

THE MORROW HOME MESSENGER

COMPLIMENTARY
NEWSLETTER



Morrow Home Community

331 S. Water St. • Sparta, WI 54656

608-269-3168

www.morrowhome.org

"A Christian Tradition of Caring"

Fall/Winter
2018



As I write this article we are in full swing decorating the Meyer home as well as here at Morrow Home Community. With Christmas fast approaching, we are all wanting to get the finishing touches completed before Christmas. We all have Christmas traditions that we carry on from year-to-year. In the Meyer household we decorate our family tree with our kids' decorations that they have made or they have purchased over the past several years. My wife does an outstanding job at decorating around our house for Christmas. My favorite family celebration during Christmas is attending Christmas Eve Mass and enjoying the closing song, Silent Night. Do you have a favorite Christmas Song?

Here at Morrow Home we see Christmas all around us. Our campus is decorated with numerous beautiful holiday trees. Thanks to all the staff and volunteers who spend endless hours beautifying our campus for residents, families and staff. One special Morrow Home

Community tradition is our staff selecting a resident's name and purchasing Christmas gifts for them. In doing this, every resident receives and enjoys at least one gift. This generosity is made possible through the help of Mary Morrow's Attic and the Morrow Home Auxiliary.

At Morrow Home Community, we recognize that for many individuals we are the provider of choice in and around the Sparta community. With your expectations and our standard of providing a comfortable atmosphere, we are able to provide loving quality of care. This is evident by the significant volume of our high ranking resident satisfaction surveys.

During this holiday season, my thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our success possible. In this spirit, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all staff, residents, and families of the Morrow Home Community and send you the warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year.

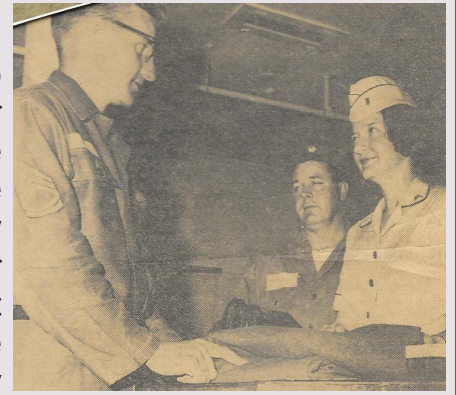
In Partnership,
Daniel Meyer, Chief Executive Officer





RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT LUCY KOWALSKI

Among the many veterans who we are honored to have on our Morrow Home campus, we take a moment to share with you the service of Lucy Kowalski. Lucy was in the Armed Forces for a few years. She was a First Lieutenant for the Army Nurse Corps until August 1965. Lucy was also a nurse at the Tomah Veterans Hospital. Thank you for your service, Lucy!



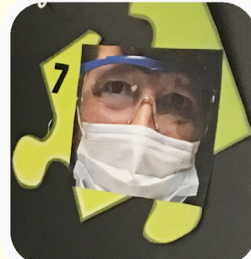
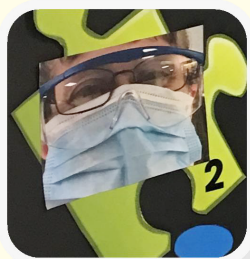
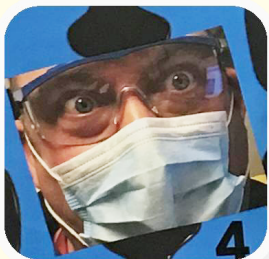
BLESSING OF THE NEW GAZEBO AT MORROW HOME COMMUNITY, THANKS TO FAMILY MEMORIAL & SPARTA LIONS CLUB MEMBERS DONATING THEIR TIME TO BUILD

In loving memory of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence and Arlene Jessie, the Jessie family and Morrow Home employees gathered for a special ribbon cutting of the new gazebo built behind MaryCrest Assisted Living, where Arlene Jessie resided in her later years. Along with the ribbon cutting, Pastor Fran Hewuse shared heartwarming words that may all who relax in the gazebo find a peaceful setting. The scripture read was from Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God." Pictured from left: daughter-in-law Karen Jessie, Maintenance employee, Jim Elsen, Adult Living Services Director Kari Russell, Maintenance Director Dan Hesse, Adult Living Services Chaplain Fran Hewuse, Maintenance employee Matt Berg, Lions member Tim Fuhrmann, son Gale Jessie, Lions member Tim McClain, Lions member Tony Bowers, daughter Linda Johnson, daughter-in-law Linda Jessie. Family not pictured is son Dale Jessie, daughter Cindy Freise and son-in-law Bill Freise. Lions member who worked on the project not pictured is Bill Forseth. Special thanks to Bill Forseth, Lions project leader, and owner of Pride Builders.



ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR REMINDS STAFF TO STAY HEALTHY

Emily Bouzek, RN, is Morrow Home's Staff Education and Infection Control Coordinator. Emily oversees the Occupational Health, OSHA, Infection Control, and Inservice for the Morrow Home campus. Emily finds lots of fun ways to address serious topics such as flu shots, illness, infections, airborne pathogens & more. Employees are reminded of proper handwashing & safety precautions to help ensure a healthy environment for residents & staff. Thank you, Emily!



Larry Schmitz, RN; Kelly Bina, RN; Evie Rust, RN; Crystal Mantzke, Culinary

We'd Love to Make Our Home YOUR Home, where:



WE cook meals & clean up after,
WE vacuum floors & wash windows,
WE handle all routine maintenance,
WE rake leaves & shovel snow!



MaryCrest and Homestead Apartments

331 & 401 S. Water Street, Sparta

ASSISTED LIVING AT OUR BEST!

Our Personal Care Staff offers much more—

Call for a tour & complimentary noon meal!

608-366-6293 jkoehler@morrowhome.org



www.morrowhome.org facebook page Morrow Home Community

Morrow Home Community: A Christian Tradition of Caring 

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES EXPAND

Morrow Home Community held a special gathering in October to offer up prayers for their employees who transport residents as well as prayers for the residents who are transported to their appointments and back home. "Lend a willing ear, Lord God, to our prayers, and bless this bus with Your holy right hand. Direct Your holy angels to accompany it, that they may free those who ride in it from all danger, and always guard them." Adult Living Services Chaplain Fran Hewuse officiated at the brief ceremony. Morrow Home was blessed to receive a grant to help pay for the new bus.



ANNOUNCEMENT!

We are glad to provide you with this Morrow Home Messenger, a newsletter about Morrow Home's continuum of senior care & the staff that provides this important care.

IF YOU RECEIVED THIS NEWSLETTER BY POSTAL MAILING, PLEASE CALL US
IF YOU WANT YOUR NAME TO STAY ON THE MAILING LIST.

YOU MAY **CALL 608-269-3168 OR 866-324-7365.**

We also provide the newsletter via email in full color. Please email
jkoehler@morrowhome.org to be added to the email list.

Thank you all very much for your support!



MEET A FEW OF OUR DEDICATED EMPLOYEES



Evie Rust RN with Nursing Home residents
Leone Lakowski & Esther Pulham

"I originally started at MMH in 2000 as a night shift CNA. I came to the day shift after a couple years then I decided to take a year off to pursue a different career. I was helping my boss find placement for his mother who needed assisted living. I showed him the Morrow Home web site. While on that site, I saw a picture of a former resident & I realized how much I missed the nursing field. This is when I returned to school for my RN. I returned to Morrow Home in 2009 as a CNA/NT & worked up to RN. After encouragement, I took the 1st floor charge position. My sole purpose for working here is the residents. They are why I clock in every morning. They put a smile on my face & if I can make just one of them smile in return, I have accomplished my goal."

Evie Rust, RN

"I used to work as a nurse consultant for a pharmacy. Morrow Home was one of my visits. I had moved away & when I was in the process of moving back I was looking for employment & saw Morrow Home was hiring. I automatically applied for it. I had been in dozens of nursing homes when I was a nurse consultant. Morrow Home always stood out as clean, nice smelling, & residents were well taken care of. Coming to work daily is easy. I feel like they are my own grandparents. They make me smile just being in their presence. I have always taken great pride in providing them with dignity & respect. They have such good stories to tell about their working days, raising a family, etc. It is an honor to serve them. The lessons I have learned are honor, respect, patience, & truly caring for other's needs (not only physical but emotional & spiritual as well). It is a humbling experience when I spend the last moments with a resident as they pass. That is not a lesson learned, but a lesson experienced."

Kelly Bina, RN



Kelly Bina, RN and Nursing Home
resident Ruby Anderson



Michael Lawrence, Culinary

"Hi, my name is Michael Lawrence. I used to be a part of Aptiv, formerly Riverfront Employment Services, where people helped me develop skills & find jobs in the community. I've been working at Morrow Home since June 2010. It's been a great job for me. My main job is delivering food and supplies. In just a few hours I make as many as nine trips from the Culinary department to the other kitchens so all the residents can have their meals & snacks. I've also been part of the Butterfest parade since I started here. My favorite float was the Minions. An important lesson I've learned is to be patient. A resident may need some extra time getting where they are going. I really have fun joking around with the other staff. They help keep my work fun. I'm glad to be part of Morrow Home."

KEEPING RESIDENTS PROTECTED-RESPECTED-CONNECTED



Morrow Home employees were privileged to meet Professor Tom Thibodeau on July 12th. Tom Thibodeau not only has taught at Viterbo University since 1984, he is also Director of the Masters degree program in Servant Leadership at Viterbo, the only program of its kind in the nation! The presentation highlighted the importance of the work employees do every day to ensure our residents enjoy their lives here.

Norma Flint: *"I began working at Morrow Home in July 2007. Eileen Ripley led me to seek out this employment. I am glad to know I am providing for the elderly. They look forward to their meals every day. A special memory for me was when I used roasters & cooked by candlelight during the remodeling in the nursing home dining room & kitchen."*

Noelle Flint: *"I just began working at Morrow Home in June 2018. My mom suggested I get used to working with the elderly since I want to be a CNA. The friendly coworkers bring me back to work each day. So far I've learned to never stop doing the little things for others because those little things can occupy the biggest part of a senior's heart."*



Norma Flint, Culinary & her daughter Noelle, Culinary & completing CNA credentials

Samantha Woodworth: *"I've been at Morrow Home since June 2008. I wanted to work with my sister. We have lots of friendly staff to work with. I like knowing that sometimes I can make a resident's day just by delivering their breakfast tray & providing them something to drink. I've learned to be very patient & kind."*

Crystal Mantzke: *"In 2007 I moved to Sparta, got married & wanted a job close to home. I began working at Morrow Home that October. I do my best to take care of the residents. When I get older I want someone to take good care of me."*



Samantha Woodworth, Culinary & her sister Crystal Mantzke, Culinary

Deb Miller: *"I've been working here since MaryCrest opened in September 2005. I wanted to do something different than factory work that I had been doing. I've been caring for the residents since I started, serving meals, cleaning up after meals & being the Housekeeper. I have great staff to work with too. I love seeing the residents & talk with them about their day. When I arrive at work on Mondays, they like to tell me about their weekends. Hearing about their lives, where they worked, their families & raising their children are so interesting. The residents are my 2nd family!"*

Bev Easley: *"I've worked with the elderly for over 30 years. When I moved to the Sparta area I was told that Morrow Home was the best place around & began working as Recreation Therapy Assistant in the nursing home in November 1999. I later transitioned to Assisted Living as Life Enrichment/Volunteer Coordinator until I changed over to a PCA-Personal Care Assistant. I am so thankful for all the lessons learned, especially to have patience everyday. I look forward to seeing the residents. They are what brings me back to work each & every day. I feel just like Deb does—the residents are my 2nd family!"*



Deb Miller, MaryCrest Housekeeper & Bev Easley, Personal Care Assistant

KEEPING COUPLES TOGETHER

Meet George & Grace Schmidt, a loving example that long term commitments still exist. They were married in 1952 just before George was drafted into the Marines. Once the military years were completed, they settled in Colby, Wisconsin and raised seven children, almost eight. They did experience the sadness of a miscarriage. The little one was laid to rest near a baby sister that George's mom & dad lost years prior.



George was the epitome of what a family provider was. After working the family dairy farm, he worked part time in the local grocery store for 25 years. Grace was the faithful homemaker & truly George's better half, aka soulmates. They were on dance teams together. George took great care of the flower patch in the back yard. Grace would frequently find him on his hands & knees pulling weeds out of the petunia beds.

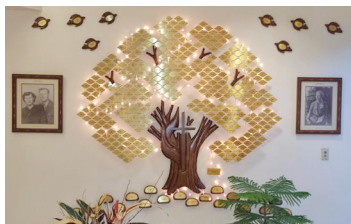
Grace began to take on the role of being his caregiver when George was diagnosed with Vascular Dementia in 2013. "I'm his wife. You do what you have to do". Grace took some courses & found a respite facility for George when she desperately needed a break in the day. Their children began sensing that their dad was eventually going to need more help than what their mom could provide.

With the loving encouragement of their children, George & Grace moved from their home in Colby to Morrow Home Assisted Living in September, 2015. Grace had been caring for George as best as she could while in Colby but it was taking a toll on her. At MaryCrest, Grace slowly began accepting the help from staff to care for George, much to the family's relief.

The children were glad that their mom was able to regain her own strength. Unfortunately, George's needs escalated to the point that George needed to transfer to BridgePath Advanced Assisted Living, yet another huge transition for Grace as she would not be transferring with George. "Even though we're not in the same room, George is just steps away. He still calls me by my name." What a trooper you have been, Grace!

While we all wish our loved ones did not have to deal with ailments, we are truly honored to provide this continuum of services to our residents. "I've made a lot of good friends here" states Grace. "I feel safe," to which their family agrees.

In January 2019, George & Grace will celebrate 67 years of marriage. May we, your Morrow Home family, offer our very best to you both! Thank you for sharing your lives & your dear family with us.



Planned Gifts are a way for givers to make a lasting legacy, the ultimate expression of generosity. These gifts generally come from wills, bequests or other estate planning vehicles. The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation is available to assist you. Please call them toll-free **1-888-903-9863** or email them at wumf@wumf.org.

The Morrow Home Foundation thanks all those who graciously give of their personal funds.

Your donations help immensely! The purpose of the Foundation is to foster and support the activities and mission of Morrow Memorial Home along with the Homestead Apartments, Parkview Independent Living Apartments, MaryCrest Assisted Living Apartments, and BridgePath Advanced Assisted Living CBRF. This past year, we have again been successful in these efforts. The Morrow Home programs created and supported by the Foundation are: Elsie Turner Educational Enhancement (Bootstrap) Program; Foundation Scholarship; Geneva Begg Resident Enhancement Fund; Dorothy Huff Care Assurance Program; Pauline McKean Parish Nurse Program. Your gifts will help us continue this grand tradition that began in 1917. You may designate your donation to go toward specific projects of your choice. We address specific needs through the annual Christmas Appeal. Please see next page...





Morrow Home Community

331 S. Water St. Sparta, WI 54656

608-269-3168

www.morrowhome.org

"A Christian Tradition of Caring"



Christmas 2018

Dear Morrow Home Community Friends,

Our entire Morrow Home Community wishes you and your loved ones a very blessed Christmas. We give thanks that we were able to share our love by providing services for all our residents here at Morrow Home Community.

We would like to acknowledge the generosity of those who donated to the 2017 Christmas Appeal. Those donations were used to furnish the Nursing Home Reception area and also the 2nd Floor Dayroom with new chairs, tables and loveseats that are more manageable for the residents to utilize. The 2nd Floor call light system was also completed.

In 2018 we are seeking assistance from our Morrow Home Community Friends in replacing the carpeting in MaryCrest Assisted Living hallway and dining room, which is over 15 years old and in need of replacement. So it is our hope and request that through the generous donations from our Morrow Home Community Friends, that the carpeting can be replaced with the donations received through this year's Christmas Appeal.

Once again, Mary Morrow's Attic has agreed to match the first \$15,000 of donations, thus doubling your gifts.

You may enclose a check to the Morrow Home Foundation in the enclosed self-addressed postage-added envelope or go on-line to our website, www.morrowhome.org, and click the **"Donate Now - through Network for Good"** button.

May God bless you and your family throughout this joyous Christmas Season.

In Partnership,

Darrell Zietlow
Foundation Chair

Ken Rose
Board of Directors Chair

Daniel P. Meyer
CEO

**Morrow Home Foundation – 331 S. Water Street – Sparta, WI 54656
608-269-3168 www.morrowhome.org**

Check us out online and on





Nonprofit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE

PAID

Sparta, WI
Permit No. 130

Return Service Requested

331 S. WATER STREET • SPARTA, WI 54656
(608) 269-3168 FAX: (608) 269-7642
(866) 324-7365
www.morrowhome.org


Morrow Home Community: A Christian Tradition of Caring

May your Christmas Season be filled with:
Treasured family times in a safe & secure home setting,
Sharing nutritional meals with close friends,
Enjoying daily activities that bring meaning,
socialization and quality of life!



Assisted Living is Available at Morrow Home
401 S. Water Street, Sparta
Call for a tour & complimentary noon meal!
608-366-6293
Email jkoehler@morrowhome.org



www.morrowhome.org  facebook page Morrow Home Community