

Good Samaritans Named



Since 1977 it has been a tradition for the DeKalb Area Retirement Center—Oak Crest to name a community Good Samaritan. A Good Samaritan is a person who cares for others beyond the normal compassion of most people; a person who actively participates in various community organizations and combines community service with personal caring; a person who works quietly to better the lives of others. Over the years, outstanding individuals, couples, and siblings have been selected for this very special award.



Bob and Joy Hadley with Oak Crest Vice President, Ann Tucker

Additionally, Joy shares her piano and organ talents as one of the church accompanists. No stranger to volunteering, their commitments have extended to the literacy program through Kishwaukee Community College and as volunteers for CASA. Bob is also an active member of

the Kishwaukee Kiwanis Club as both a member and in a variety of leadership roles.

Closer to home, Bob and Joy also share their time

and talents with residents of Oak Crest. They both volunteer weekly in the Oak Crest Shoppe and are active members of the Oak Crest Kitchen Band, where Joy accompanies at the piano. Always willing to lend a hand they do so with great smiles and lots of laughter.

When one thinks of Bob and Joy Hadley one word comes to mind, selfless. They always put others first, identify a need and work to fill it. They do all of this quietly and without fanfare or recognition. They are truly Good Samaritans and although they will tell you they are unworthy of this honor, be assured that through their words and deeds, they are.”

Oak Crest is located at 2944 Greenwood Acres Dr. DeKalb. For additional information contact the Center at (815)756-8461 or visit the web at www.oakcrestdekalb.org.

This year Oak Crest residents, Trustees, and friends gathered to honor a community Good Samaritan, followed by a very meaningful Keynote Address by Pastor Joe Gastiger. Oak Crest Vice President, Ann Tucker made the following presentation of the 2016 Good Samaritan award to Bob and Joy Hadley.

“Bob and Joy are familiar faces to many people in the DeKalb Sycamore communities. Their commitment to the community, church and family is far-reaching. As active members of Stage Coach Players, they have given of their time and talents both on stage and behind the scenes. As members of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in DeKalb, they both sing in the choir, play hand bells, volunteer for all and any committees and assist wherever needed. They have each, respectively, served at all levels of the Church’s Boards.



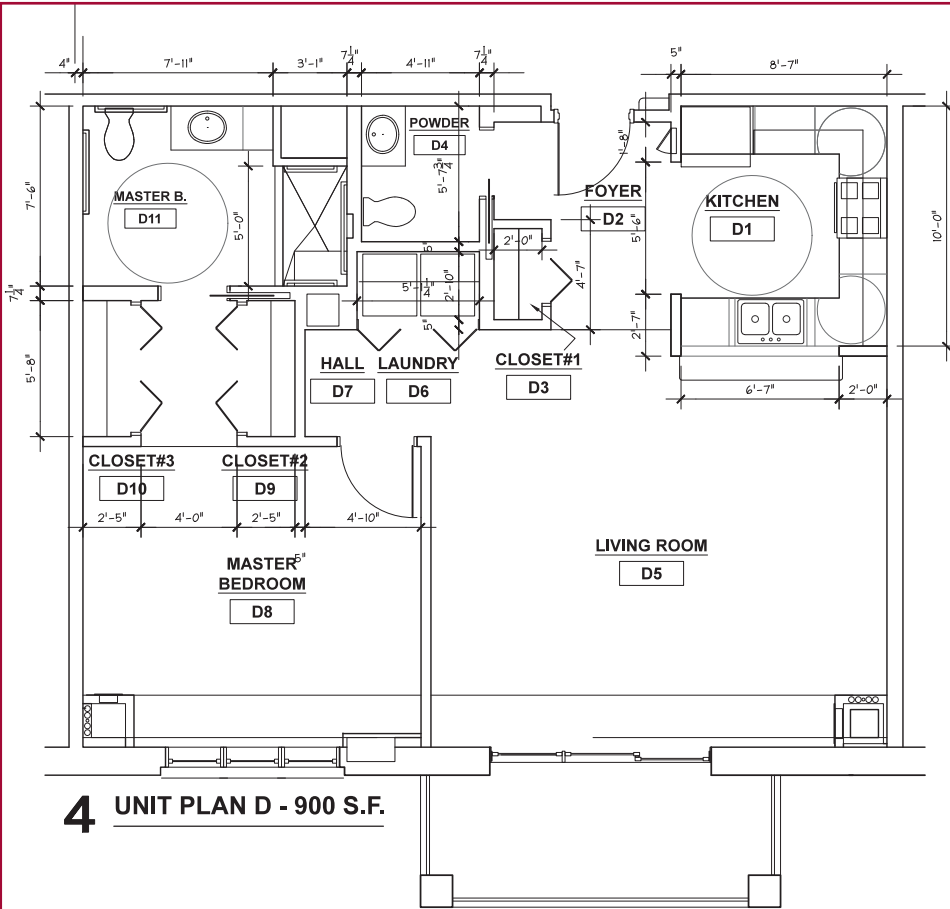
*The Door Opens
In Welcome*



Top to bottom:

- Virginia Hadley – DeKalb, IL
- Cecile Meyer – DeKalb, IL
- John & Marge Rey – DeKalb, IL
- Dorothy Stoddard – Malta, IL

Take A Look At These New Apartment Floor Plans



4 UNIT PLAN D - 900 S.F.

900 Square Feet



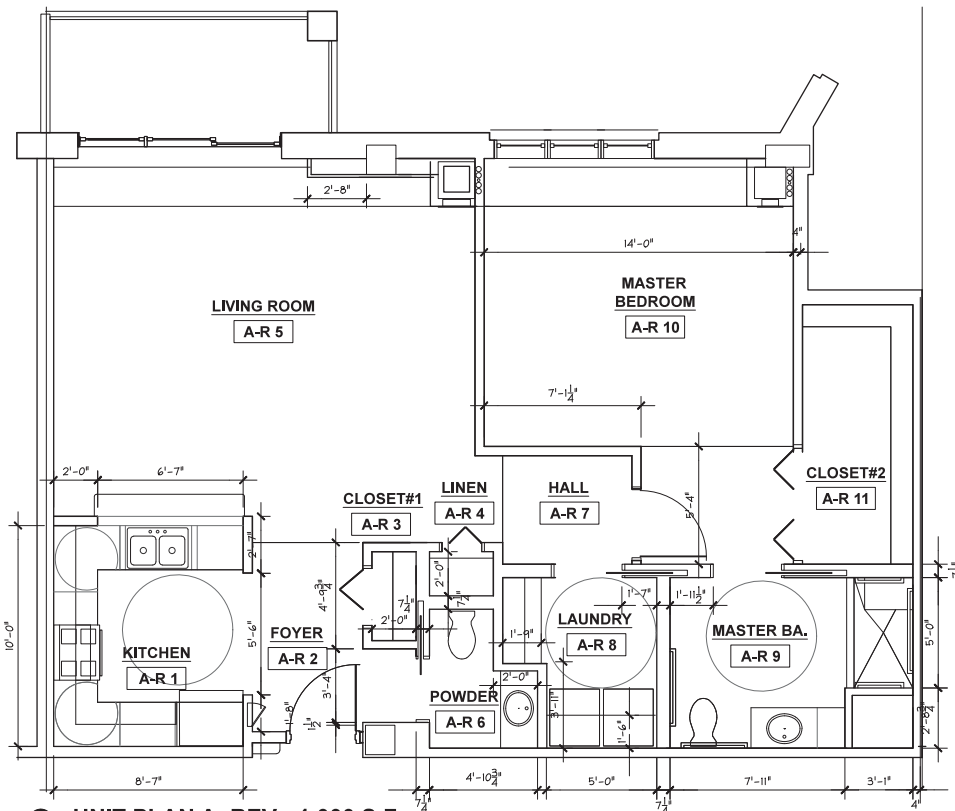
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UNIT D

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2 UNIT PLAN A - REV - 1,000 S.F.

1000 Square Feet



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UNIT A-REV

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Dear Friends,

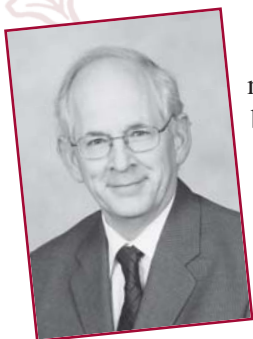
As chairperson of the Community Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees, I take this opportunity to thank all of you who graciously continue to support the Good Samaritan Fund.

This year, in support of those individuals who have outlived their financial resources, the Circle of Care Campaign has generated \$65,000 in cash contributions and pledges! If you have not already made your contribution, please consider it now. We look forward to hearing from you.

Truly, it is through your continued generosity and support that Oak Crest's commitment of quality care and services continues.

Many thanks,
Ann Tucker
Vice President

From The Executive Director



The last few months have been quite a whirlwind of activity. With our focus on construction of our new Independent

Addition and Fitness Center and the selection of equipment, appliances and furnishings, there never seems to be a dull moment. With the project on schedule, we are looking forward to welcoming new neighbors to the campus in October. Now may be an excellent time to visit the campus and see what makes Oak Crest the recognized leader in retirement living.

Aside from all the new construction excitement, there is an additional aspect of the project that provides opportunities for individuals wishing to participate in this very exciting time. We all know those special people who currently play an active role in our lives or whose memory we wish to honor. Whether a family member, a friend, or a business associate; a gift to Oak Crest can be a wonderful way to salute those individuals. To this end, the

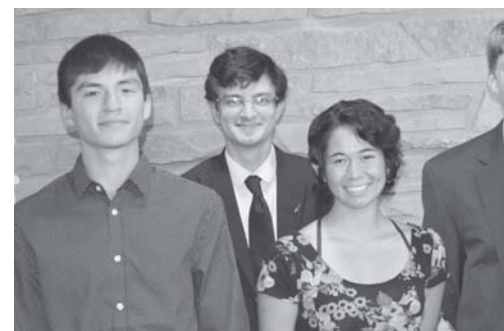
“Oaks Building and Gifts Program,” developed by the Board of Trustees is a way to enable individuals to give a gift that says, “I remember.” General memorial gifts range from \$1,000 - \$5,000 and will be honored with a plaque recognizing the selected individuals. Memorial gifts of greater amounts ranging from \$5000 and more will be recognized at specific sites throughout the addition. For example, a gift of \$10,000 may be recognized at a new elevator; a \$25,000 gift may be recognized in the new massage therapy area, while a gift of \$100,000 or more may be recognized in the new Bistro or as part of our new pool and fitness center.

Charitable giving is vitally important to Oak Crest and this giving program is an excellent way to salute those whose actions continue to influence our lives today. (As always, gifts to the Center are tax deductible and greatly appreciated. For more information on giving please feel free to contact me personally.)

Stephen P Cichy

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Executive Director

In 2006 the Oak Crest Employee Scholarship Program began with a generous gift from the estate of former Oak Crest resident Jack Boyle. Later, former resident Guyla Winebrener added to the fund through a generous gift from her estate. Both Jack and Guyla saw scholarships as an opportunity to create a legacy for future generations. The legacy took the form of an employee scholarship that would assist recipients in defraying the costs of tuition, fees, and textbooks. The scholarships were established to encourage and assist employees and their dependents in the pursuit of an accredited undergraduate degree, or equivalent, program of study. The scholarship is a fitting tribute to a man and woman who while they lived at Oak Crest



(l-r Jorge Trejo, Christopher Sherman, Nicol and Brian Scholle, Board President); not pic Treadwell.

experienced the compassion and care of a truly dedicated group of people. To be eligible employees must work a minimum of two years and have worked a minimum of 1,000 hours each of the last two years. Applicants must demonstrate acceptance into an undergraduate college or program of study prior to final approval. The scholarship program is overseen by the Community Relations committee of the Board of Trustees. They are:

- **Jorge Trejo** - received a scholarship in the amount of \$2000. Jorge is the son of Lourdes Trejo who is employed in the Oak Crest dietary department. Jorge is a graduate of DeKalb High School and while attending school participated in the Kishwaukee Education Consortium where he completed the necessary requirements to be a certified nursing assistant. Jorge will be a student at Kishwaukee College where he will pursue an associate's degree. His future plans revolve around attending

NIU to pursue a degree in physical therapy education. In his scholarship essay he wrote, "To be able to help someone and return them to full mobility without restrictions is something that I want to do for others."

• **Nicole Hebel** is the recipient of a \$2000 scholarship. Nicole is the daughter of Resident Services employee Quency Hebel and will continue her studies at Beloit College where she is majoring in English and where she is pursuing her dream to be a novelist. In addition to her studies, Nicole is also a member of the Beloit Soccer team and although a knee injury has slowed her down, she has recovered and is looking forward to a winning sopho-



Nicole Hebel, Luke Hoppenworth, Patrick Aves
pictured Mikaella Hudspeth and Alexandra

more year. Some of you may remember that Nicole was one of last year's scholarship recipients and during her scholarship interview she said, "This scholarship will help me get one step closer to ensuring that I will be able to continue my college experience."

• **Alexandra Treadwell** received a scholarship in the amount of \$2250. Ali has been employed at Oak Crest as a Certified Nursing Assistant since January of 2013 and has been attending Elgin Community College where she is completing her associate's degree in nursing. Upon graduation, her goal is to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing. Ali wrote in her scholarship essay, "Throughout my educational experience, one thing has always remained consistent. I have always had the support of Oak Crest. Whether it has been other staff, supervisors or residents I have always had their encouragement. I never doubt myself or my future as a nurse

Oak Crest's 22nd Annual Christmas Tree Walk and Open House, "Winter Wonderland" is scheduled for Sunday, December 11, 1-4:30 p.m. This year's Walk will again feature beautiful trees, decorations, music and festivities but will also provide an opportunity for guests to tour the newly constructed Oaks Apartments and Fitness Center. Mark your calendar, invite your family and friends and join us for an Oak Crest Christmas celebration.

Volunteers are invited to join us as we prepare for the upcoming Christmas season. Work on outdoor lights and displays will begin the last two weeks of October with inside decorating beginning the first week in November. This is a great service opportunity for individuals or clubs. Please contact Joan Launer at (815)756-8461.

because there is always a resident who tells me I am going to make a great nurse one day."

• **Mikaella Hudspeth** was awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$2250. Mikaella is a certified nursing assistant here at Oak Crest, a position she has held since June 2012. Mikaella actually started out her studies in the field of athletic training. However, after attending college she realized that this was not the path for her. Mikaella said during her scholarship interview, "After many hours of observing and working alongside our wonderful nurses I knew that this was my calling. Nurses are there for people through some of their most difficult times and provide comfort and strength."

• **Christopher Sherman** is the recipient of a scholarship in the amount of \$2500. Chris is the son of employee Linda Sherman and is a graduate of DeKalb High School. Chris has dedicated his entire life to instrumental music and has participated in concert band, marching

band and jazz ensemble. His academic interest is in the study of psychology and he hopes one day to work in the field and assist individuals suffering from mental illness. Chris will be attending Kishwaukee College and in his scholarship essay wrote, "I want to assure you that I am fully committed to my education and my future. With your support, college will be an integral part of my success."

• **Patrick Aves** received a scholarship in the amount of \$4000. Patrick is the son of Certified Nursing Assistant, Dawn Aves. Some of you may remember that Patrick received a scholarship last year. The scholarship assisted him in completing his studies at Kishwaukee College and this fall will attend NIU. Patrick will major in business where he hopes to pursue a career in finance. One letter of recommendation described Patrick as having a great work ethic and positive attitude that will help him accomplish any challenge set before him.

• **Luke Hoppenworth** is the recipient of a scholarship in the amount of \$5000. Luke is the son of Joel and Liz Hoppenworth, both of whom are employed at Oak Crest. Luke was one of the recipients of last year's scholarship, and this next year he will continue his studies in Civil Engineering at the University of Illinois in Champaign. Luke wrote in his scholarship essay, "I have tried my very best to be a good person, a good student and to set a good example for my six younger siblings. I also fully recognize and appreciate that I would not be where I am now without the support of the Oak Crest Board of Trustees, the donors and the scholarship that makes it all possible."

The Board of Trustees, residents and staff congratulate these individuals on their achievements and wish them well in their future endeavors. Donations to the Center are tax deductible and more importantly provide the donor an opportunity to truly impact the lives of others. For additional information about creating a Legacy of Giving contact the Center at (815)756-8461 or e-mail scichy@oakcrestdekalb.org



Serving the Oak Crest community for twenty-seven years has afforded me a wealth of experience and perspective. As I

meet new people and assist them in their retirement decisions, I have noted that people tend to ask very similar questions that relate to Oak Crest and retirement. I am including the five most asked questions and my responses.

Q: If I am interested in coming to Oak Crest do I have to sign over all my assets?

A: Absolutely not. Applicants must complete a financial statement disclosing assets and income. This information is kept in strict confidence and is used to determine someone's eligibility as it pertains to financial obligations should they be accepted to Oak Crest.

Q: If I am responsible with my assets and still run out of money will I have to find another place to live?

A: No. Oak Crest's commitment to its residents is one that guarantees if they outlive their financial resources and have not in any way divested themselves, they would be provided a home here. This is accomplished through the Good Samaritan Fund.

Q: I'm pretty used to being independent, and if I come here will I lose that?

A: Living at Oak Crest you have all the same opportunities you had at home and much more; the main differences being, Oak Crest offers the

guarantee of security and future care without the worry. You remain as independent as you were before.

Q: I'm doing fine in my home now. Why should I even consider retirement before I really need it?

A: The time to make decisions concerning your future is now. It is so important that you make choices while they are yours to make. Two things that I have found Oak Crest residents share, is a fierce desire to make their own decisions and secondly, to remain independent. Oak Crest is a retirement community designed to offer independent living to active older adults. About the time you "need" Oak Crest you may have waited too long.

Q: Some places really pressure you when you call with questions or stop by. What should I do if I'd like some information about Oak Crest but don't want a sales pitch?

A: Part of Oak Crest's philosophy deals with community awareness and education. When someone calls with a question or stops by for a visit we try to answer their questions with complete and concise information. We hope that people never feel "pressured." We pride ourselves on being approachable, cooperative and informative. Most people comment that a visit at Oak Crest is like a visit with an old friend.

I hope the above information has answered some of your questions and given you some facts in black and white. Now, I invite you to come and experience, in living color, all that Oak Crest has to offer.

Liz Hoppenworth
Director of Resident Services

Art & Craft Fest



Mark your calendars and join your friends for the 6th annual Oak Crest Art & Craft Fest and lunch planned for Saturday, September 24th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. This Fest ushers in the activities of autumn and serves as a fund raiser to benefit the Oak Crest Good Samaritan Fund. This fund assists residents who have outlived their financial resources. Each week residents and volunteers have been busy creating various crafts for this special event. Local community crafters and artists will also be featured and this is the perfect time to do some early holiday shopping or pick up that one-of-a-kind gift. The Fest will offer a wide variety of jewelry, glass sculptures, baby items, Christmas ornaments, and handmade cards, raffles, a "Kit n Kaboodle" table and much more. To satisfy your sweet tooth Fest attendees won't want to miss out on the Bake Sale featuring homemade baked goods, snacks and applesauce donuts.

After spending a morning browsing the craft offerings, stop by our very own café and enjoy a delicious bowl of chili and homemade corn bread.

Volunteers, crafters and artists are encouraged to contact Joan Launer, Community Events Coordinator at (815)756-8461 or jlauner@oakcrestdekalb.org

Truck



Oak Crest is looking for a full-sized pick-up truck for donation or purchase. Please contact Stephen Cichy at (815)756-8461 or scichy@oakcrestdekalb.org

Calendar of Events

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 6, 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Toby Comfort Shoes
 Wednesday, September 21, 10 a.m. Volunteer Coffee
 Saturday, September 24, 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 6th Annual Art and Craft Fest
 Tuesday, October 25, 2:00 p.m. Chicago Art Institute Program
 Tuesday, November 8, 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Bazaar
 Sunday, December 4, 7:00 p.m. Christmas Advent Service
 Sunday, December 11, 22nd Annual Christmas Tree Walk and Open House

Volunteer Coffee

Oak Crest is hosting a volunteer appreciation and recruitment coffee on Wednesday, September 21 at 10 a.m. Bring a friend and explore the many and varied volunteer opportunities available at Oak Crest. Make your reservation today (815)756-8461

Excursions

October 9-15 Lancaster Show Trip & Dutch Country
 December 3 Chicago Shopping Trip
 December 5-9 Branson Holiday Show Extravaganza
 December 15 "The Phantom of the Opera," Chicago
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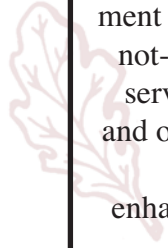
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Our Mission



The DeKalb Area Retirement Center is a faith based not-for-profit community serving people 62 years and older through a continuum of services enhancing an individual's quality of life.



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