

Meet Mary Ann

Recently I had the privilege of sharing time with Mary Ann Gaunt at her lovely duplex. When I inquired about her age she stated, “I am just a kid”. After our conversation about her active and busy schedule, I believed her. Most mornings Mary Ann starts her day at the YMCA swimming or working out. She belongs to several local groups such as Rockford Chamber Ambassadors and Alpine Kiwanis. You can also see her walking her beloved dog, Molly, several times a day.

Mary Ann and her husband, Clifford, moved to Rockford for his job at Pekin Insurance. In this position they were transferred many times throughout Illinois. Mary Ann also worked several jobs such as Sundstrand, Chase Bank, and Shelter Insurance. They raised two children who no longer live in the Rockford area. Mary Ann has been blessed with a growing family consisting of eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Her bookshelves are filled with family photos.



After Clifford passed away, Mary Ann decided she was ready for maintenance free living and began looking at independent living options. Mary Ann attends Our Savior’s Lutheran Church and friends recommended Fairhaven. When touring a duplex at Fairhaven, she took one look at the beautiful bay window and said, “this is it!” Mary Ann and Molly moved to Fairhaven almost four years ago and have loved the duplex and their location. Mary Ann enjoys getting together with her neighbors on her lane. Community is important and she loves to socialize.

Mary Ann loves that Fairhaven offers her the independence she desires without any worry about maintaining a house. Her children are also thankful that she is settled at Fairhaven. As the weather warms, she will be sitting on her front porch. She welcomes you to stop by and say hello if you see her.

Welcome to Fairhaven

Nov 2025 to Feb 2026

*Haven Resident | **Duplex Resident

- Loretta Baker *
- Christine Woods *
- Cynthia Pudge *
- Jeff & Ruth Dahlberg **
- Karen Meyer *
- Donald Edwards *
- Stanley Richards *
- Billy & Connie Rodgers **
- Donald & Carolyn Wheeler *
- Anita Kapfer **
- Norm & Charlotte Collins *
- Judith Pike *
- Ruth Wrate *
- Ronold & Emmilyn Miller *
- Delores Premo *
- Jackie Chamberlain *
- Jerome & Joan Larson *
- Pat Carey **
- James Samorian *



Veteran Recognition



Lloyd Anderson



Entering into the Chapel with their Branch



Joe McManus
CEO

Greetings, everyone:

As we waited together and sought God's timing, His plan was revealed in my appointment as Fairhaven's next CEO. I have been with Fairhaven since December 1, the blessed Christmas season. I have had a wonderful introduction to the community through the warmth and joy of our holiday spirit. It has been a meaningful time of fellowship for me as I began meeting residents, staff, and families. I am deeply grateful for the kindness and welcome that has been bestowed upon me.

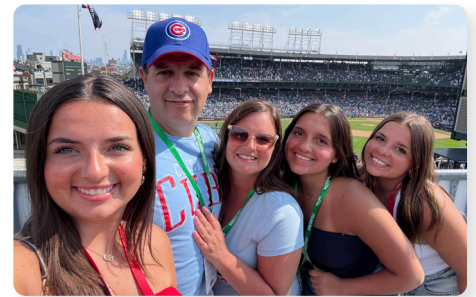
As spring approaches, I am eagerly looking forward to the increased activity and busyness of the Fairhaven community and to continue building relationships across campus.



Emma, Joe, Amy, Ana, Isabella

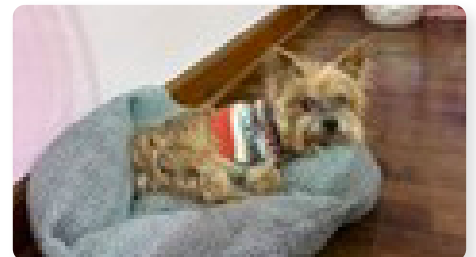
My wife, Amy, and I would like to share a little about our family. Our oldest daughter, Isabella, graduated from Aurora University at the top of her class with degrees in computer science and cybersecurity. She previously worked for the City of Aurora and most recently joined the Chicago Cubs as part of their Information Technology team. As spring training is underway in Mesa, Arizona, the Cubs are anticipating a strong season and a push toward the playoffs.

Our second daughter, Ana, recently transferred from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater to Aurora University. Originally pursuing marketing, Ana felt called to change her path and is now studying nursing. She has a strong desire to help and care for people in medical need. Her nursing program is both challenging and exciting, and she expects another full year of training before graduating.



Our youngest daughter, Emma, is currently a sophomore at Grand Valley State University near Grand Rapids, Michigan. She is studying social work and psychology and is in the process of applying to internship programs that will provide clinical education and real-life experience as she prepares for her future career.

In the coming weeks, I am hoping to set aside time in the café to meet with interested Fairhaven residents for fellowship and conversation. Please watch for dates and times posted on the community calendar and in the café. Consider stopping by to get to know me a little more. I am genuinely excited to spend time with you and to continue building relationships throughout the Fairhaven community.



Family Dog, Ressie

CHRISTMAS

At Fairhaven



Chris & Joe



Fairhaven Choir at Christmas Service



Faith & Ken at Christmas Tree Walk



Barbershop Ensemble at Christmas Dinner

Aegis Therapies

Fairhaven is thrilled to announce that we have partnered with Aegis Therapies. They began services at the beginning of January. Fairhaven is excited to welcome Aegis to Fairhaven.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

We are pleased to announce that Aegis Therapies are now offering rehabilitation at Fairhaven Christian Retirement Center. We know that improving your health and wellness is important to you. Our professionals are experienced in helping people at all levels of care age in place and reach their wellness goals in a way that fits into their busy lives. We have therapists with specialized training who are experienced and ready to help our residents with day-to-day functioning.

Here are the different therapies that Aegis Therapies provides and some of the things they can work with out residents on:

- **Physical Therapy services** include therapy for range of motion, gait training, transfer ability, strengthening, coordination, pain management, continence management, balance training, cardiovascular endurance, posture, safety, etc.
- **Occupational Therapy services** include therapy for ADLs, feeding, grooming, hygiene, dressing, wheelchair mobility, continence management, edema management, low vision, strengthening, use of adaptive equipment, lymphedema management, energy conservation, etc.
- **Speech Therapy services** include therapy to treat swallowing deficit, communication difficulty, memory problems, inability to follow directions, poor hearing, etc.



Pastor Norm Collins & Beth from Aegis

Fairhaven Charity Golf Outing

- Win a car for a hole-in-one!
- Wednesday, September 16th
- For more info, call 815-877-1441
- Or visit www.fairhaven.cc



Virginia Sharp Continues to Bless Fairhaven



In 1959, Virginia moved with her husband Ed to Rockford where Ed became a prominent heart surgeon while Virginia dedicated herself to raising their young family of four daughters. Throughout their lives Virginia and Ed supported and volunteered at organizations that helped people in their community. They helped so many in their local community by supporting numerous local charities including but not limited to Girl Scouts, Heartland Community Church (now Forest City Church), Rockford Area Young Life, Winnebago County CASA, Rosecrance, Rockford Christian Schools, and Community Bible Study.

Friends described Virginia as truly a woman of faith with a warm smile whose Christian love for family and friends was evident in all aspects of her life. She enjoyed birdwatching, singing, and knitting hats and gloves for children in need. She lived a life deeply rooted in faith, devoted to Christ, and guided by the teachings of the Holy Bible. She epitomized the words of Matthew 25:23: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Virginia Sharp resided at Fairhaven Christian Retirement Center, but was called home to be with the Lord in March of 2025 at age 94. She continued to support her community and others even after she was not with us, as she designated estate gifts to numerous charities including Fairhaven's Have Faith Fund.

Tax Savings by Giving from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA)

A great way to help a non-profit and receive a potential tax savings is by making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) if you have a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Charitable minded individuals, age 70½ or older can request a distribution that will not count toward taxable income. This method is especially great if you were planning to make a gift anyway. The following chart is an example of tax savings available when you support Fairhaven.

Scenario 1	Scenario 2
Take RMD of \$50,000 and donate \$10,000 in cash	Take RMD of \$40,000 and donate \$10,000 using a QCD
QCD: \$0	QCD: \$10,000
Pretax Income: \$50,000	Pretax Income: \$40,000
Temporary senior tax deduction: -\$6,000 (new for 2025-2028, exceptions)	Temporary senior tax deduction: -\$6,000 (new for 2025-2028, exceptions)
Itemized deduction: -\$17,750 (standard deduction)	Itemized deduction: -\$17,750 (standard deduction)
Taxable Income: \$26,250	Taxable Income: \$16,250
TAX SAVINGS!	

Source: schwab.com/learn/story/required-minimum-distributions-what-you-should-know

Who We Are

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 Great Lakes District Free Church.

OUR MISSION: To provide a comfortable lifestyle and exceptional care which enhances quality of life in a manner that glorifies God.

Our Core Values

- Serve the physical, emotional and spiritual needs with an eternal perspective.
- Maintain ethical practices consistent with God's word.
- Assure honesty and integrity in all of our relationships.
- Affirm the worth and dignity of all whom we serve and employ.
- Honor the sanctity of human life.
- Grow with focus and purpose based on sound financial management.
- Pursue innovation and excellence to meet the challenges of a changing environment.

Contact Us

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Volunteers Make a Difference

Fairhaven nominated Terri, on behalf of the residents, for the 2025 Illinois Activity Professionals Association Volunteer of the Year Award. Terri dedicates her time to the residents on a weekly basis. Terri goes above and beyond to serve residents at Fairhaven by bringing in her own materials for reading, coloring, writing, or games. She will go out of her way to listen to residents' needs and then try to meet those needs. Terri also offers assistance during most of our big functions and field trips to lend a helping hand. Residents of Fairhaven describe Terri as; "always smiling", "always kind", "a lovely person who is always willing to help", and "wonderful and very pleasant". Terri has been a dedicated Fairhaven volunteer for over 13 years; we are beyond blessed to have her here with us!



Terri

April is national volunteer month and a perfect opportunity to join other Fairhaven volunteers that make an impactful difference. Don't hesitate to reach out to our volunteer coordinator to see if there is a service area that is a perfect fit for your schedule, your interests, and your abilities. Examples of serving are:

- Make desserts and serve them in our coffee shop
- Painting nails to pamper our ladies
- Help provide wheelchair transportation to events and enjoy time outside
- Be a bingo buddy by assisting residents with their cards or calling "Bingo"
- Read devotions or stories to residents who would appreciate individual attention
- Help residents enjoy time outside during nice weather



For more details on how you can become a Volunteer please contact Emily Gibson 815-877-1441 ext. 1335



Hollyberry Bazaar



Jenny Love & Pat Timmerwilke



Fairhaven Staff

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CHRISTIAN RETIREMENT CENTER

2026
PAR
for a
PURPOSE
September 16

**CHARITY
GOLF OUTING
- Best Ball -**



Family Letter

Everyone,

Thank you so much for all you did for our Dad. You all went above and beyond! You treated him and all of us like family.

On a personal note, I wouldn't have been able to get thru this time without you all.

Thank you!

You're Invited
— TO OUR —
ICE CREAM
SOCIAL
Save the Date
• Saturday, June 13th
• 1:30 - 3:30 pm