

The Door



Circle Of Care



The Door Opens In Welcome



Top to bottom:

Haakon & Carol Andreassen – DeKalb, IL
Gary & Pat Cordes – Sycamore, IL
Pat Elsner – DeKalb, IL
Shirl Johnson – Monmouth, IL
Michael Larson – DeKalb, IL
Frances Moon – Tampa, FL

Oak Crest's Annual Giving Campaign begins May 1, 2017. We are again looking to our friends in the community for support. This fund benefits those who outlive their financial resources. In past years Oak Crest residents have used in excess of \$200,000 from this fund. This rate of utilization continues to increase to accommodate the growing number of residents requiring assistance. The Good Samaritan Fund is supported solely through contributions and donations. All proceeds generated by the Circle of Care Campaign directly benefit the Good Samaritan Fund.

At the time of our 25th Anniversary we established the Silver Acorn Donor Program. Supporters of this program have made a donation or pledge to the Circle of Care Campaign in the amount of \$2,500 or more. A number of people are already participating and we wish to

thank them again for their continued support and invite you to join them. Of course, each and every donation is welcomed and appreciated.

Letters will be sent to previous and prospective donors. These letters will tell you more about the Circle of Care Campaign. Please consider making a donation. Your generosity will ensure that the Good Samaritan Fund continues.

If you should have any questions, or would like additional information on the Circle of Care Campaign, the Good Samaritan Fund, or Oak Crest please call Stephen Cichy at (815)756-8461. We look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your support.

Ann Tucker
Community Relations

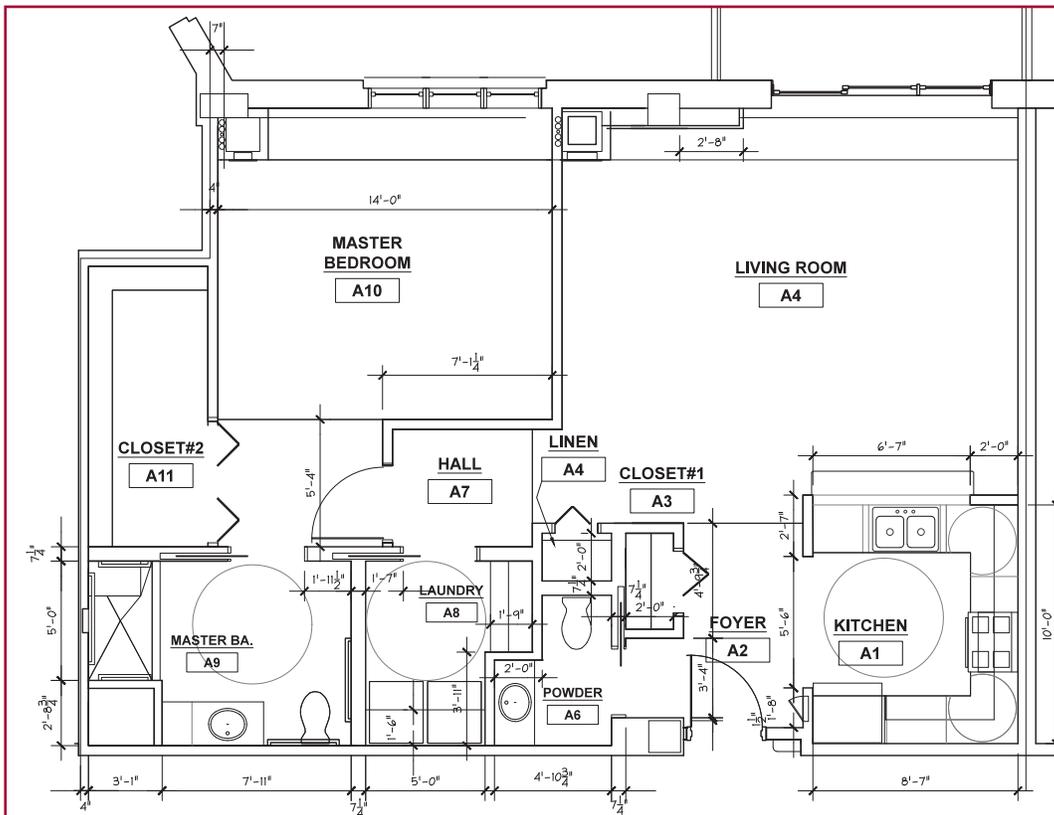
Come see for yourself...

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 led us to construct new apartment homes, larger duplexes and a fitness and aquatics center. Our mission is one of service to this community now and in the future.

Response to the new Oaks Addition boasting 23 new 900', 1,000', 1200', 1600' and larger independent living apartments has been very positive. Each apartment features a private balcony, well-appointed kitchens, laundry, heated garage and access to our new on-site Bistro, fitness center and pool. More importantly we are building friendships and memories. We offer the guarantee of future care and peace of mind.



Apartment interest exceeded expectations. With one remaining 1000' unit available, you won't want to miss this great opportunity! Come and see what all the excitement is about. Individuals interested in hearing more about this next chapter in Oak Crest history should contact Liz Hoppenworth at (815) 756-8461 or email her at lhoppenworth@oakcrestdekalb.org



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

1000 Square Feet



DEKALB AREA RETIREMENT CENTER - OAK CREST
2944 GREENWOOD ACRES DR. DEKALB, IL

IN PROGRESS

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

UNIT A

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Good Samaritan Nominations

Annually the Board of Trustees of the DeKalb Area Retirement Center-Oak Crest recognizes and honors an individual in the community as a modern day Good Samaritan. This award is presented to someone who has demonstrated his/her commitment to the community and to its people — in any number of ways. A modern Good Samaritan is a person who cares for others beyond the normal compassion of most people; or a person who actively participates in various community organizations and combines community service with personal caring; or a person who works quietly to better the lives of others. Currently, nominations are being accepted. This year the honor will be bestowed on a deserving individual on Friday, August 4, 2017. You are encouraged to nominate someone who exemplifies the high standards of the Good Samaritan. Application forms are available by contacting Oak Crest Reception desk (815)756-8461 or e-mail cbuehler@oakcrestdekalb.org

From The Executive Director



Well, spring has arrived and each day I am amazed at the changes to the Oak Crest property. The grass planted last season is growing, the walking paths are in and plantings and landscaping will begin around the buildings and the larger pond. This last year has been a whirlwind of activity and now we are faced with, what's next?

With the completion of the Oaks Apartment Homes and Fitness Center means there is an additional and exciting aspect of the project and that is the further development of 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.

General memorial gifts range from \$1000 - \$5000 and will be honored with a plaque recognizing the selected individual. Memorial gifts of greater amounts ranging from \$5,000 and more 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 Room, and a gift of \$100,000 may be recognized in the new Bistro or as part of the new Wellness Center or massage therapy area. This is an excellent way to remember someone dear to you and also a wonderful opportunity to assist the Center and create a legacy for future generations.

As a not-for-profit organization, your gifts are so important to the many people who make Oak Crest their home and your continued support is invaluable. As always, gifts to the Center are tax deductible and are always appreciated. There is a saying, "The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." This has never

Annual Spring Dance
You and your guests are cordially invited to join us

"Dancing Under The Stars"

Saturday, May 6, 2017
Dance to the Music of
"Jazz in Progress"
7:00 p.m.

Planned in cooperation with Lycamore High School Interact & Key Club

been truer than here at Oak Crest.

For more information about the Oak Crest Memorial Gifts Program and creating a Legacy of Giving, please contact me personally.

Stephen P Cichy

Stephen P. Cichy
Executive Director

Centenarian Celebration

This year Oak Crest staff, families and friends recognized nine resident Centenarians at a special celebration given in their honor. Gavin Wilson and Denny Vaupel provided lively music for the event and a grand time was had by all. Oak Crest Centenarians are:

Mavis Bell
Cliff Johnson
Donna Marsh
Mary Maxson
Don Mosher
Alma Schweitzer
Gladys Simon
Mary Smith
Mary Thistlethwaite

Committee Honored

During a program attended by Oak Crest residents, families, staff and guests Brian Scholle, Board President took time to acknowledge the combined efforts of the Expansion Committee who oversaw the development and construction of the Oaks Apartments and Fitness & Aquatics Center project. He said, "The reality is that the beautiful building we now enjoy, was, at one time, simply an idea. An idea that grew into a vision, due in great part to the efforts of these three women. So, today after months and months of early morning meetings and countless hours spent pouring over electrical, concrete and plumbing plans we have enhanced Oak Crest services and provided the community with more options and opportunities than ever before. What a wonderful addition to our community and a phenomenal result. On behalf of the residents, families, Board Members, staff and those who will follow and reap the rewards of your efforts, thank you."



Brian Scholle, Board President acknowledges the efforts of committee members Carol Larson, Ann Tucker and Linda Mason

A Beautiful Duplex is Now Available



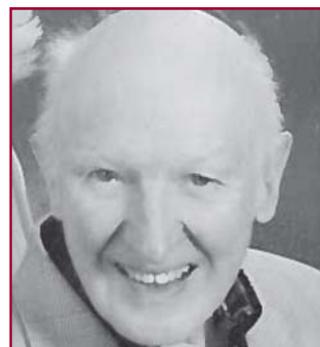
Imagine coming home to surroundings that address your preferences and desires, a residence that assures your comfort and financial security while leaving you free to pursue goals and interests. Oak Crest's thirty acres campus nestled in the heart of a tree-filled residential neighborhood affords all the social and cultural opportunities associated with life near a large city and a state university while maintaining the advantages of rural living. Now is the perfect time to think about a move to an Oak Crest Duplex Home. A lovely 1800' home with finished lower level and two car garage is now available. Residents choosing Oak Crest as their home enjoy the guarantee of future security without the worries associated with home maintenance. If you would like more information and/or would like to schedule a tour, please contact Liz Hoppenworth at (815)756-8461.

"Volunteers Are Stars"

Join your friends on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Oak Crest Vista Room. The evening provides an opportunity to welcome new volunteers and recognize those individuals who give of themselves each and every day. All volunteers are invited to bring a friend and enjoy an evening of music, food and fellowship.

RSVP by calling Joan Launer at (815)756-8461 or email her at jlauner@oakcrestdekalb.org.

*Hang Your Hat
At Oak Crest*



The decision to retire wasn't nearly as difficult as deciding where to hang our hats when the time came. Being actively involved in our community, enjoying travel and having family out of state meant we had to take a good hard look at where we wanted to retire. Of course, we talked about it, visited with our friends, did our research and discussed it with our son. In the end, we knew a couple things for certain. We really loved the DeKalb community and the proximity to the university, our church and our many friends. We also realized with great clarity that as two really independent-minded people we did not want our son to be placed in the position of caregiver. So, for us Oak Crest was the perfect option. Here we retained our independence, found stimulating programming, beautiful accommodations, wonderful friends and the guarantee of future care and services. That future care became paramount when my wife of sixty-one years fell ill. What a blessing we had moved to Oak Crest when we did. The end of her life was spent in the loving and competent care of the fine people who treated her like family. Here at Oak Crest I found a home I love while actively enjoying the many offerings of the community. The best part, at the end of a long trip, nothing feels quite as good as coming home and hanging my hat at Oak Crest.

Henry Leonard
Resident since December 2013

Oak Crest Awards Employee Grant



Twice a year for fifteen years the Community Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees has awarded a grant in the amount of \$300 to a deserving employee to pursue educational or enrichment programming. This grant is in addition to the annual Employee Scholarship designed for employees or their dependents pursuing an undergraduate degree/program of study. The purpose of the grant is to allow additional opportunities for employees to pursue their individual goals.

This year's grant was awarded to Courtney Seisser. Courtney has



Courtney Seisser and Ann Tucker, Community Relations Chair

worked as a Certified Nurse's Aide since December of 2015. Courtney is continuing her studies at Kishwaukee College with her sights set on graduating in May of this year. Her application stated, "Receiving this grant will allow me to focus on my studies and provide me with the knowledge I need to support the residents both physically and emotionally." She looks forward to applying all that she has learned and her future goal is to continue her employment at Oak Crest as a registered nurse.

Stephen Cichy, Executive Director said, "Oak Crest's ongoing commitment to the people working at Oak Crest extends far beyond the workplace. This grant is Oak Crest's way of demonstrating our commitment to the people who work here. By investing in their futures and providing the resources necessary to further develop their skills and interests, Oak Crest is embracing its vision as an innovative leader in long-term care and services. This vision applies not only to the people who make their homes here, but to the people who make Oak Crest a home."

DeKalb Area Retirement Center Oak Crest Board of Trustees Officers

During a dinner hosted at the community, residents, staff and families had an opportunity to meet and become more familiar with the Oak Crest 2017 Board Officers.



(pictured l-r Treasurer, Wendy West, Secretary, Mike Borden, Vice President, Ann Tucker and President, Brian Scholle.)

Annual Board of Trustees Dinner



During the 2017 Annual Board Dinner, Stephen Cichy, Executive Director, introduced Board Members and Officers and acknowledged their service to the mission of the organization. Brian Scholle, then thanked Board Members for their willingness to continue their terms of service and

renew their Board commitments. He added, "Your continued participation as members of the Board of Trustees is appreciated. On behalf of the residents, families and staff I thank you for your service and look forward to a serving with you, in what I am confident will prove to be very productive and rewarding 2017."

Members pictured back row

l-r: Wendy West, Mary Jo McAdams, Mike Borden, Paul Stromborg, Ann Tucker & Linda Mason

Front row l-r: Rev. Joe Gastiger, Karen Grush, Brian Scholle, Carol Larson, Dick Stokke & Jack Goodrich

Not pictured: Tim Beasley, Rev. Paul Judd, Dave Louis, Karen Manning, Rev. Young Mee-Park & Kathy Spears



Board of Trustees

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Jack Goodrich
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Stephen Cichy

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

Wed., March 22	7:00 pm	Mayoral Candidates Night
Sat., April 22	9 - Noon	NIU Cares Day
April 23-29		Volunteer Week Celebration
Sat., May 6	7:00 pm	Annual Spring Dance
Thurs., June 22	7:00 pm	Voluntary Recognition Program
Thurs., July 13	7:00 pm	Ice Cream Social
Sat., Aug. 19	7:00 pm	Oak Crest Trivia Night

Trips & Excursions

April 16-22	Virginia Beach, Colonial Williamsburg & Historic Norfolk
Wed., April 26	“South Pacific” — Fireside
May 5-11	Springtime in the Mountains of West Virginia
May 11-13	Holland, Michigan Tulip Festival (Featuring Vince Gill)
Wed., May 17	Say Cheese Please! - Natural Historic Cheese Making Center
June 17-25	National Parks of the Southwest
Wed., June 21	“Back to the 50’s” — Fireside
Aug. 28 - Sept. 1	Mackinac Island

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

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