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TRANSPLANT HOUSE
A HOME THAT HELPS
AND HEALS



The Power of Family

When JoAnn Volker came to work at Gift of Life Transplant House in January 2019, she quickly became part of the Gift of Life “family”. As our database clerk, she made sure that information was correctly entered, donations were acknowledged and the database was always up to date. As time went on, JoAnn learned how to take on the duties of a fill-in receptionist. Her pleasant personality made it easy for guests and caregivers to connect with her.

We soon learned just how deep that connection to Gift of Life Transplant House was when Jo, as we like to call her, revealed that she was a kidney transplant recipient. In April 2007, Jo learned unexpectedly that she had kidney failure and just like that, JoAnn joined another family –

the transplant community. Her daughter, Tami, tested to be her living donor and was a match.

The day of transplant is always a big day, but just a few hours before her surgery was scheduled, JoAnn learned that her daughter, Jenni, was in labor and about to give birth to a granddaughter. She and Tami greeted Jenni early that morning in August. At 6:50am, baby Haili was born and an hour later, Dr. Prieto and the transplant team had removed Tami’s kidney and were proceeding with the transplant for Joann. The transplant was a success and Tami’s kidney was producing! Being the doctor that he is, Dr. Prieto arranged a special “tour” of the hospital, allowing Jenni and new baby Haili to visit Tami in her room and Grandma JoAnn in her room.

Through the years, Jo has worked hard to maintain her

health, monitoring her blood pressure, staying active, getting lots of fresh air and staying positive. 13 years after her transplant, JoAnn was working at Gift of Life when we all learned a new word: COVID. Gift of Life Transplant House worked diligently to protect our “family” – guests, caregivers, volunteers and staff and keep them safe. COVID was a particular threat to JoAnn, as to all of our immunocompromised guests and she was one of the staff we sent to work at home! Other high risk staff members who were not able to work remotely were sent home with full pay for a period of time as we navigated what COVID meant to all of us. JoAnn worked at home until she was able to receive her vaccinations and felt safe to return to the office.

In August of this year when JoAnn went in for her annual check-up, she also asked to have her antibodies tested and discovered, much to her dismay, she didn’t have any present. Many of our guests have experienced

that same dismay and heightened concern about protecting themselves. We care deeply about every member of our “family”! Guests, caregivers, staff and volunteers are required to be fully masked at all times; no visitors are allowed in the buildings; and hand sanitizer is prevalent throughout.

JoAnn has now received her booster and is hopeful that her body has begun producing antibodies. She continues to wear a mask at all times, in the house or away from the house. JoAnn and her family do not go to any public venues, even if outside and they do not see relatives unless they are fully vaccinated.

These last two years we have been reminded yet again of a principal that



our founder, Ed Pompeian, knew very well – the power of family! JoAnn’s story reminds us of that as well. It is the power of a strong, supportive family that instills hope, courage and resolve! It is the power of family that allows us to laugh even when we can’t stop the tears from flowing. And it is that bond of family that blesses us with immeasurable power.

You are part of this remarkable family! This ‘home away from home’ is an anchor, a safe harbor and a place where we are loved and where we can love.

GIFT OF LIFE TRANSPLANT HOUSE

Wish List

- ◇ **Napkins**
- ◇ **Paper Towels**
- ◇ **Toilet Paper**
- ◇ Facial Tissues
- ◇ \$30 for a guest room night
- ◇ Regular & Decaffeinated Coffee
- ◇ Wrapped Candy
- ◇ Gift Cards to Wal-Mart, Target, or Hy-Vee
- ◇ Forever Postage Stamps
- ◇ Gallon Ziploc Bags
- ◇ Scrubbing Bubbles
- ◇ Soft Scrub
- ◇ Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- ◇ Tupperware
- ◇ Storage Containers
- ◇ New Commercial Vacuum Cleaners
- ◇ Hand Sanitizer
- ◇ Lysol Spray
- ◇ Disinfectant Wipes

Find our Amazon Wish List and links to items on our Website: www.gift-of-life.org/make-a-donation

LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

Board President: Adrienne Pompeian

GIVE THANKS!

Dear guests, staff, donors, and friends,

One of many lessons that we have learned during the pandemic is that we have much to be grateful for. These times have been among the most trying in recent history, especially for individuals within the transplant community. The significance and importance of our work at Gift of Life has never been greater.

At Gift of Life, we have many reasons to give thanks this fall.

First, thank you to our incredible staff and volunteers whose dedication and resolve continue to ensure our guests remain safe and healthy during the ongoing pandemic. Although the House has intermittently experienced staffing shortages, our staff and volunteers have gone above and beyond to adapt to the changing needs of the House and our guests. Our staff and volunteers are the key to upholding the House's mission to provide high quality, affordable accommodations for transplant patients and their caregivers in a supportive, home-like environment. We are thankful for their unwavering determination.

Second, thank you to our guests, donors, and friends. Gift of Life continued to experience an outpouring of support through the success of the 37th Annual Gift of Life Golf Tournament, the 1st Annual Gift of Life Car Show, the Gift of Life 5K run/walk hosted by TerraLoco, and Tribute Month which honored transplant donors and recipients throughout September.

Third, thank you to our organ and tissue donors, donor families, and transplant recipients. As you can see from the many tributes and memorials listed, Tribute Month at Gift of Life was a wonderful opportunity to give thanks and

recognition to those who gave or received a second chance at life. Each memorial and tribute listed is a testimony of respect, admiration, and appreciation. If it weren't for these recognized individuals, life-saving transplantation could not and would not exist. Now THIS is a beautiful reason to give thanks!

As my father would often say, "We are blessed!" He was right. Gift of Life is blessed by all of you who believe in and support our mission.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, thank you for your ongoing support of Gift of Life. May you find joy in each day and remember to give thanks!



Respectfully,

Adrienne Pompeian
Board President



SEPTEMBER TRIBUTES

The names to follow have shared the legacy of hope and renewed life. Tributes not only honor donors, recipients, and loved ones, but assists in continuing to provide "a home that helps and heals" to more than 4,100 guests and caregivers each year.

The recipient is listed in *italic* and benefactor is listed in **bold**. We are thankful for everyone who took part in this special tribute opportunity.

MEMORIALS

Adams, Sharon

Mary Adams

Aerts, Christine

Amy, my donor

Alfred, Kathy

Kelly Mauss

Allen, Carol E.

Jan Lewis

Anderson, Alan

Deborah Anderson

Anderson, Tiffany and Micah

Patricia Anderson

Annis, Rod and Gayle

Steve Smith

ARROWHEAD BUILDERS SUPPLY

Dollins, Tom and Kathy

Thomas A. Dollins, IV (Sport)

Audette, Richard

Beverly Audette

Austin, Colleen

Lon Austin

Axelsen, Patricia

Don Truman

Babb, Craig and Corine

Curtis Babb

Babb, Paula

Curtis Babb

Bandas, Sharon

Donor, Tony

Baumler, Floyd

Joyce Baumler

Beadle, Ginny

Roger D. Beadle

Belter, Wesley

Judy Belter

Beuthin, Janet

Kenneth Beuthin

Biegert, Lisa

Craig Biegert

Binek, Sharon

Paul Binek

Biondolillo, Carlo

Mignogna Cosima

Bottolfson, Wayne

Mary Benson

Bower, Jody and Tom

Kaitlyn Griffin

Brunnette, Lisa

Thomas Goossen, my 1st husband

Burke, Michelle and Dave

Mary Brent

Bush, Carol

Kenneth Bush

Bushman, Peter and Jayne

Our grandson, Derek Bushman and father, Joe Drennan

Carlson, Darwin

Dianne Carlson, My wife

Carver, Richard and Donna

Alexander Julian Contreras-Rogers

Cornelius, Leo

Mary Ellen Cornelius

Cornell, Ann

Tara Townsend

Dale, Dr. Lowell and Janice

Edward Pompeian

Dallas, Gregory

Christina Dallas

Dennison, Scott and Colleen

Dan Whalen

Diaz, Melissa

My late husband, Sgt. Ricardo E. Diaz - US Army

Donato, Mary Margaret

Lou Donato

Droessler, Thomas

Andy Droessler

Duemmel, Stacey

Mary Anne Adams

Erickson, Roger

Henry C. Anderson

Erpelding, Thomas

Connie Erpelding

Evans, Colleen

Sonny Alsene

Evenson, Ron

Marjorie and Floyd Evenson

Ewoldt, Lori and Scott Eitel

Bonnie Kopriva - stem cell recipient 2012

Fawole, Dr. Tajudeen and Abejide

My donor

Finstuen, Scott

Brenda Elthon

Fisher, Bonnie

Charles L. Fisher - heart transplant 7/17/2012

Foertsch, Wayne

Arnold Foertsch

Gangness, Ron and Arlene

Shirley Gangness

George, Dana and Eleni

Edward Pompeian

Gomez, Eddie

Barbara Ann Medlin

Granquist, Elaine

Robert F. Granquist

Haagenson, Tess

Elva Haagenson

Hamlin, Bill and Katherine

Al Krech

Haugen, Eugene

Dorothy Haugen

Heise, Ronald and Joanne

My liver donor, July 2005

Hendry, Jonathan and Judy

Dan Whalen

Herfindal, Orin and Peggy Ryan

Linda K. Vilmo

Hickman, Michael and Sharon

Katie Hickman

Hoech, Gary

Peter Christian Hoech

Hoffert, Kenneth

Ardyce Hoffert



*“It’s hard to forget someone who gave you
so much to remember.”*

Holmes, Dr. David and Ginger
*Allen Watanabe, Bob Manly, Kevin
Dotson, and Linda Vilmo*

Hornetvedt, Lester and Dianna
David Spitzer

Huber, Eldon and Maxine
Rhonda Huber

Hulstein, Shirley
James Ahlers

Idlewine, Jenny
Rex Idlewine

Ihinger, Margaret
Robert F. Ihinger, Jr.

Isaacson, Katherine
Steven Isaacson

Jacklitch, Pat
John King

Jacobs, Dorothy
Christopher P. Jacobs

Jacobson, Therese and Craig
Ed Pompeian

Jelinek, Wayne and Denise Baldwin
Marcella Twite

Jenkins, Dawn
Dan Whalen

Jennings, Wayne
Lynne Rae Jennings

Johnson, Bryan
Kathy Allen

Keller, Sarah
Ed Pompeian

Keller, Gary and Marlys
Michelle Skaley

Keller, Richard and Beth
Sonny Alsene

Kile, Beverly
John Lutzka

Kilian, Michael J.
Karlotta B. Kilian

Klahr, Inga
Garrett Klahr

Klett, Nadeen
Katie Hickman

Kocharian, Armen
Ed Pompeian

Koperski, Judy and Rich
Our son, Steven Siegle

Krantz, Robert
Beverly Ann Taylor

Kulkay, Glen
My donor

Kurhajetz, Joanne
Judy Cooper

Ladin, Karl and Lynn
Joyce Baumler

Lent, Bob and Carole
Marcia A. Nelson

Levin, Brenda and Arnold
Vincent John Montanti

Liebl, Dianne
W. Michael Liebl

Liedl, Tracy
Darryn Liedl

Link, Bill and Pam
Robert Manly

Longley, Nance
Mike Thibodeau

Loven, Marlys
My husband, Sheldon

Lund, Kim and Eric
Steve Shank

Maier, Michael
Frank Maier

Marcinkus, Roberta and Michael
Carole Marcinkus

Margalith, Eli
Ayal Margalith

Marjamaa, Otto
Veronica Marjamaa

Martini, Joe and Tina
Donors - Scott (1994), Shawn (2005)

Mayer, Darlene
John H. Mayer

McDaniel, John C.
Carol Jean McDaniel

Milbocker, Nancy
Jerry Cogger

Milner, Sue
My dad, Louie Schacherer

Mittra Family Foundation
Bani Mittra

Moxon, Richard and Jean
Greg Moxon

Murphy, Michael
Curtis Evans

Natale, Peter J.
Bernard "Barney" Natale

Naumann, Dennis
Dianne L. Naumann

Nelson, Sheila N.
Brenda Elthon

Nemitz, Peggy
Delores Nemitz

Oksness, Sharon
John Jimenez

Olson, Shawna
Mike Schuety

O'Toole-Martin, Peggy
Dan Whalen

Overbeck, Theresa
Duane L. Overbeck

Owens, Bernie
John M. Owens

Panther, Mary and Michael
Daniel Reeder

SEPTEMBER TRIBUTES

MEMORIALS

Paynter, Katherine

Father, Burton Paynter and his lung donor, Carissa

Peterson, Geraldine

David E. Peterson

Phillips, Sherry

Paul R. Tine

Plantenberg, Marlene

Mike Plantenberg

Pompeian, Jayne

Edward Pompeian and his mother, Helen, his donor

Pompeian, Nick, Rochelle and Nadia

Edward Pompeian

Potter, Bonnie and Chuck

Denise Kinlaw

Primrose, Beth

Dean Primrose

Quinn, Heidi

Sharon Weible

Rabb, Sarah

Richard (Dick) Rabb and Jan Lewis

Raboin, Sharon

Gail Craycroft

Ray, Shirley

Gerald (Jerry) Ray

Reller, Elizabeth

David Zaiser

Roehrick, Gary

Verna Gleason

Russell, Dale

Benita Manahan Russell

Saba, William

Renette Saba

Sagen, L. John and Kay

Christopher Benz

Schacherer, Shirley

Louie Schacherer

Schaffer, JoAnn

Richard R. Schaffer

Schoenecker, Eileen

My brother, Melvin Rothstein

Schroeder, Kathe

Wesley Schroeder

Schuhmacher, Kraig and Korla

Pam Jesse

Schupbach, Joseph and Mary

Jennifer Marilyn Miller

Schwarz, Dana

Phil Schwarz

Skosey, Linda

George A. Skosey

Smith, Ken and Pam

Marion Smith

Smith, Sally

Stacie Sipe Smith

Smith, Wendall and Mary

Margaret Smith Askew

Spartz, David

Sandra Spartz

Spies, Kris and Randy

Dan Whalen

Spurrier, Jerome and Patricia

Zach Mitchell

Stokan, Mack and Sharon

Beverly A. Taylor

Stroebe, Aileen and Mark

Leticia Stroebe

Svangstu, Bob and Diane

Brian Svangstu

Svoboda, Steve and Julie

Steve Brosnan

Swenson, Brian and Koren

Our anonymous liver donor

Thering, Curt

Sue Thering

Thiessen, Virginia

Gloyd Wellman

Thompson, Ryan and Cynthia

Mary Ann Leingang

Thronsedt, David and Sara

Lisa Thronsedt, who would have turned 50 this November - RIP our darling daughter

Tjerstad, Mary

Dave Tjerstad

Tofflemire, Nancy

Erin Tofflemire

Tofte, Georgianne

Vi Kaisershot

Tranberg, Judi

David Tranberg

Twete, Castle

Verna Gleason

Van Maaren, Lynn and Robert (Sadly, Lynn passed 10/10/21)

Jan Lewis

Vander Steen, Johanna

George Vander Steen

Wasvick, Randy and Marian

Arnold Foertsch and Marcella Twite

Watson, Judd

Steve Siegle

Weible, Westley

Sharon Weible - heart transplant 2006

Weixel, Barbara

My mother, Jean Wulff

Westacott, Richard

Idella Westacott

White, Laura

Michael White

Wiers, Jill

Courtney Kidd

Wilder, Mary

My dad, James Jacobson and Ed Pompeian

Wuttke, Sara

Marcella Twite

Zarnott, Marilyn

Karen Ostermann

Zurn, Marianne

Daniel W. Duffy

TRIBUTES

Anderson, Gary <i>James Gordon, donor</i>	Cummings, Tom <i>Sharon Cummings</i>	Humphries, Betty <i>Christine Smith</i>
Balbinot, Jodi <i>Mary Mikkola</i>	Dale B. Jensen Estate <i>Mark R. Larsen, heart recipient</i>	Isaac, Bob and Joanne <i>My husband, Bob</i>
Baldwin, Denise <i>Wayne Jelinek</i>	Desrosier, Bob <i>Tracy Gallo</i>	Jeffries, Jane <i>Ricky Fulks</i>
Becker, Susan <i>Todd Becker</i>	Donnay, Mark <i>Melissa Guetzkow</i>	Kelchen, Travis <i>Travis Kelchen</i>
Benters, Kathleen <i>Elden Benters</i>	Ducart, Denise <i>Ami Segna Jones</i>	Kludas, Beverly <i>Sandra Kludas</i>
Biller, Marcia <i>Tom Biller</i>	Elsasser, Jan <i>Charlene Dietz</i>	Knudson, Leslie <i>My son, Noah's kidney transplant</i>
Books, Bonnie <i>David Books</i>	Erickson, Roger <i>Lori Lange, donor</i>	Konetski, Mary <i>Susan E. Lam</i>
Bouska, Gary and Sue <i>Gary Bouska</i>	Evans, Ione <i>Mark</i>	Kramer, Linda and Randy <i>Randy Kramer</i>
Boysen, Mr. & Mrs. Charles <i>Jerry Bosco - pancreas transplant 2015</i>	Fawole, Tajudeen and Abejide <i>My donor's family</i>	Kramer, Rachel <i>Randy Kramer</i>
Brosseau, Robin <i>My heart donor, Tina Ensfad</i>	Galligan, Vivian <i>Anonymous Donors</i>	Kruse, Lynn <i>My son and donor Steven McCluskey</i>
Browne, John and Patricia <i>Sue, my donor and her husband Lloyd</i>	Gatzlaff, Jay and Diane <i>Jerry Wade - donor; Wyatt Wade - recipient</i>	Kurzawinski, John and Mary Anne <i>Kelly N. Gardner</i>
Burnett, Sharon <i>Kristin Burnett (new heart/new life on 1-27-2017)</i>	Giager, Michael <i>Linda Giager</i>	Larson, Kathy <i>Kathy Larson</i>
Busch, Charles <i>Steve Thurk</i>	Gilland, Tim and Cathy <i>Wayne and Angie Gilland</i>	Larson, Richard <i>Sue Larson and all caregivers</i>
Bushman, Peter and Jayne <i>My kidney donor, Maureen Kelley</i>	Graf, Glen and Karen <i>Cheryl Nienhuis, Glen's kidney donor</i>	Lee, Annette L. <i>Jerry K. Lee - who donated a kidney to me</i>
Carey, Dan <i>Steve Tarara</i>	Groth, Marsha <i>Bruce Kinlund - Donor for Jennifer Neu</i>	Lee, Russell <i>Russell C. Lee</i>
Chen, Kaiyu <i>My unknown donor</i>	Hadacek, Mark <i>Sharla Ann Hadacek who was my living donor</i>	Loven, Marlys <i>Doug Loven, Sheldon's brother and donor</i>
Christenson, Sally J. <i>Sally Christenson - BMT, 1997; Peggy Hanafin- my sister and donor</i>	Hammernik, Bob <i>Jan Harbold</i>	Marso, Bettie <i>LeAnn Caulfield</i>
Churchwell, Susan <i>Eli Churchwell- has had kidney transplant since November 16, 2000</i>	Hanes, John W. <i>Linda Willhite</i>	Martin, David and Sharon <i>Deanna Sobeck for donation of her kidney to her mother, Sharon Martin in 1991</i>
Coco, Eugenio and De <i>Rebekah Breitzkreutz</i>	Hanson, Tanya and Chad <i>Gary and Eileen Melin</i>	McGuire, Leeann <i>Carrie McGuire</i>
Conger, Chester <i>Virginia Jacobson</i>	Hartman's <i>Doug Hartman</i>	
Cosio, Mary Jo <i>Fernando Cosio - Donor (BMT), Kathy Schwab - Donor (Kidney), Sandra Bell - Recipient (BMT)</i>	Herman, Richard and Kay <i>Rick Herman</i>	
	Herrmann, Sandra <i>Dr. Priya Alexander</i>	

The following are edits for our 2020 Newsletter. Our deepest apologies.

Tributes: Byers, Keith and Connie
Carol Fairbanks

SEPTEMBER TRIBUTES

TRIBUTES

Meek, Pat

Love my brother, Jim Klunder, for being my bone marrow donor

Meiser, Matt

Dawn Wagner (My donor, My angel, 10-18-18)

Merlo, Pietro, Rosa and Sandi

Anna Bonfiglio Miller - Our kidney donor

Meyer, Lowell

Great place to heal!

Monk, Mary Ann

Susan Monk Kjos

Monroe, Kathleen

Earl and Verna Lawrence

Motzko, Shannon

Gavin Motzko

Muellner, Harry and Joanie

Paula Muellner

Myers, Mary

Donor, Darlene Perkins

Nelson, Ed

Dr. Taner, Mayo Clinic, Transplantation doctor (mine 4/2017)

Packard, Linda and Richard

Christine Packard Stevens (liver1997)

Patrick, Dr. Herbert and Paula

Adam (AJ) Patrick

Paynter, Katherine

My father's donor, Carissa's, family

Peterson, Linda

My husband, David Peterson - survivor, stem cell transplant 2011

Pizano, Miguel

Mimi Pizano

Pompeian, Jayne

Aaron, Ed's donor

Pompeian, Nick, Rochelle and Nadia

Aaron Pompeian

Rasmussen, Donald

My 2 stem cell transplants using my own cells

Rathmann, Larry and Linda

Linda Rathmann

Roehrick, Shelly D.

Gary Roehrick, stem cell transplant 2019

Rowbal, Bob

Alan Rowbal

Sack, Ronald

Pam Hastings

Sann, Kevin

Eric Sann

Schierer, Beverly

Lynn Crumpacker

Schrager-Cole, Reissa

My husband, Stephan G. Cole, MD

Schroeder, Kathe

The Donors

Schultz, Sara

Ron and Chris Schultz

Skeen, Joe

Catherine Zaryczny

Snyder, Lynne E.

Bruce J. Snyder and unknown donor

Spychalla, Eva

Theresa Zellgert

Stephens, Paula

Pastor Tammy Barthels and Carol Peterson

Stewart, Sally

Ron Stewart's stay for stem cell transplant

Stripling, Craig and Carol

Craig Stripling (Kidney Recipient times 2!), Jeff Stripling - donor, Jason Korne - donor, Katie Olson - donor

Sweeney, Dan

Brenda Sweeney (heart recipient 2/16/19)

Taylor, Regina G.

Gregory L. Taylor

Toltzman, Stacy L.

Julie Nicole Braulick - my kidney donor

Tostenrud, Steven and Pauline

Teresa Tostenrud-Hoff

Uphoff, Liz

My husband, Roger Uphoff

Van Dyke, Karleen

Lori Lynn Lange's kidney donation to Henry C. Anderson

Vilmo, Greg

"The Caregivers of 2012"

Wenzel, Robert and Dorothy

Robert Wenzel

Whited, Gerald and Annette

Kevin Klein, Gerry's donor

Wilhelmi, Rose

I lived at Gift of Life House for 3 months in 2008. Thank you for being there!

Wiers, Jill

Samantha and Ryleigh Wiers

Williams, Lisa

Ken and Elaine Williams

Wyffels, Mary

Wendy Ofedahl-Moya

Zincke, Herman and Diane

Greta Zincke - granddaughter

CONTRIBUTIONS

Anderson, Linda and Larry
Anderson, Paul and Susan
Anderson, Scott
Austin-Foote, Elke A.
Bandas, Joseph and Marjorie
Batten, Bruce and Chris
Bisek, Jerome and Bernice
Blonigen, Roman and Arlene
Blusiewicz, LouAnn
Bowen, Carol
Brown, Bruce
Brunsvold, Mavis
Crews, Robert
Dames, Robert
Degnim, Jim and Amy
Demaree, Barbara
Derrick, Bill and Jeanne
Dollerschell, Amy
Dorin, Judith and Michael
Dye, Robert E.
Eagle, Debbie
Eckes, Joyce M.
Eggler, Mrs. Burnell
Evans, Mark
Finger, Allen
Fleet, Zeke and Mary
Forbeck, Ken and Nancy
Forster, Corita
Ghess, Gwen
Gits, Gwen
Grahovac, Ann
Groenewold, Jerry
Gymrek, Stan and Cindy
Hanson, Bonnie
Harder, Rick
Harris, Rich
Hart, Sandra
Hauck, Galen and Diane

Haugerud, Wayne and Eileen
Hauser, Laura
Heikkinen, Sharon and Jerry
Heins, Rosemary
Hobernicht, Peggy
Holzer, Dave and Tess
Iffland, Stacey
Ims, Linda and Dennis
Jackson, John and Cheryl
Johanneck, David
Johnson, Clayton
Johnson, Daniel
Johnson, Helga and Dennis
Kadoun, Paul
Kappers, Kimberly
Kepnes, Judy and Joel
King, David
Krom, Drs. Ruud and Jeannette
Kuhlman, Jerry and Linda
Kukla, Aleksandra
Lang, Bill
Langel, Jeff and Charlotte
Larson, Jeffrey and Deborah
LaValley, Richard
Lee, Betty
Lee, Mary
Levene, J. Scott and Robyn
Lewis, Justin
Lin, Bor-Chian
McFarland, Thomas M.
McIntire, Jim and Sandy
Moga, Fred and Tammy
Moon, Frank
Moran, Frank and Debra
Murphy, Scott
Murray, Jim and Helen
Musselman, Kristin
Nelson, Jerry

Odom Ernest
Oien, Jeffrey
Olsen, Warren
Owen, Marty
Pfaff, Duane
Phillips, Frank
Priestley Jacalyn
Randby, Patricia
Regan, Gary and Cheryl
Reynolds, Randy
Riley, Terry
Rogers - Hartl, Laurie
Rush, John Quinn
Sabin, Geraldine
Schaber, Tamara
Schmidt, Diane
Schulzetenberge, Deb
Sieg, Bernette
Silber, Mike and Sandy
Silcox, Janessa and Erik
Skolte, Joe and Linda
Smith, Richard and Elizabeth
Snyder, Kathleen
Sterioff, Dr. Sylvester and Yvonne
Stowe, Doris
Swenson, David and Nancy
Taylor, John and Karen
Thames, Col. John W. Jr. and Sandy
Townsend - Anderson, Richard and Diane
Tribby, Karen
Uphoff, Elizabeth
Verbick, Donald
Walch, Anne
Watters, Wayne and Alice Smith
White, Diane
Wittrock, Florian and Diane
Woods & Associates, Inc.
Xiong, Vang

WELCOMING OUR FALL INTERN

A Rochester Semester

We are ecstatic to welcome our intern Baili to Gift of Life Transplant House!

For Baili's fall semester as a senior at Luther College, she was required to spend a semester at an internship with an organization. They call this "The Rochester Semester". While many of her classmates are at Mayo Clinic for their internship, Baili was the only student that was uniquely placed here at Gift of Life Transplant House.

Baili is a passionate musician who is majoring in Music with a minor in psychology. Her goal is to use her degree to bring joy and healing through music by working in the growing field of Music Therapy. While she is keeping her options open post graduation as she learns more about the non-profit world, she has been a wonderful addition to our team.

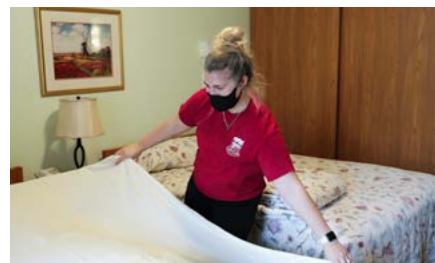
As an intern, she is rotating through each area of the house so she can learn the processes in place to keep Gift of Life Transplant House running

efficiently. She is also learning the operations of a non-profit organization. Her first couple weeks were spent with housekeeping, to which she stated, "I've never felt more welcomed anywhere in my life."

After her time with our housekeepers, she was trained in with our receptionists and tour guides to fully grasp what makes Gift of Life Transplant House so special. She has really enjoyed her time thus far and is excited to continue working through the various areas of the house.

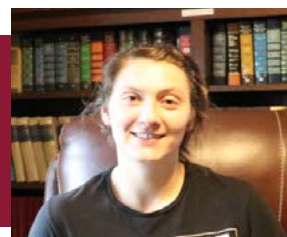
Her last few weeks will be spent doing music therapy for guests. She will have the opportunity to showcase her talents playing cello and piano.

Baili has quickly become a part of our Gift of Life Transplant Family and while we will be sad to see her leave, we are very excited to see all that she accomplishes. Her smile, charisma and kindness will certainly be missed!



MIKE FRANSON
Facilities Staff

WELCOME NEW STAFF:



IRA RAYGOR
Housekeeper



ROD ANDERSON MEMORIAL AWARD 2021

The Rod Anderson Award is presented at our Annual Golf Tournament to a volunteer who embodies a few of the characteristics of Rod, an avid supporter, board member and board president of Gift of Life Transplant House. These characteristics include selflessness, humility and kindness.

This year, we presented the award to Phyllis Buettner who has been volunteering at Gift of Life Transplant House as a Tour Guide since 2012. When Phyllis retired, she sought out

meaningful volunteer opportunities. She was grateful to come to Gift of Life Transplant House and continues to look forward to volunteering each week. While we don't have an accurate count, we estimate Phyllis has logged over 1,880 volunteer hours!

We are so grateful for Phyllis, who embodies the qualities of selflessness, humility and kindness reflected in Rod Anderson's character.



A FITTING TRIBUTE

You may not know Gary Hahn personally, but many of you have enjoyed the candy bars he supplies to the house! He donates the money he collects for these sweet treats back to Gift of Life.

Gary has an even stronger connection to Gift of Life Transplant House. In 2005, Gary had a pancreas transplant and stayed at Gift of Life Transplant House. He planted roses in honor

of his transplant and this July, took a photo to share with us.

Roses are one of the oldest flowers known to man; their fragrance can be used in perfumes and they are edible! But what is most powerful is the meaning of the colors that Gary chose for his roses.

Red means Love – and there is no greater love than to give of oneself as his donor did.

Pink symbolizes Gratitude – and you have never met a more grateful person than Gary.

White symbolizes a new beginning – transplant marks the beginning of a new life.

Yellow symbolizes friendship – a quality that marks Gary and all of our guests at Gift of Life.

Thank you for sharing these beautiful photos with us, Gary!

HOUSE HAPPENINGS



FACILITIES

Yard work became a little bit easier this summer with the donation of a **SIMPLICITY RIDING MOWER** from Hammell Equipment! We are so grateful for this donation!

Thank you to Altra Federal Credit Union and their **ALTRA GIVES BACK** program three volunteers spent the morning with us in October cutting back foliage and getting the grounds ready for fall and winter!

NEW CARPETING has been placed in the “Fireside Room” at 724! This carpet gives the whole room a fresh facelift!

OPERATIONS

Our excitement over new mattresses at the 705 house was a bit short-lived when we learned that these mattresses did not hold up well. Thanks to **FURNITURE SUPERSTORE IN ROCHESTER**, the mattresses will be exchanged for better quality mattresses! We are so fortunate to have great support from our local vendors.

THANKSGIVING at Gift of Life Transplant House has looked a bit different since COVID. Nonetheless, we will once again be providing a Thanksgiving meal for our guests and caregivers this year. The meals will be individually packaged to ensure safety and will include dessert!



ARTISANS AT GIFT OF LIFE

I didn't receive the "artisan" gene! My mother had it; my sister inherited it; but alas, I did not!

That adds a special layer of delight when we have guests and caregivers that are skilled and incredibly creative artisans! From hand-crafted benches to hand-made quilts to paintings, carvings and sculptures, evidence of the creativity of our guests and caregivers can be seen at both houses!

Roger Uphoff and his wife, Liz, are artisans! Roger is

a heart transplant recipient and first showed us a small rock he had painted. It was beautifully done and during their next visit, Roger brought a number of rocks he had created and displayed on the East Deck at the Edward and Jayne Pompeian Home! But at their most recent visit in September, Roger brought us an angel sculpture he had made from horseshoes! Our lovely iron angel now sits on the mantle on the fireplace at the Edward and Jayne Pompeian Home!



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WHERE LOVE LIVES

The many ways to show your support

From the moment you walk through the front door, you can tell – this is a place where love lives. It is evident when guests and caregivers greet one another at the end of a long day, listening intently to fears and triumphs. It is evident when a “seasoned” caregiver gently shows a new caregiver the ropes in the kitchen. And it was evident when guests and caregivers saw the blue and green ribbons that adorned the front porches during September! For guests staying at the house, those ribbons are a very real reminder that this is a place where love lives!

•• WAYS LOVE CAN GROW ••

Your support of our guests, caregivers and Gift of Life Transplant House can take many forms and we have listed a few here.

CASH/CHECK DONATIONS

Many of you generously support Gift of Life Transplant House via cash or check.

CREDIT CARD DONATIONS

You may prefer to make your donation via our website by going to www.gift-of-life.org/make-a-donation.

WISH LIST DONATIONS

Providing goods used frequently by guests and caregivers is another way to support us.

Go to www.gift-of-life.org/make-a-donation, scroll to the bottom of the page and review our wish list.

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If you use Amazon frequently for purchases, consider using AmazonSmile. Rather than going to Amazon.com, go to Smile. Amazon.com. Simply use your current login information. You will be given the opportunity to choose your charity! Choose

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FACEBOOK FUNDRAISER

Have a birthday or a special celebration coming up? Create a Facebook Fundraiser and ask friends and family to support Gift of Life in honor of your special day. Donations are sent to Gift of Life via Network for Good!

GIFT OF STOCK

You may choose to donate appreciated shares of stock to Gift of Life. Please feel free to contact Mary Wilder, Executive Director, for more information. Her number is 507-951-0061.

IRA GIFTS

If you are 70 ½ or older, you may make a qualified donation from your IRA. Contact your financial planner for more information.

DEDICATE A PAVER

A cobblestone paver is a wonderful way to commemorate a loved one or special day! Go to www.gift-of-life/tributes to download a tribute form.

For More Opportunities to Make Love Grow,

Visit www.gift-of-life.org





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Hover with your phone camera to watch a recap of our 2021 Car Show!



GIFT OF LIFE 5K



TerraLoco hosted our Gift of Life 5k and raised over \$5,000 to purchase a commercial treadmill for both gyms!





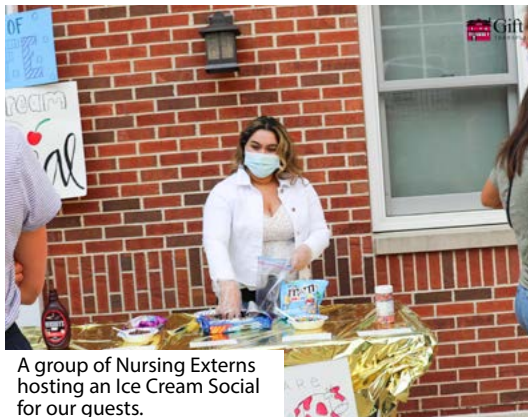
Bruce (pictured) donating wish list items that he, his wife, Tina, and their community collected.



Walkers at the Timmay 5k carrying the Donate Life Flag.



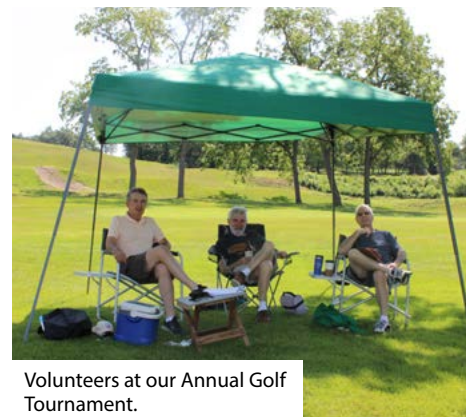
Golf Ball "Cannon Launcher" at our Gift of Life Golf Tournament



A group of Nursing Externs hosting an Ice Cream Social for our guests.



Past guest, Linda Kramer, presenting a donation from AgCountry Farm Credit Services.



Volunteers at our Annual Golf Tournament.



Altra Federal CU Employees volunteering for Altra Gives Back Day.



Amy Strike with Winona Agency presenting a donation from Blue Cross Blue Shield.



The Tim Rasmussen Foundation presenting a check for \$30,500!

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