



Bethany Named Not-For-Profit of the Year

Nearly 90 businesses were nominated. Thirty-eight firms completed the application materials. Fifteen organizations were chosen as finalists. There was just one winner in each of five categories. Bethany Retirement Living was named the 2010 ChamberChoice Not-For-Profit of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce of Fargo Moorhead at a May 13 luncheon.

The annual ChamberChoice Awards program honors and recognizes the vigorous entrepreneurial

spirit and important contributions made by businesses in the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area. Through the program, local companies are recognized for growth, innovation, creativity, community leadership, and achievements relating to specific business or industry.

In its application, Bethany Retirement Living addressed its recent growth and contribution to the overall regional economy. The construction of the \$23 million Bethany on 42nd campus involved many local contractors and vendors. Bethany has added nearly 150 employees in the past year and utilizes the time and energy of more than 350 volunteers to serve its residents.

“This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone who works at Bethany,” said Shawn Stuhaug, President/CEO. “I’m so very proud of all of our employees for the work they do to serve our residents. We don’t do it to earn awards, but the ChamberChoice award is well-deserved recognition for all of us at Bethany.”

SOTY

Senior of the Year

Bethany to Sponsor Senior of the Year

Part fundraiser and part an effort to shine a light on the contributions of seniors to the community, Bethany Retirement Living will host the inaugural Senior of the Year Awards on October 28 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fargo.

Nominees are sought in a variety of categories, including healthcare, education/arts, business, community involvement and faith. Nominees must be 65 years of age or older and a resident of Cass or Richland County in North Dakota or Clay County in Minnesota.

If you know of a senior whose contribution to the community in one of the categories listed above, please request a nomination form. The deadline for submitting nominations is August 31.

For additional information or for a nomination form, contact Grant Richardson at 701.239.3531 or grichardson@bethanynd.org.

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Information relating to all facets of Bethany’s operations, as well as admissions, employment and volunteer inquiries, can be accessed 24 hours a day online at www.bethanynd.org

Please write to us at our address if you wish to have your name removed from the list to receive fund-raising requests supporting Bethany Retirement Living in the future.

In the event that you contact us with this request, all reasonable efforts will be taken to ensure that you will not receive any fund-raising communications from us in the future.

About Bethany Operation

Operation	Function	Established	# of Residents
American Lutheran Homes			
Skilled I	Nursing Care	1979	96
Skilled II	Nursing Care	1968	76
Towers I	Asstd Living/Basic Care	1963	53
Towers II	Assisted Living	1978	95
Bethany Personal Care Services			
Personal Care Services		1986	
Adult Day Services		1999	
Bethany Kinder House	Senior Living Apts	2001	35
Bethany Foundation	Charitable Support	1986 (incorporated)	
Bethany on 42nd			
Gables	Independent & Assisted	2009	40
Skilled	Nursing Care	2009	65
TCU/Short Stay	Transitional Care	2009	13

News Briefs

Bethany on 42nd Chapel Dedicated

Donors, dignitaries and friends filled the Larsen Chapel to capacity on Thursday, May 20 as a Service of Dedication was held to “officially” open Bethany on 42nd.

Bethany Chaplain, Pastor Phil Larson, led the service that featured Scripture readings by resident Ruby Cahlin and Fr. Bert Miller of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. The message was delivered by EaND Synod Bishop Bill Rindy and special music was provided by Tom Thoreson, LaVonne Rustad, Margaret and Becca Aasheim and

John Wambheim.

During the dedication of the Larsen Chapel, Don and Doug Larsen – both of whom have been very involved in the history and growth of Bethany – spoke eloquently and emotionally about the role that Bethany has played in their lives. Their aunt and their mother were residents and the Larsens were very happy with the care Bethany provided them.

Following the Service, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held outside the main entrance at the Bethany on 42nd campus with the Fargo-

Moorhead Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, Mayor Dennis Walaker, Bishop Rindy and others participating.

Bethany Volunteer Honored



Bethany Retirement Living is pleased to announce that our very own Evie Samuelson was named the Golden DOVS

Volunteer of the Year at their annual luncheon in March.

Evie volunteers in the Business Office and in Central Supply at Bethany on University. She has volunteered here for many years and has given Bethany over 9,000 hours!



Most Successful Carnival EVER!

The 19th Annual Bethany Auxiliary Carnival, held on June 24, was the most successful such event at Bethany Retirement Living. The Carnival generated more than \$6,000 which the Auxiliary will use to enhance the quality of life for residents.

The weather was perfect, the food was delicious, the games were fun and everyone – residents, volunteers, staff, and guests – had a great time.

Thank you to the members of the East Cass County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for their generous support of this event.



News Briefs

Bethany Trustees Named

Delegates from 40 sponsoring ELCA congregations convened at the Annual Meeting of Bethany Retirement Living on April 13, 2009. Joining the Board of Trustees was Harriette McCaul of Fargo. Martha Leclerc, Janice Nelson and Paul Wilson of Fargo, were elected to their second three-year term.



Harriette McCaul is a retired Human Resource professional. Harriet is a member of the Creative Care for Reaching Independence Board, Chair of the Donor Relations Committee of the Women's Fund for the FM Area Foundation, and Southeast District Judicial Inquiry Committee member. Harriette and her husband, Kevin, have two children and are members of First Presbyterian Church in Fargo.

Martha Leclerc is Vice President of Contracting and Strategic Reimbursement with Sanford Health MeritCare. She serves on the Women's Fund Advisory Council and is a member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association and the Health Lawyers Association. She and her husband, Leo Wilking, have three children and attend Gethsemane Episcopal Cathedral.

Janice Nelson is retired as Executive Partner for Laboratory and Pathology at MeritCare Health System. She is a former member of the United Way of Cass-Clay Fund Distribution Committee, Past President of the North Dakota Society for Clinical Laboratory Science and Past Secretary and Chair of the State Licensing Board of Clinical Laboratory Practice. She and her husband, Dennis, have three children and are members of Hope Lutheran Church.

Paul Wilson is CEO of DMS Health Technologies and Vice President of the Health Services Platform for Otter Tail Corporation. He is a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives and their Regent for North Dakota. He and his wife, Pamela, have three children and are members of Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Church.

Officers elected include: Robert "Butch" McConn, Chair; Mary Johnson, Vice Chair; Lloyd Smith, Secretary; and Martha Leclerc, Treasurer.

Pamela Anderson retired from the Board.

Bethany Receives Svee Grant

Bethany Retirement Living has been awarded a \$3,000 grant from the Nellie J. Svee Fund, administered by the Eastern North Dakota Synod of the ELCA. The Fund was established in 1931 to provide financial support for programs that serve the elderly or children. Bethany has been a regular recipient of funding since 1994.

This year's award is to help underwrite costs associated with the Bethany Wellness Program. With a renewed focus on productive activity among residents and employees, Bethany hired a Wellness Coordinator a couple of years ago. Exercise classes and wellness-oriented activities are now a part of the weekly program of services offered to residents and staff.

"O give thanks to the Lord for He is good...." **Psalm 106:1**



Pastor Phil Larson

Dear Friends,

Recently I attended a resident meeting at the Gables, the Independent Living portion of the new Bethany on 42nd. In one part of the meeting residents took turns introducing themselves to the group. Several of them expressed gratitude for their new home and how good it is to be there.

Though this is not November or Thanksgiving – I'm reminded by those expressions how valuable is the attitude of gratitude to God.

As we live our days it is quite easy to find reasons to complain or slip into self-pity. But as we look to our Lord we tend to realize more the giftedness of life and everything within it.

Only a few days ago I officiated at a funeral for a man who'd suffered greatly for a number of years with an incurable and debilitating disease. His family had endured more than enough as well. Since he died before reaching very far into his 60's they were left without a husband, father and grandpa.

Yet, in the midst of their sorrow, they looked that day to God with thanks for what they'd been given.

We have life and sustaining grace day after day through Jesus Christ. The promise is that His grace will be sufficient – for today and even for all eternity.

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Phil Larson
Bethany Retirement Living

News Briefs

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

Bethany Retirement Living honored our volunteers at the annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon in the Mavis Whiting Chapel on April 22. More than 130 volunteers, Auxiliary members and employees gathered for lunch to salute those who give so generously of their time to help serve the residents of Bethany Retirement Living.

Guest speaker for the event was Sara Lepp, Volunteer Center Specialist at FirstLink. Her presentation about the challenges and rewards of volunteering involved and educated the audience.

Volunteers who were honored for achieving milestones in their volunteer careers at Bethany included:

100 HOURS

Ali Binder
Adam Erickson
Lucy Fitzgerald

Janice Hoff
Sophie Johnson
Donna Klein
Bev Lee
Dorothy Nystul
Ann Perrizo
Barbara Rogers
Zack Tenold
Faith Tenold
Mina Zaudtke

250 HOURS

Curt Anderson
Jody Anderson
Lillian Bredholt
Carol Glass
Rose Gudmundson
Jeanette Stone
Marion Zimmerman

500 HOURS

Jean Albertson
Altha Johnson
Sharon Markland
Dave Oestreich
Mae Peppel
Merilyn Rice

750 HOURS

Jeff Goughnour
Marlys Oak

1,500 HOURS

Bernice Sims

2,000 HOURS

Karen Ovsak
Jo Wold

2,500 HOURS

John Wambheim

6,600 HOURS

Ann Selensky

8,500 HOURS

Evelyn Samuelson

13,600 HOURS

Carol Perry

13,800 HOURS

Krissy Sonewald

Wedge Fund Benefits Bethany

The Frank L. Wedge Memorial Fund, administered by the North Dakota Long Term Care Association, has awarded Bethany Retirement Living a grant of \$10,000 to support educational programs for our employees. Three specific areas will receive funding which, in turn, provides educational opportunities for caregivers.

The Loan Repayment Program reimburses payments for educational loans of nurses who are employed at Bethany and are licensed or registered to practice by the North Dakota Board of Nursing.

The Health Career Education Loan Program (HELP) assists those interested in health careers by providing advanced reimbursement and possible loan forgiveness to those who remain at Bethany Retirement Living following their education.

Certified Medication Aid (CMA) Training helps those Certified Nursing Assistants who are participating in CMA classes.

All three programs enable Bethany to provide incentives to employees. These incentives help attract and retain quality employees by making Bethany a more attractive place to work.

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 - my will an insurance policy
 - a trust retirement plan assets
 - other _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Please Consider Bethany...

Your will (or living trust) indicates your intentions, then provides the power to accomplish them. This document remains the key element in most estate plans. Bethany Retirement Living depends greatly on outright gifts and unconditional bequests so that it can faithfully serve persons with special needs. An example of a charitable bequest favoring Bethany Retirement Living is as follows:

I give, devise and bequeath to Bethany Homes, Inc., a qualified 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation in Fargo, North Dakota, \$_____ or ___% of my residuary estate to be used by Bethany Retirement Living.



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Caregiver Award Nominees

Each year the North Dakota Long Term Care Association invites resident and/or their family members to nominate individuals working in long term care facilities for the prestigious “Caregiver Award.” The award recognizes employees who go above and beyond the regular call of duty and substantially enhances the quality of life for residents. This year, eleven Bethany Retirement Living employees were nominated.

Tanya Efterfield, CNA,
Maplewood Lane

Jamie Haugen, CNA,
Cedar Square

Mary Beth Kalvik, Towers
Resident Assistant

Jacinta Kimemia, CNA,
Bethany on 42nd

Samuel Majak, CMA,
Bethany on 42nd

Jackie Patterson, CNA,
Cedar Square

Burnett Pfarr, CNA,
Maplewood Lane

Nathan Pitcher, Dining Services
Assistant

Alicia Pray, CMA, Basic Care

Angie Sayer, PCA, BPCS

Carol Wanjiru, CMA,
Bethany on 42nd

FREE Wills Kit Available

As a joint project with Valley Memorial Homes in Grand Forks, Bethany Retirement Living received funding from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to promote interest in planned gifts to help advance the missions of Lutheran organizations and congregations.

For the past couple of years, Bethany and Valley Memorial have been working with sponsor congregations to lay the groundwork for the churches to receive and manage planned gifts such as trusts, annuities and bequests.

Earlier this summer a brochure was developed and mailed to a list of donors and friends of the two facilities encouraging them to consider estate gifts to support their senior care programs. The brochure talked briefly about the benefits to those who make gifts through their will.

It also offered a free wills kit that will help you gather an inventory of your assets, help you identify your future plans and define how you want your assets distributed when you are gone. The kit is very comprehensive and is a wonderful tool to help you fulfill your wishes.

If interested in receiving your own wills kit, please complete the form found on Page 7 and mail it to Bethany or contact Grant Richardson at 701.239.3531 or grichardson@bethanynd.org.

Coming soon: a new way to help Bethany Retirement Living

As you may know, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is launching a new charitable grant program and benefit of membership called Thrivent ChoiceSM. Choice DollarsSM will be designated to some Thrivent Financial members when that portion of the program launches this summer. (Thrivent Financial member eligibility will be based on fraternal benefit society product ownership and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership, and helping direct Choice Dollars will be subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Thrivent ChoiceSM program.)

As always, Bethany Retirement Living is grateful for your consideration when you make charitable giving plans. If you are a Thrivent Financial member who learns you will be eligible to direct Choice DollarsSM (watch your mail for details from Thrivent Financial this summer), we ask you to consider Bethany Retirement Living as you help direct Thrivent Financial’s charitable funds.

For more information, contact Grant Richardson at Bethany Retirement Living or your local Thrivent Financial representative.