



# GENEROSITY MATTERS

*Your Gifts at Work*



*Thanks to your gifts to the Oakwood Mission Support Fund, UW-Eau Claire student Leah Hagen will spend her 2022-2023 senior year working with Prairie Ridge Campus Executive Director Kim Gochanour gaining the skills and experience needed to become a Nursing Home Administrator. "I am so grateful for this opportunity, and without donor support I wouldn't be here," says Leah.*

## You Provide Learning Opportunities for the Next Generation of Healthcare Leaders!

Oakwood Village provides trusted care and peace of mind for so many older adults and their families. To ensure places like Oakwood exist for future generations of residents, we must continue to draw talented professionals to our field. **That's where you come in.**

**Thanks to your gifts to the Oakwood Mission Support Fund,** the Oakwood Foundation can fund grants to bring nursing students and aspiring nursing home administrators to our two campuses, providing training and mentorship opportunities and exposing them to how impactful and rewarding a career in long-term care can be.

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Your gifts not only allow young nurses and professionals to understand the important work being done at Oakwood Village, they provide valuable experience to students working toward their degrees at little or no cost to the students themselves.

**This year donors are providing \$45,000 in educational opportunities to future healthcare leaders**, allowing Oakwood to provide four nursing students with a chance to gain real-world experience working in our two skilled nursing facilities through the summer as part of a long-term care clinical scholar internship program.

Your generosity also makes it possible for Oakwood to offer a student from UW-Eau Claire's Nursing Home Administrator Program an opportunity to develop needed skills as part of a yearlong placement at Oakwood Village.

Leah Hagen was paired with Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge and recently began her 12-month Administrator in Training opportunity. We want to introduce you to Leah and share how your gifts are impacting her future.

### TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOURSELF.

I am from Woodbury, Minnesota, just outside of St. Paul. I grew up with my mom, dad, and older brother. I was a competitive dancer from the age of 5 up until 18 when I graduated high school. In my free time I enjoy being outside, especially on a boat or snowmobiling at our family cabin up on Balsam Lake, Wisconsin. Spending time with family and friends is very important to me.

### WHAT DREW YOU INTO THE FIELD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATION?

I know I have a heart for caring and a head for business. When I entered college, I started as a nursing major and soon realized anatomy and physiology was not for me. When I learned about healthcare administration, I fell in love with the field right away. In fall 2022 I will begin my fourth and final year at UW-Eau Claire.



*"Thanks to all the Oakwood Foundation donors who help fund Oakwood's participation in the Administrator in Training Program," says Leah. "This program is an amazing learning experience for me and my peers."*

### EXPLAIN THE ADMINISTRATOR IN TRAINING PROGRAM. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

The administrator in training program is a yearlong internship which takes place at a skilled nursing facility. The purpose of this program is to learn and gain an understanding of what it takes to run a skilled nursing facility.

For the first half of the internship we participate in rotations, which allow us to learn about different departments within the facility and how each functions. The second half of the year we are responsible for completing a leadership project based on what we believe may be an opportunity for improvement within the facility. The program is a great way to learn and develop skills in preparation for being a healthcare administrator in the near future.

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## HOW DO YOU FEEL BEING PAIRED WITH OAKWOOD VILLAGE PRAIRIE RIDGE?

I just started my year at Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge in June, and I have absolutely loved it. Staff and residents have welcomed me with open arms. I was nervous about going to a big community like Oakwood somewhat far from home, but I feel like this is the perfect fit for me.

## WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO DO FOLLOWING GRADUATION? WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR CAREER TO TAKE YOU?

In my future I hope to become an administrator at a skilled nursing facility in the Midwest that is part of a full continuum of care like what we have here at Oakwood.

*Next year, assuming funds are available, Oakwood hopes to offer an Administrator in Training opportunity once again at the Health and Rehabilitation Center as well as in the new Hebron Oaks Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.*

**Your gifts to the Oakwood Mission Support Fund help make opportunities like this possible!**

## WHEN IT'S HOT, IT'S HOT!

Your gifts to the **Oakwood Mission Support Fund** are helping deliver hot food to those recovering in the Health and Rehabilitation Center at Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge.

**Donors made possible a \$15,000 grant to Culinary Services** which was used to purchase a thermal-based induction heating system earlier this year. This induction system keeps plates and the food served on them hot while meals are delivered.

Oakwood Dietician Laurie Sachtjen says the difference is dramatic. "Before the system, nearly every resident had concerns about meals being delivered at inconsistent temperatures. Now meals are kept hot during delivery."

Culinary Services Director John Williams says the system heats up pellets in a magnetized base. The warmed base provides continuous heat to the plate, which helps keep the food warm from the time it's plated and throughout the meal. The plate is warm to the touch, creating a safer and more reliable meal delivery system.

Laurie says donor gifts not only benefit patients in the Health and Rehabilitation Center, but the new system also makes a difference for staff, as they don't need to make multiple trips reheating food.



*Oakwood Dietician Laurie Sachtjen is grateful to donors who made possible the purchase of a thermal-based induction heating system earlier this year. "Residents are enjoying their meals and eating more."*

# You Make it Possible for Oakwood to Continue Providing Needed Care

For many older adults, their biggest fear is outliving their financial resources and not knowing where they will live or receive care if they run out of money.

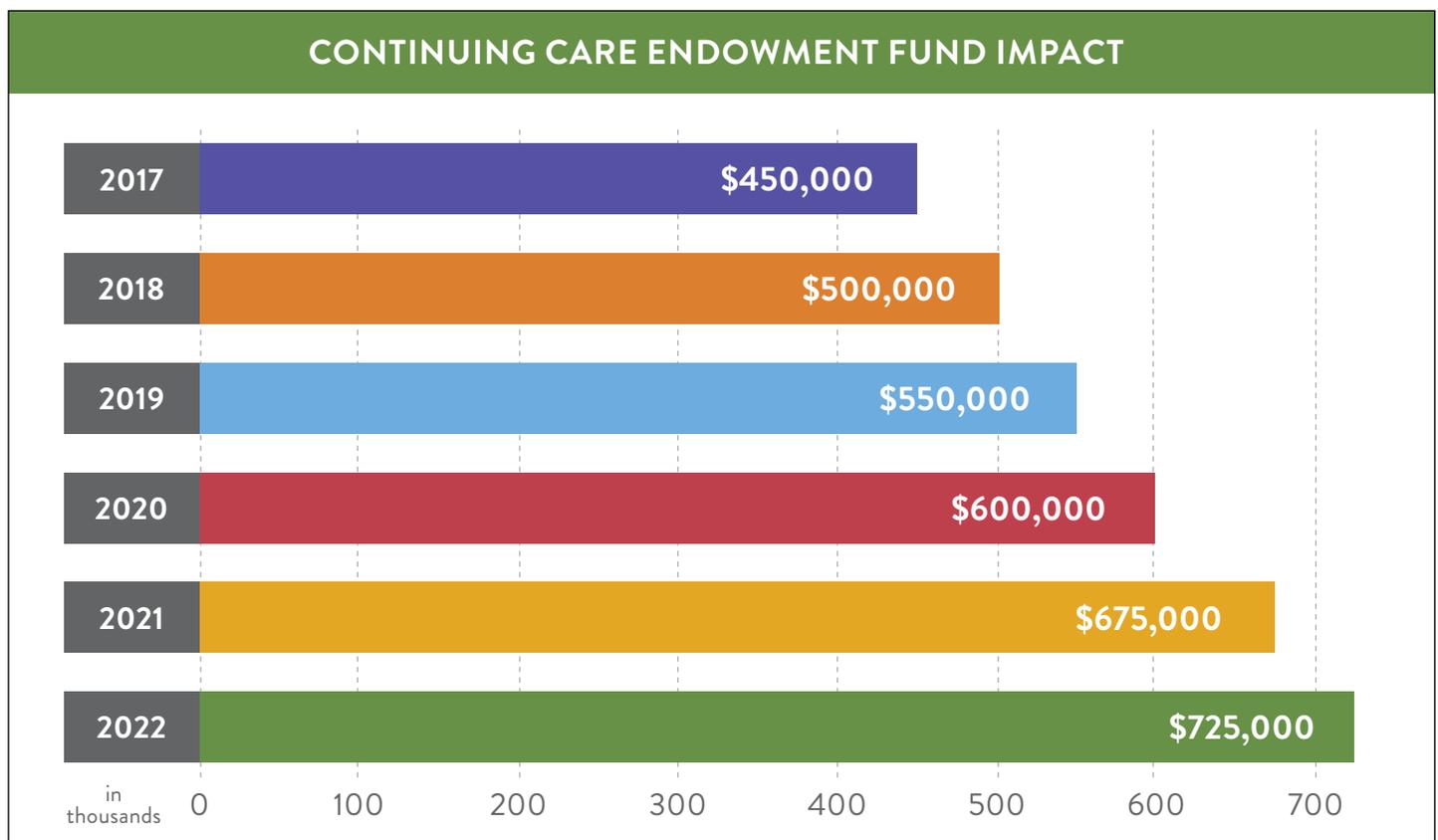
Thanks in large part to donor support, Oakwood has not had to ask residents to leave our campuses when they run out of funds.

**Your gifts to the Continuing Care Endowment Fund provided Oakwood with \$725,000 in financial support in 2022 to help offset the cost of serving residents who can no longer pay for care.**

This is a growing percentage of the approximately \$2.5 million in unreimbursed care and services provided by Oakwood annually.

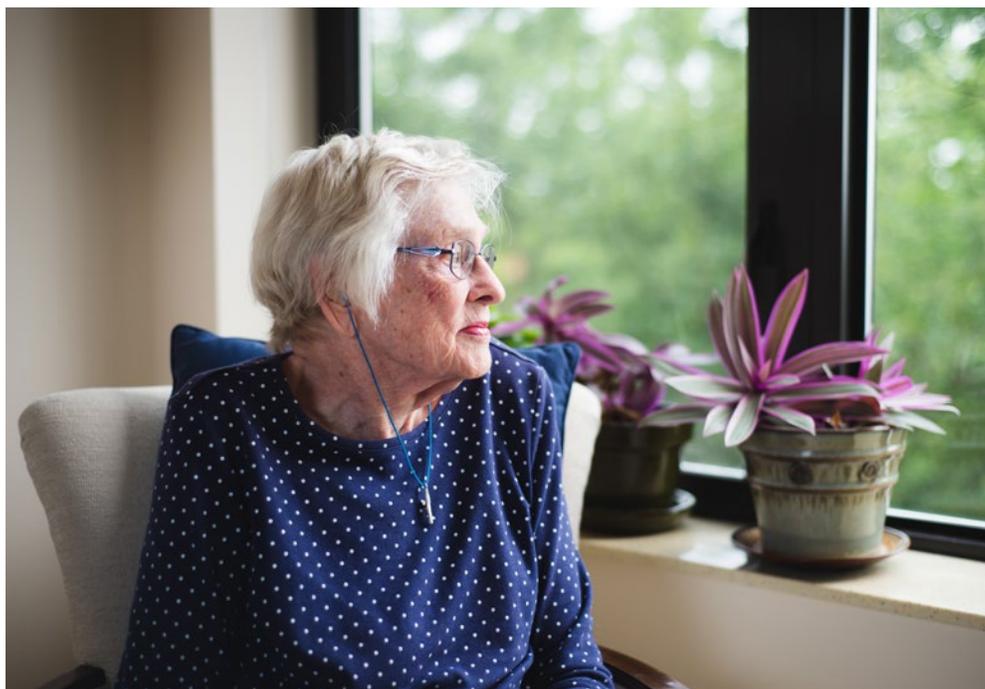
Caring for residents who outlive their finances is an important part of Oakwood Village. With your help, we can continue to grow the Continuing Care Endowment Fund and eventually fully cover the cost of unreimbursed care.

**Thank you for your support of the Continuing Care Endowment Fund!**



*Your support of Oakwood's Continuing Care Endowment Fund helps Oakwood continue providing care for those who can no longer afford to do so. Your gifts are growing the endowment fund, helping cover more of the approximately \$2.5M in charitable care provided each year and bringing peace of mind to those in need.*

# Join Your Friends and Neighbors in Bringing Hebron Oaks to Life!



*"I've always admired the care provided in Hebron ... it's done with love and kindness. The staff and patients there deserve the best environment possible," says resident Margaret Hickman.*

**"I've stayed in Hebron Oaks multiple times** due to various health challenges," explains University Woods resident Margaret Hickman. "I think an update to the building is badly needed, and I'm excited about the plans currently underway."

Not only does Margaret have personal experience rehabilitating in Hebron Oaks, but her sister has received care in Hebron for a number of years. While Margaret has nothing but praise for the caregivers in Hebron, she believes that Oakwood deserves better than what the 60-year-old building currently offers.

"The building has not aged well because there are new techniques, new types of equipment, and new expectations of rehab patients," says Margaret. "Our staff are exceptionally good, but I'm concerned patients may be turned off by the surroundings. My walker barely fits into the old bathrooms ... I have to back out!"

These personal experiences in Hebron, combined with the belief that Hebron Oaks is an important part of Madison, are what recently inspired Margaret to make a two-year pledge in support of the construction effort.

"I've had a wonderful life," shares Margaret. "My husband and I lived simply, but the way we wanted, and we saved our money over the years. I am grateful I'm in the position I am today, and I want to help Oakwood make this happen."

**Join Margaret and others in helping make Hebron Oaks the best place possible for short-term rehabilitation and end-of-life care by making a gift or a multi-year pledge of any amount.** Areas of support include a palliative and hospice care wing, the completion of a green roof, new equipment for a therapy gym, the creation of a rehabilitation-focused outdoor terrain park, a library common, life enrichment programming, and support of the Continuing Care Endowment Fund.

Contact Development Director Dave Mossner or Executive Director Keith VanLanduyt to discuss giving opportunities and to learn more. Thank you for your support!

## 2022 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The **Oakwood Foundation** gratefully acknowledges the following business partners who have made the decision to support our organization as an Oakwood Community Partner in 2022. Their gifts demonstrate a commitment to serving the Oakwood community and provide the Oakwood Foundation with additional resources to enhance programs and services on our two campuses.

If you know individuals associated with these organizations, please thank them for choosing to support Oakwood as a 2022 Community Partner:

### GOLD PARTNERS

*2022 Giving at the \$10,000 Level*

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If your business would be interested in joining us as an Oakwood Community Partner we welcome your support. Call (608) 230-4441 to learn more!

## Savvy Ways to Give

In 2022, IRS documents show the standard deduction increasing to \$12,950 for a single taxpayer or \$25,900 for a couple filing together.

Unless charitable gifts and other potentially deductible expenses exceed those amounts, you may not itemize deductions.

That's led more people to give through their Individual Retirement Account or Donor Advised Fund.

### IRA GIFTS

If you are 72 or older with an IRA, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires a Minimum Required Distribution (MRD) each year.

If you don't need the income, you can give some or all of the MRD (up to \$100,000) to charity. It's called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). The money distributed to charity is not taxable.

### USE A DAF

A Donor Advised Fund (DAF) starts with a gift. The donor places an amount into a fund, usually with a financial institution or community foundation to be eligible for a charitable tax deduction, and decides which charities receive that money at a later time.

While donor advised funds began in 1931, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 boosted their use. The donor decides when to give and which charities should receive their gift through the manager of their Donor Advised Fund.

As always, the Oakwood Foundation doesn't give tax advice, we encourage you to learn more and consult with your tax advisor to decide what is right for you.

# How Does Your Garden Grow?

Following a comprehensive design process, a few weather delays, and some supply-chain-related shipping issues, gardeners on the Prairie Ridge campus wasted little time getting their flowers and vegetables in the dirt once the new Community Garden opened earlier this summer.

**Your gifts to the Prairie Ridge General Fund and the Prairie Ridge Grounds Fund have made our beautiful Community Garden possible.** The Community Garden was created to accommodate the growing number of gardeners on the Prairie Ridge campus, and to help ensure residents using canes, walkers, and wheelchairs can continue to get their hands dirty.

A total of 110 raised garden beds, as well as 30 in-ground gardening spaces, are now available for resident use.

Tables and umbrellas have been placed around the Community Garden, creating additional outdoor seating and gathering opportunities for residents and guests. A solarium, which will serve as a three-season porch and functionally as storage with a sink and repotting bench, is still scheduled to be installed. Edible and ornamental landscaping plants will also be added to the space.

Your gifts made this wonderful enhancement to the Prairie Ridge campus happen. Thank you.



▲ *Your gifts will make it possible for residents using canes, walkers, and wheelchairs to continue gardening, or to simply take a stroll through the garden with friends and family to admire the work of others.*



▲ *Tables and umbrellas have been placed throughout the Community Garden, creating an ideal spot for residents to gather with neighbors and guests. A solarium will be installed in the Community Garden soon.*



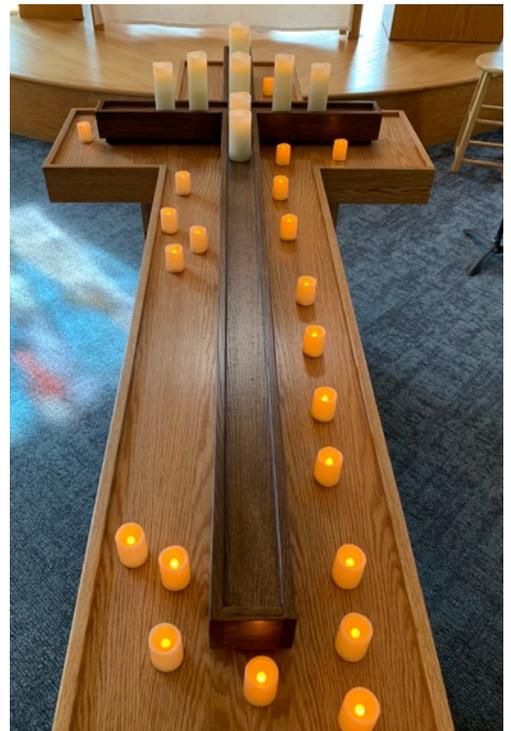
# You Strengthen Religion and Pastoral Care Programming at Oakwood

Your gifts to the **University Woods** Religion and Pastoral Care Fund have made several enhancements to the Resurrection Chapel and spiritual life programming possible this year.

Chaplain Nicole Espe was grateful for the resources available to her to create a new Spiritual Resources library outside the Religion and Pastoral Care office earlier this year, as well as the addition of a cross used for programming and prayer during the Lenten season.

**“One thing that I appreciate about Oakwood is how well people care for one another here,”** shares Chaplain Nicole. “Residents care for staff and neighbors and there’s a sense of community. Staff care for other staff and for families as well as for residents.”

Thank you for making these important enhancements to the University Woods Religion and Pastoral Care program possible!



*A new prayer cross, funded by donor gifts, is intended to be a community focal point during the Lenten season. Earlier this year employees, residents, and visitors were invited to use the cross as an opportunity to reflect and to heal in the Resurrection Chapel throughout Lent.*

▲ *At Oakwood “people reach out beyond their roles in caring for one another,” says Chaplain Nicole. Donors made possible the addition of a spiritual resources library and Lenten cross to the programming and support offered at University Woods.*



▲ *“My hope is that the library is a resource to further enhance that expression of caring community that is already a part of the beautiful ethos of Oakwood,” explains Chaplain Nicole.*