

*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 Stephen Shipman. Stephen has worked as a dietary aide since July 2003. He is currently pursuing a degree at Kishwaukee College. His application stated, "I am so grateful for a program like this that helps employees pursue their educational goals." Stephen Cichy, Executive Director said, "As an organization Oak Crest values educa-



*Stephen Shipman and Joe Gastiger,
Community Relations Chair*

tion and this grant is just one way we demonstrate our commitment to the people who work here. By assisting people in pursuing their dreams and providing the resources necessary to further develop their skills and interests, Oak Crest is embracing our vision as an innovative leader in long-term care and services. Oak Crest is more than bricks and mortar. It is the people living here and working here that make Oak Crest a home.

*Oak Crest Welcomes
New Board Member*



2018 Oak Crest Board of Trustees President Ann Tucker performed the induction of new Board Member Bette Chilton. Bette Chilton joins the Oak Crest Board and brings with her a wealth of experiences in the Health Care Field.

Bette holds both a BSN and MSN from Northern Illinois University, worked at the DeKalb County Health Department as a case management coordinator and as director of Personal Health Services. Bette has been a nursing instructor and was instrumental in opening the Tri-County Health Clinic located on the Kishwaukee College campus.

Bette is currently Dean of Health and Education at Kishwaukee College and is a past board member of the Family Service Agency and Hope Haven.

As a Board Member she will serve on both the Community Relations and Health Care committees and her expertise and willingness to serve are appreciated.

*Oak Crest Announces
New Board President*



2017 Board President Brian Scholle handed over leadership and performed the induction of new Board President Ann Tucker. Ann joined the Oak Crest Board in 2010. She is a long time resident of Sycamore.

She taught communications at Northern Illinois University and was the Dean of Arts and Sciences at Kishwaukee College at the time of her retirement. Ann has been an active member of the Board of Trustees and its executive committee and has also given her time and talents to the Kishwaukee Symphony Orchestra as its president. Ann's willingness to serve and her commitment make her an excellent Board Member and an asset to the Oak Crest community. Oak Crest is located at 2944 Greenwood Acres Drive, DeKalb, IL.



2018 Board of Trustees

Members pictured Back Row l-r: Mary Jo McAdams, Mike Borden, Paul Stromborg, & Wendy West,

Middle Row l-r: Richard Katz, Brian Scholle, Linda Mason, David VanBuren & Ann Tucker

Front Row l-r: Executive Director Stephen Cichy, Karen Grush, Bette Chilton, Kathy Spears, Carol Larson, Jack Goodrich & Joe Gastiger

Not pictured: David Louis, Rev. Jonathan Crail, & Rev. Young Mee-Park

Board of Trustees

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| Mike Borden | Rev. Young-Mee Park |
| Bette Chilton | Brian Scholle |
| Rev. Jonathan Crail | Kathy Spears |
| Rev. Joseph Gastiger | Dick Stokke |
| Jack Goodrich | Dr. Paul Stromborg |
| Karen Grush | Ann Tucker |
| Richard Katz | David VanBuren |
| Carol Larson | Wendy West |
| Dave Louis | |
| Linda Mason | <i>Executive Director</i> |
| Mary Jo McAdams | Stephen Cichy |



Calendar of Events

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| Thurs., April 19 | 7:00 pm | DeKalb Brass Quintet with John Smith |
| Wed., April 25 | 7:00 pm | NIU & U.S. State Department Philippine Youth Leadership Program |
| Fri., April 27 | 7:00 pm | Volunteer Recognition, "Volunteers Make the World a Brighter Place" |
| Sat., May 5 | 7:00 pm | Annual Spring Dance |

Our Mission

Oak Crest 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.

Our Vision

To be an innovative leader in senior adult services.

Trips & Excursions

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| April 17-21 | Kentucky Bluegrass & Noah's Ark Encounter |
| April 18 | 42nd Street — The Fireside |
| May 19 | A Day in Galena |
| June 4 | A Touch of Kenny & Friends — Starved Rock |
| June 6 | Church Basement Ladies: Second Helping The Fireside |

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

Return Service Requested

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



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 Rockford, Illinois
 PERMIT NO. 2495

The Door

*The Door Opens
In Welcome*

Circle Of Care



Oak Crest's Annual Giving Campaign to benefit the Good Samaritan Fund begins May 1, 2018. 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.

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.

Joe Gastiger
Community Relations



Top to bottom:

Muriel Mackett – DeKalb, IL
Katy Hiatt – DeKalb, IL
Alverda Ellenberger – DeKalb, IL
Angeline Kuhn – Clare, IL
Ruth McMenamin – Sycamore, IL

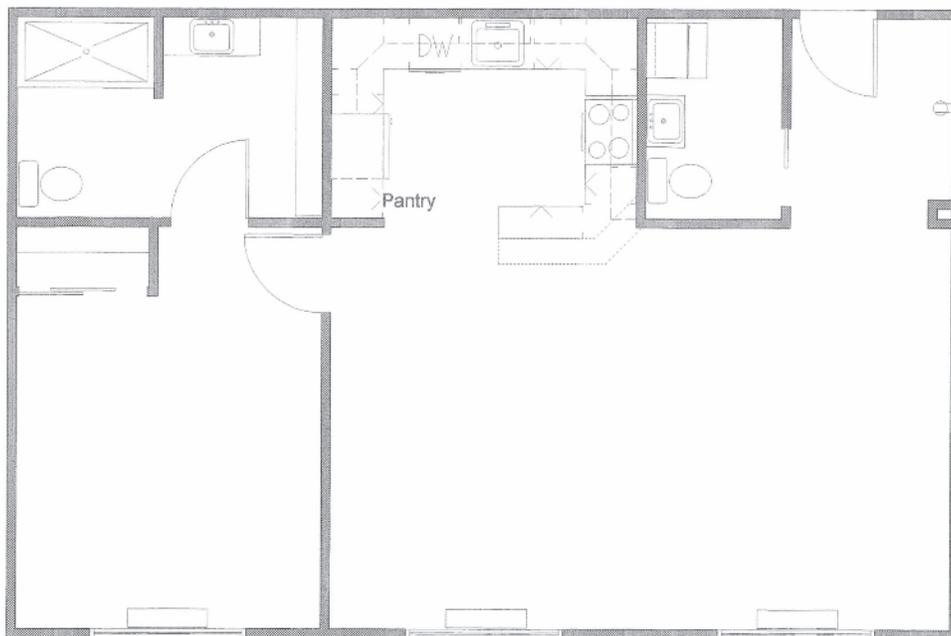
Come see for yourself....

Since opening in 1980 Oak Crest has enjoyed a wonderful history of providing quality services to the community. Each apartment features a well-appointed kitchen, laundry, garage parking and access to our new onsite Bistro, fitness center and pool. More importantly we are building friendships and memories. We offer the guarantee of future care and peace of mind.

Come visit one of our featured apartments 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 email her at lhoppenworth@oakcrestdekalb.org



**900 Square Foot Unit
Not to Scale**

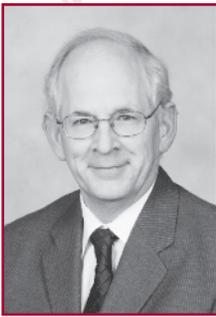


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Good Samaritan Nominations

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 3, 2018. 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 email cbuehler@oakcrestdekalb.org

From The Executive Director



It's hard to believe how swiftly time flies. Before we know it one season slips into another. For me, life mirrors

the seasons. Life changes come along when we least expect them. Even when we think we have planned ahead, we can be caught off guard. Since Evelina and I became parents thirty-seven years ago we knew that each and every day would bring about changes and take us closer to the time when our children would step out into the world on their own. One thing is for certain, kids have a way of growing up and for us it all went too quickly. It is hard to believe that both our sons are married and we are grandparents to two amazing children. We wonder where the time went. Even though we were prepared and felt we did our best to provide our children with the tools necessary to embark upon their lives, both of us are surprised

that it happened so quickly.

I am sure retirement is a lot like this. We all know it is coming, we see it in the distance, but it really doesn't hit us until the day arrives. Just like parenting, you want to plan ahead and have the information necessary to make the right decisions well in advance. Once that's done you have the time to enjoy all your hard earned rewards. I feel confident that helping people to plan for their futures is something we here at Oak Crest do better than anyone else. Our skilled and knowledgeable staff are available to answer questions and offer insights that can make this process a positive one. Our beautiful apartment and duplex homes offer all the amenities with the guarantee of lifetime services. For many of us retirement is closer than we think, and now may be the perfect time to plan for the future.

Stephen P Cichy

Stephen P. Cichy
Executive Director

Annual Spring Dance

You and your guests are cordially invited to join us

*"Dancing Under
The Stars"*

Saturday, May 5, 2018
Dance to the Music of
"Jazz in Progress"
7:00 p.m.

Planned in cooperation
with Lycamore High School
Interact & Key Club

Centenarian Celebration

This year Oak Crest staff, families and friends recognized seven resident Centenarians at a special celebration. Honorees and guests enjoyed a historical review of the last one hundred years and resident Liz Meyer, and volunteers Mary Lake and Pauline Cultra invited everyone to join them on a musical stroll down memory lane.



l-r Don Mosher & Cliff Johnson front row- l-r Mary Smith, Gladys Simon & Mary Maxson (not pictured: Dorothy Doughty & Donna Marsh)

“Come on in the water is fine...”

Now is the perfect time to dive into retirement living. We offer beautiful duplex and apartment homes and a guarantee of future care and peace of mind. Our independent living, assisted living and nursing care services are second to



none. Make a splash in our new onsite aquatics center and stretch your muscles in our state of the art fitness center. Expand your mind and your circle of friends through interactive programming and numerous social opportunities. Our goal is to meet and exceed your expectations, every day and every time. Now is the perfect time to test the waters. Call today for a personal tour and to find out more about options to fit your lifestyle.

For more information call (815)756-8461 or visit us on the web at www.oakcrestdekalb.org



Make things happen....

I always said when I was ready for retirement Oak Crest would be the place for me but I wasn't sure if it would fit in my budget. So, I was pleasantly surprised to find that life at Oak Crest was more affordable than I imagined. Oak Crest has it all. With beautiful surroundings, great people and exciting events I feel right at home. I know, you're sitting there right now thinking you could put off a decision of this magnitude for another month, maybe even another year or two. Just remember, while you're busy waiting, the clock is ticking. You've heard that old saying that there are two kinds of people, those who wait for things to happen and those who make things happen. I've always been independent and deciding on life at Oak Crest means I'm still making things happen. Oak Crest affords me the opportunity to maintain my independence while securing my future. Why wait?

Marilyn Sjöholm
Resident since May 2012

“Volunteers Make the World a Brighter Place”

Join your friends on Friday, April 27, 2018 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. The event will culminate with the presentation of the Oak Leaf Award. This annual award is presented yearly to a deserving volunteer for their hours of service and the impact their service has on others. 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.

Getting the Facts

Serving the Oak Crest community for nearly twenty-eight years has afforded me a wealth of experience and opportunities as I meet new people and assist them in their retirement decisions. Over the years I have noted that people tend to have similar questions as it relates to Oak Crest and retirement. I am including the three 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 has a commitment to its residents 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 used to being an independent person, 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 security and comfort without the worry. You remain as independent as you were before.

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
Resident Services Administrator
(815)756-8461

