United Pioneer Home



& Gawson Manor



"It is in each other's shadow that we flourish." — Irish Proverb

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Activities Corner

We Love Our Community!

United Pioneer Home is blessed with a phenomenal crew of 100 or so volunteers providing more than 1,000 hours of service each year. On average, 20 volunteers interact with our residents each week providing music, presenting educational programs and Bible studies, hosting parties and game days, working behind the scenes on service projects, and employing a myriad of other talents. It was our pleasure to host a brunch in their honor during Volunteer Appreciation Week in April. We recognized our oldest volunteer, Eva Hansen (99), and our farthest traveling, Shirley Martin (more than 20 miles each way). We cannot thank you enough for serving our



on numerous occasions, filling our hallways with laughter, music, and love. The 5th grade Pen Pals played BINGO

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Special Events:

- Bingo every Tuesday at 2:30 pm, Thursday at 6:30 pm & Saturday at 2:30pm
- Monthly birthday party second Monday every month
- Church service 4pm every Sunday

Looking Ahead:

- 7/28/17 Polk County Fair
- 8/6/17 Pie & Ice Cream Social 2-4 pm

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each month throughout the school year, and participated in exchanging letters with our residents. The program culminated in May with the Pen Pal/Senior Olympics, where residents competed on teams with their Pen Pals. Several students from the 4th grade class made a guilt as a raffle item, and voted to donate their proceeds to the United Pioneer Home. The funds were placed in the Resident's Council fund for resident activities. Our Pioneer Home queen, Dorothy Sorensen, visited with the class at the school to thank them for the donation. The senior high choir and guitar class sang and played for the residents. A local high school student sings and plays for our "Tickle the Ivory" program on Thursday mornings. In June, the National Honor Society began sending students to accompany residents to Music in the Park in Luck. Our residents also enjoy the many



day care and preschool groups who visit us, often dressed in adorable seasonal costumes.



We appreciate and thank our community members, along with the Luck Public School staff and students, for including our seniors in their community service efforts. You truly light up our lives!

People are the heart and soul of the care our Residents receive at UPH. Thanks and congratulations to all our staff, and especially those with "special" anniversaries January through June 2017

One Year of Service

CNAs Janesa Christianson, Kayla Johnson, Danielle Nelson, Josie Schinzing, Tessa Stenson Housekeeper Linda Classert; RN Jennifer Johnson; Care Partner Michelle Stokes

Ten Years of Service

Thirty Years of Service

Terah Ramsdell, CNA

Dan Valentine, Administrator



More Summer Hetivities

- * The Red Hat Ladies scoop up "Ice Cream Shoppe" specialty flavors each month
- * Residents attend Music in the Park twice a month
- * Residents baked 36 Kringle that sold out quickly at the Auxilary Bake Sale in June
- * An elegant summer Tea Party was held in June with violin music by local talent
- * Days and evenings are filled with BBQs, summer patio garden, making s'mores, watching fireworks, and summer outings
- * A small group went fishing with volunteers from the American Legion
- * The Lucky Days parade featured our Queen and Princess of Hearts







Join Us!

Our volunteers make the difference between loneliness and liveliness.

Whatever your talents and available time, we can find ways for you to serve
-- and also to have some fun! As one volunteer recently wrote, "We felt very
honored to be recognized as volunteers for your loving community of
residents." Thanks -- we are blessed to have you here!

Songs of Summer

How many of these favorites do you know?

In the Good Old Summertime

Tin Pan Alley

Those Lazy-Hazy-Crazy Days of Summer

Nat King Cole

June Night

Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra

Love Letters in the Sand

Pat Boone

Go Fly a Kite Bing Crosby

Summertime
Billie Holiday/Ella Fitzgerald



"There's a time in each year that we always hold dear...

...Good Old Summer Time."

— George Evans

