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A Different Kind of Disaster Planning by: Maureen Cahill, Administrator

Spurgeon Manor has worked hard to maintain its five-star rating, and is a past recipient of two prestigious awards, both the Bronze and Silver Quality Awards – placing us within the top 1% of senior care. The star ratings and awards we've received are reflective of our high standards, of placing quality care and the safety of our residents above all else. We provide families the faith and trust they need - knowing there is no better place to be, for compassionate senior care, than Spurgeon Manor.

In March, we experienced an incident in which one staff member failed to timely notify the doctor of a change in a resident's condition, and therefore did not follow the resident's wishes. That resident passed away. As a consequence, due to the seriousness of the incident, the staff member, unfortunately, was released.

This incident was self-reported, meaning (as required) we placed a call and immediately shared what had happened with the Department of Inspections and Appeals. That call initiated their investigation and Spurgeon Manor was found to be at fault, by the inaction of this one staff member. As a result, we will receive a "deficiency" that will impact our star rating for the next 2-3 years. Our hearts are broken for the resident's family, our staff member who was dismissed, and the entire Spurgeon Manor team who strives so hard to do their very best.

The reason that I am sharing this with you is - it is the right thing to do. We are committed to being transparent with all reporting, not just to our governing bodies, but also to you - who are the residents, families, volunteers and friends of Spurgeon Manor. Although awards and star ratings are nice, what is most important is - that the residents and their families know the quality of care at Spurgeon Manor, and that our hearts serve.

Spurgeon Manor has 55 nursing beds, 40 assisted living units, 25 independent living (townhomes and Iona Wise apartments) and limited use of the RCF. Currently, with nearly 130 staff, including 19 registered nurses, we are blessed with a wonderful team, who are entrusted with the care of the residents.

Although we often talk about disaster planning for storms and other emergencies, the behind-the-scenes training and on-going education of our staff, is critically important to avoid other kinds of disasters. The impact of one wrong decision can have a tragic impact.

Are you ready for some good news? Recently Spurgeon Manor received an unexpected and unsolicited award. We were recipients of the first Community Quality Champion Award from Telligon QI Connect; there were only two such awards presented in Iowa. Telligon QI Connect, of which Spurgeon Manor is a participant, is a partner for U.S. government, health agencies, state Medicaid agencies, managed care organizations and more. Their goal is helping people live their healthiest lives through proven health management solutions and healthcare expertise. We are honored...

So, at a time of grief and disappointment, we were reminded that day-in and day-out, Spurgeon Manor continues to provide care at the highest of levels; that our high standards have not changed. Similar to the compassion we have as caregivers to the residents, my hope and prayer is that you will have compassion and mercy for the work we do as staff. We know that we couldn't do this important calling without faith in God and your support.

Maureen

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Assisted Living News by: Lynette Krambeer

What a wonderful April we had at the Assisted Living ...

and I'm not just talking about those beautiful 70-degree days, when we got outdoors for some fresh air! The most exciting news for us - it was so wonderful to finally welcome family and friends back through our doors. While we still have precautions in place, we are slowly returning to a more comfortable level of normal.

We did some growing in April! We welcomed several new tenants, and are enjoying the opportunity to get-to-know each of our new neighbors and friends. We also welcomed a new staff member - Michelle Bacon. Shelly, we are very happy to have you on the AL team!

We're currently planning events for May, and on top of the list - is to enjoy more beautiful days outdoors. We'll also be bringing some volunteers into the building for some much-anticipated musical entertainment. Never to be forgotten ... we have a special program to honor all the AL mothers, in celebration of Mother's Day, May 9th.

A specific day of importance to the AL, is May 6th - National Nurses Day. It is the start of National Nurses Week, celebrated May 6th - 12th. This week provides those of us in health care (either working in, or residing in a health care setting) an opportunity to acknowledge the nurses around us. We want to recognize their talents and the compassion they possess to help those they serve. Thank you to all the nurses that work on the Spurgeon Campus. A special thank you to the Assisted Living Director of Nursing Services - Brenda Fooker, RN. Thank you for all your hard-work, long hours, patience, compassion, and talents - as you serve the tenants and coach the staff! You are very much appreciated!



Brenda Fooker, Director of Nursing Services

Start Your Journey With Us ...

Do you enjoy making others happy? Would you like to be part of a team, working together to enhance the lives of seniors? We have opportunities for you on the Spurgeon Manor Campus.

- Employees are encouraged to continue their education to advance in their position. Education is supported; tuition assistance and grants are available for classes.
- You can enjoy a flexible schedule - whether you need to work around school or other commitments - we have a position to fit your needs.
- Benefits include - PTO, health-dental-vision insurance, 401K, education assistance

We would love for you to join our team! Opportunities are available at Spurgeon Manor and Spurgeon Assisted Living. Give us a call and start your journey!



Darlene (Trudy) Devine Resident Spotlight



Darlene Thul was born February 12, 1932, on Abraham Lincoln's birthday! (That's what she often tells us). She had four brothers and two sisters. She was born in Whittemore and spent her first school years at Rodman School, before going to Presentation Academy (a Catholic school in Whittemore). After graduating she attended Mt. Mercy in Cedar Rapids for a year, and then came back to teach Country School at Whittemore No. 1. She taught K thru 8th grade for a year.

Darlene, was nicknamed "Trudy" by her Dad, after hearing it on a radio program. Trudy didn't like the name at first but has become use to it and now prefers it.

Larry Devine had once accompanied his brother, a doctor, to the Devine house to care for Trudy's Dad (who was ill at the time), and that is when he met Trudy. Trudy told the story that Larry came along to meet the brothers, and didn't know there were two sisters! The letter writing began. Eventually, Trudy and Larry got married on July 23, 1951, at St. Michaels Catholic Church. They lived in Sigourney, then moved to Oklahoma, and then back to the Whittemore area to farm. They would go to the movies, or occasionally to the Plantation Ball Room to dance, and they would visit Larry's family in Sigourney. Larry and Trudy had twelve children: Becky, Mary Ellen, Joseph, Michael, Terrence, Kevin, Colleen, Maureen, Nancy, Kerry Lynn, Rose Marie and Patty.

Trudy remembers that they had one cow to milk, raised cattle, pigs, chickens and sheep. This way they had their own milk, meat and eggs. She baked bread, rolls and cakes from scratch, made ice cream and cottage cheese, and butchered their own meat. Of course, they had a garden, so food could be canned and used in the winter. Trudy made quilts and sewed.

Trudy took piano lessons early in her life, and took eggs to pay the nuns for her lessons. She remembers going in the ditch one winter day, but she saved those eggs! She states that Larry was a better piano player than her, and he played by ear. Larry passed away while at Spurgeon Manor, but she has many good memories.

Trudy continues to be active and enjoys her children, their spouses, grandkids and many friends. She likes to read, walk and attend rosary and Mass. She still enjoys picking up a baby and cuddling with it. Trudy is also pretty good with our iN2L trivia (a senior computer program) and has a good sense of humor! Staff and other residents truly enjoy having Trudy at Spurgeon Manor. The staff member especially excited - to not only have Trudy at Spurgeon Manor, but is most thankful that she is HAPPY here - is Maureen, the Administer.



Iona Wise - A Gift in History Igniting Change at Spurgeon Manor

In 1985, a gift from Iona Wise helped set into motion and ignite one of Spurgeon Manor's most important periods of growth.

We're now celebrating 50 years, as Spurgeon Manor first opened as a retirement home in 1971. Throughout the history of Spurgeon Manor, master planning has always been important. Looking ahead with vision – and with the support of the community – has made possible the continued expansion and upgrades to meet the growing needs of the community.

The first major addition was initiated because of a need for independent living. When that issue was expressed by residents of the community, along with extended periods of high occupancy (resulting in limited availability of beds), in 1985, the Spurgeon Manor board of directors undertook a long-range development plan.

Phase 1 of the Master Facility Plan included the addition of eight independent living apartments, attached to the south wing of the original building. Now known as the Iona Wise Apartments; the eight apartments were named in her honor, as she donated \$724,315 (in 1985) for the construction of this retirement apartment wing. Iona was an only child, who grew up on the family farm southwest of Dallas Center, and she wanted independent living.

Iona's gift funded 80% of the construction. It was completed in 1988, with an additional \$173,738 borrowed. Most of the loan was carried by Brenton Bank, and by 1998, it was paid in full. The Iona Wise Apartments provided maintenance-free living accommodations, all utilities, bi-monthly house cleaning, daily noon meals, nursing checks and call lights for emergency services. The apartments received minor renovations in 1996 - including converting two small apartments into one larger unit; and in 2010, enlarging the board room by utilizing the small studio next door. The total number of units currently stands at six.

Over the years, this aggressive 1985 master facility plan continued to be methodically followed. Phases 2 and 3 included the construction of two sets of triplex townhomes just south of the main facility. These townhomes were completed in 1989 and 1991, respectively. Phase 4 was the 14-bed expansion of the nursing facility, consisting of an addition to the East Wing, that was completed in 1989. Phases 5 through 9 included the construction of additional town homes. These were configured as four duplexes, and two single units - construction began in 1993 and continued through 2000. When completed, there were a total of 19 townhomes.





Phase 10 was construction of the Alzheimer's unit, to expand the nursing section by an additional 13 beds; bringing the total to 42 beds. These 13 beds were designated as a separate, self-contained dementia unit. Also included in the addition, was an expansion of the current dining room, allowing for adequate space for all 29 nursing residents, a resident day room adjacent to the nurse's station, a much needed first floor laundry, and renovation of two existing showers.

We wish we knew more of Iona Wise's story, but are grateful today for her wonderful gift. Her generosity helped set into motion one of the biggest periods of change in our campus' history. Phase I of the 1985 Master Plan, helped to make Spurgeon Manor what it is today.

Currently we hear the community asking for additional independent living, along with some other changes. We are reminded of the importance of community support through gifts like Iona's. We are also mindful of the importance of Master Planning and wonderful Board leadership, when making decisions that will impact Spurgeon Manor for the next 50 years.

Activity Happenings

by: Diane Watts, A.D.

There were several special days in April, the first was April Fool's Day! Actually, the whole month is considered humor month. There are a lot of health benefits from humor: reduces stress, pain relief, boost immune system, diffuses conflict, increases happiness and burns calories! We continue to include humor in our activity schedule.

For our Easter Worship Service this year, we were fortunate enough to have Laura Leighton Harris lead our Easter Service. It is so nice to get back to our in-person Sunday Services! Other Sunday leaders this month were: Phil Funk, Scott Meyers and Bruce Minger. Our Wednesday worship leaders were: Josh Steward, Brenda Anderson and Mark Godfrey. Next month Matt Simpson will join us. Thank you!!

We've taken some bus outings around the Dallas Center Community; we're noticing the green grass, blooming flowers and robins flying about. Some of our residents have been sitting in the courtyards soaking up the sun. We look forward to getting the bicycles out, to ride on the bike trail.

Volunteer Pat Brown has been leading the Sip & Socialize on Saturday mornings. All the ladies are invited to join her for coffee, a snack and some good conversation.

We welcomed some entertainers back this month; including Pat Lydon playing the piano and singing some good old songs! We enjoyed some new entertainers - Dale Baker from Carroll and his dancing partner Barb from Omaha. They showed off their dancing skills by performing different polkas, waltzes and the jitterbug; this brought back good memories of dancing days!

April was the beginning of Major League Baseball, so we celebrated with cracker jacks, root beer, and some indoor baseball. The Men's Gathering group played the putt, putt golf and is getting better!

For National Peanut Butter & Jelly Day, we served the popular PB & J sandwiches, and on Pretzel Day we served yummy pretzels. These goodies were provided by the Dietary Department.

During Volunteer Week, the Activity Department handed out bookmarks and buttons to our resident volunteers for their service this past year. Those volunteers were: Eleanor Myers, Berneice Friesz, Barb Wenger, Mary Lou Denker, Dena McGlothlin, Carolyn Conner, Jean Galloway, Al & Jeanine Kraayenbrink and Eleanor Mikelson.

April Birthdays Celebrated

Marie Dawson	101
Ruth Huisman	101
Dorothy Eby	94
Clarice Sapp	92
Shirley Fuller	92
Al Kraayenbrink	86
Jeanine Kraayenbrink	86
Donna Lauterbach	80

Upcoming Events in May

- 9** Mother's Day
- 10-14** National Skilled Nursing Care Week
- 13** Pat Lydon Music 2:30pm
- 17** Jim Quales Entertaining 9:30am
- 27** Honoring our Veterans
- 31** Memorial Day





Twyla Johnson enjoying some fresh air and sunshine.



Pat Lydon played the piano and held a sing-a-long. Our first performance, since the beginning of the pandemic.



Donna Lauterbach and Harry Allender enjoy a warm spring day, in the courtyard.



Kay Mortimer and Dori Neuman taking a few minutes to take in some sunshine.



Spurgeon Manor residents enjoyed watching the children from Kids Korner, looking for Easter Eggs outdoors.



Jean Galloway enjoying a game of cards on Burnett Court.



Diane Watts and Jim Young enjoy some chips, as a snack after Bingo.



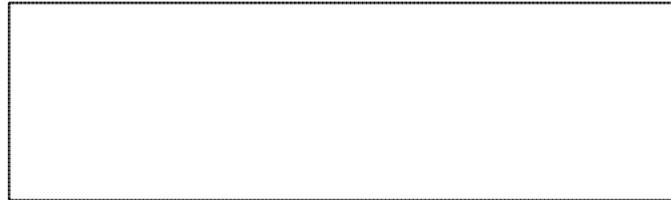


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