

# Eventide Senior Living Community

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# Eventide Events

Published for the residents, families, friends and employees of the Eventide Community.

## Welcome

Thank you for choosing the Eventide Campus to be your home!

### Gracewell:

Bill Brockman  
John Cookson  
David Duncan  
Joyce Esser  
Maxine Heggen  
Doris Neumann  
Jan Schultz  
Joyce Siegner  
Jack Siemer  
Don Uker  
Roger Walde  
Doris Neumann  
Maxine Heggen

### Silveridge Assisted

#### Living:

Natalie Dickerson  
Larry Leinen  
Phyllis Lewis  
Barry & Jackie Mundt  
Sonni Sonnichsen

### Heritage Heights:

Luella Henschen  
Marla Jans

## Graduates

Our graduates were on the Eventide campus for a short stay for rehabilitation. It was a pleasure to serve you!

### Gracewell:

Harold Bergstadt  
Marla Jans  
Phyllis Kluver  
Pauline Meeves  
Carol Meyer  
Donnie Neumann  
Jo Ritter

## In Memoriam

Our thoughts and prayers remain with the families and friends of those who have made their final journey.

### Gracewell:

Janet Beeck  
Lorraine Groth  
Verle Massman  
David Moen  
Phyllis Muhlbauer  
Cheryl Rath  
Paul Schaben  
Mary Welsh

### Realife Cooperative:

Sharlene Hansen

## Gracewell CMA Named Caregiver of the Year by LeadingAge Iowa



Gracewell is proud to announce that Ramona Chajon, Certified Medication Aide (CMA), has been named the recipient of the distinguished Caregiver of the Year Award by LeadingAge Iowa. The surprise recognition was recently shared with Mona at Gracewell, and she will formally accept the award at the Leading Age Iowa's upcoming Spring Conference.

Ramona is widely recognized by residents, families, and coworkers for her exceptional dedication, compassion, and professionalism. Since joining Gracewell in 2021 as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), she has consistently gone above and beyond in delivering high-quality, resident-centered care.

Known for her reliability, Ramona has maintained perfect attendance throughout her tenure and routinely works beyond her scheduled hours—averaging 48 hours per week—to ensure residents receive consistent, attentive care. She frequently steps in to cover additional shifts, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to both her team and those she serves.

In 2024, Ramona's advanced to the role of Certified Medication Aide, where she quickly distinguished herself through her mastery of the electronic medical record system and her precise, accountable approach to medication administration. Her ability to seamlessly transition between CNA and CMA responsibilities, including caring for residents in the dementia household, earned her a coveted premium resource position—an honor reserved for only a select group of team members.

Ramona's impact is perhaps best reflected in the words of those she cares for:

"We appreciate all the love and extra care provided and enjoy our time with her. I hope she always remembers how special she is!" said resident Hilda.

Another resident, Sara, shared, "She takes her time with me and is very attentive to my needs. It is clear she is knowledgeable and always willing to look further into things to answer my questions. Most impor-



tantly, she is kind."

Beyond her direct caregiving role, Ramona is an active contributor to Gracewell's Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) and Safety Committee. She has played an instrumental role in initiatives aimed at improving resident hydration and enhancing call light response times. Her thoughtful input has also helped clarify resident schedules for staff, allowing for more proactive and efficient care delivery.

Team members describe Ramona as a true team player, someone who steps in during busy shifts, offers support without hesitation, and provides constructive feedback that elevates the entire team. Her commitment to continuous improvement and her genuine passion for caregiving have made a lasting impact on both residents and staff.

For her outstanding skills, steadfast dedication, and inspiring influence, Ramona Chajon exemplifies the very best in caregiving. Gracewell and the broader community celebrate her well-deserved recognition as Caregiver of the Year.

## Reminder - Eventide Foundation Scholarship Deadline

The Eventide Foundation Scholarship is nearing its deadline - April 15th. To access application details and forms, visit [www.eventidehome.com/scholarship26](http://www.eventidehome.com/scholarship26) or give Christine Kragel, Eventide Foundation Director, a call at (712) 263-3114.



# Eventide Campus Staff News

by Human Resource Coordinator,  
Pat Schechinger

## ANNIVERSARIES

“Congratulations” to the following Eventide Campus Staff for working one year or more:

**April:**

- Kara Webb, RN, Director of Assisted Living, 16 years
- Nely Galdamez, Tenant Companion & Medication Manager, 2 years
- Dustyn Bengford, Heritage Heights & Realife Cooperative Maintenance, 16 years
- Pat Clarey, Certified Medication Aide, 36 years
- Julie Thompson, Tenant Companion, 1 year
- Jasmine Casillas, Certified Nurse Assistant, 6 years
- Christine Kragel, Community Relations & Foundation Director, 12 years
- Carol Lamaak, Domestic Aide, 7 years
- Connie Nieto, Certified Nurse Assistant, 1 year
- Geysi Garcia, Certified Nurse Assistant, 2 years
- Katie Segebart, Certified Nurse Assistant, 2 years

**May:**

- Vanessa Lara, Certified Nurse Assistant, 2 years
- Olga Ramos, Dietary Assistant, 4 years
- Bob Adams, Maintenance Supervisor, 22 years
- Kaitlyn Bruhn, Certified Nurse Assistant, 1 year
- Penni Hansen, Front Desk Concierge, 5 years
- Krystal Terwilleger, Cook, 9 years
- Pamela Rivas, Dietary Assistant, 1 year

**June:**

- Ashley Perez, Certified Nurse Assistant, 3 years
- Kathy Tech, Certified Nurse Assistant, 40 years
- Melanie Ramirez, Certified Nurse Assistant, 1 year
- Tiffany Ramirez, Certified Nurse Assistant, 1 year
- Daniela Oropeza, Tenant Companion & Medication Manager, 5 years
- Jessica Pauley, Licensed Practical Nurse, 5 years
- Carol Quail, Tenant Companion, 13 years
- Beyonce Carrasco, Certified Nurse Assistant, 2 years
- Ava Hansen, Dietary Assistant, 1 year
- Elizabeth Alcazar, Certified Nurse Assistant, 4 years
- Alexis Vaquerano, Tenant Companion, 1 year

## NEW STAFF

We welcome the following new staff members to the Gracewell Nursing Home:

**Nursing Department:**

- Monica Ayala, Certified Nurse Assistant
- Adilynn Herbert, Certified Nurse Assistant
- Charlynn Gardner, Registered Nurse
- Jenna French, Certified Nurse Assistant
- Andrew Pederson, Certified Nurse Assistant
- Brittney Monge, Certified Nurse Assistant
- Karla Guerrero, Certified Nurse Assistant
- Andrea Lupian, Certified Nurse Assistant
- Wilson Riphin II, Certified Nurse Assistant
- Arealle Griggs, Certified Nurse Assistant
- Bailey Fitch, Licensed Practical Nurse

**Dietary Department:**

- Katerinee Oro, Dietary Assistant
- Marisol Luna, Dietary Assistant

We welcome the following new staff members to the Silveridge Assisted Living:

**Nursing Department:**

- Elliott Green, Tenant Companion

# You're Not Alone: Monthly Dementia Support at Eventide

Submitted by Morgan Saunders, Gracewell Social Worker

Did you know Eventide hosts a monthly support group for individuals living with dementia and those caring for a loved one on that journey?

Held on the **first Tuesday of every month at 1:30pm**, this group is facilitated by Morgan Saunders and Mary Jo Pfeifer, who guide meaningful conversations around the challenges, questions, and experiences many families face. While hosted at Gracewell, this support group is open to anyone in our surrounding communities – you do not need to be affiliated with Eventide to attend.

One of the most valuable aspects of the group is the range of perspectives shared. Attendees include individuals who are beginning to notice early signs of dementia in themselves or a loved one, those currently navigating the day-to-day realities of caregiving, and even those who have lost a loved one and now wish to support others. No matter where you are on the journey, there is a place for you here.

A common question that often comes up is: What are the earliest signs of dementia?

The answer isn't always straightforward. Early changes can sometimes be mistaken for other concerns, such as hear-

ing loss. In some cases, what appears to be memory trouble may actually stem from not fully hearing or processing information. This can lead to withdrawal from conversations or social settings, as individuals may feel unsure or worried about responding incorrectly.

It is also common for individuals in the early stages to step back from hobbies, routines, or social groups they once enjoyed. They may have difficulty with familiar names or everyday tasks, even if they don't openly express these challenges. For some, changes seem to happen suddenly; for others, progression is gradual. Every dementia journey is unique.

These are just a few of the important topics discussed during the support group. More than anything, it is a space to connect, share, and feel understood.

Don't forget, we offer complimentary respite care during our meetings. If you plan to use this service, please call Morgan at (712) 263-3114, ext. 238 by Noon the day prior to arrange. **Upcoming support group meetings include April 7th, May 5th and June 2nd.**

We welcome you to join us – because no one should navigate this journey alone.

# Understanding Veteran's Aid and Attendance Benefits for Long-Term Care in Iowa

Submitted by Kara Webb,  
Director of Assisted Living

Many veterans and their families are unaware that financial assistance may be available to help pay for long-term care services. One of the most valuable benefits offered through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is the Aid and Attendance pension benefit, which can help qualifying veterans and surviving spouses cover the cost of care in assisted living and nursing homes.

For Iowa veterans and their families navigating the rising costs of long-term care, understanding this benefit can make a significant difference in accessing the care they need.

**What is Aid and Attendance?**

Aid and Attendance is a monthly pension benefit provided by the VA to wartime veterans and their surviving spouses who require assistance with daily living activities. It is intended to help offset the costs of long-term care. Unlike disability compensation, Aid and Attendance is not dependent on service-related injury or illness. Instead, it is need-based pension designed to support aging veterans who require assistance with daily care.

**Who may qualify?**

To qualify for Aid and Attendance benefits, the veteran must first meet eligibility requirements.

1. Military Service
  - a. Have served at least 90 days of active duty, with at least one day during a wartime period
  - b. Have received a discharge other than dishonorable
  - c. Meet service requirements if entering active

duty after September 7th, 1980 (typically 24 months of service)

- d. If a surviving spouse of a war veteran, they must have been married to the veteran at the time of death.

2. Age or Disability Requirements
  - a. Be age 65 or older
  - b. Be permanently and totally disabled
  - c. Be a resident of a nursing home or an assisted living due to physical or cognitive impairment
3. Care needs
  - a. Aid and Attendance benefits are intended for individuals who need help with activities of daily living, such as:
    - i. Bathing or personal hygiene
    - ii. Dressing
    - iii. Eating
    - iv. Medication management
    - v. Mobility or transferring
    - vi. Toileting
    - vii. Supervision and protection from hazards due to cognitive impairment
  - b. The applicant does not have to require assistance with all of these. There simply needs to be adequate medical evidence (provided by your physician) that they cannot function without assistance.
4. Financial Eligibility
  - a. Because Aid and Attendance is needs-based pension, applicants must meet income and asset limitations set by the VA.
  - b. Assets and yearly income must not exceed a threshold. Assets such as home, vehicle and prepaid funeral expenses are not included as an asset.

**THE BENEFITS OF AID & ATTENDANCE – Assisted Living**

Veteran Family Status	Basic Pension Benefits	Aid & Attendance Benefits
Single Veteran	Up to \$17,441 year	Up to \$29,093 year
Veteran with a Spouse	Up to \$22,839 year	Up to \$34,488 year
Surviving Spouse (Widow Pension)	Up to \$14,893 year	Up to \$21,696 year

**THE BENEFITS OF AID & ATTENDANCE – Nursing Home**

Veteran Family Status	Benefit per year
Single Veteran (Private Pay)	Up to \$29,093 <u>year</u> (\$2,424.42 per month)
Veteran with a Spouse (Private Pay)	Up to \$34,488 <u>year</u> (\$2,874.00 per month)
Surviving Spouse (Widow Pension, Private Pay)	Up to \$22,304 <u>year</u> (\$1,858.67 per month)
If Medicaid eligible (single Veteran or Surviving Spouse)	\$90 per month does not go toward cost of care

**Where to begin?**

While applicants can find resources online, we highly encourage veterans to reach out to your County Veterans Service Officer. This officer will be able to explain benefits you may be eligible for and assist you throughout the entire process of applying for this wonderful benefit.

Crawford County Veterans Affairs  
 Louise Galbraith, CVSO  
 115 North 14th Street  
 (lower level entrance)  
 Denison, IA 51442  
 (712) 263-2720  
 lgalbraith@crawfordcounty.iowa.gov

You're invited to

## SESSION 4 OF SUPPORT ON THE ROCKS


Sit down for some straight talk about aging – served with a twist. Pull up a chair, pour yourself something strong (or soothing), and join us for real conversations about aging, caregiving, and planning ahead.

**Session 4: The Foggy Pour. Talking Dementia Before Memory Slips Away**  
 June 4, 2026 | 5:00 PM

Learn how to talk with dignity about dementia, create a care plan, & prepare your family for changes ahead – including how to approach topics like driving, medical treatment, & legal planning.

Speakers: Alzheimer's Association, Morgan Saunders, Gracewell Social Worker & Mary Jo Pfeifer, Gracewell Nurse Manager, RN, CDP, RAC-CT

Each session will take place at Gracewell, located at 114 South 20<sup>th</sup> Street in Denison. The series is free and open to the community. Registration is appreciated but not required. Please call Morgan Saunders at Gracewell, (712) 263-3114, to learn more or register for a program(s)!



# What is Skilled Nursing Care – and How Can Gracewell Help?

Submitted by Amy Schultz, Gracewell Administrator

When a loved one experiences a hospitalization, families are often faced with an important question: What happens next? One common next step is a skilled nursing stay, but many people are unsure what that really means.

## What is Skilled Nursing Care?

Skilled nursing care is a higher level of medical and rehabilitative care that typically follows a hospital stay. It is designed for individuals recovering from illness, injury, or surgery who are not quite ready to return home independently.

Two of the most common insurance plans are Medicare and Medicare Advantage. Medicare guidelines require a three-night hospital stay before qualifying for skilled care coverage. This hospital stay usually involves treatment for a serious but short-term condition such as pneumonia, fractures, surgery recovery, or other acute medical needs. Medicare Advantage plans do not always require a hospital stay, but most advantage plans do require a pre-authorization for a skilled stay. It is always best to talk with your doctor or hospital team to determine if you qualify.

## How the Process Works

If your physician determines that skilled care is needed, the hospital will send a referral. At that point, Gracewell—located on the Eventide campus—steps in to provide the next level of care and support.

## A Goal-Focused Approach to Recovery

At Gracewell, the goal of our rehab program is to help each resident return to their highest level of independence. For many, that means regaining strength and function so they can safely return home or to their previous living setting.

That focus on progress and independence is what

makes a meaningful difference for residents. As recent skilled resident, Donnie Neumann, shared, “If it wasn’t for the staff and therapy, I wouldn’t be able to go home as quickly as I did.”

Residents must actively participate in therapy and show progress toward their goals to continue a skilled stay. Our team works closely with each resident—and their family—to set meaningful goals and track progress along the way.

## A True Team Approach

Recovery at Gracewell is a collaborative effort. Our skilled nursing team and the Blue Stone Therapy team work together to provide individualized care plans that may include:

- Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy
- Lymphedema Therapy and Vestibular (balance) training
- Assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs), transfers, and strengthening
- Fall prevention education
- Nutritional counseling by a Registered Dietician
- Patient and family education for a successful transition home

For those with more complex medical needs, skilled care may also include:

- Wound care
- IV therapy and PICC line management
- Tube feedings
- Tracheostomy care
- Home evaluations prior to discharge

## Comfort, Healing, and Support

Gracewell is dedicated to making each stay as comfortable as possible so residents can focus on healing. Our environment combines clinical excellence with a welcom-



ing atmosphere, offering:

- A large therapy center with personalized treatment plans
- Spacious private rooms
- Life enrichment opportunities and social engagement
- Weekly church services
- Private outdoor courtyards
- On-site hair salon
- Cable TV and wireless internet
- Visitors welcome day and night
- Local medical transportation

For many residents, it is not just the care—but the people—that make the experience meaningful. Marlene Schneider reflected on her skilled care, saying, “It’s been great to get my strength back, more than I could have done on my own. Everyone was very good to me, and I truly enjoyed working with all the staff. Thank you for getting me back to my normal.”

## Partnering With You Every Step of the Way

We believe the best outcomes happen when residents, families, and care teams work together. From admission through discharge, we are here to communicate, support, and guide you through the recovery journey.

At Gracewell, you are never alone. We are here to help you heal, regain strength, and return to what matters most.

# What Aging Costs & Who’s Paying?!

Submitted by Tina Thompson, Eventide Senior Living Business Office Manager

In February, we held our third session of Support on the Rocks where we discussed “What Aging Really Costs and Who’s Paying.” Our speakers were Attorney Brad Bonner and Eventide Business Office Manager Tina Thompson. Here is an overview of some of the topics that were covered during this session.

**Estate Planning:** An estate plan is for anyone who owns anything and wants to have a say in who gets it after they are gone. Estate plans are tailored to fit your financial situation and family dynamics. The primary instrument to move property after you are gone is a Last Will and Testament. An Executor is the person you name to administer your estate after you are gone. They are given power by the Court to gather your assets, pay your bills, and then distribute what is left to whoever you tell them to. It is required by law that all bills of the estate be paid first before distribution of assets or specific gifts.

**Probate:** If you do not have an estate plan your estate will go into probate. Probate is using the power of the court to move ownership of assets when there is no one left who can legally sign. The first step of the probate process is someone such as your nominated executor, someone who would inherit, or even a creditor files a petition with the Court asking for an estate to be opened. After being appointed, the Executor oversees gathering all assets, paying all the bills, and then distributing what is left. Through the entire process the Executor is responsible for reporting to the Court and the beneficiaries what they are doing.

**Trusts:** Most estate plans can be accomplished through simple wills. Sometimes there are reasons to create a trust agreement. Trusts do not need the power of the court to move ownership of property because there is always someone living who has legal authority to sign on behalf of the trust. Trusts can be very useful in controlling assets after the Grantor is gone. They have their advantages and drawbacks. A revocable trust is a trust in which the Grantor can make changes to at any time. Once you give property to an irrevocable trust it can never come back.

**Advanced Directives:** Advanced Directives are documents that ensure your wishes are carried out while you are still alive. A Power of Attorney is naming someone as your Attorney in Fact for healthcare or financial matters and is an effective way to protect your estate if you are unable or unavailable to make such decisions yourself. A Living Will is in place so that only you, or your Attorney in Fact can convey your desire to be taken off life support.

Estate Planning is something you do out of responsibility and love. It gives you the ability to make decisions about your life and beyond and it frees your loved ones up from having to make decisions during an emotional time.

## An Overview of Nursing Facility Medicaid

**Non-Financial Eligibility Criteria:** To qualify for Nursing Facility Medicaid in Iowa you must be a resident of Iowa, a US Citizen or qualified non-citizen, must have a social security number, and you must be elderly, disabled or blind.

**Income Eligibility Criteria:** The income limit to qualify for Facility Medicaid is \$2982.00. Common income types considered are: Social Security, private pension, IPERS, Railroad/Civil Service, annuities, IRA withdrawals, Veteran’s benefits, child support/alimony, interest dividends, rental property income, interest earned from land contracts, and farm income.

A Medical Assistance Income Trust (MAIT or Miller Trust) can be established for Medicaid applicants or members when their income exceeds the regular income eligibility criteria. The income cap for MAIT is \$11,713.75 per month. Income Trusts are irrevocable. All income for the member is deposited into the trust account and funds can only be used for specific purposes such as paying medical expenses and long-term care costs accrued by the Medicaid enrollee.

**Asset Eligibility Criteria:** The resource limit for Facility Medicaid is \$2000 for an indi-

vidual or \$3000 for a couple who both reside in the facility. Common Asset Types that are considered are: checking/savings accounts, CD’s or money market accounts, annuities, 401K, IRA, life insurance policies, property sold on contract, promissory notes and loans, retirement funds, vehicles, life estate, property such as farmland, and your homestead.

There are a few exclusions to countable income and assets. These include VA Aid & Attendance payments, personal belongings such as clothing, household furnishings, one vehicle, an irrevocable funeral contract, a life insurance policy assigned to the funeral home where the irrevocable funeral contract is held, burial spaces and your homestead if the member intends to return home.

**Attribution of Resources:** An attribution of resources is completed for Medicaid applicants who have a spouse still living at home. The attribution will protect some assets for the spouse in the community. Resources must be reported as of the first day of the month the institutionalized spouse entered the facility regardless of Medicaid status. An attribution of resources can be requested prior to applying for Facility Medicaid.

The portion of resources attributed to each spouse will vary based on resources owned by the couple. One-half of the countable resources owned will be attributed to each spouse, however, the community spouse will receive no less than \$32,532 and no more than \$162,660.

The portion attributed to the community spouse represents that spouse’s protected share of resources. The remaining amount is attributed to the institutionalized spouse, who is subject to a \$2,000 resource limit.

The Department will conduct a second analysis to determine if the community spouse has a shortfall in income from the minimum monthly maintenance needs allowance of \$3848.

**Client Participation:** Client Participation is the amount of the member’s income they must contribute to the cost of their care at the nursing facility. The Department of Human Services calculates this using a simple formula: taking total gross income, subtracting any medical insurance premiums, subtracting \$55 for personal needs allowance.

When a member has a spouse living at home, Client Participation is calculated differently. The income calculation considers the minimum monthly maintenance needs allowance for the community spouse. Some, or all the institutionalized spouse’s income may be allocated to the spouse at home, reducing the amount counted toward Client Participation.

**Medicaid Look-Back Period:** The look-back period is designed to prevent gifting or undervaluing assets to qualify for Medicaid. In Iowa, the look-back period is 60 months. All asset transfers within the look-back period are reviewed, including those made by the applicant’s spouse. If transfers violate the rule, a penalty period of Medicaid ineligibility may be applied. Examples of transactions that can trigger penalties include gifts to family, transfers of property, undervalued sales, donations, payments without proper agreements.

**Asset Spend Down:** Applicants who are over the Medicaid asset limits must spend down non-exempt assets carefully. Some allowable ways to spend down assets include accrued debt, necessary medical devices, home modifications, vehicle repairs/purchases, annuities, and irrevocable funeral trusts.

**Estate Recovery:** Iowa’s Estate Recovery is required by law to attempt to recover Medicaid costs from the estates of deceased beneficiaries who received assistance.

All Medicaid recipients aged 55 or older who received nursing home care, home and community-based services or related hospital/medical services are subject to Estate Recovery. All medical assistance paid out by the Department is subject to recovery. At the time of death, all medical assistance paid by the department becomes a debt against the member’s estate. Recovery only happens after all other debts and claims against the estate are settled. If the member has no assets in their estate, there is no recovery.



# DONATIONS

## EVENTIDE FOUNDATION

The Eventide Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt charitable corporation formed to collect gifts of money and assets to help off-set the expenses of caring for the elderly. Funds collected by the Foundation are used to supplement the increasing costs of personal care and to provide amenities to residents that would not otherwise be available. As you plan your estate and gift endowments, we ask that you consider a gift to the Eventide Foundation. A contribution to the Foundation allows us to provide a fuller quality of life to our residents. The Foundation needs your help to continue the work of the Eventide Campus and to ensure that each of the residents can live out their life without loss of dignity or respect. We sincerely appreciate all the gifts that have been designated to the Eventide Foundation! The following list reflects gifts received during the period of December 30, 2025 through March 27, 2026.

**MEMORIALS**  
**IN MEMORY OF :** Janet Beeck by Jason & Amy Schultz

**CHRISTMAS APPEAL:**  
 Dennis & Coleen Bruhn

**IN HONOR OF :** Ruth Frazier by Cindy Goslar | Waldo & Velma Winquist by Colleen Jones | Warren Larson by Colleen Jones | Janet Bielfeldt by Wayne Kuehl | Our Loved Ones by Jack & Zelda McDuff | Berniece Segebart by Ryan & Kari Segebart

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## THRIVENT CHOICE

By directing Choice Dollars through Thrivent Choice, eligible members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among participating non-profit organizations such as Eventide Senior Living Community. The following list reflects gifts received during the period of December 30, 2025 through March 27, 2026

Holly Beermann | H D Bergstadt | Dean Bohlmann | Catherine Eggers | Kristy Grimm | Kim Kragel | Diane Schiltz | Darlene Taylor | Delmar Warren | Jean Warren

## EVENTIDE FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND

When you donate to a permanently endowed fund at a qualified community foundation, you are not only helping your neighbors today – you are building a stronger community tomorrow. And while that in itself is rewarding, with the Endow Iowa Tax Credit Program, you will also get back for giving. You will be eligible to receive a 25% tax credit for each donation, in addition to any federal tax benefits you may qualify for. Eligible gifts will qualify for credits on a first-come, first-served basis until the yearly appropriated limit is reached. Contact the Omaha Community Foundation at (800) 794-3458 for more information on how Endow Iowa is helping donors do good works within the community, forever. If you are interested in donating, please make checks payable to the Eventide Foundation Endowment Fund and send them to us at 114 S 20th Street, Denison, IA 51442 or to the Omaha Community Foundation at 1120 S 101st Street, Suite 320, Omaha, NE 68124.

**In publishing a list of so many names, it is possible that we may have misspelled, omitted or otherwise listed your name incorrectly. If so, please notify the Foundation office at (712) 263-3114, ext. 240 so that we can make the necessary corrections. Thank you.**

# Celebrating Our Volunteers

*Submitted by Katie Putnam, Gracewell Life Enrichment Director*  
 National Volunteer Week, April 19th – 25th, is a time to honor the incredible impact of volunteers – people who use their time, talent, and compassion to strengthen communities, tackle challenges, and transform lives.

At Gracewell, we take this opportunity each year to shine a light on the extraordinary individuals who inspire us through service. Words alone cannot capture our gratitude for the amazing volunteers who bring joy, comfort, and connection to our residents and staff.

Whether it is offering a warm hand to hold, sharing a friendly conversation, assisting with games, playing a favorite song, or simply greeting someone with a smile at the front door, every act of kindness makes a meaningful difference. Our volunteers dedicate precious hours, despite their busy lives, to enhance the wellbeing and happiness of others, showing remarkable character, compassion, and commitment.

To all our volunteers – thank you. Your presence makes Gracewell a brighter, warmer, and more loving place to live and work. We truly could not do what we do without you.

We are always looking for volunteers to help on an ongoing basis or for special events. If you or your group would like to be added to our list of volunteers we can reach out to Katie Putnam, Gracewell Life Enrichment Director, at (712) 263-3114, ext. 239 or Kim Korwes, Silveridge Tenant Relations Coordinator at (712) 263-2639, ext. 219. Your time and heart can make a difference too!

# Resident Rights

## Planning & Implementing Care

- You have the right to be informed of your total health status and medical condition as well as to participate in your treatment in a format and language that you can understand.
- You have the right to participate in the development and implementation of your person-centered plan of care, including participating in the planning process, identifying the individuals or roles to be included in planning, request meetings and request revisions to your plan of care.
- You have the right to participate in establishing the goals and outcomes of care, type, amount, frequency and duration of care and any other factors related to the effectiveness of your plan of care. You have the right to be informed, in advance, of changes to your plan of care, receive the services and/or items included in your plan of care, to see the care plan, including the right to sign after significant changes are made to your plan of care.

<p><b>Eventide Board of Directors</b>                  Mark Gray, President                  Danyel Jepsen, Vice President                  Tonya Eller, Secretary/Treasurer                  Coleen Bruhn                  Mark Spiegel                  Rachel Desy</p>	<p><b>Community Contacts</b>                  Mindi Baker, CEO                  Amy Schultz, Gracewell Administrator                  Christine Kragel, Community Relations &amp; Foundation Director                  Kara Webb, RN, Silveridge Director of Assisted Living                  Shannon Cose, Heritage Heights and Realife Resident Services Manager</p>
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<b>Facilities</b>	
Gracewell: 712-263-3114	Heritage Heights: 712-263-6631
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# From the Staff...

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