

A Little Dose of Sunshine

Fall 2017

We hope you enjoy this edition of our Sunshine Memorial Foundation newsletter - A Little Dose of Sunshine. In an effort to keep in touch with our volunteers, event participants, donors and supporters, we bring you this publication and hope to continue to connect on a routine basis.

Enjoy and we welcome your input and suggestions for future publications.

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Construction Update

The Sunshine Hospitality Home is in the construction phase thanks to all of the hard work from everyone involved in this project and from the generosity of each of our donors.

As of this writing, excavation and site work have mostly been completed. The foundations of the building have been built. Underground plumbing, electrical, and all other underground utilities have also been installed.

None of this would be possible without the hard work from Community Contractors, Ae2S Surveying crew, Teraacon Consultants, Florian & Sons Excavating, Inc., A & S Construction, Strata Corporation, M&K Porta Potties, Schmidts Excavating, Opp Construction, Lunseth Plumbing & Heating Co., RBB Electric, Rhino Contracting, Inc., Countrywide Sanitation, and Molstad Excavating Inc. Many have donated all or a portion of their services.

The next steps are framing, rough grading, parking lot work, and then enclosure.

Currently, we have approximately \$400,000 left to raise. This number includes the money needed to purchase furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the Home.

To get weekly construction updates, like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @sunshinememfdn.



Sunny Person Spotlight

KATHY JOHNSON: This is where we take a moment and feature a “sunny” person. Our volunteers work so hard daily, weekly, monthly, and are extremely appreciated by everyone! This time, we want to recognize Kathy Johnson.

Kathy has been volunteering with the foundation for several years. She graciously helps us out with our mailings including folding newsletters and stuffing envelopes. There is no task too large for Kathy, and she always tackles it with a smile on her face, making her a pleasure to work with.

Kathy had a battle with cancer several years ago. During that time, she met people who would have to drive back and forth from out of town for treatment, no matter the weather, because they couldn’t afford a motel. So when her pastor from church asked her to help out on a project for the Sunshine Hospitality Home, she graciously accepted, and has been helping us ever since!

Kathy recently recruited her husband, Kenneth, to help us out as well. He has been a great addition to our group of volunteers.



Bremer Supports Sunshine

“To serve our clients, we must also serve their communities.” Dedication to clients, communities and employees has always been a core value at Bremer. Their commitment to help build healthy communities through volunteerism and financial support is at the heart of their partnership with us and the Sunshine Hospitality Home. Since the need for affordable and convenient housing for families dealing with a medical crisis was first presented, their staff has been enthusiastically supportive of this project in a number of ways:

- Sponsoring the Volunteer Room through a major gift commitment
- Connecting us with Otto Bremer Trust leadership to explore grant opportunities
- Serving on the Gift Acceptance Committee
- Designating their employee “Jeans for a Cause” donations to the Sunshine Hospitality Home
- Participating in fundraising activities over the past 4 years, such as Rydell’s car show
- Encouraging staff in surrounding Bremer communities to participate in local fundraising events and team activities
- Providing the foundation with a financing solution to assist in funding the construction of the Sunshine Hospitality Home

Having this ‘home away from home’ for people who travel to Grand Forks to support family members dealing with hospital stays and medical procedures fills a much needed gap within our region. This facility will help ease some of the stress and burden of dealing with serious medical issues by providing a comfortable, safe and affordable place for to stay. Bremer is very proud to partner with so many key stakeholders, donors and supporters in our community to make the Sunshine Hospitality Home a reality.



Photo (L-R): Jay Friedt, Bremer Bank Business Banker; Theresa Garbe, Sunshine Memorial Foundation CEO; Tammy Peterson, Grand Forks Bremer Bank President & CEO; Alice Hoffert, Sunshine Memorial Foundation Board Chair

Lions Make Special Donation

The Sunshine Memorial Foundation was recently blessed by a \$10,000 donation from the Grand Forks Red River Lions.

Red River Lions was chartered in 1982 and is part of Lions International, a world-wide organization that is celebrating 100 years of existence.

"To commemorate the 100th anniversary of Lions International," said Elaine Brinkman, treasurer, "Red River Lions voted to make a special donation to a worthwhile organization in the Grand Forks community."

We are extremely honored that they chose the Sunshine Hospitality Home to be the recipient of their generous donation. The money will help furnish one or more of the guest suites in the Sunshine Hospitality Home.



Northwood-Hatton Team

The Sunshine Hospitality Home will benefit those that need to travel to Grand Forks for medical needs. Surrounding communities understand the need for a home like this and have banded together to fundraise.

The Northwood-Hatton Team has set a goal of \$50,000 to adopt a room in the Sunshine Hospitality Home. As of this writing, they are almost halfway to their goal!

Some of the fun things they have done to raise money include multiple Women & Wine events, dinners, raffle tickets, lemonade stands, and a Wii Fest hosted by the Hatton Sr. Christian Youth Organization.

To learn more about the Northwood-Hatton Team, contact Pastor Bruce Vold at 701.653.5949 or storbruce@hattonstjohn.com.



I believe the Sunshine House will provide exactly what the name implies," said team member, Pastor Bruce Vold. **"Sunshine brings light for the day, warmth for comfort, and hope for the future.** That's why the Sunshine House in Grand Forks will always be really important."

Save
the
Dates

**We are
excited to
announce
the dates of
Sunshine
Fest and
Giving
Hearts Day!**

**The 8th annual Sunshine Fest will be
held on Saturday, January 27.
Start getting your teams together now!**



**Giving Hearts Day, a regional 24-hour
online day of fundraising, will be on
Thursday, February 8.**



Giving Hearts Day

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Since we are nearing our fundraising goal, the theme for both events will be Fundraise for Furniture.

We are having so much fun planning these events. We'll release more details on both Sunshine Fest and Giving Hearts Day as we get things finalized.

Thank you so much,
everyone, for your support!

We Apologize.

It has come to our attention that some donors were not recognized in our last newsletter.

We switched to a new donor management system recently. This resulted in some errors when we prepared the donor list for the last newsletter. We want to assure you your donation is still accounted for and will be acknowledged.

We are working diligently to make sure this does not happen again. We are thoroughly verifying all donations prior to the installation of the donor wall in Sunshine Hospitality Home. Thank you for your patience and understanding.