



This issue will feature the sixth of *Fairhaven Christian Retirement Center's* seven Core Values.

Core Value #6: With focus and purpose based on sound financial management.

"So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith." Gal. 6:10

Goal - Peace of Mind

Fairhaven offers an excellent opportunity for retirees to lead an active, independent life, secure in the knowledge that licensed nursing care is available should it be needed.

Fairhaven Christian Retirement Center is a not-for-profit corporation governed by a Board of Directors. Guided by a licensed Executive Director and a very capable administrative team, its highly trained and dedicated staff offers each resident the finest in retirement living and nursing care. *Fairhaven* is an affiliate ministry of the Evangelical Free Church of America.

2017 "First Impressions" Fall Give a Gift Fundraiser Projects Under Way!

The *Fairhaven* Board of Directors approved a project in 2017 to update the Main Entry and Health Center Entry along with new decore and some utilization adjustments. It will be exciting to welcome family and friends in 2018 as we celebrate 50 years of service with these "First Impression" improvements! (see enclosed letter)



Front Entry Wall



Changing of the Guard



"Welcome Inn" Preparation



Truckloads of Materials



Health Center Sliding Door



New Front Entry Doors



Temp. 2nd Floor Nurses Station



Bryan and Construction Supt. Jack Grabbert



Fairhaven Christian Retirement Center

1968-2018

Celebrating 50 Years!

Honoring Yesterdays - Embracing Tomorrows

- Spring Concert
- Campus Celebrations
- Swedish Pancake Brunch
- Hollyberry Bazaar
- New Improvement Dedication

Watch for dates and times in early 2018

From the Executive Director

Dear *Fairhaven* residents, family members, prospective residents, staff and friends,
It has been said that there are three kinds of people in the world ...



Those who...**MAKE** things happen
And Those who...**WATCH** things happen
And Those who...**WONDER** what happened!

We thank God for this opportunity to report to you on our Christian Community here at *Fairhaven*. With God's blessing, and steady leadership through the years

by administration and the *Fairhaven* Board, we have experienced a steady pattern of growth and development.

FAIRHAVEN A community since 1968

As this report is released in 2017, we are well into *Fairhaven's* 50th year as a Christian Community of residents with common interests and shared values who inhabit our beautiful 37-acre campus. We celebrate our Christian faith and see it lived out in community relationships. We witness care being given; concerns expressed, and needs met. The *Fairhaven* mission, values, and motivations are energized as staff and volunteers provide services to our residents.

We sincerely hope that in this Christian Community, "observers" will see people who love Jesus, living together in mutual fellowship, manifest this love with each other. This in turn impacts the spiritual journey of our residents and staff.

Said another way

Fairhaven is an exercise ground for Christian love. It takes practice to follow the commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves. When the greater Rockford Community observes this love in action we hope, they will see the true love of Jesus and be drawn to Christ.

We pray that *Fairhaven* will continue to attract residents and employees who desire to live out their faith as God provides them with energy, health and a willingness to serve one another in this community.

We will be announcing future events planned to celebrate God's faithfulness to this community called *Fairhaven* in 2018!

Mission Statement: *Fairhaven Christian Retirement Center's* mission is to provide a comfortable lifestyle and exceptional care which enhances quality of life in a manner that glorifies God.

Development Department Update

Helping to fund the future of *Fairhaven* is my privilege and opportunity. Challenging people to give generously to God's work is my objective. Generosity is one of the most over looked topics in Christian churches because talking about money makes people uncomfortable. However, scripture is clear. How we use our possessions can have a lasting impact on our spiritual growth. We are all called to be stewards, not hoarders, of what is given to us time, money, and possession and to use these things to God's glory.



Generosity Matters Biblical Basis for Generosity

1. **To demonstrate love for God.** "I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others." 2 Cor. 8:8 NIV
2. **To help with the caring out of the Great Commission.** Matt 28:19-20 NIV
3. **To put faith into practice.** "We live by faith, not by sight." 2 Cor. 5:7 NIV
4. **To abound in the grace of giving.** "But just as you excel in everything ... see that you also excel in this grace of giving." 2 Cor. 8:7 NIV
5. **To encourage others in the grace of giving.** "For I know your eagerness to help ... and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action." 2 Cor. 9:2 NIV
6. **To experience the love of God in all its fullness.** "...for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7 NIV
7. **To bring glory to God.** "...men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else." 2 Cor. 9:13 NIV
8. **To please God.** "... They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God." Phil. 4:18 NIV

Partnering with *Fairhaven*

Our 2017 Give a Gift Project is worthy of support.

Stop in the Development Office or the Front Office and pick up a copy of each of four brochures detailing the many ways you can partner with *Fairhaven* to keep it vital and growing.

- Gifts of Love
- Endowment Fund
- *Fairhaven* Legacy
- Capital Gifts



April Dillenburg Assumes New Role at *Fairhaven*

As many of you know, this has been a season of transition for the Life Enrichment staff here at *Fairhaven* with some new faces, like Mary Brouer taking over Shari's position over Supportive Care. The Lord has really had His hand over each step and we have all been humbled when we account for His guidance over it all. It really does show how much He cares about every single resident here at *Fairhaven*.

I was asked to write this article to let you all know about myself and how I came to be here at *Fairhaven*. As you know, my name is April Dillenburg and I started here at *Fairhaven* in February 2015 after a mentor of mine suggested I would be a good fit. I applied, was accepted and started working with Life Enrichment over in the Health Center, slowly making my transition to this position as the doors began to open. My heart was greatly moved as I met more of the people that call



April and her friend,
Charlotte Wells

this place home and the wisdom held in each heart and testimony. So when this position opened up to be full time, with prayer (even though God had made it evident), I wholeheartedly accepted the offer.

For my personal time, I enjoy being outdoors and anything that entails hiking, running, fishing, kayaking, and recently inline rollerblading. I greatly enjoy being an Aunt and time spent with family and a couple of good friends. I also help take care of my father at home. He was

diagnosed with Frontal Temporal

dementia some years back. While it's been a challenge to watch him lose so much and to see him in the state he is in now, it's also been used by the Lord to soften some hearts and show others that whatever state we find ourselves in, God can still get glory. My Dad was a man surrendered to the Lord, and even now, as he is mute and hardly leaves our home, that has not changed.

So that is a little about me! If you have not stopped by the Family Room and officially met me yet, please do and tell me a little about yourself! Stop by our Prayer and Share meetings held in the Family Room at 10 a.m. every Wednesday. I would love to meet you and hear your story.

What is YOUR Focus?

Written by Lee Parlee, 2009 (Now at home in Heaven) Scripture has much to say about the importance of prayer in the life of a believer. It is, and always will be, the vital lifeline between God and His people. Only because of the finished work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, can we approach the holy Throne of Grace at *any* time or in *any* place, confident that he will always hear us. He bids us call Him "Father". What an awesome privilege!

The book of James reminds us that, "the prayer of a righteous man [person] is powerful and effective" (James 5:16). In our 21st century there are so many needs around us that we can become overwhelmed, not knowing what ought to have

priority. As a result, it is often easy to overlook prayer for our own personal relationship with Jesus Christ and interrelationships here with in our own Haven residence.

With that in mind, Brian Ogne's office and our *Fairhaven* Management have worked out a plan for enriching our prayer life here on the *Fairhaven* campus as we embark on an extensive remodeling and building program. They have made available to all residents a "Prayer Points" bookmark (with larger print copies available to those who need them), listing a specific prayer focus for each day of the month.

The hope is that each one of us will use the "Prayer Points" guide during personal daily prayer time. It was also anticipated that this prayer guide would find its way into many different areas of our daily *Fairhaven* activities. To date we are pleased to note that the particular daily item listed has been included as part of Chapel prayers, as well as in the Prayer and Share meetings on Wednesday evening, and prayers in the dining areas. One small resident prayer group has been meeting regularly each week for several years.

With our "Prayer Points" guide, we will be able to realize a oneness of purpose each day, remembering that God is not finished with us yet. He has given us these last years *for a purpose*, to be a blessing in our little corner of the world. His promise in II Chronicles 7:14 still stands: "*If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*" p.s. Prayer points are still available.

Tribute to a Friend

Elmer T. Olson, age 98, a resident of *Fairhaven Christian Retirement Center* in Rockford, Illinois, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 25, 2017.

Elmer was born in Sweden on April 13, 1919 to Elof and Tilda Olson. He came to the U.S. through Ellis Island, moving to the Austin area of Chicago in 1925. He attended Austin High School, Northwestern University and the Walton School of Commerce and receive the University of Illinois CPA certificate in 1950. He enlisted in the US Army during WWII and became a first lieutenant. In 1939, while still in high school he met Marion Jones and they were married on New Year's Eve 1943 while he was in the service. After discharge in 1946, they lived in Austin where they lovingly raised two sons, Robert and Richard. They then moved to Westchester where the boys grew up.

He helped start Compassion International and maintained the financial records, served as a board member and served as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

He was an active member of the Arlington Heights EFC where they had many dear friends. He was active with Christian Business Men's Committee as well. Over the years, he has been an active member of Wheaton EFC, the First Baptist Church of Naples, Florida and at First Free Rockford.

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The picture shows a gift from *Compassion International*, which is a bronze representation of "A Cup of Cold Water" being offered to needy children. The inscription reads- "To *Elmer and Marion Olson in grateful recognition of 30 years on the Board of Directors of Compassion International. Thank you on behalf of thousands of children whose lives have been changed because you reached out to them!*"



AWANA Founder in his 100th Year!

Art Rorheim and his wife Winnie moved to *Fairhaven* in April 1992. His wife, Winnie, passed away on December 21, 2015. Art will celebrate his 100th birthday on May 7, 2018.

Art was one of four children, all boys. Art attended Bethel Church in Chicago.



In his miracle stories, he had the opportunity to develop the Awana Ministries in 1955. Its early days were a special time in his life. Thousands of boys and girls lives have been touched by the Awana Clubs as they enjoyed fun games, activities and learned scripture to receive special awards for their accomplishments. In the process, their hearts have been touched by the Gospel message, and they trusted Him as their Savior.

Seventy five years later many are still involved in the Awana Clubs worldwide as leaders and prayer warriors.

Northside Gospel Center became his home church where the Awana Clubs first started. Today they are worldwide. Art had the opportunity to meet many leadership people around the world. He received three doctorates from different major organizations. Art is an ordained preacher.

He was involved in the start of over nine different camps in his experiences from Honey Rock to Fort Wilderness, Silver Birch Ranch, Phantom Ranch, and a number of other camps around the country. In addition, Art was involved in the start of an Awana program for the "life" prisoners at Angola Prison, and with their children learning the Awana Clubs' Bible verses. Many prisoners have trusted Christ as their Savior and have memorized much scripture including full chapters ie. Palm 23, Psalm 1, and Isaiah 53 and many others.

For 50 years, Art has wanted to build a beautiful housing facility at Camp Awana for pastors and missionaries. His dream has come true. Volumes could and have been printed about Art's life experiences, ministry stories, and miracles that have resulted.

Please pray for the Awana Ministries worldwide, for his continued health that he might continue to be a blessing to people around him, and for the Awana main office in Streamwood, Illinois.

Welcome! New Friends at *Fairhaven*
April 15 - September 30, 2017

New Residents: * = Haven ** = Fairlaners

Alan Henrikson*	Carol Norem*
Janice Henrikson*	Daphene Campbell*
Alyce Lewandowski*	Joseph Holliday*
Elva Stewart*	Charlotte Sand*
John Campbell*	Howard Sand*
Lucille Block*	Margaret Lansing*
Charles Reck*	Marlene Allen*
Frances Reck*	Vern & Patricia Dailing**
Fred Pearson, Jr.*	Perry & Donna Bartlett**
Dorothy Hulten*	Ruth Potter**
James White*	Carolyn Raffensperger**
Mavis Lawson*	Turner & Doris Tallaksen**
Sonja Sorensen*	Dorothy Chick**
Angelina White*	

Fairhaven Memorial Services are held quarterly to celebrate the lives of those "family members" who have passed away. They will be remembered with great fondness and will be missed.

Those who have passed away between April 16 - September 30, 2017:

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| Dorothy Cedarleaf | Elva Stewart | LaReau Thorwall |
| Doris White | Lucille Block | Philna Miller |
| Sandra Marison | Lois Carlson | John Stahl |
| Cassius R. Wade | Fred Pearson | Eleanor Marsh |
| Roberta Mellberg | Stanley Conrad | Joyce Anderson |
| Violet Henning | James White | Charles Holsinger |
| Robert Henning | Alvin Nelson | Leo Pavlik |
| Mabel Claeson | Patsy Chewning | Elia Harper |
| Rose Parlapiano | Wilma Young | Shirley Larson-Peterson |
| Leah Pearson | Elmer Olson | |

Fellowship Gatherings Continue

From April 25th through July 18th Brian Ogne hosted bi-weekly gatherings of 6-10 Fairlaners individuals and couples in the Sjostrom Center and Hemenway Exercise Room, for a one hour time of enjoying home-made snacks, fellowship, and "getting- to- know- you". They learned interesting facts about each other and upcoming events at *Fairhaven*.



Celebrating *Fairhaven* Residents...Then and Now 2000-2017

A short look back at the fun and creative fellowship over the last 17 years.



2003 Antique Car Show



2017 Antique Car Show



2000 Ladies Hat Day



2017 Ladies Tea Hat Day



2000 Beauty Shop Then



2017 Current Beauty Shop



2000 Men on Hat Day



2004 Florences' 100th Birthday



2017 Fairlaner Family Friends



2017 Men's Steak Fry - Airplane Theme

Upcoming *Fairhaven* Events*

- ▷ Veteran's Service - Friday, November 10, 2:30 p.m.
- ▷ Thanksgiving Service - Wednesday, November 22, 2:30 p.m.
- ▷ Hollyberrry Bazaar - Friday, December 1, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- ▷ Haven Christmas Smorgasbord - Thursday, December 7, 12:00 Noon
- ▷ Christmas Tree Walk - Tuesday, December 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- ▷ Fairlaner's Christmas Smorgasbord - Thursday, December 14, 12:00 Noon
- ▷ Christmas Service - Thursday, December 21, 2:30 p.m.

*All events will be held in the Sjostrom Center except the Christmas Tree Walk

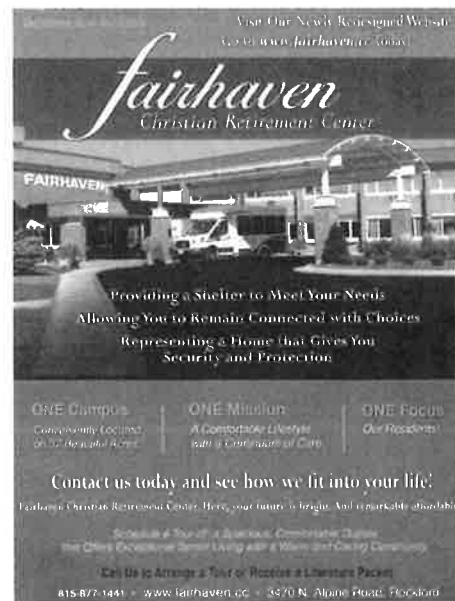


The **Life Enrichment Program** of *Fairhaven Christian Retirement Center* is designed to help our residents feel and be successful. Our desire is to provide our senior residents with opportunities to meet their spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical needs. Our goal is to give them hope, challenges and fellowship not only here at *Fairhaven* but as they reach out to serve ministries citywide and worldwide. Our programs and activities involve our residents in the Haven who live in independent, supportive care, and health care living. The heart of the ministry occurs in the Family Room where activities such as computers, crafts, puzzles, bowling tournaments, movies, and fellowship occur. Other programs such as Hollyberry, Christmas Smorgasbords, Choir and Bell programs during Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas and July 4th services. "Summer in January" along with the Ladies Tea, Bible Studies and Hymn Sing all provide a rich and beneficial ministry. Around this article you can enjoy some of the pictures from the above listed activities.

Tina Harper, Life Enrichment Coordinator,
Independent Living & Supportive Care
Katie Martin, Life Enrichment Coordinator,
Health Center



Fairhaven has maintained its 5 star rating by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services since the rating system began in 2008! This comparison includes evaluation of three components of data related to 1) Health Inspection, 2) Quality of Resident Care Measures, and 3) Staffing. We thank God for the provision of motivated staff who help us carry out our mission to our residents.



Fairhaven
Featured
Fairhaven was featured, in full color, on the back cover of the Northwest Quarterly's latest edition.

In Summary

As *Fairhaven Christian Retirement Center* continues to grow . . . we need prayer and financial SUPPORT . . . to carry on the VISION, FAITH, and COMMITMENT of this ministry.