



Ave Maria Village

SMP Health System

# VILLAGE VOICE



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## To All of Our Ave Maria Volunteers: You Are a God-Send!

**A**ve Maria Village volunteers make our world go 'round. Whether they're throwing monthly birthday parties or helping residents play Bingo ... taking people out for wheelchair walks or assisting with crafts ... raising money to buy big-screen TVs or serving drinks and desserts at our annual resident and family picnic ... these very special people bring smiles whenever they step through our doors.

One of their special kindnesses is accompanying residents to appointments when their families aren't available to go with them. The volunteers keep them company while they wait for their turns with the eye doctor, dentist, podiatrist, clinic and even the emergency room.

Our youngest volunteers, ranging from 6 to 15, have played games and done crafts with residents this summer. Now that school is back, they come for weekly after-school craft sessions.

Two teenage boys play the guitar and piano and take residents outside for wheelchair excursions.

Volunteers took over our café for several weeks while staff was being trained. They used their earnings to purchase kitchen equipment and a coffee maker for the McCoy Hospice Suite.

Proceeds from their annual pie social were used to replace small televisions with 32-inch models for the rehab rooms.

Another volunteer, Lisa Wagner, raised \$1,5880 for Phase One of our capital campaign with her second annual Fun Walk. All told, volunteers have raised \$13,500 so far this year.

Our volunteers are fantastic! They make Ave Maria life so much better.

**Could you be a God-send, too?  
We invite you, too, to volunteer!**



Volunteers took over the café, dedicating their earnings to buying kitchen equipment.



Proceeds from the volunteers' pie social were used to purchase 32" TVs for rehab rooms.



Residents enjoyed playing Bingo and doing art with young volunteers this summer.



## We can't wait! As Phase One goals are reached, we'll get them started

These autumn days are so exciting here at Ave Maria! We're doing something rather new for our new Phase One Campaign, aimed at raising a total of \$400,000 for projects to make life even better for our residents.

Typically, organizations wait to reach their fund-raising goals before embarking on the promised improvements. This time, we're turning that on its head! Why wait to introduce the much-needed additions and improvements you're helping us achieve? And so, when we reach the amount we need for each component of our campaign ... we'll do it!

Of all our plans, the new communications system seems to be the very top priority all over our facilities. That means that we'll get started as soon as the balance in the campaign cash account balance reaches \$30,000.

You can help us in so many different ways that you might not even have thought of some of them.

- Memorials for the loss of a friend or relative
- Tributes in celebration of a birthday, an anniversary ... or "just because."
- Contributions from your IRA or pension plan.
- Thrivent's "Choice Dollars," renewable every year.
- Your recycling! Take it to West End, and tell them it is for Ave Maria. They'll contribute its value.
- Contribute to our new Qualified Endowment Fund to receive a tax deduction of 40 percent on your state taxes.
- Name something! Call me for details on available naming opportunities.
- Join the monthly giving program. Even \$10 or \$20 adds up.
- Just click it! Give online. Go to [AveMariaVillage.com](http://AveMariaVillage.com); open the "Join Us" tab, and click "Online Giving."
- Life insurance policies that you no longer need
- Stocks, bonds and mutual funds.
- Plan a fun event, earmarking the proceeds for Ave Maria.
- Give grain or commodities.
- Add Ave Maria Village to your will.
- List Ave Maria as a beneficiary in obituaries, giving friends a way to honor your legacy.
- And, of course, outright gifts work just fine, too!

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing employees and volunteers, who are doing their part to help with Phase One. Fifty-four of our employees enrolled in the Hour Club, our employee giving program. They'll collectively give about \$1,645 a month to our campaign.

Volunteers have done great things, too! They've raised about \$13,500 this year through all their efforts (as you can read on page 1). Talk about **Compassion in Action!**

And here are a couple more ways you can help. Join us for our Rummage Sale Friday, Oct. 14, and our Holiday Bazaar Friday, Dec. 9.

You'll be hearing from us, too, around Nov. 1, when our annual Thanksgiving Appeal letter will land in your mailbox.

We take our residents' comfort and well-being with utmost seriousness. You, too, play an integral part in our resident's contentment. Thank you for everything you do for us ... and best wishes for a happy, blessed holiday season ahead.



Jan Barnes  
Development Director



## After rehabilitation at Ave Maria, Lisa faces life with positive attitude

**H**er health has thrown Lisa Beckley some unexpected curves. Always positive, the Bordulac woman is on her way back from the unexpected, devastating loss of her legs ... and her rehabilitation at Ave Maria Village.

The vivacious 52-year-old got her first hint of potential trouble ahead back in 2000, when she was diagnosed with diabetes — a condition doctors told her she'd probably developed 10 years earlier.



Lisa and Dan Beckley

But life was full. She and her husband Dan and she were raising six children — three hers, three his — along with 300 head of cattle on

their ranch. They built the Bar and Grill in Bordulac, which she manages.

But in 2012, Lisa began having trouble with circulation in her legs — a somewhat common side effect of diabetes. Twice, physicians put in stents to clear blood clots and open her arteries.

But on March 25, life took a drastic turn when she felt a deep pain in her right leg. Physicians at Jamestown Regional Medical Center sent her to Bismarck, where she was flown to the Mayo Clinic.

Doctors there tried a new procedure ... but she reacted badly to it. Her pulse shot sky-high, and she had a heart attack. The original procedure was scrapped as her surgeon turned to bypass surgery.

The next day, on Easter morning — her 52nd birthday — Lisa awoke. On Tuesday surgeons amputated her leg.

After several weeks in Rochester, Lisa was brought by ambulance to Ave Maria Village to continue her recovery. But after only three hours here, her remaining leg started hurting badly. Again she was sent to JRMC and then on to Bismarck, where her left leg had to be amputated.

A week later, she returned to Ave Maria for rehabilitation, a visit that lasted just over a month. Then she went back home to Bordulac, continuing her recovery.

“I have to say that I loved my time at Ave Maria. I missed it after I left,” Lisa says. “I guess it was because everything was set up perfectly — so easy and convenient.”

She lauds Carmen, her occupational therapist at Ave Maria. “She taught me so many things I wouldn’t have thought of that I’d need when I got home. I have to tell you

— once she’d taught me how to use the bathroom on my own, I was like a whole new woman!”

Lisa began her days with the first of two therapy sessions, then returned to her room to read or watch television. She had many visitors, including Dan nearly every night and her father on weekends. They’d sit in the café and eat popcorn. She visited the library often, too, and looked forward to visits from Poppy, Ave Maria’s resident pooch.

“I loved the atmosphere. As far as I was concerned, I could have stayed there forever,” she confides. “I do not think there was one single crabby person, ever.”

Her experience was very different from what she’d once have expected. “I guess I expected all the wheelchairs lined up with people just sitting there all day,” Lisa admits. “That wasn’t the case at all. there was something going on all the time. It’s actually a very happy place to be.”

She’s getting stronger every day back at home, where they’ve made their house 95 percent handicapped accessible. That extends even to her garden. She has tended three large containers this summer, pitched at just the right height for her wheelchair and brightened with her own hand-painted decorations. Next year, she’s doubling her “acreage.”

Always active, she goes out often with her niece and spent five days traveling to Iowa and Wisconsin with her father and sister. Dan and she are planning an excursion for two to Deadwood.

Lisa doesn’t believe in sitting around feeling sorry for herself. “Oh, I do have my days,” she reflects. “But mostly I keep busy.”

She’s looking forward to her next steps. When she’s healed well enough, she’ll be fitted for prosthetics -- a three-stage process that will ultimately permit her to get back to the Bar and Grill. “I miss all the people, and I love to cook,” she notes.

When she’s fitted with her prosthetics and literally back on her feet, “I’ll need to get used to them.” She predicts, with a smile, “I might be back at Ave Maria for more therapy.”



Lisa gardened this summer in raised containers



## Gifts and Tributes

June – August 2016

### Appliances for Kitchen (Small)

Ave Maria Village Volunteers

### Bingo

Shirley Seher

*In Memory of:*

**Gertrude "Gertie" Peterson**

Terry & Linda Nygaard

### Blanket Warmer

Beulah Hoffart Family  
Mike & Heather Oster

### Capital Campaign

Haut Funeral Home  
Doug & Lisa Hicks

### Day Dream Team

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*In Memory of:*

**Darrell Hansen**

Brian & Dorinda Andres

**Beulah Hoffart**

Brian & Dorinda Andres

**Linda Senne**

Brian & Dorinda Andres

### Hour Club

Jan Barnes  
Jodi Bunde  
Sandi Burns  
Paige Christ  
Sarah Eppen  
Sarah Frieze  
Linda Fuchs  
SharylN Geerdes  
Kristi Gerszewski  
Cecelia Glinz  
Nichole Greenstein  
Sheri Gunderson  
Missy Hase  
Darlene Hass  
Claudia Holm  
Sue Johnson  
Debra Koebernick  
Gary Koebernick

Marilyn Lobsinger  
Michele Lunder  
Paula Moore  
Robyn Nething  
Heather Oster  
Janeane Otto  
Shirleen Pettet  
Sue Purdy  
Jennifer Quam  
Doreen Reister  
Jaden Rode  
Kim Ryan  
Jeanine Schmidt  
Caroline Scholand  
Raelene Schuh  
Amie Schultz  
Lenore Seitz  
Christian Senyoni  
Marilyn Sheets  
Rich Sky  
Deb Steckler  
Annie Strickland  
Deacon Ken Votava  
Paulette Webb  
Donna Wiberg  
Billi Zupan

### Hour Club Sponsors

Arby's  
Body & Mind Massage  
Burger King  
Hong Kong Buffet  
I-94 Exxon Gas Station  
McDonald's  
Paradiso  
Style & Dezine Boutique  
Taco Bell  
Tapp's Lounge

### In-Kind Gifts

**32" Flat Screen TV**

Laura Miller

**Felt**

Barbara Srozinski

**Horse Drawn Wagon Rides**

Marlyn Bertsch

Mark Gehlhar

James River Rodeo Inc.

**Puzzles**

Yvonne Wibstad

**Roses from Wedding**

Tyler & Kristie Azzone

**Semi-Load of Screened Black Dirt**

Scherbenske, Inc.

**Thick-It**

Gary & Donna Rothwell

**Two Dozen Donuts**

Cashwise

### Monthly Giving Program

Sharon Falk

### Phase I:

### Private Room Campaign

Clyde Reister

*In Memory of:*

**Lois Althof**

Patti DeBuck

Rick & Carma Maddock

**Lois Brendmoen**

Cecelia Glinz

Colleen Grenz

**Darrel Brown**

Patti DeBuck

Rick & Carma Maddock

**Laverne Carlson**

Dennis & Jill Bredahl

Betty Brosz

James Carlson Family

Cecelia Glinz

Florence Goehner

Gordon & Diann Loper

Elaine Soupir

**Marion Drenth**

Grace Walz

**Leah Fuehrer**

Betty Brosz

Wanda Walker

**Joyce Gahner**

Cecelia Glinz

**Emil & Gertrude Guenther**

Gerald Guenther

**Myrtle Gatz Henderson**

Marlyn Domek

Cecelia Glinz

Gary & Jan Parfit

Jerry & Pat Sova

**Beulah Hoffart**

Marlyn Domek

Please consider including a bequest to Ave Maria Village in your will.



Cecelia Glinz  
 Lorraine Greenwood  
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 Marilyn Lobsinger  
 Cliff & Val Orr  
 Jerry & Pat Sova  
 Marvin & Donna Wanzek  
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 Betty Brosz  
**Deloris Hoyt**  
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 Mary Trautman  
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**Ellen Wirkkunen**  
 Gerald & Barbara Srozinski  
**Dan Zimney**  
 Garry & Sue Overby

**Naming Private Rooms-\$ 10,000**

Brad & Jan Barnes  
 Tim & Christine Burchill

**Resident Memorial Plaque**

*In Memory of:*  
**Allen Enger**  
 Ray & Carol Erbele

**Televisions for Rehab Rooms**

Ave Maria Village Volunteers

*In Memory of:*  
**Lyle Meeker**  
 Patti DeBuck  
**Kenneth Wegenke**  
 Brad & Jan Barnes

*In Honor of:*  
**Audrey Barnes' 90th Birthday**  
 Brad & Jan Barnes

**Give a Gift in Honor or in Memory of a Friend or Loved One**

\_\_\_ Enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Ave Maria Village.

**Your name and address:**

\_\_\_ in Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ in Honor of: *(Name of person to be memorialized)* \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name of person to be honored)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send an acknowledgement to the family or person we/I am honoring:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail this request form and your gift to:*  
**Attention: Jan Barnes**  
**Ave Maria Village**  
**501 19th St. NE**  
**Jamestown, ND 58401**



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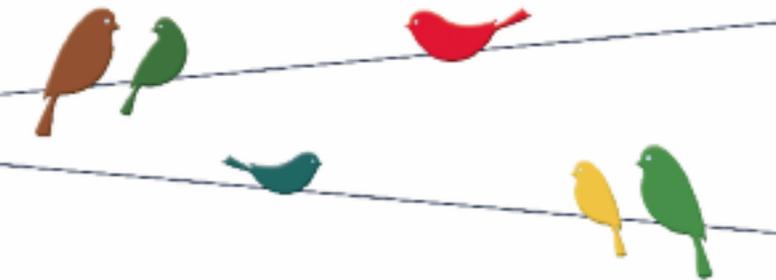
### *Getting ready to fly away for the winter?*

Snowbirds ... please let us know your winter address so we can continue sending you the Village Voice!

### *Connecting on the World Wide Web*

We're looking for email addresses for our new online newsletter. Please check in & join us!

Send your updates to [jan.barnes@smphs.org](mailto:jan.barnes@smphs.org)



## Ave Maria Volunteers Rummage Sale

Small TVs • Sofa • 2 Recliners  
Lamp • Pictures • Home Decor  
& Much, Much More

Collectibles: Boyd's Bears  
Calico Kittens  
Tea Pots • Turtles • Cats  
Christmas Dishes

Friday, Oct. 14 - 9:30am-3pm  
Barthel Room

## Ave Maria Volunteers Christmas Bazaar

Christmas  
& Home Decor

Huge Selection  
of Baked  
Goodies

Friday, Dec. 9  
9:30am-4pm  
Barthel Room

