



**Ave Maria Village**

*SMP Health System*

# VILLAGE VOICE



Vol. 2 No. 1 Winter 2014

## Chapel, McCoy family suite, transport center progress toward winter goal

**C**onstruction of our new chapel, family suite and resident transportation center is nearing the final stages, and we hope to be occupying the space sometime in February.

If you've been at Ave Maria Village lately, you've noticed that the exterior is almost complete, including the landscaping. The interior is also shaping up quickly. We're all getting excited as we envision the new spaces that will soon be available to our residents.

The congregation of Aal Lutheran Church near Hillsboro, which became inactive in 2012, has given us the furnishings from their building. Their beautiful hand-carved altar, dating back to 1883, features a painting of Christ, the Good Shepherd. Many other pieces from Aal will be also incorporated into the chapel.

Seventy-five very sturdy upholstered oak chairs — tried out and approved by some of our residents — have been ordered for seating in the chapel. Several of Aal's pews may also

be incorporated; others will be used as resting benches throughout our building.

The recent frigid weather reminds us how great it will be for the residents to come and go from the facility in heated comfort. Things are taking shape quickly, although many little details are still to be dealt with.

These new spaces will greatly enhance our ability to provide quality ministry to our residents, their families and our entire community.

— *Tim Burchill, CEO*

CEO Tim Burchill inspects progress on the McCoy Chapel in late December. (Inset photo) The exterior is nearly complete.





Jan Barnes  
Development Director

## Ave Maria family reaches million-dollar milestone in campaign

Thanks for making my first year at Ave Maria — well, actually my first 10 months — a great experience. We have reached a big milestone! In November your gifts topped \$1 million dollars ... bringing the entire Capital Campaign goal of \$1,325,000 within our reach in 2014!

I would like to thank every one of you who has had a part in making that happen. First of all, to our donors: Thank you for your pledges, your contributions, your memorials to friends and loved ones, and placing your names on essential elements in our new addition. Your gifts have been paramount in getting to the \$1,000,000.

Next, I'd like to thank the members of our staff who are participating in Ave Maria Village's new employee giving program, the Hour Club. Forty-nine women and men have signed up to donate an hour or more of their pay every month through payroll deductions. Some are giving one hour's wages, some more than that. Others have specified a fixed monthly amount or are contributing PTO (paid time off) hours. The gifts of these 49 dedicated people will total almost \$20,000 in a year's time. That is remarkable!

Their generosity is more evidence that working here with our residents is much more than just a job of them. Our employees really care. Hats off to them!

I'd like to also mention our volunteers. Since I began coordinating our volunteer program, they've already sponsored one fund raiser — a bake and basket sale that raised \$1,386 earmarked for Bingo prizes for our residents. And they do so much more to make life better for our residents: playing cards with them, helping with events, accompanying them on outings, and on and on.

We now have 49 volunteers ... and we're always looking for more. We have a multitude of opportunities at Ave Maria and the Heritage Center. We'd especially love to add more male volunteers to the two loyal friends who already work here.

I am thrilled to see our new addition taking shape. Great opportunities remain, too, to leave your own legacy to Ave Maria Village or memorialize a loved one through your gift to the Capital Campaign.

The beginning of a new year is the perfect occasion to celebrate love, friendships and all the good things in life. Once again ... thank you so much for the tremendous difference you have made for our beloved residents this past year. Let's take the time to appreciate what this year has given us and what the new one is about to bring.

— Jan Barnes, Development Director

### Capital Campaign

**Ave Maria Village's Capital Campaign is on track!**

**In November, we reached a big milestone: the million-dollar mark. As we begin 2014, only \$280,000 remains to fully finance our building project.**

---

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of person to be memorialized)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**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





## Phyllis Ibes: ‘This is the very best place to be when you’re recuperating’

Phyllis Ibes says she really enjoyed her first stay in one of Ave Maria Village’s rehabilitation suites. That was two years ago, when she was recovering from a hip replacement: “I was very satisfied and felt it was the best place to be.”

So when she faced another joint replacement this winter — this time a shoulder — she came back to do it all over again.

Phyllis spent the weeks before Christmas in one of Ave Maria’s ten private transitional-care suites. They’re designed for people like her who will ultimately return to their own homes (or lesser care settings) after weeks of intensive physical therapy and other services.

“The therapists have been great,” she emphasized during a conversation last month. “I have therapy twice times a day, and it’s going very well. If I had done therapy as an outpatient somewhere else, it would have only been once a day, and I’d need someone at home to take care of me.”

Though she has already tried to make her home as safe as she can, she appreciates that a therapist reviews patients’ homes before they leave Ave Maria to make sure everything is laid out for optimum safety and convenience.

“They work so hard here, and they are all so fun,” she says of her friends at Ave Maria. “One of the things I like most is to see their smiles and be acknowledged every time I see someone. The RNs, CNAs, cleaning people, bus driver ... actually, *everyone* here smiles and talks to you. And Tim is a very good administrator.”

She is a fan of Poppy, the dog who helps make Ave Maria seem more like home. “He tours all the rooms,” she notes. “When he comes into mine, it really makes my day!”

Phyllis is a native of Day County, South Dakota, the place where Tom Brokaw was born — “my claim to fame,” she jokes.

“I was born on a farm, I married a farmer, and now my son is a farmer, too. I guess farming is just something that’s in me.”

But she took a roundabout route along the way. Her family moved to Grand Rapids, Minn., when she was 11 before coming to North Dakota. She finished her sixth-grade year at Roosevelt School here and graduated from Jamestown High School in 1950.

There she met her future husband Bob. What brought them together? “He had a pickup,” she confides. She was 18 when they were married on Dec. 29, just weeks before his National Guard unit was sent to Camp Rucker in Alabama.

She continued at the job she’d found at the age of 14 — working for local photographer Molly Anderson.

She’d begun by running errands and cleaning, but eventually found herself developing film and printing proofs in the darkroom and then photographing weddings herself. She toted her heavy World War II-era press camera around in a big, heavy bag of gear and flash bulbs. Eventually Phyllis took over the business, then started her own studio in 1963 above The Fair store. She sold the business in 1969. Why? “I traded my camera for a grain truck,” she reveals.

Bob had worked part-time for the railroad after his return from the war, along with farming. The couple first farmed his parents’ land, then moved southwest of Eldridge in 1964. Their son Bob Jr. — Butch — now operates the farm there. The couple also raised two of her brother’s daughters after the death of his wife.

Phyllis and her husband retired to Jamestown in 1998, a year before his death. She loves spending time with her two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Phyllis has volunteered at The Arts Center for many years, helping with Arts After School and serving on the board as well as taking many classes. Children knew her as the “Cookie Grandma.” She’s also a member of the Jewels of the Prairie Red Hat Club, a group that, she says, specializes in eating. She belongs to Immanuel Lutheran Church.



Phyllis Ibes



# Ave Maria Village Gifts & Tributes

## September 1–November 30, 2013

### Capital Campaign

Jason Anderson  
 Arrowwood Prairie Co-op  
 Carmen Bender  
 Don Wilhelm, Inc.  
 Mark & Claudia Jacobson  
 James Lefevre  
 Leo William Lefevre  
 James & Angela Madsen  
 Bill & Theresa McMillan  
 Glenna Monek  
 Shawna Rode  
 Medicine Shoppe  
 Thielges Therapy, Inc.  
 Thrifty White Pharmacy

### *In Memory of:*

#### **Ray Batsch**

June Batsch & Family

#### **Sharon Beaulieu**

Judy Cichos

#### **Winfred "Curley" Bierley**

Duane & Lois Knudson

#### **Charles Boatman**

Bank Forward  
 Steve & Carolyn (Tomlin)  
 Cichos  
 Curt & Darlene Goehner  
 Jetstream Car Wash

#### **Jim Carlascio**

Jim Nowatzki

#### **Violet Degenstein-Wolf**

Blanche Johnson

#### **Virginia R. Christ Evans**

Duane & Lois Knudson

#### **Lauren Foster**

Jim & Sue Matthiesen

#### **Robert Grabinger**

Gloria Bartlett

#### **AA Bert Gray**

Jim Nowatzki

#### **Francis Heery**

Patti DeBuck

#### **Lydia Remboldt**

Donna Seibold

#### **Mathilda Seibold**

Donna Seibold

#### **Charles Sinclair**

Blanche Johnson  
 Duane & Lois Knudson  
 Geri Krebsbach  
 Jim & Sue Matthiesen  
 Grace Ottmar  
 Bryan & Peggy Widmer

#### **Susan Sorenson**

Duane & Lois Knudson

#### **Nick Soulis**

Todd & Joanne Anderson

#### **David Soupir**

Dan & Bobbi Jo (Bartlett)  
 Anderson

#### **DeLaine Tomlin**

Rick & Beverly Allen  
 Chuck & Marlene Axtman  
 Bank Forward  
 Judy Cichos  
 Robert & Karla Ibes

#### **Audrey Wegenast**

Patti DeBuck

### *In Honor of:*

#### **Deidra Brown's Birthday**

Dwaine & Joyce Heinrich

### Chapel Fund

Farmers Union Service  
 Association, Ltd.  
 Richard Hamkens  
 Haut Funeral Home  
 Heritage Centre Board  
 of Directors  
 David & Marge Nething  
 Family  
 Ella Rettig

### *In Memory of:*

#### **Charles Boatman**

Jennifer Thielges  
 Terry Schock  
 Megan Aldinger  
 Kim Diede

#### **Josephine Carlson**

Arnold & Joyce Roorda

#### **Jerome Cichos**

Nancy Williams

#### **Eva Goldade**

Carol Goldade

#### **Lena Huber**

Tim & Carol Staiger

#### **Bertha Mayer**

Elmo & Ardina Bentz

#### **Myrna Sarbaum**

Mike & Jackie Tarpinian

#### **Charles Sinclair**

Aileen Astrup  
 Elmo & Ardina Bentz  
 Helen Burleson  
 Shirley Laber  
 Linda Misemer  
 Bette Parsons

#### **Nick Soulis**

Glory Ebertz

#### **Phyllis Steele**

Don & Melida Schwehr  
 Donna Tompkins

#### **Frieda Stiefel**

Keith & Judy Zhorela

#### **Virginia "Jean" Szarkowski**

Katrina Balog  
 Glory Ebertz

#### **DeLaine Tomlin**

Judy Buegel  
 Janet Holaday  
 Nancy Williams

#### **Leah Wolff**

Ebenezer United  
 Methodist Women

### *In Honor of:*

#### **Joyce Sinclair**

Bette Parsons

### Day Dream Team

### *In Memory of:*

#### **Charles Sinclair**

Tom & Lynda Thronsedt

### Hour Club

Anonymous  
 Jan Barnes  
 Kay Benson  
 Jodi Bunde  
 Amanda Dockter  
 Michelle Dwelle  
 Diana Elhard  
 Sarah Eppen  
 Barb Erickson  
 Joe Fieber  
 Sarah Frieze  
 Linda Fuchs  
 Sharyln Geerdes  
 Tom Geffre  
 Cecelia Glinz  
 Missy Hase  
 Darlene Hass  
 Claudia Holm  
 Michael Jan  
 Linda Johnson  
 Sue Johnson  
 Shannon Just  
 Debra Koebernick  
 Gary Koebernick  
 Marilyn Lobsinger  
 Lavonne Magstadt  
 Lori Mettert  
 Robyn Nething  
 Heather Olson  
 Shirleen Pettet  
 Michele Protector  
 Sue Purdy  
 Doreen Reister  
 Kim Ryan  
 Keely Sabinash  
 Alyssa Sanders  
 Jeanine Schmidt  
 Caroline Scholand  
 Raelene Schuh  
 Amie Schultz  
 Stacy Schulz  
 Lenore Seitz  
 Brenda Smaage  
 Deb Steckler  
 Annie Strickland  
 Paulette Webb



Donna Wiberg  
Peggy Widmer

### Hour Club Prize Sponsors

Bison 6 Cinema  
Taco John's

### In-Kind Gifts

#### **Electric Wheelchair**

Jim & Linda Boatman

#### **Two Pork Roasts**

Lifestyle Appliance

### McCoy Suite

Don & Marie Boyle  
Sarah Frieze  
Marv & Gloria Wanamaker

#### *In Memory of:*

#### **Virginia R. Christ Evans**

Duane & Lois Knudson

#### **AA Bert Gray**

Jack & Karen Lueck

#### **Mabel Kanewischer**

Betty Brosz

#### **Bernice Miller**

Mag Bartkowski  
Ginger Campbell  
Barb Krein  
Arlo & Karen Maag  
Judy Schaible

#### **Esther Moser**

Darold & Diane Wolff

#### **Charles Sinclair**

Betty Brosz  
Marion Drenth  
The Sinclair Family

#### **Phyllis Steele**

Friends & Family of  
Phyllis Steele  
Bernard & Darlene  
McLlonie  
Sheila McLlonie  
Wanda Walker

#### **DeLaine Tomlin**

Bank Forward Board  
of Directors  
Brian & Debbie Clemens  
Thomas & Mary Elaine  
Falck

Marjorie Glinz  
Phyllis Ibes  
Monica Lubbers  
Janet Mittleider  
Lue Struble  
Elsie Weber  
Wade & Tina Williams

### Transport Center

#### *In Memory of:*

#### **Charles Boatman**

Brad & Jan Barnes  
Robert & Karla Ibes  
Alex & Annie (Hanson)  
Strickland

#### **John Brower**

Jim & Sue Matthiesen

#### **Josephine Carlson**

Lorraine Greenwood  
Lavonne Magstadt  
Alex & Annie (Hanson)  
Strickland

#### **Virginia R. Christ Evans**

Brad & Jan Barnes  
Alex & Annie (Hanson)  
Strickland

#### **Lois Geerdes**

Brad & Jan Barnes

#### **Eva Goldade**

Carol Goldade

#### **Lynn Groen**

Brad & Jan Barnes

#### **Charles Sinclair**

Brad & Jan Barnes  
David & Elaine Hanson  
Lavonne Magstadt  
Alex & Annie (Hanson)  
Strickland

#### **Leon Skerjet**

Brad & Jan Barnes

#### **David Soupier**

Brad & Jan Barnes  
Gloria Bartlett  
Tim & Christine Burchill

#### **Virginia "Jean" Szarkowski**

Alex & Annie (Hanson)  
Strickland

#### **DeLaine Tomlin**

Brad & Jan Barnes  
Frank & Marvel Fischer

Don & Maryett Hanson  
Jim & Sue Matthiesen

### Thanksgiving Appeal:

#### Rev. N.E. & Lillian McCoy Family Suite

Brad & Jan Barnes  
Dwayne & Vonnie Bair  
Paul & Kathie Behle  
Don & Joyce Bentz  
Margaret Estvold  
Richard Hamkens  
Home Design Center  
Anthony & Arlene Karsy  
Duane & Lois Knudson  
Linda Kramer & Lydia  
Thiesen  
Judy Kulla  
Ronald & Lenora Legler  
Wayne Schlenker  
Don & Melida Schwehr

#### *In Memory of:*

#### **Ervine & Mary Albrecht**

Rick & Kay Albrecht

#### **Kenneth Boelke**

Frances Boelke

#### **Arden Carlson**

Brian & Bonnie Carlson  
Bonnie, Kristi & Andrew  
Symon

#### **Eddie Dockter**

Trent & Peggy Dockter

#### **Leonard Dodgson**

Donelda Dodgson

#### **Ruby Ernie**

Warren Ernie

#### **Mary Fode**

Shannon Bacon

#### **Alice Fuchs**

Jacob Fuchs

#### **Albert E. Gatz**

Myrtle Henderson

#### **Eva Goldade**

Rosanne Farrell

#### **Elsie Lawrence**

Lu Schatz

#### **Mollie Krueger Remmich**

Betty Brosz

#### **Bernice Miller**

Rodney & Janice Roaldson

#### **Francis Orr**

Doris Orr

#### **David Prodzinski**

Delphine Prodzinski

#### **Parents Pryor & Redmann**

Myron & Gertrude Pryor

#### **Sadie Sargent**

Sandra Kleinknecht

#### **Don & Phyllis Schlecht**

Rick & Kay Albrecht

#### **Mary Smith**

Harold & Marlene Schielke

#### **Dorothy Smyth**

Mike & Marilyn Smyth

#### **DeLaine Tomlin**

Frank & Vicky Hassler

#### *In Honor of:*

#### **Betty Brosz**

Verna Peterson

#### **Erna Buchholtz**

Harold & Marlene Schielke

#### **Tim Burchill's Wonderful**

#### **Management & Thoughtfulness**

Ray Sabinash

#### **Lloyd Clemens' Birthday**

Vince Gregor

#### **Proxie Dick**

Dennis & Rosemary Gasal

#### **Chaplain Tom Geffre**

Adeline Peterson

#### **David Hanson**

Edward & Delores  
Schlosser

#### **Myrtle Gatz Henderson**

Myrtle Henderson

#### **Ruth McKay's Birthday**

Aileen Astrup

#### **Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wells**

Harold & Marlene Schielke

### Chapel Fund

Frank & Jeannette Redlin

*This issue of the Village Voice  
includes contributions received  
Sept. 1–Nov. 30, 2013.*





# Ave Maria Village

*SMP Health System*

501 19th St. NW  
Jamestown, ND 58401

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

PRSR STANDARD  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
FARGO, ND  
PERMIT NO. 684

