



Neighborly News

September 2021

From the Desk of Matt Carpenter, CEO/Administrator



Where has summer gone? I have heard this statement over and over again the last 2 weeks. I believe this summer, in particular, has gone by double the pace from previous summers, with a nonexistent summer of 2020. As our kids hop back on the bus and get reacclimated to a new routine with extracurricular school activities, the question looms about COVID-19 and other variants. Decisions are continuing to be made about masks, vaccines, social distancing, and when to quarantine. It has been our primary focus to keep the people we serve safe. We will maintain our position by following federal and state guidelines, and react in accordance to the positivity rate of our county as well as any positive tests within our organization. Our infection control team continues to be vigilant and use an abundance of caution when making decisions for our organization.

In spite of COVID-19, Good Neighbor Society continues to be progressive. At Good Neighbor Home, we continue to update and renovate rooms and common spaces. Residents have commented on the freshness of the renovations, and on the fact we are getting away from an outdated look. The nursing team continues to improve quality measure outcomes, which ultimately is reflected in the quality of care. The Meadows continues to make improvements with newly painted walls and new decorations. The front door will be replaced later this year. We continue to draw up plans for more condos and have recently sold Neighborhood Retreat on the west end of town to our neighboring church by negotiating a property swap. Our plan is to develop this 1.4 acre former church property for more condos with double stall garages.

Our Rehab to Home continues to draw more and more momentum. An open house to showcase this new construction has been postponed due to the rapidly growing numbers of the Delta variant. When the time is right, you and the rest of the community will be invited. If you are interested in a private tour, please contact Jessie Tibbott by calling our main line at 563-927-3907.

Our biggest deficiency and challenge at this time is securing more team members. During the height of our COVID outbreak, we had a major exodus of team members who needed to focus on the mental/physical health of themselves or a loved one. There is no doubt our team was exhausted from the discord the pandemic caused our community, but they have not taken their focus off our mission: to provide compassionate Christian care. There is no doubt in my mind we will navigate through this challenge together as a team. As a byproduct, we will be a stronger force while creating a symbiotic relationship across campus. I am proud to work with such a dedicated team!



**GOOD
NEIGHBOR
SOCIETY**

Continuing Care Retirement Community

Meadows Assisted Living

The Meadows September Birthdays

- 01 FRED PHELPS
- 04 BEVERLY GIVENS
- 04 KATELIN ANTE
- 06 SHIRLEY LIGHTY
- 11 LETICIA TIMMERMAN
- 18 THELMA BESSEY
- 29 LILLIAN BURNS
- 30 BERNIE HAMLETT

Meadows Employment Anniversary



• **KATELIN ANTE** •
Universal Worker, PRN

Congratulations on 1 Year!
9.23.20



**NATIONAL ASSISTED LIVING WEEK®
SEPTEMBER 12-18, 2021**

WELCOME!!



Please join us on wishing our newest neighbor, **Mary Ann Fangman** a warm welcome to The Meadows Community!



Thank you to all of our gardening friends, for kindly donating fresh seasonal produce for our tenants to enjoy!



Welcome **SEPTEMBER**

May God Turn
your cannot's into can's,
your confusion into clarity,
your burdens into blessings and
your stress into peace. ---
May He bless you with
joy, love, happiness and prosperity &
May He
provide a shield of protection over
you and your family during the
month of *September* and always.

HAPPY SEPTEMBER

~ The Meadows August Adventures ~



Left/Right: About 15 of us gathered to assemble kits for the local back-to-school fair. We assembled a total of 360 kits! This marks our 5th year partnering with the school committee on this project!



Right: Following the tour, we had a picnic in the park!



Left/Right: We had a fabulous time touring & learning about Kendrick Forest Products & browsing through The Market!



Below: Casey Klein performed for the tenants in honor of his great grandmother, Themla Bessey's 93rd September birthday! With the exception of last year, he has played in her honor yearly, for the last 10 years!



Left: Lunch at Chuong Garden.
Below/Left: Tenants get cozy while soaking up the beautiful summer days.
Below/Right: Just proof of S' more summer fun!



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COURSE #84133

6 WEEKS LECTURE, LAB

+ CLINICAL



Oct 5 – Nov 11, 2021



Face to Face



Manchester



\$625



Brooke Bach, RN; Pam Moritz, RN

HYBRID 75-HR CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE

This fast-paced combination of online classroom, hands-on lab and clinical experience addresses basic nursing and personal care skills, patient rights and communication. Must be 16 years or older to apply.

Mandatory Orientation will be held at the Manchester Center, September 28, 2021 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Books and supplies for students will be available. Iowa mandates a background check to include criminal, adult/child abuse and sex offender status before class begins (background check is included with class fees).

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Recreation Welcomes Amy Cassel

Hi everyone! I'm Amy and I'm so excited to continue my journey with Good Neighbor Society. Over the past five years I have worked with the Dietary and Environmental Services teams. In mid-July I was blessed with the opportunity to join Recreation. I grew up in Cedar Rapids and graduated from Jefferson High School. I received an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts from Kirkwood Community College. My husband Mark and I with our two sons Lyle (14) and Henry (11) live on a family farm south of town. I love photography and camping in my spare time. I look forward to creating special programs and experiencing each day with you.



Employee Recognition - Dixie Van Heiden

Dixie joined Good Neighbor Society February 3, 2020. Although it isn't that long ago, it seems as if she has always been part of our team. She handles her job with grace and willingness to always do more than expected. Residents appreciate all the work she does with their clothing and when she pitches in on the floor as a housekeeper. She is thorough in everything she does, and she never complains when asked to do more. She is a true asset to the team of Environmental Services! Congratulations!



View menus, activities and more on the Spectrio SHARE App! Use community pin **1963** for Good Neighbor Home, **2000** for The Meadows Assisted Living, and **2011** for Marietta's Place. Residents can view this information on the screens by the nurses stations, business office, and dining room.

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McCarren Dr

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Neighbor Dr

The Meadows

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