



Neighborly News

January 2022

Kristi Smith



Happy New Year to our community at the Good Neighbor Society!!! As 2021 sprinted into the finish line, it reminded me to not only look back on our trials, tribulations, blessings of the past year, but also to heal old wounds, dream of our possibilities, and plan. Our Good Neighbor Society continues to strive through a world that is ever changing. A world that looks different from our prior generations we have been through. Good Neighbor Society continues to adjust and serve in these times when healthcare is turbulent. Good Neighbor Society continues to lead healthcare with the commitment to provide compassionate Christian care in our Delaware County. I call all who are a part of the community: resident, loved ones, and

staff, to take a second and reflect on their upcoming new year. Not only should we think about what 2022 is going to bring us but what we can bring to our 2022. I call 2022 the year of our spirit. A spirit we must find deep within ourselves. A spirit like no other in the past years. The spirit we find must light the way for a healthier community. A greater sense of human kindness for all of those around us. A greater urgency to live our lives without fear of our ever-changing world. Let us lean into our possibilities in the new year. Support those around you and build them up to be all they can be in 2022. Let our full spirit start at the Good Neighbor Society and ripple out to the entire world to feel. 2022 will be our year to live, love and be happy!

“Live, love,
and be happy!”
~Kristi Smith~
Social Services Director

Dear Neighbors,

On behalf of Good Neighbor Society, I would like to express a huge thank you to everyone who supported us throughout the holiday season! The past couple of Christmases have not been the same without family and friends physically celebrating with us. However, it is with great honor we say our community has continued to support our Christmas Wishes program. These special gifts are something we could not do without your support. We had many kind donations, letters to residents, homemade blankets, wish tickets fulfilled, and much more, ensuring everyone received a personalized gift for Christmas. Smiles, laughter, joy, and love have been shared this season and will continue well into the new year, thanks to our amazing community. We look forward to a future where we can gather again as a family unit with loved ones near and far, but for now...

Thank you to each and every one of you who helped make our season bright.

~ Paris Schaul
Assistant Director
of Recreation



~ Paris Schaul



Good Neighbor Home

New Neighbors

Betty McIntosh

New Employees

Ella Koloc

Lauryn Bruggeman

Cassidy Schaul

Rylie Kuhn

Hannah Elledge

Wishing you the best

Jerome Lansing

Bill Monaghan

Dennis Knutson

Beverly Preussner

Dick Smith

Always in our hearts

Dave Salow

Ronald Struble

Christmas Party

Good Neighbor Home is supported by many people both far and wide who love to help make holidays special. Every resident received a Christmas gift sponsored by our community and team members totaling over 100 gifts! Please enjoy the following photos from our party!



Resident Profile: Kay Hovey

Kay Hovey was born on January 26th, 1945 in New Hampton, Iowa. Kay graduated from Cedar Falls High School and then attended University of Northern Iowa and received her degree in Business Education. Kay moved to Manchester in 1970 when she began teaching Business Education at West Delaware High School. She taught for about 33 years! Kay is a member of the Manchester Tourist Club and P.E.O. Chapter AS. Kay enjoys going for walks, working on crossword puzzles, reading magazines, and the newspaper, and any activity Good Neighbor Society has to offer—but her favorite activities would be Bingo, art projects, exercise class, and the birthday parties! Be sure to stop by and visit Kay!



Gingerbread House Competitions

Our first annual gingerbread house competitions were held on Wed. Dec. 15th where team members and residents voted on their favorite entries. Our 2021 Gingerbread house competition winners are: 1st—Tjaden Fleege; 2nd—Paris Schaul ; 3rd—Julie Porter!

Thank you to all who participated!



Ugly Sweater Competition

Our Ugly sweater contest took place at the beginning of our Christmas! Our ugliest sweater winners are: 1st—Deb McDowell; 2nd—Amy Cassel; 3rd—Sara Rans!



Christmas Concert

Darrell, Jacque, and Connie had a wonderful Christmas concert with over 70 GNH and Meadows people enjoying the show!



Team Member Secret Santa



Christmas Lights Bus Trips

Christmas lights, Christmas music, and a tour of the town! "Was worth the cold getting from the building to the bus," many passengers exclaimed!



Jan.	Anniversaries	Birthdays
01		Christine Gavin
02	Natalie Gentz—15 years	Megan Connolly
03	Valarie Shlicht—3 years Heather Uthoff—3 years	
04	Sarah Burke—1 year	Steven Russ
05		Leanna Feldmann Madelyn Gray Andi Haag
06	Lori Corkery—7 years	Barbara Pearson Abigail Placke
07	Atexis Eike—2 years	Cindy Wire
08	Marquita Banks—2 years	Brittany Timmer Chris Larosa
09	Debra Hermsen—27 years	Makayla Gasper Peg Lillig
10		
11		Attison Mullen
12		Kyleigh Marsden Darla Henry
13	Lisa Fangman—19 years Hannah Wickman—5 years	Elizabeth Demmer
14		
15		
16	Ciarra Beuer—9 years Angeta Hoeger—4 years	Mary Bissell
17	Daniella Haynes—4 years Haley Bolsinger—4 years Alexsandra Chavez—4 years	Kimberly Halsey
18		Galen Bowden
19		Marisa Mastin
20	Joan Brunsman—11 years Bill and Marcia Russ—65years	
21		
22	Chris Larosa—2 years	JoAnn Brandenburg
23		
24	Jana Rowley—14 years	Annette Kirby Brooke Bach
25		Mert Jasper
26	Steve Werner—10 years	Kay Hovey
27		
28	Jolene Haas—18 years	Molly Zittergruen Nicole Snyder Sean Rodriguez
29		
30		Cassandra Westhoff
31		Jean McCusker



Outdoor Christmas Trees

Season's Greetings to all! We started a new tradition at Good Neighbor Home this year by adding 64 artificial Christmas trees outside all residents windows! We've had so many generous people from the community donate their old artificial trees they were no longer using that work perfectly outside! Families decorated some of the trees, residents made various ornaments, and all were lit with colorful lights to shine through the night! Our hope is to continue this tradition for many years to come! If you or someone you know has an old Christmas tree looking for a new home, consider donating it to us for residents to enjoy! I want to thank everyone that donated a tree this year and personally let them know how much the residents have enjoyed the "view" outside their windows! As always, we are so blessed to live and work in such a compassionate community.



"Best wishes for a wonderful new year!"

~Steve Werner~
Plant and Operations Manager

New Gazebo

As some of you may have noticed, we have a new gazebo in our playground area. An Eagle Scout reached out to see if there was a project he could start for us this year, and we knew this was the perfect job! Many families expressed in the past that we needed a shaded area to watch their kids from, and this was the perfect solution! Many thanks for his time and talent building this much needed shady spot to visit!



Employee Recognition—Deb McDowell

Most of the residents and team know Deb as the lady who loves to dress up in crazy outfits and share smiles and laughter together! Deb also loves to bake, spend time with her grandkids, and help anyone in need. We have been blessed with Deb's presence at Good Neighbor Society for 26 years! We appreciate her cheerfulness and commitment to providing Compassionate Christian Care!



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