

THE SUNRISER

SUNNY HILL
Nursing Home of Will County

FRIENDS OF SUNNY HILL

Helping residents of Sunny Hill since 1989

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As everyone knows, it's the little things that make a house a home. To *THE FRIENDS OF SUNNY HILL*, it is the commitment to that concept that makes every day as special as possible for the residents of Sunny Hill Nursing Home of Will County.

Since 1968 more than 7,000 elderly and disabled have called Sunny Hill their home—a home filled with hope, encouragement and support as they face the uncertainty of illness and aging. Owned and operated by the county of Will, Sunny Hill is a resident-centered home that seeks to build relationships with and honor the choices of its residents.

Since 1989, a group of community volunteers called *THE FRIENDS OF SUNNY HILL* has raised and invested over \$700,000 in providing the special things that bring enjoyment and meaning to everyday life that cannot be provided for in the County's general operating budget. Thanks to the caring and friendship of many, these improvements continue to improve the quality of life for our residents, while helping the county of Will remain fiscally responsible and lessen the tax burden.

Most importantly, 99% of the funds raised through campaign donations or FRIENDS community events have gone into the actual purchase of planned items, NOT overhead expenses of the group!

Just a few examples of some of the ways FRIENDS has added to the quality of life for our residents are:

- Purchase of TWO wheelchair accessible 18 passenger buses
- Purchase of large screen TV's and wall mounted TV's for residents rooms
- Creation of the facility's *SWEETS AND TREATS SHOPPE*— open daily and operated by the *FRIENDS OF SUNNY HILL*
- Purchase and installation of the Culinary Arts Center in the Activity Room
- Purchase of three sound systems to aid in activity programming
- The renovation of TWO beautiful, safe and accessible garden patios

FRIENDS invite you to join us in making the difference in the lives of each of our residents and to help us continue to provide a home filled with the highest sense of community, warmth, dedication, independence, self determination and excellence. All the little things that indeed make a house a home!

If you would like to help support the mission of *THE FRIENDS OF SUNNY HILL*, contact ksorbero@willcountyillinois.com or at 815-727-8650.

Your donation can be mailed to:

THE FRIENDS OF SUNNY HILL
421 Doris Avenue, Joliet, IL 60433.



Mark your calendar!

Saturday, May 7th
Mother's Day Tea

Entertainment by:
"Polka's on Tour"



Sunny Hill Administration:

Administrator	Karen Isberg Sorbero, LNHA
Assistant Administrator	Becky Haldorson, LNHA
Director of Nursing	Debbie Stanko, RN
Assistant Director of Nursing	Maggie McDowell, RN
Rehab /Restorative Coordinator	Tommy Knight, RN
Financial Supervisor	Andrea Dolan
Social Services	Tammy Sangmeister, LSW
Admissions/Marketing Coordinators	Charlotte Mather Stephanie Cupples
Dietician	Paula Hall, LD/RD
Kitchen Manager	Bonita Dodson
Laundry/Housekeeping Manager	Gordy Taylor
Activity Director	Larry Lindholm, CTRS
Maintenance Supervisor	Rene Munoz
Human Resources	Keri Bartlett

Nursing Department

MDS Coordinator	Marbe Flores, RN
MDS Nurses:	
Pheyla Fleming, RN,	Tami Hutchison, RN
Joanne Crowder, RN	Lori Chancey, RN

Inservice/Quality Assurance Coordinator
Maggie McDowell, RN

Nursing Supervisors:
Skin Care
Tricia Jender, RN
Vivian Bibber, RN

House Nursing Supervisors:
Karen Pappas, RN
Selena Hammond, RN
Mardy Mon-Alon, RN
Evangeline Ba-ad, RN
Perlita Shipp, RN
Christine Kelly,
Elizabeth Bailey, RN
Celso Pascua, RN

RN Sheila Altis, RN
Ma-Advena Legayada, RN
Sandi Matthaya, RN
Imelda Defensor, RN
Ferdinand Cantor, RN
Jennifer Calma, RN
Emerose Bortarlo, RN
Meagan Burke, RN

ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

Dear Family Members, Volunteers and Community Friends,

Spring is right around the corner! It has been a long difficult winter, but the residents and staff of Sunny Hill continue to rise to meet the challenges of the season! We especially thank all of the staff that made sure the needs of our residents were met after a blizzard left everyone with 21 inches of snow on February 1st! Much of our staff worked multiple shifts and crossed over job duties. The concept of team work was definitely alive and well that day – *thank you!*

Sunny Hill is currently awaiting our annual licensure and life safety survey that is conducted by the Illinois Department of Public Health. This unannounced survey will last approximately five days and will provide Sunny Hill with a "report card" on the quality of care and life we provide to our residents.

Thank you to *The Friends of Sunny Hill* and all of our donors who have participated in our "A Home is Built with Love" fund raising campaign. The campaign will be ongoing and all proceeds dedicated to continuing their efforts to provide safe, accessible and beautiful outdoor areas. Their first two areas, the Sunshine Patio and the Plaza (located off the Main Dining Room) were created by Friends at a cost of \$200,000.

The renovations are on track with an anticipated date of January 2012 to open Fourth Avenue. We thank everyone for their patience during the needed closings of the 4th and 5th Avenue elevator. Fifth Avenue will be the next unit to be renovated after Fourth Avenue is completed. Thank you to the Will County Executive Larry Walsh and his support staff, the Will County Board and the Will County Public Building Commission for ensuring that the renovation efforts will continue.

Sunny Hill staff has begun planning our fifth "Caring Hearts Employee Recognition Banquet" which will be held on Friday, May 13th. The "Caring Hearts" Committee will be raising funds through a gift basket raffle very soon as they continue to make plans for this event.

Please remember that my door is always open! The staff of Sunny Hill is honored to be a part of your lives and look forward to partnering with each and every member of our community to make 2011 another memorable year for our residents.

Sincerely,
Karen Isberg Sorbero
Administrator



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For more information, offer suggestions or submit materials, contact Becky Haldorson, Assistant Administrator

815-774-4375

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The following Memorial Gifts have been received by either The Friends of Sunny Hill or Resident Council. The Families and Friends of these Residents are in our thoughts and Prayers.

Angela Barten

Franklin and Phyllis Bentley

Warren Dorris, Sr.

Mark and Celeste Turk

Edith O'Malley

Lynn and Nancy Jones

Douglas Petan

Bill and Josie Petan

Dorothy Plack

Robert and Lucille Plack

Anna Stefanski

Michael Stefanski
Bernie and Alan Anderson
Vickie and Kevin Hare
Tom and Sue Hare
Larry and Sharon Koppen
Frank and Mary Lyeski
Ken and Sue Ondersin
Virginia Shanholtz
Elaine Smith
Ann Van Dyke

Rose Varello

Ted and Lorraine Brandolino

Special Donors

American Federation of State, County
and Municipal Employees Union – Local 1028
Church Women United
Catherine J. Engler
Joliet Jewish Congregation – Welfare Chest
Joliet Kiwanis Charities
Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Jones
Senior Services Center of Will County Red Hatters
St. Bernard Catholic Church – Father Ross



THANK YOU!

To the following community groups and families for your generous donations to our Residents.

Chaney School
Stepping Stones
Missionary Baptist Church
Awana Club
Christ Academy School
Shekinah Church
Central Presbyterian Church
American Legion Christmas Brass
Brown Chapel
Thompson School, District 86,
Joliet Junior College Horticultural Dept.
Santa's Helpers
Illinois Valley Olds Club
St Joseph Church
Joliet Junior College Art Department
Joliet Junior College, Music Department—Madrigal
Choir

Faith Lutheran Church
Resurrection Lutheran Church
Lincoln-Way Central Art Club
Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest
Indiana Area
Red Hatters of the Senior Service Center
3rd Order of Secular Franciscans
Plainfield United Methodist Church
St Jude Catholic Church
Beta Omega Teacher Sorority
St Joseph Catholic Church
Joliet Garden Club
Brown Chapel
American Legion Post 1080
University of Illinois Fraternity



S.T.A.R. Spontaneous Thanks and Recognition

The following staff members have joined the ranks of those who are going above and beyond the call of duty and providing the best care possible to our residents and Sunny Hill. Department Heads, Supervisors and Family Members have nominated these employees since November 2010:

Activities

The Entire Department

Administration

Pat Wendholt

Dietary

The Entire Department

Regina Davis
Bridget O'Brien
Peter Wilda

Finance

Sheri King
Marilyn Eartly

Housekeeping/Laundry

Karry Dotson
Ricky Feller
Renee Gant
Blanca Haro
Todd Hester
Yvonne Motley
Barbara Ward
Wendy Mabry

Maintenance

Tim Maslin

Nursing

Angela Babicki
Mercedes Roberts
Sharon Roberts
Debbie Bennett
Cathy Brann
Ann Crowley
Teresa Daniels
Angela Hayes
Gwen Ollie
Eva Roczkowski
Sandra Tarin
Luningning Moraga (7!)
Diane Maitland

Social Services

Judy Munoz

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us for any or all of the following events. You are ALWAYS welcome!



March

- 8th Mardi Gras Party
- 9th Imposition of Ashes
- 10th Music with Ryan Peterman
- 14th Music with John Boda
- 17th Everybody is Irish Day Party with Mo'Beat Blues Band
- 19th Shekinah Bible Church Fellowship Social

April

- 6th Bus trip to Lincoln Way North for Senior Series Musical
- 11th Music with John Boda
- 14th Music with the Traveling Troubadour
- 16th Volunteer Recognition

- 17th Easter Parade in Downtown Joliet
- 23rd Easter Shut in Service at Our Saviour Lutheran Church

May

- 7th **Mother's Day Tea** with
"Polka's on Tour"
- 8th Happy Mother's Day
- 9 -14 **National Nursing Home Week**
"Fulfilling the Dream...
One Decade at a Time"
- 19th Music with Ryan Peterman



Weekly Events

Juke Joint - Thursdays at 3:00 pm

"Sweets & Treats" Shoppe—Daily 2-3:30 pm

Senior Scholars - Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9:30 am



“Home is Built with Love and Dreams” Campaign

The following donations have been received for the benefit of the residents of Sunny Hill. Thank you for your tremendous gifts of generosity!

Bernice Ardolino
Augustinian Community
Kim and John Baron
Natalie Bayci
Cynthia Bierman
George and Regina Block
Jeannette Boggs
Ramona Branchaw
Dan and Fran Brandolino
Ted and Lorraine Brandolino
Mark and Maureen Bromley
Dave and Debbie Brozman
Richard and Angeline Burke
Vera Busch
Jack and Norma Cartwright
Paul Cassidy
Nancy Dye
First Community Bank
Rosamond Flynn
Virginia Gigliette
Claudia Green
Florence Gualdoni
Dean and Becky Haldorson
Homecoming Healthcare
Larry and Annette Hughes
Glenn and Millicent James
Carol S. Jarosz
Mary Jane Jolliffe
Bishop Clord and J.M. Jordan
Edwin F. Juban
Chet June
Jennie Knoop
Robert and Leanne Kolar
Phillip and Mary Krall
Richard Sr. and Georgia Lenzen
Sandra Losiniecki
Michael and Carol Macha Marro
Sam and Sue Martin
Joseph M. McAvene
Gerald and Terri Mercer
Howard J. Meyer, Jr.

In Honor of Louise Ardolino
In Memory of Father Michael
In Honor of Lucile Rimke and Matthew Baron
In Memory of Veronica Bayci

In Memory of Mabel Randolph
In Memory of Sophie Hornichak
In Memory of Elizabeth Colonna
In Memory of Emily Oberts
In Honor of Laddie Vietoris
In Memory of Lorraine Brozman
In Memory of Joseph M. Manno

In Honor of Matthew Baron
In Memory of Ruth Fastlake

In Memory of Corinne Lavelly
In Memory of Carol Marie Smith
In Memory of William Lockhart and June Girard
In Honor of the Residents of Sunny Hill

In Memory of John Salvatore
In Honor of Anne Halik
In Memory of Emma K. Alling
In Memory of Ruth Gaskins

In Memory of Fred Dziuban

In Memory of Ahron Knoop
In Memory of Lola Schroeder
In Memory of Robert and Ruth Gimpel
In Memory of Mary Juhant
In Memory of William Lockhart
In Memory of Edna Svendsen
In Memory of Hazel Mitchell
In Memory of Bernadette McAvene
In Memory of Hazel Burnham
In Memory of Edith B. Meyer

Denise and Paul Morgan
C.C. Nessinger
Tasia Dawn O'Dell
Joseph and Jeanne Paluga
Carol and Jacquie Park
Bernadine and Miles Patchik
Natalie Radakovich
Val and Roberta Rand
James and Valerie Rogers
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rouser
Debbie Rozak
Norman and Margaret Sherpan
Paul Sikora
Mike Stefanski and Karen Shanholtz
Thomas and Karen Isberg Sorbero
Raymond F. Stoiber
Tezak Funeral Home
Carol M. Tooley
Terry Traynor
Arabelle Vantrece
Dan & Lisa Vogel
Katheryn Wiedman
Larry Wilkinson

In Memory of Clare Kerwin

In Memory of Jeanette Bonds
In Memory of Mary Paluga

In Memory of Irene and Adam Mrumlinski
In Memory of Helen Radakovich

In Memory of Grant Edwards
In Memory of Martin Warmbier
In Memory of Joann M. Williams

In Memory of Anna Stefanski
In Memory of Our Parents

In Memory of Richard W. Tezak
In Memory of Louis J. Ligos, Jr.
In Memory of Audrey O'Brien
In Memory of Clestia Vantreese
In Memory of Gerald Vogel
In Memory of Edward Wiedman
In Memory of Janet Wilkinson



Yes! I want to help Sunny Hill residents receive all the things that make a house a home.

Enclosed is my gift of: \$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 \$20 \$15 \$10 other \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Please make checks payable to: The Friends of Sunny Hill, Inc.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

I am enclosing my company's matching gift form so that my contribution can be matched by my employer.

Check here if you wish to remain anonymous.

Please mail this form along with your donation to:

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