



Sunset News

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A Farewell to the Quilt Auction

The 2017 Volunteer Auxiliary Quilt Auction was a success, bringing in more than \$25,000. We'd like to thank our talented quilt donors, auction bidders, and hardworking Volunteer Auxiliary for another amazing year. The funds raised will fund numerous projects and equipment for the residents of Sunset, significantly adding to their quality of life. Due to the diminishing art of hand quilting and the increased success of the Pot O' Gold Thrift Store, our volunteers have voted to forgo this event. On behalf of the Volunteer Auxiliary, we thank everyone for their participation in this event. In the last 26 years, you've helped our ministry raise thousands of dollars, which were invested back into Lutheran Sunset Ministries. We cannot thank you enough for your support throughout the years. We ask that our donors find other worthy causes to donate their beautiful quilts to in the future.

Sunset Home • College Hill Assisted Living • Rainbow Retirement Community
Hospice Sunset • Sunset Companion Services • Windmill Cafe

Message from the President



Like most editions of Sunset News, this one is filled with a variety of topics and events that have occurred in the last several months. For me, it is always gratifying to review all that has happened.

We celebrated another great year at the Pot O' Gold Thrift Store and all the benefits that go to Lutheran Sunset Ministries because of our volunteers' dedication and hard work. Just because you volunteer doesn't mean it is easy, but it is rewarding! We are grateful for our volunteers!

We celebrate with and are grateful for those employees who have served our residents for the last 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years. We are grateful for partnerships with the Bosque River Valley Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and Bosque Art Center in the Veteran's Day program each November. We are grateful for the close working relationship with Goodall-Witcher Hospital Authority as we conducted joint disaster drills to practice what we hope never happens but for which we must be prepared. And we are grateful for a Quilt Auction Legacy of 26 years that raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the benefit of Lutheran Sunset Ministries as it comes to an end. As it says in Ecclesiastes, there is a time for every event under heaven. There was a time for the Quilt Auction to begin and now there is a time for the Quilt Auction to end.

But with one ending, there are new beginnings. The Windmill Café opened in September and is a hit in the community for good food at reasonable prices. There is also programming for those 55 and better, such as exercise classes, educational presentations, social opportunities and so much more! Come by and pick up a programming booklet at the café and have a great meal while you are there!

Jennifer Speer has been hired as our new Hospice Sunset Administrator. She has many years of hospice experience and more recently was a nursing home surveyor for the state of Texas. Please welcome Mrs. Speer when you see her and we look forward to her leadership of Hospice Sunset.

The monthly chapel offering from Sunset Home is now being dedicated to a different cause/charity of the residents' choosing each month. Thanks to Chaplain Dave Anfenson for his leadership in this as our "Sunset Congregation" makes a difference in the world!

And thank YOU for your encouragement and support as Lutheran Sunset Ministries strives to do its best to provide top notch services to older adults in Central Texas!

Rodney Rueter, CEO/president



Thank you to the Bosque River Valley DAR for having Lutheran Sunset Ministries as the sponsor of their annual Veterans Day presentation that took place November 10, 2017! And congratulations to our very own LSM volunteer, Ron Hubbard (pictured), for receiving the Distinguished Citizen Award!

Employee Service Awards

5 Years

Rosaline Cummings

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Shelley Whitfield

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10 Years

Christina McCourt

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Paula Barton



15 Years

Carolyn Holt

Maria Chavez

Ebony Cook

Anne Olguin



25 Years

Linda Bible



LSM Welcomes New Hospice Administrator

Lutheran Sunset Ministries is pleased to welcome Jennifer Speer as our new Hospice Sunset administrator. Jennifer was a nurse for American Hospice for nine years in the local community including Bosque, Somervell, Hill and Johnson Counties. She has a love for hospice and is excited to be back “home” in hospice serving the local community. Jennifer comes to us from the Department of Aging and Disability, where she worked as a State Surveyor inspecting long-term care and assisted living facilities. Her regulatory knowledge will be a huge asset to our ministry as well as her passion for caring for others through the hospice journey. Jennifer is a small town girl who grew up and still lives in Meridian with her husband Joey. They have two grown children, Will and Emily.

Hospice Sunset, a local non-profit hospice provider, walks patients and their loved ones through end of life care with dignity, comfort and peace. Our staff live in the community we serve, which means faster response times when the need arises.

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Sharing the Love

Mark Twain once said, “To get the full value of joy you must have someone to divide it with.” This is a philosophy that the residents of Lutheran Sunset Ministries’ Sunset Home have adopted and put into action.

“One of the ways we have chosen to give back to our community is through our weekly offerings in Sunset Chapel,” said Sunset Home Campus Pastor Dave Anfenson. “Each month, we adopt a different charity and support them with what people attending the services have given through the month. There are three things we do when we adopt a new charity. First, we set aside time in our service for education regarding the charities mission. Second, we pray for the work they are doing in our communities. Third, we practice becoming the answer to our prayers through giving.”

In September, the residents of Sunset Home decided to donate to Hurricane Harvey relief. This endeavor was very well received by residents and their families, raising \$1,000. These funds were divided up and sent to two churches that were affected by the storm.

In October, the congregation decided to donate offerings to the Family Abuse Center in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which raised \$350. In November, \$250 was raised for Community Cancer Association of Waco.

“One of my favorite things about Sunset Home is that life doesn’t stop once you get here,” said Pastor Anfenson. “If you enjoyed community, a vibrant spiritual life, art, joy, laughter or giving to your community before you got here, you can continue to enjoy those things once you move in.”

It has been a wonderful opportunity to connect with what Sunset residents have been passionate about throughout their lives. If they were interested in gardening, they can adopt a beautification project in the city. If they were involved in supporting people who are fighting cancer, they can support someone doing that in our community.



“The opportunities are endless,” said Pastor Dave, “and it has been a gift to our congregation to partner with others in central Texas to share the love of Christ.”

Disaster Simulation

In November, Lutheran Sunset Ministries, along with Goodall-Witcher Hospital, tested policies, training and procedures by simulating a full-scale tornado strike on our community. In cooperation with seven local organizations, all trained to ensure maximum readiness in the event of a true, unpredictable disaster.



Pot O' Gold Record Year

Pot O' Gold volunteer celebration in January 2018, Windmill Cafe



Lutheran Sunset Ministries has extremely dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the year for the Pot O' Gold Thrift Store to provide added funds for the organization. These funds help provide extra equipment and projects on campus, increasing the quality of life for residents. Surpassing their amount of funds raised in 2016, volunteers helped to raise \$152,077 for the year at the Pot O' Gold Thrift Store! LSM is truly blessed to have such dedicated people who provide much needed support. We'd also like to thank the community for continuing to provide quality donations for our volunteers to sell at Pot O' Gold.



Our volunteers are amazing! Not only do they work hundreds of hours at the Pot O' Gold to raise funds for our ministry, but they also enjoy giving back to the community at large. Pot O' Gold volunteers decided to donate proceeds

from one week in November 2017 to the Clifton Food Bank, and they raised \$3,345! A big thank you to our volunteers and Pot O' Gold donors and shoppers. What a great community we live in!

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The services provided by LSM are enhanced by the generous and appreciative memorials given. All memorials, whether directed or not, go to the care and services provided. The residents served going forward are blessed by your thoughtfulness. The following gifts were given between Sept. 1 through Dec. 31, 2017.

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