



GENEROSITY MATTERS

Your Gifts at Work



Your Gifts Get the Sunshine

On a bright February afternoon, there were wide smiles as Prairie Ridge residents celebrated the installation and operation of Oakwood Village's solar-power project.

The panels are connected to the electric grid to benefit residents, Prairie Ridge, and Earth. The panels are expected to take care of nearly half the power needed to run the common spaces inside Settlers Ridge.

Your generous gifts made the project possible. Campus Green Committee chair Lynn Schwantes is excited the project will do more than save Oakwood \$1,500 on its monthly electric bill. "The primary benefit sought by residents and donors who championed the project is reducing airborne carbon emissions. Over 25 years, the panels should keep 100 tons of carbon out of the atmosphere," said Schwantes.

YOUR GIFTS HELPED 19 OAKWOOD EMPLOYEES FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION

Oakwood Education Grants are writing a lot of great stories. We shared two in last winter's issue. Here are three more:

ABBY WITZIG (Left), Home Health and Hospice Coordinator, said the Oakwood Education Grant was something she deeply appreciated.

"The Oakwood Education Grant was very important in my decisions to take classes and has opened new possibilities for my career."

SUE HUSOM (Center), Home Health and Hospice Clinical Director, shared that the available grant was just the push she needed.

"Having the Oakwood Education Grant program in place encouraged me to complete my master's in health care administration (MHA) that I have been working toward. It is wonderful to have opportunities such as this in place to encourage employees to continue their education and enhance their skills."



ALISON RESCH (Right), Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, earned a Grief Support Specialist Certificate through the University of Wisconsin's continuing education program. She said the course helped her understand more about grief while developing skills in providing support both personally and professionally.

"In my role as the volunteer and bereavement coordinator with Oakwood Preferred Hospice, this certificate has given me the knowledge and expertise to support individuals on their journey with grief."

Your support for Oakwood Education Grants helps Oakwood's efforts to recruit and retain valuable team members.

Feeling Appreciated!

Your generosity for Oakwood employees reached new levels as more than \$309,000 was shared with Oakwood team members in December.



JANE CHAGNON knows how to lift residents' spirits as a Life Enrichment specialist on the Prairie Ridge campus. Hers were lifted in turn by incredible support from the people she serves. "It means the most

coming from residents because they see what we do every day, and we know that it's appreciated. That's what means the most!"

New employees with less than 90 days at Oakwood receive \$25 holiday gifts. Oakwood's new Supply Chain Manager **JOE NORRIS** knew exactly what to do with it.

At Oakwood for the holidays, Joe said he appreciates donors for their generous appreciation. "We were able to purchase, and enjoy listening to, the Peanuts Christmas record on Christmas morning!"



Donors Provide the Gifts

Garth Stroble and Lynn Schwantes enjoy the craft of turning logs into spectacular pieces to admire or serve as a place to drop your keys when you walk through the door.

Schwantes was hooked on the artform in 2007. "Every item turns out differently. It could be a bark-edge bowl, salad bowl, vase, chalice, or a spinning top. I get to see a nearly finished product in one sitting," said Schwantes.

When Stroble arrived on the Prairie Ridge campus three years ago, he asked Lynn how to turn wood. "Fast forward to the present, Lynn has me addicted to a fun and rewarding hobby," said Stroble.

In 2019, the Foundation started a new tradition by giving turned wood bowls to donors who reached the Golden Oak Society for the first time.

The two craftsmen, who are also Oakwood donors, provide bowls to the Foundation at no charge.

"I'm happy these gifts are well-received," said Stroble. "Any money made from selling bowls goes back to various entities at Oakwood."



University Woods resident Jim O'Brien likes the new rowing machine in the Vitality Fitness Center. "It's the first device I go to, despite my age and physical deficits."

YOU BRING WATERCRAFT INSIDE

Exercise/Fitness coordinator Meghann Bandt says the rowing machine has received a lot of attention since it arrived last fall.

Resident Dan Shea says the machine is a good way to stretch your arms, shoulders, legs, and back. Shea was a member of the crew team at American International College, 1955-58.

Your gifts supporting Life Enrichment make improvements and new equipment possible.

WHAT'S IN A CORRECT NAME?

In the summer issue of *Generosity Matters* we shared the legal name and address of the Foundation, plus the federal tax identification number. The problem is we transposed two numbers. Here is the correct information if you want to include Oakwood in your estate plan:

Oakwood Foundation, Inc.
6201 Mineral Point Road
Madison, WI 53705

Tax ID #39-1398037

WELCOME NEW 2023 DONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS!

You and every other donor to the Oakwood Foundation are vitally important to Oakwood Village, now and in the years ahead. On this page, we recognize those of you who joined an Oakwood Foundation donor society for the first time in 2023. A complete list of all 2023 Oakwood Foundation donors will appear in the 2024 issue of *Oakwood Outlook*.

OAK SOCIETY

Donors join the Oak Society with calendar year giving of \$1,000. Thank you to the donors who reached that level for the first time in 2023.

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The Golden Oak Society recognizes donors with calendar year giving of \$5,000 or more. Thank you to the donors who reached that level for the first time in 2023.

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The Oak Tree Circle recognizes donors who automatically give each month via credit card, direct deposit, or payroll deduction.

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LIFETIME GOLDEN OAK SOCIETY

The Lifetime Golden Oak Society recognizes lifetime giving of \$50,000 or more.

Donald G. and Ann Smith
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OAK LEGACY CIRCLE

Thank you to donors who named the Foundation in their estate plan. These donors told us of their plans to include Oakwood in their estate during 2023.

Phyllis and John Pleuss
Susan Ross
Raymond and Joan Unrein

REALIZED ESTATE GIFTS

Oakwood honors the memory of friends whose legacy gifts were gratefully received in 2023.

Phyllis S. Anderson
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