

Sunset Hospice hosted the December 2019 Sunset Home birthday party.



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Dr. Spitzer Retires as Medical Director



In November, we celebrated Dr. Richard Spitzer's retirement from being Sunset Home's Medical Director. Thank you, Dr. Spitzer, for all you've done for Sunset Home!

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Message from the President

The National Football League's Super Bowl LIV was a nail biter for many fans. As with most sporting events, there is an ebb and flow to the game – there are ups and downs for each team. In part of the game, everything could be clicking for one team but not so much for the other. Then, coaches and players adjust their strategy, the momentum changes and the team that was not playing so well starts to improve their game. The two teams are constantly reevaluating their plan of attack with changes being made specifically for the opponent they are facing. If you watch many team sporting events you know what I'm talking about. In this year's Super Bowl, Kansas City was struggling for three and a half quarters of the game, behind by ten points. Then they regained their focus for the last half of the fourth quarter, scored twenty-one points and won the game.



Our ministry, in many ways, can be compared to a competitive sport. Everything can be working great, census is good in all programs and then the needs of our residents or challenges in the senior living market can change. Lutheran Sunset Ministries is constantly redoubling our efforts, making adjustments to what we are doing, and trying new strategies to stay ahead of the opponent. Unfortunately for our industry, those changes and improving results take longer than half a quarter of a football game. That is when it takes a great deal of patience and wisdom to stay the course, hoping what we are doing will achieve the results we desire. By remaining focused on our mission, vision and values, our ministry trains hard to always come out on top.

That is also when we have to rely on our faith to see us through. Jeremiah 29:11 says "For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." These were words prophesied to the Jews who had been removed from Jerusalem and sent into exile in Babylon. It was a reminder that their God was still in control. Generations later as the Jews began to return to Jerusalem, God raised up Nehemiah to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem to once again provide a place of security and safety for God's people. Lutheran Sunset Ministries is a place much like Jerusalem. Our ministry provides security and safety for God's older children. We fight the battle to adjust to changes all around us and in some cases try to prevent those changes that could be harmful to us from occurring. We fight to keep that "wall" up so we can continue to provide that safe and secure place.

I believe God has plans to prosper Lutheran Sunset Ministries and not harm it, to give us hope and a future. Please make that your prayer for us as well!

Rodney Rueter, CEO/president



A BIG thank you to everyone who shopped at the Pot O' Gold on 11/7/19! You helped raise \$5,006 for the Clifton VFW high school scholarship fund! Twice a year, POG volunteers choose a local charity to donate one day's proceeds to. Thank you to our amazing POG volunteers for not only serving our ministry but giving back to the community!

Grandparents' Day 2019



In September, Lutheran Sunset Ministries celebrated Grandparents' Weekend in a big way! Residents, residents' families, staff and their families came together for food, fellowship, games, and some catch and release in the fish tank set up in our parking lot. Live musical entertainment was provided and the kids (and many adults) enjoyed a water slide! This annual event has always been a success, thanks to our amazing staff and loving families who join us each year.



Thrivent Action Team

For information on how to start your own Action Team, visit www.thrivent.com!

A BIG thank you to the Lutheran Sunset Ministries 2019 Fall Project Thrivent Action Team for presenting \$500 worth of amazing goodies and bingo prizes to the residents of Heckmann Assisted Living in October!

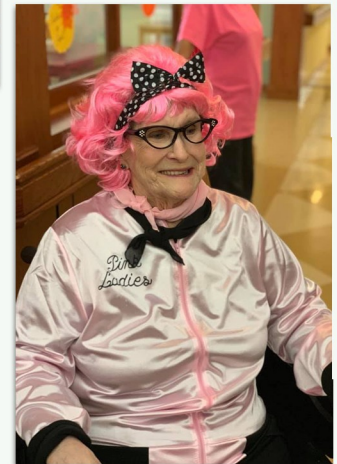


Hay Bale Trail 2019

Various programs of Lutheran Sunset Ministries participated in the Bosque Museum 2019 Hay Bale Trail in October. Take a look at some of our masterpieces. This was such a fun project! Congratulations to those businesses and individuals who were awarded!



Around Campus





Veterans' Day Tribute



Thank you to the Bosque River Valley DAR for once again having Lutheran Sunset Ministries as the sponsor of their annual Veterans' Day presentation that took place in November! It was a beautiful tribute to our Armed Forces.



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