

Oak Crest Volunteers Recognized

“Volunteers Give Time – Touch Lives” was the theme of this year’s Volunteer Recognition Program. More than 100 enjoyed the vocal talents of Jill Sanderson accompanied by guitarist, David Erickson. The evening was a perfect opportunity to thank the many volunteers who gave of their time and talents throughout the year. The program began with a welcome by Joan Launer, Community Events Coordinator. Liz Hoppenworth, Director of Resident Services, expressed appreciation to all the volunteers for their service and acknowledged their nearly 10,000 hours of volunteer time provided this past year.

The highlight of the evening was the



presentation of the resident and community Oak Leaf Awards. These awards are presented on the basis of number of hours and the impact of service.

This year the Resident Volunteer Oak Leaf Award was presented to Gayle Thistlethwaite. Gayle has been a resident since 2002 and has spent countless hours in the Oak Crest library where she organizes and shelves books and assists patrons with selections and is instrumental in the coordination of the Oak Crest Book Sales. This year the sale generated nearly \$300, with proceeds benefitting the library inventory. Most notably is the amount of time and attention she provides to her fellow residents with visits and her willingness to lend a helping hand.

This year’s Community Volunteer Oak Leaf Award was presented to Linda Rodgers. Linda is a former Oak Crest employee who after seventeen years of service to the community turned around and reported to work the next day wearing the hat of a volunteer. Linda’s volunteering duties are far-reaching and so appreciated. She comes each week and assists with the scheduling of new volunteer orientations and programming, volunteers in the Shoppe, assists with Christmas decorating and welcomes new tasks and opportunities. Her energy is boundless and her level of commitment to the organization and residents makes her a true asset to the community.

Oak Crest volunteers assist with many activities, programs and special events. New volunteers are welcome to become involved and to feel the sense of fulfillment that comes from giving to others. Flexible and personalized volunteer opportunities are available; call Joan Launer at 815-756-8461 or jlauner@oakcrestdekalb.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

Studies have shown that children raised in an environment that embraces and encourages volunteerism have a greater tendency to share their time and talents throughout life. Make this the summer you instill in your children a spirit of service. Come and experience all that Oak Crest has to offer. Think about joining your children and experience the sense of fulfillment that comes from giving to others. We offer volunteer opportunities for people of all ages. Whatever your talents, we can tailor a program to fit your schedule and interests. The volunteer opportunities and possibilities are endless. To learn more about volunteering contact Joan Launer at (815) 756-8461 or e-mail jlauner@oakcrestdekalb.org

5th Annual “Vacation Destination” Trivia Night

The Annual Trivia Night to benefit the Oak Crest Good Samaritan Fund will be held Saturday, August 13, 7:00 p.m. in the Terrace Dining Room at Oak Crest. You don’t want to miss this fun evening of trivia and travel fun with Quiz Master, Larry Werline. Cost is \$10.00 per person with a maximum of six players to a team. Join your friends and don your favorite vacation attire while competing for prizes and trivia bragging rights. Register your team by calling (815)756-8461 or e-mail jlauner@oakcrestdekalb.org.

Art & Craft Fest

Mark your calendars and join your family and friends on Saturday, Sept. 24th, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for this annual event. Art and Craft participants and volunteers are welcomed. Vendor applications are available by contacting the Oak Crest main office. For additional information or to volunteer contact Joan Launer, Community Events Coordinator, jlauner@oakcrestdekalb.org, (815)756-8461.

Ice Cream Social

Mark your calendar for our annual “Summer Fun” Ice Cream Social – Thursday, July 14th, 7:00 p.m.

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

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Mission Statement

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.

Calendar of Events

Sat., June 18	2:00 pm	“Wedding Revue”
Thurs., July 14	7:00 pm	“Summer Fun” Ice Cream Social
Fri., July 24	7:00 pm	Open Mic Night
Sat., August 13	7:00 pm	“Vacation Destination” Trivia Night
Sat., Sept. 24	10am-2:30pm	Annual Art and Craft Fest

Summer School Series

Tues., July 12	2:00 pm	Interior Design
Tues., July 26	2:00 pm	Wellness Lifestyle
Tues., Aug. 9	2:00 pm	Estate Sale Planning
Tues., Aug. 23	2:00 pm	Antiques

Trips & Excursions

Fri., July 15	Chicago Garden Trip
Sat., July 16	“Book of Mormon” — Chicago
July 20-22	Mississippi River Cruise
Sun., July 31	Chicago Tall Ships at Navy Pier
Sept. 9-17	Canada/New England Cruise
Dec. 5-9	Branson Holiday Show

For information Contact Joan Launer at (815)756-8461 or jlauner@oakcrestdekalb.org.

Return Service Requested

DeKalb, Illinois 60115
2944 Greenwood Acres Drive
DEKALB AREA RETIREMENT CENTER



The Door Opens In Welcome



Top to bottom:

Jack & Jan Docherty – Sycamore, IL
Barbara McGuffin – Sycamore, IL
Russ & Jo Elliott – DeKalb, IL
David Miner – DeKalb, IL
Ed & Alice Paulson – Sycamore, IL
Mary Eakle – DeKalb, IL

News of Interest to the Oak Crest Community and Friends

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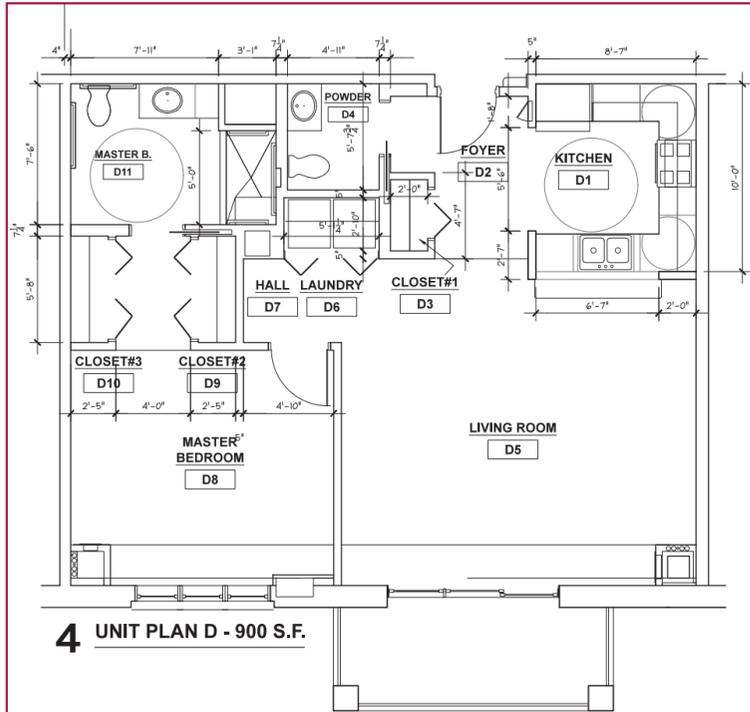
Building For Tomorrow

Since opening in 1980 Oak Crest has enjoyed a wonderful history of providing quality services to the community. Recognized nationally as one of the first communities in Illinois accredited by the Commission for the Accreditation of Retirement Facilities (CARF), the Center has enjoyed a long history and a strong demand for retirement living. This demand has led to this current project. Executive Director Stephen Cichy said, “As a service-driven not-for-profit community, we are looking forward to the completion of our new Independent Living Addition and Wellness Center. In the past, the demand for larger apartment homes resulted in long waiting periods. This new project will expand our ability to serve the community now and in the future.”

Oak Crest’s new addition boasting 24 new 900’, 1,000’, 1200’, 1600’ and larger independent living apartments is nearing completion. Each apartment features a private balcony, well appointed kitchens, laundry, heated parking and access to our new onsite Bistro, wellness center and pool. More importantly we are building friendships and memories. We offer the guarantee of future care and peace of mind.

Apartment interest and reservations have exceeded expectations. Now is the perfect time to come out and see what all the excitement is about. Oak Crest is located at 2944 Greenwood Acres Drive, DeKalb. Individuals interested in hearing more about this next chapter in Oak Crest history should contact Liz Hoppenworth at (815)756-8461 or lhoppenworth@oakcrestdekalb.org

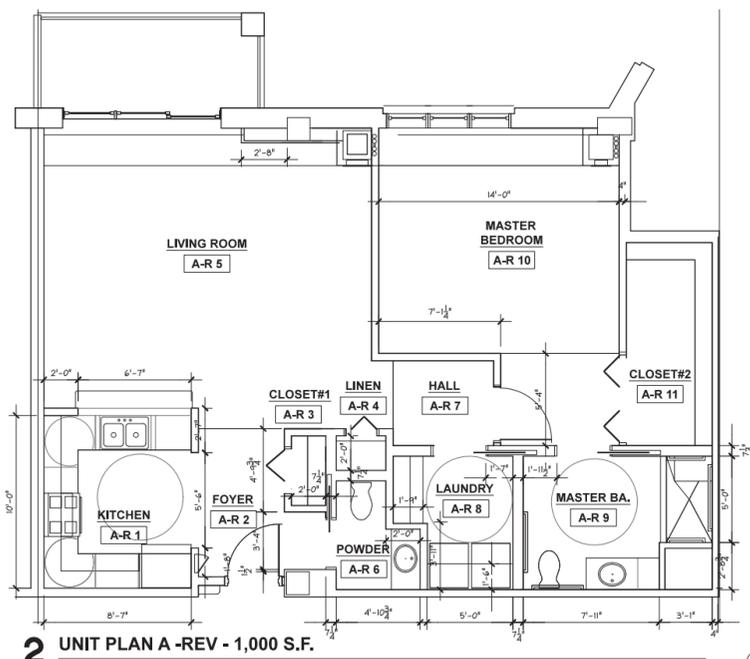
Take A Look At These New Apartment Floor Plans



900 Square Feet



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2944 GREENWOOD ACRES DR. DEKALB, IL.
UNIT D
IN PROGRESS
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"
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2944 GREENWOOD ACRES DR. DEKALB, IL.
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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.

So far this year, in support of those individuals who have outlived their financial resources, the Circle of Care Campaign has generated \$45,000 in cash contributions and pledges! Our goal is \$60,000. 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



To say there is never a dull moment at Oak Crest would be an understatement. In addition to the many and varied events, programs and activities occurring on the campus and the day to day workings of a thirty-one acre campus that serves 265 individuals and employs 245 staff we are devoting a great deal of time and attention to the progress being made on our new three-story independent addition. To date, we have seen the building fully constructed, the indoor pool and wellness center well underway, and individual apartments nearing completion. The last year has been an exciting one, and we are encouraged by the interest that has been shown by the many people who have inquired about making Oak Crest their home. In fact, we have seen a stronger interest to date than we had earlier estimated. As this newsletter goes to press, we have commitments on

twenty of the twenty-four units. There is, however, an additional and exciting aspect of the expansion project and that is our Memorial Gifts Program. Throughout our lives we have known people who have made an impact on the people around them and their community. Whether a family member, a friend or business associate; a memorial tribute can be a wonderful way to salute those whose memories continue to enrich our lives. To this end, the Memorial Gifts Program is being developed by the Oak Crest Board of Trustees. This program will enable individual donors to give a gift that says, "I remember."

General memorial gifts range from \$1000 - \$5000 and will be honored with a plaque recognizing the selected individual. Recognition of memorial gifts of greater amounts will be placed at specific sites throughout the addition. For example, a gift of \$15,000 may be recognized at one of the new elevators, a \$25,000 gift may be recognized in the new Resource

Wedding Revue
You are cordially invited to join us

"A Celebration of Timeless Love"

Saturday, June 18, 2016
Oak Crest Chapel
2:00 p.m.

1:00 Wedding Exhibit
2:00 Service
(Reception Following)



Residents, family and friends enjoyed our 36th anniversary dance complete with music provided by "Jazz in Progress." For many years the dance has been the highlight of the spring season and made possible thanks to the planning and effort of the Sycamore High School Key and Interact Clubs.

Centenarian Tea



Pictured l-r: Mavis Bell, Cliff Johnson, Marge Lyman, Donna Marsh, Mary Maxson, Mary Thistlethwaite & Gladys Simon

Seven Oak Crest residents ranging in age from 100 - 107 and representing 718 years of life experiences were honored at a tea celebrating their milestone birthdays. One honoree was quoted as saying, "The first hundred years have been a blast, I can't wait to see what the next hundred years bring!"

King & Queen Crowned

Residents Bob Brayfield and Jane Randolph are looking forward to their new roles, including taking to the road with appearances at community events and programs. Oak Crest extends heartfelt congratulations to the 2016- 2017 Oak Crest King and Queen.



Summer School

Tuesday, July 12, 2:00 p.m. "Interior Design - Your Space, Your Style" Stephanie Deckro
• Science of Color
• Scale Down, Style Up
• Repurposing with a Purpose

Tuesday, July 26, 2:00 p.m. "Developing a Wellness Lifestyle" David Benner
• Balance
• Strength and Flexibility
• Memory Workout (participation opportunity)

Tuesday, August 9, 2:00 p.m. "Estate Sale Planning" - Pam Faivre
• Taking an Inventory
• Making a Plan
• Sort, Save, Sell

Tuesday, August 23, 2:00 p.m. "Identification and Care of Antiques" Steve Reid
• Antiques, Reproductions and Fakes
• Evaluation and Authentication
• Preservation

Seating is limited. Please call and register today - (815)756-8461

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