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FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Here to Stay!



Wayne Kradjan, Committee Chairman

Capital Campaign Update

Have you visited or driven by Grace Center in the last month? The east wing of the building (facing 9th street) has been torn down and a new fire wall and entry door have been erected on that side of the building. There are also new sidewalks in the front and rear of the building to comply with the latest city code requirements. The rear parking lot is being re-striped and will have a secure access to the new side door. Inside, plans are being made for a new reception area as you enter the building from the front. A salon has been created for the participants and previously unused space in the back will be converted to a dining and multipurpose room to provide expanded participant services. Later this year, a memorial courtyard and flag pavilion will be developed adjacent to the front driveway.

This is all in preparation for Grace Center finally taking ownership of the building, making our dream of being "Here to Stay" a reality. Reaching this milestone in the history of Grace Center would not have been possible without many generous gifts from foundations and individuals during the initial "silent phase" of our capital campaign. I am pleased to report that we have raised over \$500,000 toward our Capital Campaign goal of \$1.5 million to purchase our current building from Samaritan Health Services (\$1 million) and to establish an operating endowment (\$500,000) that will permit expansion of our programs and creation of additional therapies and services for our participants and their families, thus positioning Grace Center to serve the rapidly growing aging population in our community.

How Can You Help?

Financial support from generous donors was critical in making Grace Center's dream of owning our building a reality, but there is more to be accomplished. We invite you to make a gift to the Grace Center Capital Campaign. Gifts of all types and sizes are gratefully appreciated. Pledges of up to three years are also acceptable. If you would like to make a gift of cash, stock, or real property or have questions, please contact one of our co-directors (Rene' Knight or Tera Stegner) or me (kradjan1072@comcast.net). You may also make a gift through by purchasing an engraved paver, a bench or flag pole for our memorial courtyard (see insert). Thank you for your support,

Wayne A. Kradjan

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No Place Like Home

The theme for this year's Jubilee has special meanings for us. This is the year we will be finalizing the purchase of our building, we will own our own home, at last, establishing a permanent place in our community. No Place Like Home also reminds us of the essential role that Grace Center plays in keeping people in their own homes. Our services allow caregivers some respite, while giving participants opportunities to engage in a variety of activities. Visit us in person, on our website, or on Facebook to see the magic of the place we call home. We hope to see you at this year's Jubilee celebration, on Saturday, April 22, from 5:00-8:30 pm, at Adair Clubhouse. Our goal this year is to raise \$25,000. We count on the funds raised to support our program. The event will begin with hors d'oeuvres and drinks in the garden with live music and a diverse silent auction selection to peruse. A variety of drinks will be available from local wineries and breweries. A sit down, buffet dinner will follow, and a live auction will take place during dessert. Please see the back page for ticket information.



The Arts & Dementia: Art Speaks When Words Fail



Grace Center has teamed up with the Alzheimer's Association to provide two programs for our

participants with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. The first is a music program created by the non-profit Music and Memory which the Alzheimer's Association is partnering with nationwide. The mission of Music and Memory is to bring "personalized music into the lives of the elderly or infirm through digital music technology, vastly improving quality of life" (source: musicandmemory.org). The local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association reached out to Grace Center to provide free iPods and personalized playlists for participants who's family members were interested in having their loved one participate. For the last month, we have had two participants listening to their personalized playlists on iPod shuffles at least once per week and have had marvelous success! The gentleman participating in the program can experience anxiety in the afternoon due to

his Alzheimer's disease and also has trouble finding words but as soon as we put the head phones over his ears and push play on his iPod, he immediately transforms! Joy & laughter replace anxiety & restlessness and he almost instantly becomes more verbal. **Go to our Facebook page to see a video!**

We have also partnered with the Alzheimer's Association to provide a weekly painting class



called Memories in the Making (MIM). We sent two of Grace Center's Program Specialists to the MIM training in Salem last year to become certified instructors. MIM is "a fine arts program for people with Alzheimer's... (participants) with no art background can create art to regain the ability to communicate while boosting self-esteem and opening the channels of communication with loved ones" (source: alz.org). We have had 8 participants participating in weekly MIM classes over last 6 months and many beautiful creations and memories have emerged!

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2016 Annual Report



Total number of participants

| Services | Actual | Budgeted |
|---|--------|----------|
| Average # of participants served per day | 24.55 | 23.44 |
| private pay | 10.26 | 7.28 |
| government funded | 14.29 | 16.16 |

Grace Center Particpant Demographics





Living Situation of Participants



Grace Center's mission is to provide day services that optimize the cognitive and physical abilities of seniors and adults with disabilities so they can remain as independent as possible and in their homes.



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www.Facebook.com/ GraceCenterforAdultDayServices

Our goal is 500 "likes"!

Save the Date: SATURDAY, April 22nd, 5pm

Our annual fundraiser is now in the Spring! The Grace Center Jubilee will be a delightful evening held at the Adair Clubhouse. See page 2 article for more info!

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