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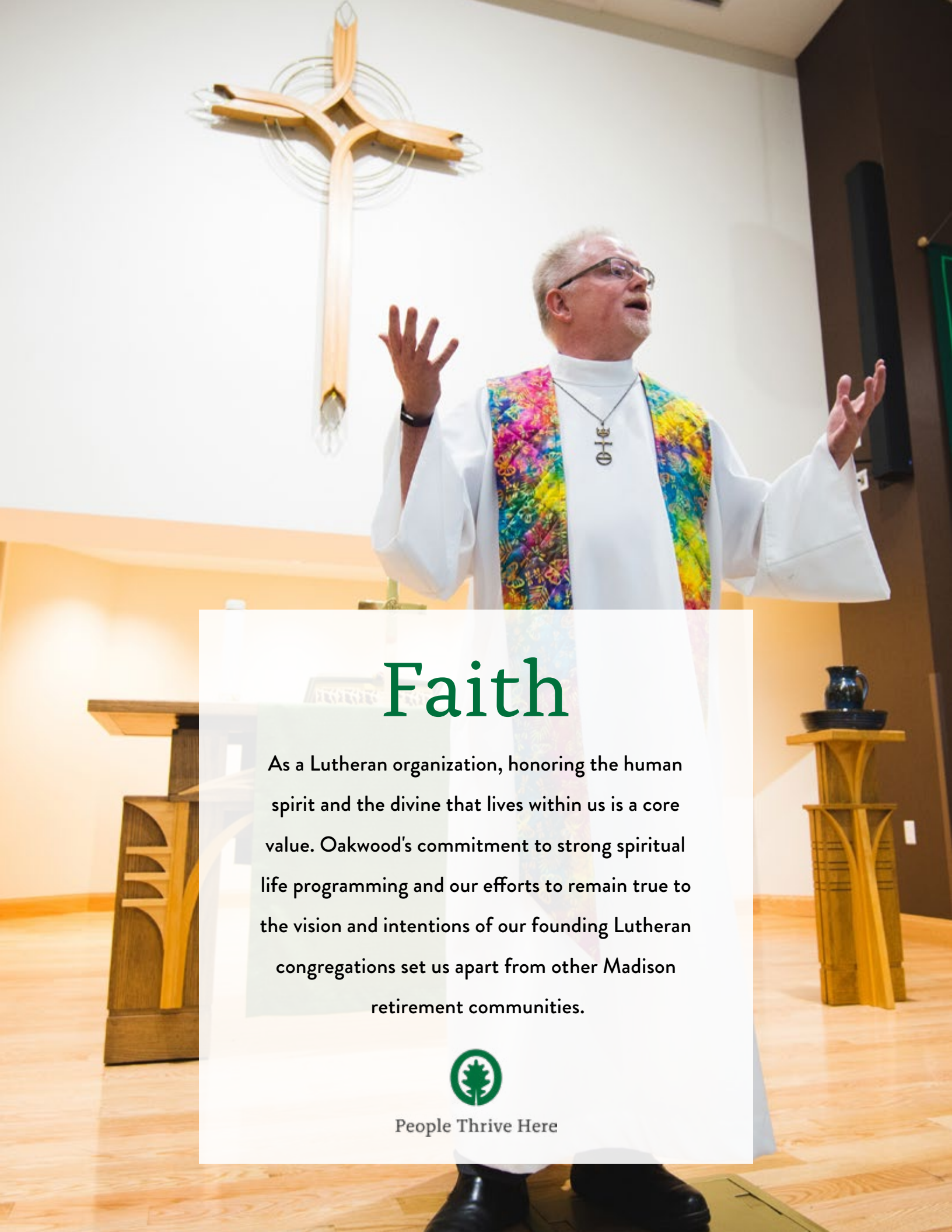

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As a Lutheran organization, honoring the human spirit and the divine that lives within us is a core value. Oakwood's commitment to strong spiritual life programming and our efforts to remain true to the vision and intentions of our founding Lutheran congregations set us apart from other Madison retirement communities.

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At Oakwood, our mission to create vibrant, caring communities guides everything we do. As we look ahead, we're focused on initiatives that support sustainability, enhance our campuses, and ensure a welcoming environment for current and future residents. From environmentally friendly landscaping projects to thoughtful campus planning, every step we take reflects our commitment to stewardship, high quality, and long-term vision. I'm proud of how our teams bring this mission to life every day, making Oakwood a place where residents thrive, families feel confident, and staff can do their best work. Thank you for being part of our community and for sharing in our journey forward.

Jan Hamilton-Crawford
President and Chief Executive Officer

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are Called to serve a thriving community where seniors live with dignity, connection, and purpose.

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Celebrating 25 Years

East-side Campus Marks a Quarter of a Century of Service

The Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge community recently held a series of events to celebrate its 25th anniversary, a heartfelt tribute to a quarter-century of providing a secure and welcoming home for residents.

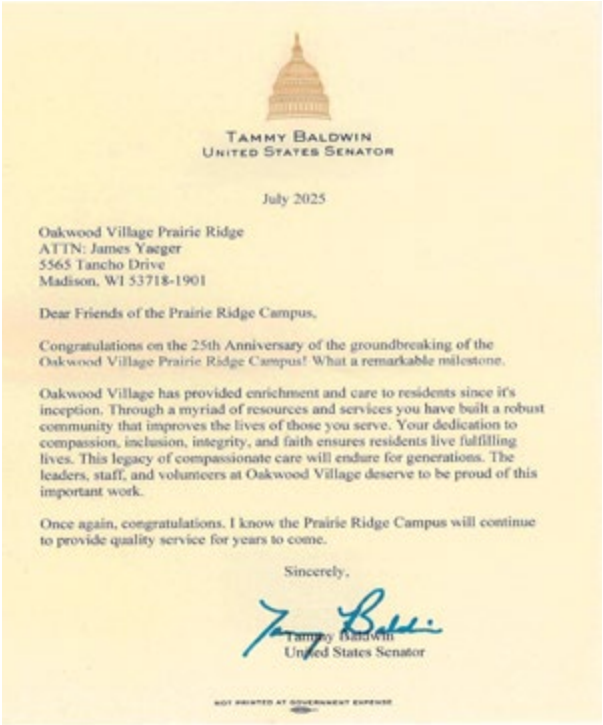
The campus opened in 2000 as Oakwood Village East, a strategic expansion chosen to better serve seniors in eastern Madison and Dane County and to anticipate the future growth of the area. Over the years, the campus saw steady development with the addition of independent living apartments, assisted living households, memory care, and skilled nursing, creating a comprehensive continuum of care. In 2011, the campus was rebranded as Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge, a change that highlighted its unique characteristics and the natural beauty of the surrounding landscape. The campus has continued to evolve, with recent additions — like The Grasslands apartments and The Rise assisted living, completed in 2019 — underscoring the organization's dedication to innovation and growth.

The anniversary festivities kicked off with the annual Summer Party, bringing together residents and staff to enjoy live music and a catered meal outdoors. The Life Enrichment team created a special "The Originals" display, honoring the original residents who still call Prairie Ridge home today. Photo collections were on display highlighting life at Prairie Ridge over the last 25 years.

Celebrations continued with Oakwood Spirit Day on July 21, where residents and staff proudly wore branded apparel; the fun-filled Baseball Gear Dress Up Day & Photo Display on July 23 showcased a collection of photos and memorabilia from the campus' 25-year history. Oakwood staff from both campuses came together that evening for a Madison Mallards game.

A powerful testament to the spirit of the community was the "What I Love About Oakwood" display, where residents and staff shared their appreciation by beautifully highlighting the sense of connection and belonging that defines Oakwood Village.

The celebrations culminated in the Rededication Ceremony & Reception on July 30. The ceremony was a special occasion to rededicate the campus and honor its legacy. Local officials and spiritual leaders were present to share their support. Congressman Mark Pocan and Dane County Executive Melissa Agard were on hand



TAMMY BALDWIN
UNITED STATES SENATOR

July 2025

Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge
ATTN: James Yaeger
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Dear Friends of the Prairie Ridge Campus,

Congratulations on the 25th Anniversary of the groundbreaking of the Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge Campus! What a remarkable milestone.

Oakwood Village has provided enrichment and care to residents since it's inception. Through a myriad of resources and services you have built a robust community that improves the lives of those you serve. Your dedication to compassion, inclusion, integrity, and faith ensures residents live fulfilling lives. This legacy of compassionate care will endure for generations. The leaders, staff, and volunteers at Oakwood Village deserve to be proud of this important work.

Once again, congratulations. I know the Prairie Ridge Campus will continue to provide quality service for years to come.

Sincerely,

Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator

Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge received a letter from Tammy Baldwin recognizing the 25th anniversary.

Oakwood staff served up beverages and food from seven food stations throughout the Community Center.

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> – JAN HAMILTON-CRAWFORD
> Oakwood President and CEO

to deliver remarks, while Deputy Mayor Katie Crawley introduced a video message from Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway. A video message was also shared from Bishop Joy Mortenson-Wiebe of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin ELCA.

Oakwood President and CEO Jan Hamilton-Crawford shares that Prairie Ridge is "not just buildings" but a "living, breathing community" built on laughter, friendships, and dedicated caregivers. The ceremony celebrated the vision and hard work of the community and the bright future ahead.

In recognition of the anniversary, Prairie Ridge received a certificate of commendation from Governor Tony Evers and a letter of congratulations from Senator Tammy Baldwin. Festivities concluded with the campus' participation in the annual Sun Prairie Corn Fest Parade on August 13.

The success of these events is a testament to the warmth and camaraderie of everyone who calls Oakwood Village home. Here's to many more years of shared moments and community spirit.

Be sure to check out the anniversary video that was shown at the Rededication! It combines interviews with original residents with a look back at the history of the campus. Scan the QR code to watch. ⟶

25 Years of Milestones

AT PRAIRIE RIDGE

2000

After years of planning, Oakwood Village East celebrates the grand opening of its first building, Pioneer Prairie, in August of 2000 — built to serve Oakwood's supporting congregations that weren't interested in moving to the West Side.

The site is located on an 18-acre parcel of farmland that accommodates the anticipated growth of Madison and Sun Prairie.

2001

In September of 2001, Oakwood Village East celebrates the opening of Settlers Ridge, the Community Center, Oakwood Seasons assisted living (40 suites), Oakwood Knoll memory care (20 suites), and the Tree of Life Chapel. Construction on a skilled nursing facility is put on hold due to the economic turmoil of 9/11.

2006

Oakwood Seasons is split in two, becoming a 20-suite assisted living program and an "advanced" assisted living program, Oakwood Meadows (20 suites), that serves seniors with higher care needs.

2008

The Oakwood Village East Health and Rehabilitation Center opens. The 42-bed skilled nursing facility completes the continuum of care on the campus.

2011

Oakwood renames its two campuses to better reflect their unique character and features. Oakwood Village West becomes University Woods, and Oakwood Village East is now Prairie Ridge. This change allows Oakwood to market each campus based on its individual personality, rather than just its location.

2017

Construction begins to redevelop the Prairie Ridge campus, adding 71 new apartment homes and 33 assisted living suites to the campus, as well as updating the Community Center.

The projects position the campus to better serve the next generation of Oakwood residents by adding a campus bistro, expanding and upgrading the Tree of Life Chapel, improving fitness opportunities, and adding a resident classroom.

2019 The Grasslands opens, offering a building of 71 apartment homes located in three five-story towers above a heated underground parking level. The majority of new residents join the community over the course of the summer.

2020 The Rise assisted living opens, offering 33 one-bedroom assisted living apartments at Oakwood for the first time.

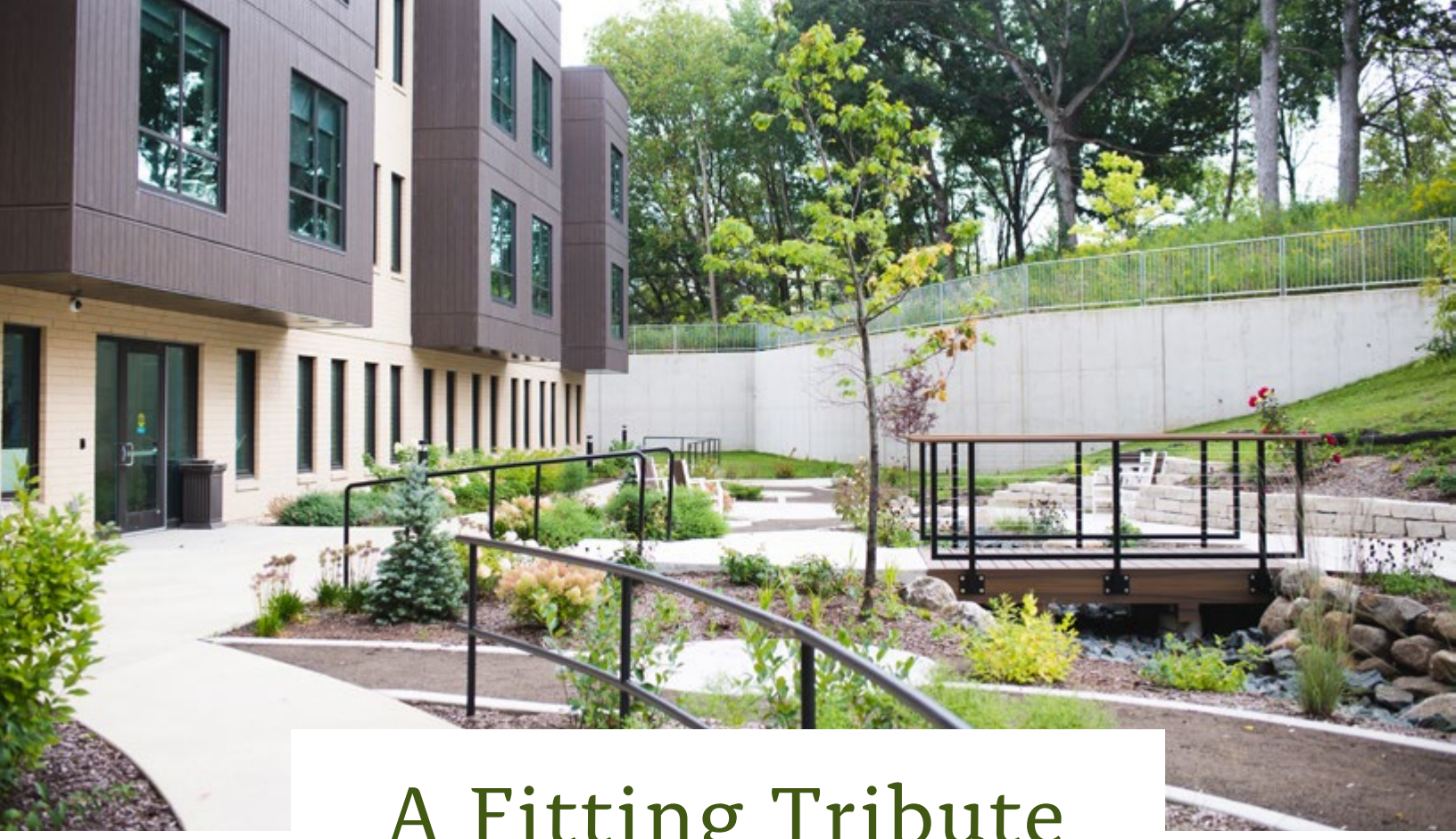
2021 Oakwood Pharmacy opens a Prairie Ridge location to better serve residents on campus.

2022 Garden spaces are upgraded! Prairie Ridge's new community garden is created to accommodate the growing number of gardeners on campus and ensure accessibility for all gardeners and garden admirers. Included are 110 raised beds and 30 in-ground plots for residents to use.

2023 Oakwood Village celebrates 75 years of service in the Madison area.

2024 A donation from the Foundation, along with a joint effort between residents of the Green Committee and Oakwood administration, brings solar panels to the roof of Settlers Ridge. The solar panels are the first to be installed on an Oakwood campus, a step forward in sustainability for Oakwood.

Some of the original residents of the Prairie Ridge campus who still call Oakwood home.



A Fitting Tribute to a Life of Giving

The Peggy Lindberg Agility Park

It's much more than just a pretty park.

The newly opened Peggy Lindberg Agility Park at the University Woods campus features peaceful walkways, flower gardens, and benches. It's also part of the legacy of a longtime resident who loved Oakwood Village, and serves as a unique space for those recovering from medical procedures.

"One challenge to rehabilitation after surgeries or other procedures is that it often takes place in a flat hallway," says Kristin Lefel, Oakwood's Director of Therapy and Fitness. "That sounds like a safe area to practice moving around, but patients don't have the chance to get used to real world situations like hills or gravel paths. When they get home, they may assume they are ready to go because they had been doing fine in the controlled environment of the rehabilitation space, but their brains and bodies aren't quite ready for everything in the new environment."

Enter the Peggy Lindberg Agility Park, which was dedicated on May 5. Instead of a smooth tile floor, it offers gravel, sand, concrete, and wooden deck surfaces, among others. On their strolls, patients can navigate steps and inclines, and their practice in these conditions pays off when they leave therapy.

This park, one of the first of its kind in Wisconsin, exists because of former resident Margaret "Peggy" Lindberg, whose charitable foundation is still making an impact after her passing by making donations that support causes like wildlife and education.

"[Peggy] very much believed in Oakwood, [and] thought it was the best thing she ever did moving in," reflects her niece, Vicki Butler, who serves on the foundation's board and spearheaded the approval of the project.

"The functionality and beauty of this park make it an enriching environment where residents can truly thrive," says Jan Hamilton-Crawford, President and CEO of Oakwood Village. "It's a fitting tribute to Peggy's life of generosity and caring."

One example of that care was Peggy's support for a young girl from Guatemala. Butler recalls Peggy doing so through an organization called Compassion International. Though the program ended when the girl turned 18, Peggy wanted to make sure she could go to college, too. At age 85, Peggy surprised her family by sharing that she would travel to Guatemala to arrange the tuition.

While at first physical issues required Peggy to undergo months of physical therapy, she stuck it out faithfully, making the trip all the way to Central America using a walker.

Peggy also spent years supporting her husband Don, who became a quadriplegic after an operation.

"He was an incredible man, and the two of them influenced a lot of people in their lives," shares Vicki.

But it wasn't easy, and Peggy carried out significant daily tasks to make it possible for Don to function.

The park's butterfly garden is also a reflection of Peggy. At Don's funeral, while a guitarist sang a song about

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Oakwood President and CEO

butterflies, a butterfly appeared and flew all around the gathering, Vicki remembers. Ever after, butterflies were significant to Peggy.

Relationships were very important to Peggy, Vicky notes, and Peggy built up a dedicated group of friends.. Many of them still live at Oakwood and will be able to benefit from the park created in her memory, Kristin says, noting that it is open to anyone, from those undergoing therapy to those who simply want to sit on a bench and enjoy the space.

Residents love the park, and those in therapy have been excited to get more confidence from using it, Kristin says.

A new mural is also in the works, and next year, the perennial flowers planted in the gardens should be flourishing. Like Peggy, the park will continue to give.

Pictured below (leftt) is Peggy Lindberg and (right) an Oakwood resident navigating the agility park.

5 Ways You Can Make a Difference

For the Oakwood Community

At Oakwood, generosity grows into something extraordinary. Every gift, large or small, helps create a vibrant community where residents live with dignity and staff thrive. Whether you give today or plan for tomorrow, your support strengthens Oakwood's mission for generations to come.

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If you are age 73 or older, you may be eligible to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly from your IRA. This simple, tax-smart way to give can reduce your taxable income while supporting the Oakwood community you care about.

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40 Years, One Lasting Legacy

Marking Four Decades of Live Music and Collaboration

For 40 years, the Oakwood Chamber Players have brought one of the greatest gifts to Oakwood Village: live music. Time and again, residents mention how much they look forward to the concerts, not just for the joy of listening, but also for the chance to learn and experience something new.

This spring, the ensemble completed its 40th season, a milestone that speaks to their lasting impact on Oakwood residents as well as the broader community.

"I think we're all kind of amazed," says Nancy Mackenzie, founding member, Artistic Director, and clarinetist, reflecting on the group's anniversary. "Historically, most chamber music groups don't last for 40 years. So the fact that we've reached this milestone is really something to be proud of."

Nancy is the only current member who has been with the ensemble since its first season in 1985. The group began as a collaboration between Oakwood

Back (L to R): Marie Pauls, Stacy Regehr, Nancy Mackenzie, Valree Casey
Front (L to R): Amanda Szczys, Maggie Darby Townsend

and a circle of Madison-area freelance musicians who saw an opportunity to bring professional-quality chamber music to residents on campus. Inspired by a newly acquired grand piano and enthusiastic support from Oakwood staff, they curated their first informal performances right in the University Woods Center for Arts and Entertainment.

The early days of the Oakwood Chamber Players were casual and ever-changing.

"The first couple years were pretty informal," describes Nancy. "Instrumentation sort of changed from concert to concert, personnel changed from concert to concert."

Chamber music, as Nancy explains, is all about being closely knit. It typically features small ensembles, anywhere from two to 13 players, and is usually performed without a conductor unless the piece is especially complicated.

"It was music that was played in a living room," says Nancy. "You don't go hear a string quartet in a 2,000-seat hall."

That smaller size brings greater room for creativity.

"As a small group, we make all of our own decisions," offers Nancy. "In an orchestra, you're more like an employee. In chamber music, it's collaborative. We choose the music; we shape the performance."

That spirit of collaboration and experimentation has led to various notable performances over the years, including a 1996 invitation to represent Wisconsin at the Kennedy Center's 25th anniversary celebration, and a recent two-year-long project that culminated in a "circus concert" featuring live chamber music and dancers.

Oakwood has remained the group's home base, a relationship that's grown even stronger in recent years. For decades, the Chamber Players regularly performed at University Woods. But in the past few years, Prairie Ridge residents have also had the pleasure of enjoying on-site concerts.

"The renovations to the performance space at Prairie Ridge made it easier for us to play there," says Nancy. "Now we do Friday nights at Prairie Ridge, Saturday at University Woods, and Sunday at the Arts + Literature Laboratory off East Washington."

The expanded schedule has helped the Chamber Players reach more people, both within Oakwood and across the greater Madison area.

Even before helping form the Oakwood Chamber Players, Nancy had a passion for sharing music with older adults.

Pictured is Nancy Mackenzie, posing with her clarinet.

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– NANCY MACKENZIE
Oakwood Chamber Orchestra
Artistic Director

"I used to play with the VFW Band and the Capitol City Band, and we'd visit senior centers and community events," she shares. "Playing for seniors has always been something I've enjoyed and I've done it in a variety of situations for years and years."

She's witnessed that connection in her own life, too.

"I actually had Mom and Dad move in [to Oakwood] about a year ago," Nancy says. "Prior to that, I didn't have a personal connection to Oakwood, but having activities for my dad this past year has been great."

Her kids also grew up around the group, attending concerts, turning pages for the pianist, and moving chairs and stands. Now, as adults, they've come full circle and returned as performers.

Looking ahead, the group hopes to expand their recent circus concert collaboration and potentially bring it to local schools or other community venues. But for now, Nancy and her fellow musicians are reflecting on the legacy they've built. One that's endured challenges, adapted to change, and stayed grounded in purpose.

"There have been hard times; COVID, for one," Nancy shares. "But we kept going. We filmed outdoor concerts. We used plastic shields. We figured it out. Perseverance is part of our story."

It hasn't always been easy, she admitted. Over the years, members have retired, moved away, or stepped back to make room for other commitments. But for Nancy, it's been worth sticking with.

"I don't think I ever imagined 40 years [of concerts]," Nancy says with a laugh. "But I would tell my younger self to keep doing this. It's great. Make the commitment, and you'll love it."

As she looks toward the future, she's proud to see newer members stepping up and shaping what comes next.

"I think it's a remarkable legacy. I'd like to say we'll be here for another 40 years. We've had so much support from the Oakwood Foundation, Oakwood Village, and the residents. It's been really special to build that relationship and to feel known here."

LET'S STAY IN TOUCH!

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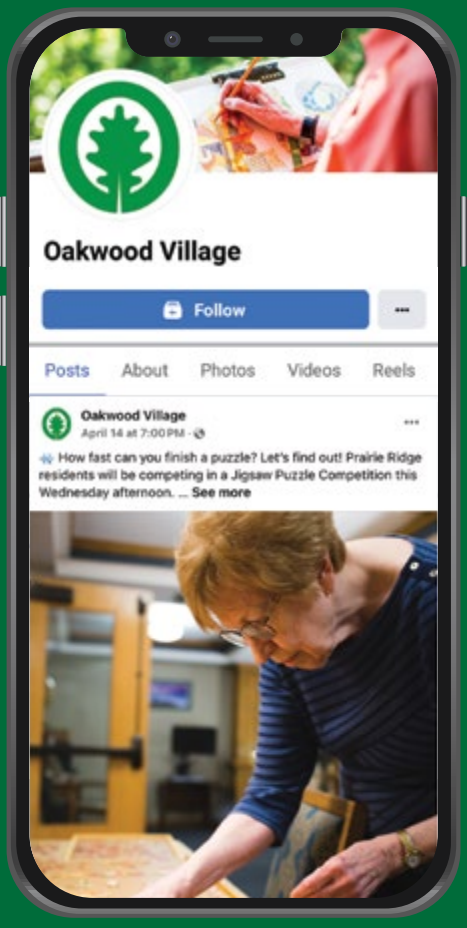

Oakwood Out and About

Have you seen Oakwood out about in the Madison community this year? Members of the Oakwood team have represented Oakwood at the Magic Pride Festival, Sun Prairie Sweet Corn Festival Parade, and Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce events!

YOUR HEALTH, OUR PRIORITY

The Oakwood Pharmacy

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AGRACE + SSM AT OAKWOOD

Oakwood Village Announces Preferred Partnerships with Agrace and SSM Health

Oakwood Village has taken an important step to enhance resident care by establishing preferred partnerships with Agrace Hospice and SSM Health Home Health, effective April 1, 2025. Both organizations were selected for their outstanding reputations, commitment to quality, and alignment with Oakwood's mission of being called to serve.

"As healthcare needs evolve over time, we want to ensure seamless access to high-quality hospice and home-care services if and when they become necessary," explains Jan Hamilton-Crawford, Oakwood President & CEO. "These organizations share our dedication to compassionate and expert care for our residents." For residents and families, these partnerships provide trusted and reliable pathways to essential services — hospice, palliative care, and home health — while preserving the freedom to choose providers that best meet individual needs.

Agrace and SSM Health bring decades of trusted service and mission-driven excellence, enhancing Oakwood's proactive commitment to whole-person care.

Agrace is Wisconsin's largest non-profit hospice provider, founded in 1978 by a group of volunteers as HospiceCare Inc. Over the decades, it expanded services to include palliative care, grief support, and supportive care programs. With its Fitchburg hospice center and additional locations across southern Wisconsin, Agrace serves thousands of patients and families each year, known for combining expert medical care with compassionate support.

SSM Health, a faith-based, not-for-profit health system, also brings deep local roots and strong expertise. St. Mary's Hospital and its home health division, SSM Health at Home, have long provided skilled nursing, rehabilitation, and supportive care in the comfort of home. SSM Health is nationally recognized for quality and innovation, making it a trusted partner in extending Oakwood's continuum of care.

"These partnerships represent a win for Oakwood residents", says Jan. "By collaborating with two of the region's most respected providers, Oakwood strengthens its ability to coordinate care, support independence, and deliver peace of mind to residents and their families, enhancing Oakwood's proactive commitment to care. This will ensure that Oakwood residents continue to thrive with the support, peace of mind, and quality care they deserve."

BOARD PROFILE

Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe

Bishop Sees Oakwood's Board as a Natural Fit

When she takes a break from leading 133 Lutheran congregations, Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe might be found skating after a hockey puck or blanching tomatoes for canning. She's also a board member for Oakwood Village, serving on the Governance Committee.

Joy has been in ministry for more than 30 years, serving at various times as a pastor, licensed counselor, and as a chaplain at a Lutheran continuing care retirement community in Oshkosh. She is currently the bishop of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Her experience as a chaplain early on influenced her decision to serve on Oakwood's Board of Directors.

"I really believe in the values and the ministry of Oakwood," she says.

The connections she made as a chaplain in Oshkosh were formative, Joy reflects. As a young pastor, she was moved by the depth of conversation and faith exchange happening in those settings, she explains, and the way the residents taught her about community life and values.

"I've always carried that with me," she says.

Joy recounts first feeling a call to the ministry in seventh grade. She asked her pastor's wife whether women could become pastors. She responded that yes, the Lutheran church had just begun ordaining women, but "I wouldn't recommend it."

"[The pastor's wife's] answer is probably what sealed the deal, because I always like a good challenge," Mortensen-Wiebe says.

She values the way counseling and pastoral work have both taken her on journeys of finding mutual understanding with people, building each other up instead of tearing down.

Joy and her husband will celebrate their 35th anniversary this year. They have two adult daughters, one in Texas and one in the Madison area, and one grandson. The family's dog, Coconut, came from Underdog Pet Rescue in Madison.

Joy picked up her ice hockey hobby after being diagnosed with breast cancer in her 30s. She told herself if she was going to die, there were two things she wanted to do more of: ice skating and home canning. She had little hockey experience.

"I was dreadful," Joy recalls. But it became a physical outlet, a way to connect with new friends, and a hobby where she could constantly hone her skills.

"Ice hockey gives me teammates and friendships that are outside of my professional work, where I can just be Joy," she says. It's also a change of pace. The impact of ministry is difficult to measure, "whereas you can see that you're getting better or worse at hockey."

She grows tomatoes and peppers for canning but is less a fan of gardening than of the end result. "I love the little slurp of the jar when it seals."

The ordained life is full of prayer and discernment and continuing to figure out where God is calling her, Joy reflects, and that path has led her to Oakwood Village.

A number of the pastors in her synod visit congregants at Oakwood, so she is glad for the chance to find out more about the community. While on the board, the bishop has also prized the chance to connect with more people in the Madison area.

"I've met some amazing new colleagues... and I've enjoyed hearing the passion of the residents who serve on the board and their unique perspectives."

The bishop points to discerning Oakwood's vision as a way to make a difference. She helps weigh the needs of both current and future residents, determining how the community can adjust to a changing world, and the people it should serve.

"Having some say in the ministry of the campuses is really exciting," Joy says.

"I've met some amazing new colleagues, and I've enjoyed hearing the passion and unique perspectives of residents on the board."

– JOY MORTENSEN-WEIBE
Oakwood Board Member

WELCOMING AIMEE GRANGER

Oakwood's New Chief Development Officer

If you've been on either Oakwood campus recently, you may have already crossed paths with Aimee Granger, who joined the Oakwood leadership team this fall. Aimee brings nearly 25 years of experience in fund development, along with a deep passion for mission-driven work that aligns beautifully with the values of the Oakwood Foundation.

Before coming to Oakwood, Aimee spent nearly 12 years as the Managing Director of Legacy Giving at PBS Wisconsin and Wisconsin Public Radio. In that role, she strengthened philanthropic relationships, supported long-term stewardship, and helped advance the organizations' shared commitment to public service. Her professional credentials include a Certificate in Fundraising Management (CFRM) from Indiana University and status as a Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE) — a combination that reflects both her expertise and her dedication to ethical, thoughtful fundraising.

Aimee's approach to her work is rooted in honoring donor intent, fostering trust, and communicating with sincerity. These priorities are central to her philosophy and resonate strongly with Oakwood's mission, as well as with the culture of gratitude and purpose that guides the Oakwood Foundation. "I am grateful for the warm welcome I've already received, and I look forward to learning from residents and colleagues as I get settled into the Oakwood community," says Aimee.

A Wisconsin native, Aimee's career has taken her to San Diego and Chicago, but she returned to Madison 15 years ago and is proud to call it home. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her husband, David, and their daughters, Sefia and Aila. The family loves to travel — both close to home and around the world — with Portugal, Turkey, Mexico, and Switzerland topping their list of favorite destinations. They are also frequent explorers of Wisconsin's state and county parks. At home, life is made lively by their two Australian Shepherds, Stella and Birdie.

Aimee and David are enthusiastic supporters of their daughters' academic, athletic, and musical interests.

Aimee steps into her role during a time of meaningful growth for the Oakwood Foundation, as donor generosity continues to strengthen programs and opportunities for residents across both campuses. She will work closely with her team David Mossner, Executive Director, and Lynette Giarratana, Foundation Assistant, to ensure continuity for donors and continued momentum on key initiatives.

Reflecting on the importance of this moment, Jan Hamilton-Crawford, Oakwood's President & Chief Executive Officer, shares, "We are thrilled to welcome Aimee to Oakwood. Her commitment to thoughtful, mission-driven philanthropy will help sustain the programs and opportunities that enrich residents' lives and extend Oakwood's impact throughout the Madison community."

"Aimee's commitment to thoughtful, mission-driven philanthropy will help sustain the programs and opportunities that enrich residents' lives."

– JAN HAMILTON-CRAWFORD
Oakwood President and CEO

The Potter's New Home

Peggy Ahlgren's Life of Creativity and Community

Peggy Ahlgren, a vibrant resident of the Oakwood senior living community, has lived a life as dynamic and purposeful as the pottery she spent decades crafting. From a childhood in Madison to a long and successful career as a potter, her journey is a testament to embracing change and finding joy in the work you love.

A Winding Path to a Potter's Wheel

A Madison native, Peggy grew up in the Nakoma neighborhood. Her father was a professor of Agronomy at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and became Director of Cooperative Extension from 1969-1974.

"My dad is special to me," Peggy shares with a smile. Her mother was an artistic housewife who sewed clothes, did watercolors, and refinished furniture. Peggy had a brother, David, who was a pilot for Northwest. After graduating from Madison West High School, Peggy went to UW-Madison.

"My first year of college, I thought I was going to be a geneticist," she recalls. "And then I took genetics, and I didn't understand what I didn't understand, so I knew that wouldn't work." Inspired by a few of her friends, Peggy decided to become an occupational therapist. After college, she moved to Indianapolis, where she worked as an OT at a children's hospital, and took night pottery courses. The emotional toll of the work at the hospital was immense, and after a year, she said, "I can't do this anymore."

"I probably made 10,000 pieces a year and used about three tons of clay."

– PEGGY AHLGREN
Oakwood Resident

Ready to move on from that job, Peggy moved to Boulder, Colorado and worked part-time at the Denver Children's Hospital, and took more pottery courses at night. On her first night of the pottery class, the instructor offered Peggy a job working in her studio, and she accepted. In addition to the jobs at the studio and the hospital, Peggy had a private practice as an OT, and a part time job working at a school with disabled children.

"I really learned a lot about pottery and how to make a kiln, how to formulate your clay body, how to run the business and how to market my work," Peggy says. "It was great experience."

Wilson Creek Pottery: A 40-Year Masterpiece

A few years later, Peggy returned to Wisconsin. She'd enlisted the help of her parents to find the perfect location for her studio, which they found in nearby Spring Green: an abandoned cheese factory. With a 2,000-square-foot workshop, a four-bedroom house, and a three-car garage on an acre of land, "It was perfect."

With the help of her new community, she transformed the factory into her space. "In a small town, everyone helps each other," which, for Peggy, included the aid of a carpenter, an electrician, and a plumber, amongst others.

Once she moved in, the question of what to name her business was an important one. The cheese factory had been called the Wilson Creek Cheese Factory since 1935.

"Why would I call it anything else?" Peggy says.

So she named her business Wilson Creek Pottery.

"I was a functional potter," Peggy shares of her style. She created works to be used in daily life. A priority of hers was keeping her pieces affordable for customers.

"I wanted to make something that if you broke it, it was okay."

Her approach proved a successful one.

"I probably made 10,000 pieces a year and used about three tons of clay," she shares.

Her pottery became well-known, and she sold her work at numerous art fairs and from her shop. She also kept meticulous notes on her work, tracking the hours she worked, what she made, and the amount of clay she used.

After working hard throughout the year, Peggy would travel for the months of January and February, when business would have been slow. "That was the carrot," she recalls with a smile. She traveled to the Bahamas, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, South America and other countries in between.

A Change of Course

"I thought I was going to be a potter forever," says Peggy. But fate had other plans. After a hectic day, Peggy was up on her six-foot ladder to trim a branch on her Chinese elm tree. Something went wrong, the ladder went over and Peggy fell to the ground.

After hospitalization and serious injuries, Peggy decided she shouldn't be living alone in the country anymore. A friend suggested a place she might like to live in Middleton, where she could see the sunset. After finding buyers for her shop, she made the move.

Leaving her life as a potter behind her, she lined up what she wanted to do that she hadn't been able to for 40 years. This included doing work in the arboretum, at Pope Farm, joining the Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy, and volunteering at the Wisconsin Historical Society and Alzheimer's Alliance.

Peggy decided to move to Oakwood when an apartment overlooking the Nature Preserve came available. She chose Oakwood because she wanted to be in a place where she would be taken care of and didn't have to rely on anyone else. Though she was a new resident, she was already very familiar with Oakwood.

"I've always known about Oakwood," she says. Her father was on one of the original committees that helped to establish Oakwood, and she had loved ones who'd lived at Oakwood.

At Oakwood, Peggy has continued to stay busy. She's currently in the midst of knitting 100 mittens and 50 scarves for children through Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). She also spends hours volunteering and pulling invasive weeds in the Nature Preserve. While she has had to acknowledge that she can't get all of the weeds out there, she finds purpose in contributing to the community.

Now having been at Oakwood a little over a year, she is feeling settled in her new home and found what she calls “family groups” of people amongst her new neighbors.

Peggy’s story is a reminder that a well-lived life is one of constant creation, reinvention, and finding purpose in every stage.

“In a small town, everybody helps each other.”

– PEGGY AHLGREN
Oakwood Resident

Opposite Page: Peggy Ahlgren enjoys a peaceful stroll through one of Oakwood Villages many trails.

Below: A hand-crafted ceramic planter made by Peggy.

STAFF PROFILE

Wayne Shannon

Prairie Ridge's Chaplain

For more than a decade, Wayne Shannon has been a steady and reassuring presence at Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge. As chaplain, he brings warmth, compassion, and a gift for connection to residents and staff alike. His deep commitment to the community is rooted in a lifetime of service and a genuine love for people's stories.

Wayne grew up in Louisville, Kentucky, surrounded by a closely knit family and an active church community that played a formative role in his early life. Those childhood experiences nurtured a strong sense of faith and community engagement that would shape his path.

Although he initially planned to pursue a career in medicine, beginning as a pre-pharmacy major, he soon realized the sciences were not the right fit. After college, he shifted his focus to seminary, setting him on the path to ministry.

His academic journey began with a Bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky, followed by a Master of Divinity from Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis. Wayne was ordained in 1991 and later earned board certification as a chaplain.

While doing his residency in CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) at a hospital in Louisville, one of the other residents asked Wayne what his dream job would be. He answered, "To be a chaplain at a senior living community."

Early in his ministry, he served as pastor for 12 years in Rising Sun, Indiana, then for six years at McFarland United Church of Christ in Wisconsin. He also worked as an interim pastor in Louisville before joining Oakwood in November 2014.

Over the past 11 years, Wayne has embraced the unique rewards of chaplaincy in a senior living setting. He values the opportunity to connect with residents, hear about their life journeys, and work as part of a close, collaborative team.

"I stay at Oakwood because I enjoy being the chaplain amongst the people of Prairie Ridge. It's been a blessing to my life to serve here as chaplain," shares Wayne.

No two days in his role are alike. Wayne's responsibilities range from leading Bible studies and hosting weekly hymn sings to preparing bulletins for residents who cannot attend Sunday services.

"The residents and my coworkers in this community are faithful, dedicated, friendly, open, and full of laughter and stories," he says.

He regularly makes rounds to visit with residents, offers spiritual support as needed, and responds to

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– WAYNE SHANNON
Chaplain of Prairie Ridge

referrals. His approach to chaplaincy was shaped in part by his residency in Clinical Pastoral Education at a hospital, which deepened his self-awareness and refined his pastoral skills.

Beyond his professional life, Wayne enjoys a variety of hobbies that reflect his love for both thought and play. He is an avid reader of murder mysteries, a fan of British dramas and classic horror films, and a devoted board game enthusiast who also enjoys bridge and euchre. These interests, combined with his approachable nature, give him plenty of ways to connect with others both inside and outside of work.

Looking back on his years at Prairie Ridge, Wayne sees the people as the heart of his experience. The friendships, shared memories, and meaningful moments he has experienced here have left a lasting imprint. His time at Oakwood has been filled with countless stories, many of which continue to inspire his work and affirm his calling.

Wayne recalls how a former resident used to say, 'I love living at Oakwood!' "Well," Wayne would reply. "I love working at Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge!"

For Wayne Shannon, being a chaplain is more than a role — it is an extension of his lifelong dedication to faith, compassion, and community. His presence at Prairie Ridge is a daily reminder that connection, kindness, and listening with an open heart can make a lasting difference.

Madison College Program Elevates Team Skills

This year, four Oakwood employees — Freddy Castaneda and Peter Thurlow from Facility Services, along with Agustin Calderon and Steve Miess from Renovations — completed a comprehensive training program at Madison College. The program, which spanned the spring, summer, and fall of 2024 and concluded in the spring of 2025, was designed to elevate the technical skills of our staff.

The curriculum covered a wide range of essential topics, including electrical systems, OSHA safety regulations, forced air heating, building envelope, and plumbing. The classes provided a blend of theoretical knowledge and hands-on experience, allowing participants to not only understand the principles behind their work but also to apply them in practical, real-world projects.

The program's primary goal was to enhance the skills of technicians, with the ultimate aim of reducing our reliance on external contractors for specific tasks and thereby cutting costs.

"The Facility Services and Renovations Teams are absolutely essential to our organization's operations," explains Mary Barros, Oakwood's Vice President of Capital Projects and Facilities Management. "This program was a fantastic opportunity for Oakwood to invest in and elevate members of these vital teams. Oakwood Village is a community where everyone, including our employees, can thrive, and this training is a testament to that commitment."

This valuable training was made possible through a Fast Forward Grant from the Department of Workforce Development as well as funding from the Oakwood Foundation. Oakwood believes in the importance of continuing education and sees this investment in our employees' growth as an investment in our entire community and our future.

Pictured on the following page are Agustin Calderon (bottom left), Steve Meiss (top right), Peter Thurlow (middle right), and Freddy Castenada (bottom right).

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– MARY BARROS
Oakwood Vice President of Capital Projects and Facilities Management

BRAW Recognition

This spring, the Prairie Ridge Handy Residents club was given a certificate of appreciation for building 50 bluebird houses for the Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin (BRAW).

The Handy Residents built 50 boxes in fall 2024 and another 50 in the spring 2025. Residents Ray Unrein and Ed Grys set up an assembly line, keeping the process efficient and fun for all. The boxes they built were primarily sent to the Driftless Area, where BRAW has been successful with helping the landowners set up trails for the first time. Hundreds of bluebirds were recently fledged from them!

Make Music Madison 2025

This past summer, Prairie Ridge participated in Make Music Madison Day for the fifth consecutive year. This global music celebration takes place in 1,000 cities worldwide. Madison, which has been a part of the event since 2013, now hosts one of the largest celebrations in the country. Prairie Ridge was one of 100 locations in the city to host musicians, featuring five performers throughout the day.

An Award-Winning Year

Best of Madison

We are proud to have won gold for Best Assisted Living and Best Retirement Community as voted by the Madison community in Madison Magazine's annual Best of Madison awards!

Best Assisted Living Facility

Best Retirement Community

Association of General Contractors Wisconsin Award

Hebron Oaks Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center was selected as a recipient of an Associated AGC Building Wisconsin Award! This recognition highlights the exceptional work that went into making the project a success. The award acknowledges projects that exemplify:

- Exceptional project safety performance
- Successfully overcoming challenges
- Unique craftsmanship
- Dedication to client service and community impact

Associated AGC Building Award - 2024

madison.com People's Choice Awards

We're thrilled to say that we were recognized in three categories for the Madison.com People's Choice Awards as voted by the readers of the Cap Times. We were recognized in the following categories:

- Winner: Assisted Living/Senior Care
- Winner: Retirement Community
- Favorite: Rehab Facility

To learn more about these award-winning programs and how they can support your loved one, call 608.230.4580.

A PATH TO LONG-TERM SUCCESS

Exploring Health Care Administration with Oakwood's Heston Amble

The path to Heston Amble's career was influenced by family and friends while he grew up near Spring Green, Wisconsin. His dad, Randy, owned a small business that sparked his interest, and his mom, Karla, was a nurse in their rural community. Heston didn't see himself as a hands-on caregiver, but wondered about combining a future in business while giving back to the community.

"Before I even thought of healthcare administration, our Future Farmers of America Chapter was raising money to put together gifts for veterans and older adults," Heston explains. "I helped with 72 holiday boxes delivered personally during the holidays and frequently helped with Veterans of Foreign Wars steak dinners that supported seniors. It's always been important to me."

When a friend who was a few years older suggested health care administration as a potential career path, business and giving back came together.

While looking for a school, he learned that the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire had the program he wanted.

Lindsey Creapeau, Ed.D., is the Director of the Center for Health Care Administration and Aging Services Excellence at the university.

"The UW-EC Health Care Administration program is the largest in the country. As part of their major, students are required to complete a 50-week administrative residency (internship) at a skilled nursing facility. Classroom learning is a vital component of students' preparation, but having the year-long hands-on experience allows them to put their knowledge into practice."

Heston toured several facilities, including both Oakwood Village campuses, and had Prairie Ridge and University Woods at the top of his list of places to spend his residency.

Oakwood Village first hosted administrative interns from UW-Eau Claire in 2009. This year's intern, Gabey Lenzendorf, started an internship in June that ends next May, which will mark the ninth time Oakwood has provided a residency.

Heston split time between the two Oakwood campuses during his internship in 2024-25. In the

fall, he worked through various departments to learn more about the variety of jobs involved; like those performed by direct care staff, department managers, and the role of the administrator in each capacity.

In the second half of his residency, he essentially served as an assistant administrator, completing various tasks while stepping into a leadership role on projects. All of that in addition to being a full-time student. Heston's success in wearing so many hats led to him being hired this past June as the Assistant Administrator on the Prairie Ridge campus.

Ron Schaetzl is the Executive Director of the Prairie Ridge campus and an alumnus of the UW-Eau Claire Healthcare Administrator Program; he also spent a year as an administrator-in-training in Rhinelander.

Ron says real-world experience makes a difference in preparing to become a Nursing Home Administrator.

"You start with what you want to accomplish today, and the day goes differently because something happens and then you react and must respond to the situation," explains Ron. "You don't have that happen in a classroom, it happens in real life."

Since 2009, Oakwood donors have made it possible to support a 50-week residency for a senior student from UW-Eau Claire who is majoring in Nursing Home Administration. In addition, donor gifts provide summer internships for nursing students from Edgewood College.

Heston Amble was the recipient of the 2024 UW-Eau Claire's College of Business Emerging Leader Award. He earned top honors out of the hundreds of students graduating with a degree from the Business College. He now serves as Oakwood's Assistant Administrator.

"Before I even thought of healthcare administration, I was raising money to put together gifts for veterans and older adults... It's always been important to me."

– HESTON AMBLE

Oakwood Assistant Administrator

Meet Oakwood's Culture and Engagement Specialist

New Staff Member Ann Lee Shares Her Experience at Oakwood

Six months into the new-to-me and new-to-Oakwood position of Culture and Engagement Specialist, some reflection is appropriate. Personally, my past work and life history have prepared me quite well for serving in this inaugural role. From running a small business, to coordinating employee giving and volunteerism at a large company, to nearly twenty years serving in the Senior Living industry, to other varied life experiences, being at Oakwood is a great fit.

Professionally, I have been warmly welcomed by colleagues and residents alike, with a common theme of "Welcome!" and "I'm glad you're here." If I'm being honest, there seemed to be an initial belief that I would sweep in and "fix" all things culture. News flash: You are Oakwood's culture. I am Oakwood's culture. She is Oakwood's culture. They are Oakwood's culture. He is Oakwood's culture.

Culture is the shared values, beliefs, attitudes, behaviors and practices that structure the experience of working and living at Oakwood. It is how we do things. It is how we act and react. It is about how leadership and organizational performance flow. It is about how staff are heard and recognized. It is about follow-through. It is about our mission.

Oakwood's mission is "We are called to serve a thriving community where seniors live with dignity, connection and purpose." We serve by acting with our five core values in the forefront: Compassion, Dedication, Faith, Inclusion, Integrity.

Core values are more than words on a wall—they come to life through the behaviors we practice every day. But how do we make sure these values are visible in our actions?

It starts with intentionality. Each value can be expressed through specific, observable behaviors. Building these behaviors into our daily routines requires both personal accountability and collective effort. Leaders can model these behaviors, but culture grows when every team member embraces them.

Small actions—like recognizing a colleague for living out a value or pausing to reflect on how your choices align with our mission—create ripple effects that strengthen our community.

I started by listening and will continue to listen. I've met with staff and residents alike to get a sense of the current state of the culture. I found that in general, staff yearn for communication, accountability, and a chance to feel more connected to the mission. I found that residents are glad they made the move to Oakwood and appreciate the lifestyle they can live here.

Participating in a variety of committees, helping with recognition events, working to enhance OakNet (Oakwood's intranet for employees), finding ways to infuse fun and recognition, and inviting facilitated culture discovery sessions are examples of what has filled my first six months.

My gratitude is deep for the opportunity to serve in this position — provided initially by the Oakwood Foundation. I am grateful for the Foundation Board's recognition of the importance of this work. I am grateful for the trust instilled in me to thrive in this role.

Building culture takes time and patience and is found in the small, everyday behaviors and meaningful moments we create for and with each other. As we move forward, let's challenge ourselves to not only know our values but to live them through consistent behaviors. This is how culture becomes tangible, and how Oakwood continues to thrive as a place where seniors live with dignity, connection, and purpose.

Ann Lee, joined Oakwood in February of 2025; her position was funded by generous donors to the Oakwood Foundation.

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– ANN LEE
Oakwood Culture and Engagement Specialist

The Oakwood Arts Festival

Your gifts to Oakwood Foundation's Life Enrichment Fund for the University Woods campus sponsor a variety of programs annually and provide funds that keep the areas on campus where art happens up-to-date.

This year marked the second time that the Oakwood Arts Festival brought people together through art and raised awareness of how art can support our mental health. Oakwood's Art Therapist Jennifer Bethel put the five-day celebration together.

"The Arts Festival week is designed to engage residents at Oakwood in all types of art," explains Bethel. "The presentations, classes, and experiences allow residents to find something they are interested in, while having chances to explore opportunities they might never experience."

Bethel received lots of help from staff and volunteers. Jim Angevine, who moved to Oakwood in 2006, is an artist who created an original drawing each month for the resident campus newsletter from 2008 to 2015. Angevine became involved with various shows and projects put together by the Life Enrichment team on the University Woods campus. He also used connections at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum and the art studio at the Veterans Administration Hospital to bring unique programs to campus, including a program about the artistic aspects of fly fishing, as well as a six-man guitar group called Vets on Frets.

Across the weeklong celebration, 23 different sessions filled the schedule, giving residents like Barbara Clapp new experiences.

"The palpable camaraderie of smiling engaged residents unified the University Woods campus for a week in April with a very special vibe and sense

Pictured on the opposite page are Oakwood staff with their caricatures (left) and Bob Mullarky performing for residents (right).

of purpose: to acknowledge the importance of art in our lives," remarks Barbara. "A cross-section of creative disciplines enticed us to meet new friends with similar interests and to explore a wealth of experiences in music performance and art form."

Festival week and others throughout the year, Bethel says, are important.

"These experiences are designed to challenge our senses, get us engaged, and ultimately, help people find their strengths through the arts. Throughout the week we are exposed to artists telling their story through the arts, reminding us that we can too."

Your generous gifts to the Oakwood Foundation make a difference wherever you choose to direct them . If you want to support the arts and other enriching opportunities, you are welcome to support the Prairie Ridge or University Woods Life Enrichment funds.

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– BARBARA CLAPP
Oakwood Resident

Midvale Community Lutheran Church

A Welcoming Place for Community, Care, and Belonging

Midvale Community Lutheran Church is not your average church. Rather, it is a congregation deeply rooted in community, service, and social justice — values that it lives out through ministries, outreach, and everyday connections.

"We're a place where everyone is welcome," said Co-Pastor Blake Rohrer. "We're a church that really wants to welcome people as they are and help them feel like they belong here, like they're connected to a community, that they matter to God, and that they're loved."

Founded in 1953, Midvale began on a gravel road surrounded by sheep and goats. Over the years, the neighborhood, and the church, have expanded immensely. The sanctuary's 2010 renovation created a bright, contemporary space that still draws compliments from visitors. Now, a remodeling project is transforming the education wing into an accessible, energy-efficient hub for children, youth, and community groups.

Serving Older Adults

Midvale offers programs to keep older members engaged socially, intellectually, and spiritually.

"We have a Seniors with Spirit group that meets monthly, usually through the school year for a meeting meal, and then they have a program of some kind," Rohrer said. "It's a huge range of events, just to get an opportunity for people to have some social time and a meal time... it's not necessarily focused on faith, but it's a connection for the community."

Each summer, the church hosts Adult Bible School, inspired by children's Vacation Bible School.

"It's primarily seniors who come," Rohrer said. "And this year, our theme is 'Peace in our hearts, Peace in the world.' We have about 12 programs that connect with various themes relating to that, and it runs a huge gamut."

For those unable to attend services in person, Midvale offers home communion visits and live-streamed worship.

"A lot of people who aren't able to get out or who maybe feel concerned during certain times of year

"We take the word 'community' seriously. We say it's our middle name."

– PASTOR BLAKE ROHRER
Midvale Community Lutheran Church

with not wanting to get the flu or COVID watch online. And so that's another way that we found a lot of our older members are connecting to the church."

The church also regularly visits Oakwood Village residents.

"We use one of the rooms and meet with our parishioners who are there and have just a check in and give them the freedom to ask whatever they want about what's going on at church, and usually we'll either have a devotion or maybe communion."

Partnership with Oakwood

Midvale participates in Oakwood's Care Team Ministries program, pairing volunteers with individuals in need of respite care or support.

"We're always looking for opportunities to serve and be of use to the community."

– PASTOR BLAKE ROHRER
Midvale Community Lutheran Church

"That's been a really important and beneficial program for our congregation, both for the people who are benefiting from that connection, as well as the people who serve in it, who feel like they're able to provide a meaningful way to connect and provide service to others."

The partnership also includes outdoor worship hikes, such as one at Oakwood's University Woods Nature Preserve.

"People were impressed with how large it was. I don't think they knew that there was that space right in the middle of the West Side of Madison and all the development. I think the work that's been put into [the Nature Preserve] to restore the native plants was really impressive for people as well."

A Neighborhood Church with Open Doors for All

"We're really centered in our neighborhood and community," Rohrer said. "A lot of our members come from within a couple mile radius, and we've always been grounded in this part of Madison. We have a lot of people who walk or bike to church."

To Pastor Blake, community is more than just a word in the church's name.

"Midvale Community Lutheran Church has always had that name and we take that 'community' word seriously. We say it's our middle name."

"We're always looking for opportunities to serve and be of use to the community," Rohrer said. "It's never dull here and you always feel like you're making a difference."

AT A GLANCE

Midvale Community Lutheran Church

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Blake Rohrer, Pastor
Approximately 1,100 Members

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In-person in the sanctuary

Saturdays: 5pm
Sundays: 8am and 10am

Facebook Live

Sundays: 8am

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

Prairie Ridge & University Woods

Oakwood's Outstanding Service Award is awarded annually on each campus to recognize an individual or group who provide outstanding volunteer service, support the Oakwood community, and embody Oakwood's values.

Recipients of the Outstanding Service Award are recognized at annual volunteer recognition events, and their name is placed on their campus donor wall. The Prairie Ridge campus donor wall is located just outside the Chapel; at University Woods the donor wall is close to the Vitality Fitness Center in Heritage Oaks.

Oakwood has recognized Outstanding Service Award winners since the late 1970s in what was originally an organization-wide award. As Oakwood grew to two campuses, the award changed to honor an individual or group for their valuable volunteer service and contributions of time, talent, and energy that improve each community. The first Outstanding Service Award was awarded to George and Erna Vogel in 1979.

Outstanding Service Award Winners for the past 10 years (no winners in 2021 due to COVID) were awarded to:

2025 Elizabeth A. Seymour – *Prairie Ridge*
Charlie Bunge – *University Woods*

2024 Ginnie Siclovan – *Prairie Ridge*
Jane Henneberry – *University Woods*

2023 Ann Smith – *Prairie Ridge*
Mary Lou Leslie, Carol Ross, Kitty Youngquist – *University Woods*

2022 Donna Anderson – *Both Prairie Ridge and University Woods*

2021 No selections due to COVID-19

2020 Janet Coe – *Prairie Ridge*
Glenda Sweet – *University Woods*

2019 Ginny Baker – *Prairie Ridge*
Barb Gessner – *University Woods*

2018 Carol Murphy – *Prairie Ridge*
Glenn & Eleanor Sather – *University Woods*

2017 Helen Marsh – *Prairie Ridge*
Florence Cole – *University Woods*

2016 Lois Caraway

PRAIRIE RIDGE

Liz Seymour

Liz has volunteered for more than 25 years and recorded more than 3,762 volunteer hours, starting in 2000 when she served on both the Prairie Ridge and University Woods campus prior to moving to Prairie Ridge herself. Liz's current volunteer service includes ushering and helping with two annual resident sales: Trash & Treasure and the Craft Fair.

Prairie Ridge volunteer coordinator Emily Lueloff says Liz is more than worthy of the recognition.

"The Outstanding Service Award recognizes Liz Seymour's dedication, integrity, faith, compassion, and inclusion," explains Emily. "Her career in physical therapy is evident in her volunteer service and her ability to adapt to whatever is needed. Best of all, Liz is always looking to make sure what she is doing is fun!"

UNIVERSITY WOODS

Charlie Bunge

Charlie became an Oakwood Village University Woods volunteer in 2017 soon after he and his wife moved into Independent Living at University Woods.

Charlie is an active advocate for he and his fellow Oakwood residents while serving in many capacities for the University Woods Independent Living Resident Association.

If that wasn't enough, Charlie became involved with the Independent Living Village Store grocery service in 2017. He helped as a cashier until 2019, then switched gears in 2021 by handling the ordering supplies, taking care of deliveries and stocking the store.

Charlie became a member of the Oakwood Foundation board in 2024 and continues that service at this time.

Fellow University Woods resident volunteers Terry Gibson, Chuck Read, Dave Pearson and Paul Irwin, who have worked with Charlie, agree Charlie is an excellent choice and very deserving of this reward.

Your Gifts Are Growing!

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According to Prairie Ridge resident Jerry Sieling, chair of the Prairie Ridge Grounds Committee, the process to develop six gardens, including four that will be converted from annual garden beds into spaces that are more environmentally friendly, could take two to three years to fully develop.

The gardens provide essential habitat and food for pollinators such as bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds, which are crucial for plant reproduction and healthy ecosystems.

Horticulture and Landscape Supervisor, Aspen Maxwell, says this is another way the Prairie Ridge campus can get closer to being a sustainable community, as the more environmentally friendly gardens will create interest in the spaces during all four seasons.

Pollinator gardens do more than grow flowers. They provide food, nesting sites, places for pollinators to overwinter, and support a wide range of insects, birds, and other wildlife.

David Mossner, Oakwood Foundation Executive Director, explains that sustainability projects like this are one of many initiatives made possible by the generous gifts of donors.

"Gifts translate into vibrant, community-wide benefits beyond the campus. By enriching our environment, the garden will provide essential support for pollinators and encourage engagement with the critical importance of healthy, sustainable local ecosystems for everyone."

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PRAIRIE RIDGE

UNIVERSITY WOODS

Thanks for Your Generous Support in 2024

You are powerful when you join others in supporting the people of Oakwood. The Oakwood Foundation is honored to recognize donors whose generous support qualifies them as members of the Oak, Golden Oak, and lifetime giving societies.

The Oakwood Foundation recognizes those who supported Oakwood in 2024. Thanks to thoughtful gifts from generous donors, Oakwood is able to provide exceptional care and housing, enhance our programming and facilities, and continue to care for those who have outlived their financial resources. Your support is meaningful and makes a difference in lives of Oakwood residents.

We are pleased to recognize below those organizations and individuals whose contributions were received between (January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024).

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