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SEEING THE UNSEEN

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen.
For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

~ 2 Cor. 4:18

This afternoon I noticed that the construction crews were in the process of completing the renovation of Sunset Manor. Wheelbarrows of stones and gravel are being hauled away making room for the final touches. All of this activity made me think back to June, 1973 when our first resident moved into the "Christian Retirement Home" which we now know as Sunset Manor. Al Ritsema was hired as the Administrator and a matron was on staff to supervise the women living in the newly constructed 102 rooms.

The vision for establishing what was to become Sunset began in 1968 when a meeting was held at Twelfth Ave. CRC to discuss the increasing needs for senior care and services in eastern Ottawa county. Before long, the demand for care was so great, more units were added in 1976, and again in 1988 when



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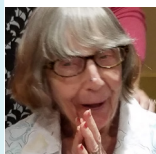
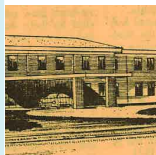
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construction began on Village I. By 2002, we had maximized the use of every square inch of space when Village II was completed bringing us to almost 400 homes. On our Sunset Manor and Villages campus we now serve over 425 residents in addition to home health care through Sunset Home Services and our Meals at Home program. We have the honor of serving 3 generations of residents.

See the Unseen

One morning I was looking out over the fields behind our house, and all I could see was the fog. I knew that there were other houses out there but I couldn't see them. As I continued watching, the fog began to clear, I began to see the houses that had been there the whole time. I just needed the fog, which is temporary, to blow away. The Lord then brought to mind the verses from 2 Cor. 4:18 "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

God's Vision

Forty-five years ago a group of caring people came together to create a vision for what it would look like to be the hands and feet of Christ to the elderly. I can't help but think that there were times that the future looked very foggy and uncertain, but they focused on what was unseen. I am very grateful for the wonderful blessing we all enjoy from Sunset because of the faithfulness of God's people.

Sunset's Original Board of Directors



July 2, 1973 The First Residents Move into Sunset Manor



people & places *Events*

Our community is as active as ever! Here's a quick glimpse of what's been happening at each of our communities over the past few months.

MANOR & VILLAGES



Volunteer Banquet



Centenarian Birthdays



Celebrating Father's Day

BROOKCREST



4th of July Parade



Grandville Public School Volunteers

WATERFORD PLACE



Memory Care Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Savvy Caregiver & Understanding Dementia Classes



Cookout & Concert

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION



Ballgame



Family Cookout

ROSE GARDEN



Campfire S'mores



Birthday Celebration



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Manor Improvements



THINGS ARE REALLY LOOKING GOOD ALONG BALDWIN STREET AT THE SUNSET MANOR AND VILLAGES CAMPUS!

After years of thinking and a few years of planning, the renovation to the entrance and façade of the Manor began this past spring.

Sunset Manor and Villages adopted a philosophy of Aging in Place. What that means is that we want to work with our residents, family members, and community services to assist our residents in staying in the home that they chose on our campus for as long as possible and hopefully forever.

Our goal is for our residents to maintain their independence as long as possible.

One major improvement and accommodation to our residents was to tear off the canopy by the main entrance to the Manor and redesign it and lift it up so that the Sunset Bus as well as ambulance and emergency vehicles can get up to the door without being out in adverse weather conditions or hurdling old curbs. In addition to that, the entry

doors were replaced to accommodate residents and visitors with adaptive equipment such as walkers, wheelchairs, and scooters. This will make a big difference in maintaining the independence of our residents!

In addition to these improvements, the façade of the building facing Baldwin was renovated and the windows in the entire Manor were replaced. The new windows will help with energy efficiency and they, along with the façade, update the whole campus very nicely!

We will be continually looking at opportunities to update our beautiful building to support our residents' desires to Age in Place!

Sunset's Fall Gala



Featuring the... **VOICES** *of* **LEE**

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You can register and pledge/donate at **SunsetGala.org**

Join us for Sunset's 2018 Fall Gala featuring the high energy, heart-felt gospel a capella group that has captured audiences worldwide, Voices of Lee. Hear their music at VoicesofLee.com.

Sunset's Fall Gala benefits Resident Benevolence. Your support allows residents who have, through no fault of their own, outlived their life savings to remain in their homes here at Sunset.

Date: Friday, October 26

Time: 6pm Punch
6:30pm Program

Place: The Pinnacle Center
3330 Highland Dr.
Hudsonville, MI

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 616.254.8090



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SEPTEMBER 15.....

2018 WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Where: Millennium Park
1415 Maynard Ave. SW
Grand Rapids, MI
Meet at the Sunset Booth

When: Saturday, Sept. 15th
9am-12pm

Join Sunset in walking to raise funds to further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association.

SEPTEMBER 19.....

MANOR & VILLAGES RIBBON CUTTING

Where: Manor & Villages
725 Baldwin, Jenison, MI

When: Wednesday, Sept. 19th
2pm-3:30pm

Grand opening & ribbon cutting for Sunset Manor & Village's "New Look" & commemorate our 45th year of service in the neighborhood.

OCTOBER 3, 10, 17, 24, 31...

FALL WELLNESS CLASSES

Where: Waterford Place
1725 Port Sheldon
Jenison, MI
(Door A –
Multi-purpose Room)

When: Wednesdays, 3pm-4pm

RSVP: 616.254.8090

Oct. 3 Gizmos & Gadget-Make
Life Easier

Oct. 10 Debunking Dementia

Oct. 17 Art of Caregiving

Oct. 24 Home Safety/Med.
Management

Oct. 31 Hospice Care for You &
Your Loved One

OCTOBER 26.....

SUNSET FALL GALA

Where: The Pinnacle Center
3330 Highland Drive
Hudsonville, MI

When: Friday, Oct. 26th
6pm Punch
6:30pm Program

Attend Sunset's Fall GALA, a benefit for resident benevolence. Enjoy the music of "Voices of Lee" from Lee University.

NOVEMBER 2

ANNUAL ARTS AND CRAFTS BAZAAR

Where: Manor & Villages
725 Baldwin, Jenison
(Door A or F) – Town Square,
Main Street, Village Dining
Room

When: Friday, Nov. 22
9am-3pm

Early Christmas shopping!!!!

NOVEMBER 13

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Where: Waterford Place
1725 Port Sheldon
Jenison, MI

When: Tuesday, Nov. 13th
9am-10am
6:30pm-8pm

DECEMBER 4.....

MANOR & VILLAGES CHRISTMAS EVENT

Where: Manor & Villages
725 Baldwin, Jenison, MI

When: Tuesday, Dec. 4th
6pm-8pm

There are many activities scheduled for residents & their family members – too many to note. Please contact the Life Enrichment staff at each community for further details.

calendar

OF EVENTS