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UW RICHLAND & SCHMITT WOODLAND HILLS BEGIN PILOT PROGRAM

Schmitt Woodland Hills is happy to welcome Naja Hallam to the Schmitt Woodland Hills family. Naja is a first year student at UW Richland majoring in Special Education and is from New Lisbon, Wisconsin. Naja is part of a pilot program between the UW Richland and Schmitt Woodland Hills. She will be our first student in residence as part of a new inter-generational program. SWH will provide free room and board for a semester in exchange for an agreed upon number of volunteer hours. She moved in to an apartment prior to January 22nd when the Spring Semester started.

Naja has arranged her scheduled so that she will be doing class room work on Tuesday and Thursdays. This should allow plenty of time for studying and for volunteer work at SWH. Although her official schedule has not been completed, Naja will be trained as a volunteer trishaw pilot. She will be eating meals with the residents in various dining rooms throughout the campus. Naja indicates that she has had experience working with individuals

with special needs and she looks forward to developing and staging her own activities with different groups and individuals within Schmitt's Continuum of Care units.

Naja will be working closely with the Activities Director, John Tews to develop a schedule that provides positive experiences for both Naja and the Schmitt Woodland Hills residents.

This pilot program is creating a great deal of interest not only from the University but also from the long term care community as well. Naja looks forward to an interesting and productive semester. She hopes to have a positive impact on the residents as well as making some new friends.



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WELCOME TO LIZ PERKINS!

We would like to welcome Liz Perkins as the newest member of the Schmitt Woodland Hills Development Committee. The Development Committee is similar in nature to a foundation that offers support to its parent organization. The Schmitt Woodland Hills Development Committee is responsible for planning and executing various fundraising activities, as well as maintaining relations with our many donors and other activities critical to the mission of serving the senior citizens of Richland County. As part of the Development Committee, Liz will be focusing on donor relations.

Liz teaches a four-year old kindergarten class in the Richland School District. She grew up near Lone Rock and graduated from Richland Center High School in 1999. She is married to her husband Jason Perkins and they have three children; Alex 21, Paige 18, and Bronson 7. Jason is employed with S&S Cycle and also farms on his family farm near Blue River. Liz graduated from the UW-Richland with her Associate Degree, and then continued her education at UW Platteville. This will be her 10th year teaching and she loves being in the field of education.

One of Liz's more recent passions is being involved in the community. Last summer she started a group called "Richland Rocks". The group encouraged people to



paint kindness rocks and hide them around town. It was a humbling experience when businesses joined in the fun and started hiding rocks to promote their businesses. It was even more exciting when some of the outlying communities like Muscoda began to report the discovery of rocks in their communities. This activity got people to be creative with their painting, exercise by walking to hide rocks, and to start talking to one another in the community.

Liz is now active in the group that is raising funds for a new outdoor pool/aquatic

center in Richland Center. She reports that the effort is going well, and the hope is to make this dream a reality very soon!

Schmitt Woodland Hills has always been important to the community and is to Liz as well on a more personal level. Her grandfather spent many of his last years at Schmitt and was well taken care of by the staff. Her neighbor also now lives at Schmitt and she is always pleased to hear the wonderful things her neighbor has to say about living there. Liz looks forward to making a positive contribution to the many positive plans Schmitt Woodland Hills has in place for the future and to becoming an advocate for the facility. She hopes that her efforts and those of the Committee will make it even better in the future!

CYCLING WITHOUT AGE UPDATE



Well, we have had hints of spring in the air over the course of the last couple of weeks. With warmer weather just around the

corner, it is time to dust off the trishaw and get ready for our first full season of being able to provide trishaw rides. There are a couple of exciting developments on the horizon that we want to share with you.

We have just placed an order for a second trishaw with an expected delivery date of sometime in May, 2018. This new addition to the fleet was made possible by a very generous gift from the family of a resident we had the privilege of caring for over a number of years. We are very fortunate to have this kind of support from our families.

This new trishaw will be assisted by a 500W battery pack as opposed to the 250W pack which was in the original trishaw. This new trishaw should be more

suited to the hilly terrain which we encounter here in the Richland Center area. More boost and a longer battery life should be a real asset to our pilots as they travel the city.

We are also in the process of forming a CWA Committee which will oversee the CWA program. We envision this committee being actively involved in helping find new and exciting ways for the entire city to benefit from the CWA program. They will help plan and coordinate trishaw trips and outings. We hope to plan

events with other CWA chapters throughout the state.

There has even been talk of planning a "bike ride", open to the public, sometime in the spring. More on this to come so watch for any further announcements.



PLANNED GIVING

Twe seen and met angels wearing the disquise of ordinary people living ordinary lives.

— Tracy Chapman

The Schmitt Woodland Hills Retirement Community certainly has met its share of cleverly disguised angels during the course of 2017. Cleverly disguised might even be an understatement. Some came to us disguised as the families of loved ones whose care was entrusted to our staff. Others came disguised as the hard working men and woman of Richland County and beyond who gave because they believed in our mission. These angels helped us provide bonuses to a deserving staff, badly needed equipment to help us maintain the grounds that surround and comfort our residents, the means to allow our residents to feel the wind in their hair and so much more. They provided financial support for large projects like the Landscaping and Fountain Restoration Project or to pay for an equally important project like a trip to our beauty parlor so a resident can feel pretty again.

Some came cleverly disguised as local business people. Whether it be helium for our Thanksgiving Day

Parade, support for our Tommy P. Harvey Memorial Golf Outing, countless gifts of merchandise, time and services, there truly are angels among us.

Some came disguised simply as volunteers freely giving of their time, their talents and themselves to bless the lives of our residents, their families and our staff. These gifts run the gamut from Halloween Costumes, to staffing the Handy Shop, shopping for residents, helping with beauty shop appointments or helping residents get to and from the many activities they enjoy.

Others came disguised as Board or Committee Members, those who give so freely of themselves to help make sure the day-to-day operations of Schmitt Woodland Hills run smoothly and efficiently.

Yes, there truly are angels among us. Look around, you could be standing next to one.

Won't you please consider joining the William & Oda Schmitt Society by remembering us in your will or other estate plan? For more information or should you have questions, please contact Bill Bartlett, Development Director, at 608-647-8931 or www.swhdev@mwt.net.

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ink Local!

Year established: We were established in 1962 as the Schmitt Methodist Home and have been in continuous operation

Tell us a little about your business: What do you do? We provide a broad range of services to the senior citizens and less-able citizens of Richland County and the surrounding areas. We also provide in-house and out-patient therapy, including speech occupational and physical therapy

How many "neighbors" do you employ? We currently employ 135-

Recognizing you can do business anywhere...why are you here? We are here in Richland Center

because William Schmitt, a local cheese maker, who was a strong supporter of this community left a bequest to the United Methodist Church specifically to build a retirement home for Richland Center's senior citizens, Some 55 years later we remain committed to Williams Schmitt's mission of care for the senior citizens in our area.

What's the one thing you wish everyone knew about your business? The one thing we wish everyone knew was that even though we are a part of the Health and Welfare Ministry of the United Methodist Church of Wisconsin we are not here to just serve "rich" Methodists. We do not receive significant financial assistance from the Methodist Church. We are (c)(3) not-forprofit organization and we rely on our operating income and donations from a caring public to run our business. All denominations and beliefs are welcome here and we serve both Medicaid

What makes your business unique? Schmitt Woodland Hills offers the only continuum of care in the area. The continuum begins with our House Calls unit which provides in-home care to area seniors and less-abled citizens. We also provide 35 retirement apartments, a 30-bed assisted living facility and a 50-bed skilled nursing center. All of these facilities are local on a single site, right here in Richland Center.

Other than providing jobs and paying taxes what are some other ways you give back to the community? A number of our employees are involved in many local organizations including the Boy Scouts, 4-H, Lions Club, Kiwanis Club and the Rotary Club. We support Rotary Lights in the Park, the Alzheimer's Walk and Giving Tuesday. We provide space on our campus for the Discovery Play School and Relax Massage Therapy. We also are home to the Town & Country Presbyterian Church, we host the Friendship Quilters Guilds annual show and provide space for the Viet Nam Veterans of America Chapter 7 blood drives. Being an active participant in our community is part of who we are.

Parting thoughts....please share anything else you'd like our readers to know: Think Local is an important campaign. Expanded, the concept might be Think Local, Buy Local and Give Local. We should always think local first, buy local whenever we can and support our local community with our charitable donations

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> Tune into WRCO this Wednesday during the news at noon and listen in as they interview the folks at Schmitt Woodland Hills. Be sure to watch this page next week to learn more about X-Press Printing .

BUSY WINTER DAYS

Residents and staff and friends of Schmitt Woodland Hills have been very busy this year. One day residents and staff got together on the second floor and a snow ball (marshmallow) fight broke out. There were a lot of hits as quite a few of our residents were ball players back in the day.

In early December we tried something new. A new fund raiser for our Fountain Project. Friends of Schmitt were invited to sponsor a luncheon table. They invited guests, decorated and supplied the table settings for their

table. Several businesses donated items for a raffle and the table centerpieces were also raffled. The activity room has never looked so beautiful. There is a video on our Facebook page. Check it out.

Also, again this year staff and residents decorated over 20 Christmas Trees. Each one more beautiful and interesting than the next.

We certainly try to keep busy thru the winter months. A big thank you again this year to St. Mary's Church for donating Christmas gifts to our residents.



Happy Easter or Resurrection Day 'He is risen! He is not here... See the place where they laid Him' - Mark 16:6

What does it take for you to believe something that seems out of the realm of possibility? Most of us need to see some hard evidence before we lend credibility to the incredible. This is also true when people hear of Christ's resurrection. In fact, many people will develop all sorts of theories before believing that God incarnate rose from the grave.

Have you ever heard of the "Fraud Theory"? This theory asserts that Jesus didn't really rise from the dead, but rather, the disciples stole his body from the grave and then proclaimed Him risen. But the Fraud Theory doesn't mesh with the facts. For example, something happened to the disciples that changed them instantly from cowards to courageous men. The disciples credited this change with seeing the risen Christ, and despite numerous retellings, they never changed their story.

Dr. Principal Hill, a nineteenth-century theologian, put the Fraud Theory to rest when he said:

You must suppose that twelve men of man birth, of no education...formed the noblest scheme which ever entered into the mind of man... You must suppose also, that men guilty of blasphemy and falsehood, united in an attempt the best contrived, and which has in fact proved the most successful for making the world virtuous; that they formed this single enterprise without seeking any advantage to themselves... with the certain expectation of scorn and persecution; that although conscious of one another's villainy, none of them ever thought of providing for his own security by disclosing the fraud, but that amidst sufferings the most grievous to flesh and blood they persevered in their conspiracy to cheat the world into piety, honesty and benevolence. Truly, they who can swallow such suppositions have no title to object to miracles.

How true that is! The Fraud Theory cannot stand against the evidence of the disciples' passion and steadfastness for the cause of Christ. You and I can rest assured that Christ's resurrection is no fraud. Christ has indeed risen.

SCHMITT WOODLAND HILLS ANNOUNCES A NEW TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

AND SENDS A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FILLBACK FAMILY OF DEALERSHIPS

Schmitt Woodland Hills is pleased to announce it is beginning a new transportation service through its House Calls Division and in so doing, we wish to extend a huge thank you to Mark Fillback and the Fillback Family of Dealerships for helping make it possible. When the decision was made that SWH wanted to once again offer transportation services to its House Calls clients they approached Mark Fillback who was very helpful in structuring the kind of deal that made the purchase of a new 2017 Dodge van possible. The van has a BraunAbility rear entry wheelchair conversion that is capable of carrying two wheel chairs. On behalf of the residents, staff and clients of Schmitt Woodland Hills, we want to thank Mark and his entire crew at the Richland Center Store for making this new service possible.



House Calls is a solution for senior and less abled citizens who wish to remain at home and maintain independence. We can be there to help provide the services that these individuals need while allowing them to continue to live at home and still do things for themselves. We can provide the help that they need. We realize how hard it is for many senior and less-abled citizens to get out and remain a functional part of the community. So we have developed this program as a way for them to get out and get where they need to go with our escort's assistance.

We can provide flexible schedules with trip assistance for a variety of reasons including:

- To and From Doctor Appointments
- Shopping with Assistance
- Running Errands
- Going to Family Gatherings
- Going to Local Social Events
- Going Out to Eat

PROGRAM COST \$19.92 per hour & .50 per mile

(1 Hour Minimum Required and then billed in 15 min increments after the first hour)

Call Ellen Alvin at (608)647-8931

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JACKIE'S JOURNAL: DONORS MATTER by Jackie Carley

Schmitt Woodland Hills is a Nonprofit Corporation. This means that any donations made to Schmitt Woodland Hills are tax deductible by the donor. We celebrated our donors by inviting them to our Donor Appreciation Dinner on April 22, 2017. It was an honor for me, as the Executive Director, to stand up at the Donor Dinner and thank our Donors for all that each of them have done to help make Schmitt Woodland Hills a better home from our residents. Our Donors are a necessary part of what we do at Schmitt with

Wisconsin being the worst in the nation for Medicaid Reimbursement. We could not continue to give our residents the quality of life that they deserve without the giving that comes from our Donors.

Our guest speaker, Dr. Charles Clark from the University of Wisconsin Richland, said it best when he spoke at the dinner. In his talk Dr. Clark outlined some of the reasons why donors actually give of themselves, whether it be donating their money, their time, or their talents. He stated that the main reason that a person gives is not because of the tax deduction that they will receive. The main reason that a person gives is the joy of knowing their donation made a positive difference in the life of an individual or an organization that they hold near and dear.

In the case of Schmitt Woodland Hills, the giver receives the joy of knowing that they made a difference in the life of a resident at Schmitt. It is the joy of knowing that their gift increased the quality of life of a resident. There have been many accomplishments that could not have happened without the generous Donors that support Schmitt. The New Building and the Remodel of the Assisted Living being the most obvious. Our Donors that have visited Schmitt since this building project has been completed know that they have made a difference in the lives of our residents. When one comes into the facility and sees the smiles on residents' faces or when they come into the facility and they hear the residents talk about how wonderful it is to have private rooms, bathrooms and showers. The joy in having a brand

new home, because it is the residents' home, is priceless and indeed increases their quality of life.

Our donors have been instrumental in the establishment of raised gardens that the residents can tend in summer months. A new water feature was added to the Woodland Walkway and a new 2017 Polaris Ranger was added to our building and grounds maintenance equipment. We have also begun our Landscaping and Fountain Restoration project with the beginnings of a new water feature in the center

circle off Seminary Street.

Thanks to our Tommy P. Harvey Memorial Golf Outing supporters and gifts from other donors, we have become a Cycling Without Age Affiliate. We began offering trishaw rides to our residents in the fall of 2017. A Trishaw is a three wheeled bike that has a person who pilots or pedals the bike and two residents or a resident and a family member can sit on the front seat of the bike and go for a bike ride on designated trails including the bike trail in Richland Center. What a wonderful opportunity for a resident at Schmitt to get to ride a

bike and get out in the summer breeze and sunshine and enjoy the birds, the flowers, and the trees.

None of these feats could have been accomplished or will be accomplished in the future without donors such as those that have given and continue to give of themselves and their resources to Schmitt. Our resident's lives have been and will continue to be enhanced because of each and every Schmitt donor and their generosity. Each gift is a blessing from God. It does not matter whether it is a gift of money or time. It is the love, caring, and compassion that counts in the end no matter what the gift is. This broad-based community support allows Schmitt Woodland Hills to fulfill its mission to the senior citizens of Richland County but, it also allows us give back to our community in so many ways. Thanks you for your gifts and your support.

Jackie Carley, Executive Director

SCHMITT WOODLAND HILLS TO HIRE SENATOR HOWARD MARKLEIN

Senator Marklein represents the 17th Senate District in western Wisconsin. Senator Marklein recently announced that he was launching a "Hire Howard for the Day" initiative. Senator Marklein was soliciting invitations to job shadow with any workers within the 17th Senate District that would be willing to spend time with him as they went through their work day. The Senator recently gave an update on how things were playing out.

He reports that, "Finally, I have had more than 50 invitations and ideas for the Hire Howard for the Day project. I look forward to shadowing people in many different jobs and industries throughout the 17th Senate District. From farmers to teachers; doctors to snow plow drivers; small businesses to large manufacturers; I have received many terrific invitations and can't wait to learn directly from those who work hard every day!"

Schmitt Woodland Hills is pleased to announce that we have "hired Howard" for a portion of Monday, March 26th. The Senator will arrive at 10:00 am to job shadow with a number of frontline staff in various departments throughout the organization. A lunch with the residents

and key staff members from our organization will follow. We hope to share a day in the Long Term Care industry with

the Senator.

This should be an exciting and informative day for our residents and staff. We hope to make it a meaningful and educational experience for the Senator as well.



LANDSCAPING AND FOUNTAIN RESTORATION UPDATE

It is often said about Wisconsin that there are two seasons, winter and road construction. This is true here at Schmitt Woodland Hills this year as well. We are all anxiously awaiting spring so we can begin to work on the center circle again. Last fall we began the demolition of the old fountain and began the preparatory work for a new water feature for this area. The old fountain was removed, the new base was poured and the sides for the basin of the new feature were formed. We were also able to bore and run tubes under the existing sidewalks and driveway for new electrical lines and water lines. Then the snow flew, the temperatures dropped and progress came to a halt.

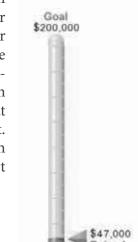
As soon as weather permits, the forms for the based will be sprayed with concrete and the main portion of the feature will be set in place. New electric service and water lines will be run. We are expecting to have the new water feature operational very early in the spring.

As soon as the water feature is operational the crews will move in and start working on the walking paths, landscaping, lighting and seating areas.

The residents are very excited about this project and look forward to having a safe place to walk and to enjoy the warm summer months.

This project is being totally funded by private gifts

with no money coming from our operating budget. The water feature and walking paths for the center circle described above are just a portion of the multiphase Landscaping and Fountain Restoration Project estimated at \$200,000.00 for the entire project. We continue to raise funds through the Tiers of Joy campaign to support this project.











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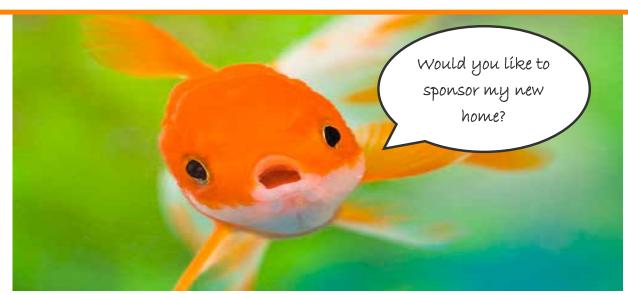
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