including a van and bus that make our residents' lives and their care the very best!

Next, we recognize those employees who have been with us five, 10, 15, and even 20 years. LSM has an excellent reputation and a tradition of providing top notch services to our customers. The reputation and tradition is due in no small part to those long-term employees who show up to work every day and pass on the skills and knowledge they too inherited from those long-term employees who preceded them. I went to college at Baylor and the school song is That Good 'ol Baylor Line. It does not refer to the football team but to that long, continuous line of students and alumni being educated and going on to influence the world. If we look back, we can see a similar Good 'ol LSM Line of employees who have made LSM what it is and others coming who will continue to make LSM the best! To those long-time employees, thank you for all you have done and will continue to do!

Then, there is Thrivent which has been a long-time supporter of our ministry from matching gifts to the members who support us with their Thrivent dollars. Currently, there is a Choice Dollars program in place for eligible Thrivent members, depending on your product level. If you own Thrivent products and haven't directed your Choice Dollars for 2018, you have until March 31, 2019 to do so. You can call (800)847-4836 and mention Choice Dollars and they will help you do the rest. Please mention LSM and while you are at it you can also direct your 2019 Choice Dollars.

So what is the reward for all this long-term work, support, and dedication? Sunset Home was named one of the Best of the Best by U.S. News and World Report in their annual rating of nursing homes across the United States! A first for Lutheran Sunset Ministries!

Our long LSM line of employees, donors and volunteers has made everything we do possible. Thank you as always for your prayers and support. May God continue to bless you and Lutheran Sunset Ministries!

*Rodney Rueter, CEO/president*



*T*hank you to everyone who voted in the Waco Tribune-Herald's H.O.T. Readers' Choice Awards!! We are excited to announce Lutheran Sunset Ministries has once again been voted #1 retirement community and #1 in assisted living!

A big thank you to the Thrivent Action Team “Generosity Never Gets Old.” They gifted comfort and activity items to the residents of Sunset Home and Heckmann Assisted Living in December. Thrivent Action Teams make it easy for you to bring people together to make a positive change in your community! When you see a need, apply to lead a volunteer team—and bam! Once your idea is approved, a Thrivent Action Kit is delivered to your door. It’s packed with everything you need to help make your project a success. It even includes \$250 in seed money to help get your project started. Thrivent is a not-for-profit fraternal benefit society and a Fortune 500 financial services organization. Their tradition of financial strength is driven by their focus on people, not profits. For more information on how to start your own Thrivent Action Team, visit [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com).

## Thrivent Action Team



### 5 Years

- Charlotte Garibay
- Patricia Sital
- Charles Dowdy
- Sandra Van Zandt
- Robert Behringer
- Martha Flores
- Charly Gonzalez
- Glenda Clark

## LSM Employee Service Awards

### 15 Years

- Mary Burk
- Analyn Sanders
- Greta Albrecht
- Wanda Sedberry

### 10 Years

- Sharon Leigh
- Karen Reid
- Terrie Matula-Williams
- Nancy Connors

### 20 Years

- Juana Nieto



# US News & World Report

U.S. News & World Report, the global authority in health care rankings, identified the Best Nursing Homes for 2018-19 and released its new Nursing Home Finder. To create these free and easy-to-use resources, U.S. News evaluated more than 15,000 homes nationwide, in every state and nearly 100 major metropolitan areas. This year, 2,975 nursing homes earned the designation of a U.S. News Best Nursing Home. Lutheran Sunset Ministries' long-term care community, Sunset Home, was one of only three nursing homes in a 50-mile radius that received this distinguished award.

Now in its ninth year, the U.S. News Nursing Home Finder offers comprehensive information about care, safety, health inspections, staffing and more for almost all nursing homes in the country. With this tool, individuals can easily conduct a customized search for a highly rated nursing home by location, Medicare and Medicaid coverage, Alzheimer's care and size.

In addition to helping families find the best nursing home for their loved one, U.S. News explains how to choose a senior care facility among the many options and how to understand the difference between for-profit and non-profit senior care options. Since many people searching online for nursing homes have a family member who needs assisted living, U.S. News also provides guidance on understanding the types of long-term care facilities and how to talk to a family member about assisted living. Lutheran Sunset Ministries offers inspired retirement living options at every stage of life.

In addition to quality health and wellness opportunities, LSM provides an enriched lifestyle through innovative programs, interdisciplinary activities, and a focus on physical, intellectual, social and spiritual growth. Providing the only full continuum of care in Bosque County – including independent living, assisted living, long-term care, rehabilitation and therapy, memory support, hospice services and companion services – LSM is a cornerstone of the region.

For more information, visit the Nursing Home Finder at <https://health.usnews.com/best-nursing-homes> or [www.lutheransunset.org](http://www.lutheransunset.org).

## Pot O' Gold Gives to Hospice Sunset

A few times a year, Pot O' Gold volunteers dedicate one day of sales to a local charity or worthy cause. The Pot O' Gold raised a little over \$4,600 on December 13, 2018 and donated that day in sales to Hospice Sunset!





## Residents Create Ties to the Community

In December, Rainbow Retirement residents presented Hospice Sunset with tie quilts to share with their patients. Then, with the help of Campus Pastor Dave Anfenson, they blessed the quilts. We love how our residents are constantly finding ways to give back!

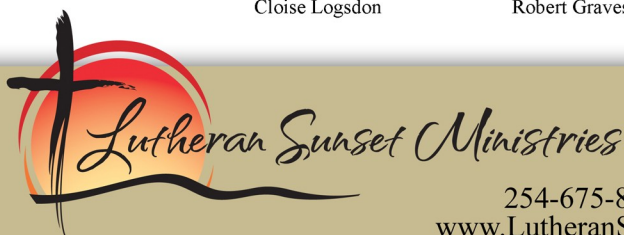
## Remembering Those Who've Past January - December 2018

Roland Baker  
Jean Gates  
Dorothy Pruett  
Narciso Ramos  
John Moore  
Monroe Baker  
Robert Graves  
Arlen "Buddy" Enger  
William Gordon  
Bernard Hoffman  
Billy Street  
Jonetta Eubank  
Olive Nunley  
Fredrick Smith  
James Gibbons  
Laura Clark  
Ruth Wiederaenders  
Dorothy Townsend  
May Cospers  
Frances Haynes  
Jonell Latham  
Jerry Schmidt  
Neva Blakely  
Milton Grimland  
Angeline Sulak  
Gertrude Riffe  
Danny Dietiker  
Virginia Hembree  
Lila Tucker  
Bert Downing  
Dorothy Downing  
Charlotte Bruington  
William "Bill" Scott

Harlon Horn  
Donald Barron  
Adam Sowder  
Syble Jorgenson  
Ernestyne Spencer  
Voncile Douglas  
Wynelle Clark  
Mary Reynolds  
Patsy Bearden  
Frances Golden  
Rachel Moore  
Glenda Crockett  
Judith Olson  
Patricia Boswell  
Royce Heath  
Kamol Thavoisutti  
Beatrice Powers  
Matilda Bishop  
Lola Faye Howard  
Billy D. McCleary  
Thelma Virginia Mogford  
Dennis Hardin  
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Arlene Carlisle  
Gilbert Smith  
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Anna Marie Simmons  
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Cloise Logsdon

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Virginia Sue Hembree  
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Joe Medley  
Gary McDowell  
Ronnie Smith  
Paul Dennis Harmon  
William Allen  
Marsha McClellan  
Florene Westerfeld  
Leonard Blakely  
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David Bowser  
Gloria Atteberry  
Abel Cruz  
Barbara Daily  
Sydonia Sommerfeld  
Milton Solberg  
Thomas Conrad  
Patricia "Pat" Gunter  
Jane Marie Billman  
Herbert "Herb" Lammert  
Michael Collins  
Margarita Ybarra  
Priscilla Mallonee  
Bernard "Don" Hoffman  
Robert Graves

Monroe "Mike" Windsor  
John Moore  
William "Sonny" Campbell  
Narciso Ramos  
Kenneth Worley  
William Gordon  
Thelma "Polly" Hanshew



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Long-term Care  
Memory Support  
Rehab/Therapy  
Companion Services

## Welcome, Michelle Lueck!

Lutheran Sunset Ministries would like to welcome Michelle Lueck as our new Companion Services Manager and Independent Living/Assisted Living Transportation Coordinator. Michelle has been with our ministry for more than three years, previously working in the Sunset Home Beauty Shop. She has 20 years of customer service experience and has coordinated transportation at another senior living community in our county.



Michelle's passion for caring for our aging population makes her an outstanding match for our ministry. She was born and raised in Clifton and lives here with her husband, Stacy. Her daughter, Stacey Watson, works for the ministry as well and is married to Ethan Watson. Sunset Companion Service provides families with the peace of mind that comes from knowing you're their loved one has a broadened support system. Studies show that maintaining healthy relationships and strengthening support networks can reduce stress and improve the overall quality of life.

Sunset Companion Services provides in-home, non-medical assistance for persons aged 62 and above who need assistance to remain living at home. For more information, please call 254-253-1726.

## A DOGgone Good Time!

A group from one of our exercise classes, lead by Leah Miles, pose with classmate Bill Watson's dog Zoe. Zoe never misses a class! Join them at 1604 W. 9th St., on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8am, 10am and 11am! You do not have to be a resident to participate.



# Around Campus



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## MEMORIAL GIFTS

The services provided by LSM are enhanced by the generous and appreciative memorials given. All memorials, whether directed or not, go to the care and services provided. The residents served going forward are blessed by your thoughtfulness. The following gifts were given between September 1 and December 31, 2018.

### JESSIE ALLEN

Carl & Lula Lukens, Moody.

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### THE LOVED ONES OF CHARLES & HELEN CONRAD

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### GLORIA MCDOWELL

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**(Memorial Gifts Continued)**

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**Honor Gifts**

These gifts are given to honor & appreciate special people, events, celebrations and/or achievements. All gifts help provide care to those served by LSM. The following gifts were given between September 1 through December 31, 2018.

**LANCE ALLEN**

By: Patricia Gorton, Waco.

**DOROTHY ANN BROWN**

By: John & Virginia Beaver, Seguin.

**JOYCE HECKMANN**

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**JAMES & MADORA ZENNER**

By: Steven & Kathleen Harr, Clifton.

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All gifts help LSM in its work and mission. The following gifts were given between September 1 through December 31, 2018.

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Calvary Lutheran Church, Richland Hills  
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