

# *Kemmerer Voices*



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95th Year of Ministry — A Presbyterian Child Care Agency

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## **Kemmerer Village Open House 95th Anniversary Celebration**

*Sunday, August 9th, 2009*

### ***Open House***

**11:30 am to 4:00 pm**

***Lunch provided by Illinois Pork Producers***

**11:30 am to 2:00 pm**

### ***Entertainment***

***Margaret J. Dick Campus Center***

**12:30 pm On High will perform**

**live drums, guitar, keyboard and vocalist**

**1:45 pm Sound Celebration Chorus**

***Sweet Adelines* will perform**



***Guided Tours of the Campus***

### **Kemmerer Village Auxiliary**

**Bazaar - Baked Goods & Craft Items**

### **Raffle**

**Queen Size Kentucky Log Cabin Quilt**

**Raffle Tickets are available 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each**

**Tickets are available - (217) 226-2131**





## From the Director's Desk

Our Open House is always a time of expectation and excitement at Kemmerer Village. It's a time when we look forward to meeting with our many friends who share in our ministry, as well as an opportunity to say a personal "thank you"!

Since our last Open House we have added two new cottages to our campus, Allemang and Carnahan. The addition of these new cottages has made it possible for each of our young people to have their own bedroom. This has created a more enriching environment for our children and also assists in our efforts to provide the much-needed individual care our young people require.

We are very proud of our campus and look forward to sharing the afternoon with you. Several church Work Groups have scheduled time on our campus this summer to help us get ready for the big day. Different groups give of their time and energy to help us out each year. During their visit with us they see first-hand our ministry of helping children and families.

As always we appreciate you - whether it is a visit to our campus, financial support, sharing your knowledge of Kemmerer Village with others or a friendly note to let us know you are with us in this struggle to help our youth.

During our Open House there will be displays for you to browse, consisting of our various programs and how they help each child. We will also have informational tours of the campus consisting of several cottages, on-campus school and the Therapeutic Recreation Department.

In addition, but still under construction, you will be able to view our Indoor Riding Arena which will house our Therapeutic Equestrienne Program to be completed in November of 2009. Youth with emotional and behavioral issues can be a challenge to work with. Many are slow to trust adults, and may be unwilling to trust anyone at all. In addition, if the emotional or behavioral issues are caused by abuse, a child could be angry and prone to emotional outbursts. Cognitive therapy that includes an equine assisted program can be of great benefit to this young person. We have expectations for this program to be a valuable asset in helping the young people in our care.

The Kemmerer Village Auxiliary plays an important role in our ministry, as they carry our message to their churches.

The Auxiliary Bazaar will be in the Campus Center... the proceeds will help fund their projects such as: monetary gifts for Kemmerer Village graduates, cottage trips, bibles, suitcases and other special needs. Along with the Bazaar this year, the Auxiliary have two quilts that were made and donated to them for the purpose of a raffle during our Open House. Each child at Kemmerer Village benefits greatly from the work and funds that these ladies raise. Please help support their efforts.

Lunch will be available also from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. Donations will be accepted for lunch. Musical entertainment will also be in the Campus Center Chapel between 12:30 & 2:30 pm.

Kemmerer Village has remained a safe haven for children over the past 95 years. The interest and support of caring individuals, congregations and organizations have made this journey possible. We invite you to join us on this special day and celebrate all the young lives that have been changed for the better through these efforts.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Havera  
Executive Director

## Six Youth Earn High School Diplomas

Principal Joanne Coady is pictured with six Kemmerer Village High School graduates. Graduation was held May 22, in the Kemmerer Village Chapel.



Pastor Tom Mulch spoke to the audience of family, friends, staff and graduates. He encouraged each of the graduates to move forward in life, making the most of opportunities presented to them. He spoke about not accepting negative thinking from others and looking for the positives in their lives.

Of the six graduates, two returned home with families, two went on to group homes, two are here at the Village this summer taking college classes. We are very proud of these young people and wish them the very best in life.

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# Equine Therapy – Changing Young Lives

Kemmerer Village has a long history of making the connection between horses and children. For many years our young people have had the opportunity to ride horses as well as take part in their care. Through the generosity of a donor with a desire to help our young people, we are in the process of building an Indoor Riding Arena. This building will lay the ground work for our Equine Therapy Program which can now operate year round. The therapist who will supervise this program is a Licensed Social Worker who has been with Kemmerer Village for over 2 years. She is a certified riding instructor through CHA and NARHA and is currently completing certification requirements for EFMHA (Equine Facilitated Mental Health Association) and EAGALA (Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association). Here is how she describes Equine Therapy:

“Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy is an effective practice model for children with varying needs. It offers the opportunity to combine Experiential Learning with traditional therapy models including Solution Focused Therapy and Dialectical Behavior Therapy. This can be particularly effective in working with children who are kinesthetic learners and increases the potential to reach children who are distrustful of people. When children engage in an Equine Facilitated Therapy session, they are more likely to seek new solutions to problems. Skills in the areas of communication, assertiveness, responsibility and self confidence are commonly developed through equine interactions. Sessions can also be designed to address more individualized goals such as dealing with trauma, reducing anxiety and understanding family dynamics. Examples range from brushing a horse while discussing self care skills to riding a distractible horse while practicing increasing focus. Ground work is emphasized in the Equine Facilitated Model currently practiced at Kemmerer Village. A simple example of a ground activity at the stable is a child putting a halter on a horse independently. While engaging in this activity, problem solving skills, perseverance and frustration tolerance are all practiced and discussed.”

Results from this type of therapy have been proven very successful. NARHA has been recognized as a professional organization with proven results in working with people who have physical handicaps since the 1960's. Research studies beginning in the 1990's have been proving the effectiveness of using horses in therapy sessions with individuals diagnosed with a broad spectrum of mental illnesses. Equine facilitated therapy allows children to learn about themselves, other people and interacting with the world. It's not about teaching riding or horse care skills and children don't need any previous experience with



horses. It has been clinically proven that just being in the vicinity of horses changes our brainwave patterns. They have a calming effect which helps stop people from becoming fixated on past or negative events - giving them a really positive experience. Equine facilitated therapy has proven to be particularly useful for children with attention deficit disorder, and bipolar disorders - all of who may find it difficult to communicate, interact with other people and carry out instructions. Even those showing severe anti-social and aggressive behavior become calmer and more communicative.

Due to the unique safety requirements of this type of program, clients will only be allowed to ride with a cer-

tified instructor. In order to increase safe access of the young people that we serve to the horses, Kemmerer Village is seeking the **donation of appropriate miniature horses or donkeys. These animals would be safe for daily care staff with some training to take children to brush, pet and care for. Appropriate animals would be halter broke, have a quiet disposition, and not be prone to kicking or biting.**

We are anticipating the completion of the new riding arena in November of 2009. We believe that this new addition to our existing programs will be a valuable tool and asset in helping some of the most venerable and hurtling children in today's society.

# Check out our new Web Site:

[www.kemmerervillage.org](http://www.kemmerervillage.org)



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## ***Welcome to Kemmerer Village!***

As a Presbyterian Child Care Agency, our mission at Kemmerer Village is to provide a wide range of quality services, which meet the needs of children, youth and their families.

We, the Board of Directors and staff of Kemmerer Village, believe that all children have the God-given right of love, nurture, protection, and education.

Our programs are directed to help children and youth attain the necessary skills to become well-adjusted and productive members of society. It is our conviction that each and every contact with a child consists of showing the child respect, positive regard and to instill dignity.

In working with a child, we also recognize the importance of family. Thus we provide services that are directed toward improving the overall family environment.

We believe that the diverse needs of children, youth, and families are best met through our team approach which is based upon mutual respect, professionalism, support and action as implemented by our committed staff.

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# How You Can Help

## **Tribute/Memorial Giving**

Throughout our lives we have experiences that we want to celebrate or honor in some meaningful way. Many of our donors choose to make charitable donations in honor of such significant occasions: weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, or memorial services.

When you make a tribute gift (by notifying our development department that you are making the gift), a special card will be sent to the person(s) you wish to honor or remember, indicating that you have remembered them in this special way. For more information or to make a tribute or memorial gift, contact Alice Christenberry, Director of Development, at (217) 226-4451, Ext. 132 or email [alice.christenberry@kv.christian.k12.il.us](mailto:alice.christenberry@kv.christian.k12.il.us).

## **Matching Donations**

Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match charitable contributions made by their employee. This program is often available to retired employees also. Matching gifts can **double** or **triple your gift** to the charity. Please check with your employer to see if they participate in this type of program.

## **Credit Card Donations**

We are now able to process credit card donations. Our processor requires that we have the **five** following items in order to process your donation:

1. **Name as it appears on your card**
2. Type of card: **Mastercard, Visa or American Express**
3. **Account Number**
4. **Three digit code from back of card**
5. **The card expiration date**

We appreciate credit card donations and hope this will provide a service to some of our supporters.

## **Address Changes**

We make every effort to keep our mailing list up-to-date with current address information. If you have an address change that needs to be made, please notify our Development Office at [alice.christenberry@kv.christian.k12.il.us](mailto:alice.christenberry@kv.christian.k12.il.us) or (217) 226-2132. Please include all information from address label.

## **Campbell's Labels for Education and General Mills Box Tops**

Lists are available on the following web sites of the products we collect. You can retrieve & print lists from these sites:

Box Tops for Education - visit [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com)

Campbell's Labels for Education - visit [labelsforeducation](http://labelsforeducation.com)

You may also call the Kemmerer Village Development Office at (217) 226-2132 for these lists and information regarding the two programs or email to Alice's email listed above.

Thanks to all the money the school received from the Box Tops for Education program, the school library at Kemmerer Village is filling up. Over the last 2 years, approximately \$3000.00 in new books have been purchased for the library. That \$3000.00 is equivalent to approximately 4000 books. We have many books in a series, Caldecott Winners, Newberry, and Rachel Caudill, Biography, mystery, science-fiction, history, sports and many others too many to name. We have tried very hard to purchase books for all reading levels. We have many high interest low reading level content books such as the ORCA series. There is something for everyone. Even the teachers are enjoying reading some of the books.

Since we added a reading fundamentals class, students are really using the library more and expanding their reading abilities. We have seen test scores in the area of reading improve for many of our students. It is nice to see students reading.

We have added so many books that 4 new bookshelves were just purchased to add our new books.

Principal Joanne Coady, staff, and students, wish to thank everyone for their continued support of this program.

## **Helping One Child At A Time**

Estate and trust gifts are very important to the work of Kemmerer Village. These gifts provide resources with far reaching impact on future generations of children as they meet a child's material, emotional and spiritual needs. Estate and trust gifts for Kemmerer Village Children follow an individual or couple's wishes for the distribution of their assets and can be made in a variety of ways including:

- Giving a specific amount to Kemmerer Village
- Specifying that a percentage of one's assets be given to Kemmerer Village
- Leaving appreciated property to Kemmerer Village such as mutual funds, stocks, bonds, real estate
- Naming Kemmerer Village as a primary or contingency beneficiary
- Providing a residence or farm for Kemmerer Village under a life estate agreement
- Instructing that one's residual assets go to Kemmerer Village after all other bequests have been honored
- Various other arrangements such as charitable trusts, living trusts charitable gift annuities and life insurance contracts

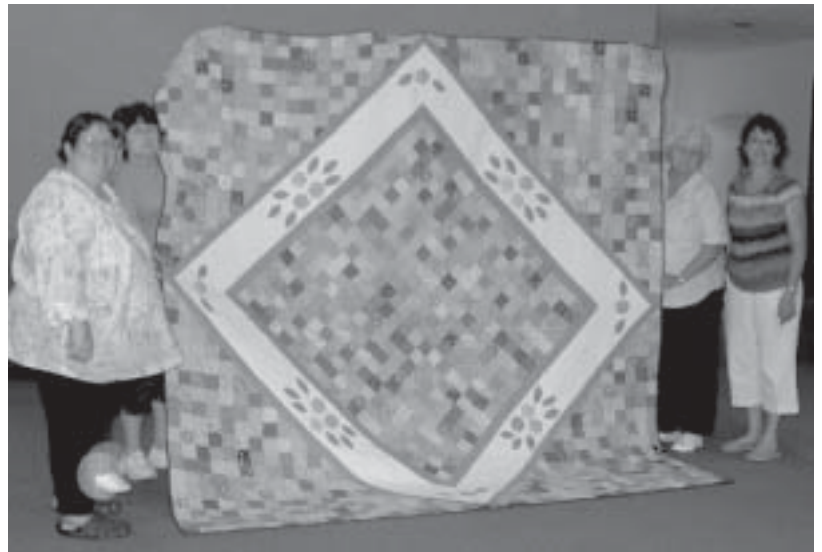
For more information on how you can include Kemmerer Village in your Estate Planning and Trust Gifts, please contact Mike Havera or Alice Christenberry at (217) 226-4451 or email at [alice.christenberry@kv.christian.k12.il.us](mailto:alice.christenberry@kv.christian.k12.il.us) or speak with your attorney. Our planning assistance is provided to you and your family without cost or obligation.



### *Lincoln Log Cabin*

Queen Size

*Quilted by Sarah Greider of Effingham, IL*



### *Sweet Memories*

Queen Size

*Quilted by the following members of the Christian County Quilt Guild: Nadine Davis, Antonette Yeaman, Sue Gooden, Dorothy King, Fran Benning, Sharon Dubbelde, Erin Dennis, Karen Herman, Georgia Bockwitz*

**A ticket will be drawn for each quilt during Open House on August 9th.  
Winners need not be present to win.**

**Please join us on this special day!**

***Tickets are Available - \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00***

The Kemmerer Village Auxiliary plays an important role in our ministry, as they carry to the churches the happenings at the Village. The Auxiliary Bazaar will be in the Campus Center during Open House. The two quilts shown above will be on display. The proceeds from the Bazaar will help fund their projects such as: monetary gifts for Kemmerer Village graduates, cottage trips, bibles, suitcases and other special request.

Members of the Auxiliary very much appreciate the donation of time and skill involved in making these two beautiful quilts. Sarah Greider of Effingham worked long and hard to finish the **Lincoln Log Cabin** quilt with all of its' intricate detail.

The Christian County Quilt Guild are one of the groups who have donated several quilts to our Birthday Quilt Program, making sure that each child at Kemmerer Village receives a quilt on their first birthday with us. The quilt they donated to the raffle is called **Sweet Memories**. Both quilts are queen size.

Mail your request for tickets to the Development Office, Kemmerer Village, 941 N. 2500 East Rd., Assumption, IL 62510. You may contact us at phone: (217) 226-2132 or [alice.christenberry@kv.christian.k12.il.us](mailto:alice.christenberry@kv.christian.k12.il.us).

# In Memory & Honor of Those We Love

(Gifts received Feb. 1st, 2009 to May 31st, 2009)

There are occasions of joy and sorrow in the lives of our family and friends that call for a response from us. A Memorial Gift or an Honor Gift to Kemmerer Village is a way to express love and respect at appropriate times.

Your gift, large or small, is an investment in the lives of troubled

## Memorials

**A**

**Marie Anderson**

Mr. & Mrs. Glenn D. Pusch

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**Jane & William Banfield**

Mrs. Gladys E. Banfield

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children. These gifts help to provide for their day to day care: food, clothing, medical care, educational needs, and Christian ministry.

The name of the **DECEASED** or **HONORED** is in **CAPITAL LETTERS**; the donors names are listed below in lower case. Please notify us of any errors.

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## Honors

**A**

**All Who Have Served**

Tom & Doris Phillips, Pana News

**Mrs. Dorothy M. Andersen**

Ms. Janet R. Andersen

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**Ms. Ruth A. Wagner**

Faith & Lloyd Jones

**Z**

**Ms. Blanche Zettel**

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel E. Bell

## Kemmerer Village Needs

New Furniture for Cottage • Arts and Crafts supplies

Funds to purchase a new deck for Kabota lawn tractor

New carpet for Cottages • Televisions for Cottages

DVD Players • Gift Cards for Wal-Mart, McDonalds, Pizza

Hut and Dairy Queen

Scrapbooks and Journals

Hay & Baled Wood Shavings

Shampoo • Conditioner • Toothpaste • Toothbrush

Combs • Brushes • Boys Deod • Girls Deod

Body Wash - Boys or Girls

School 3 Line Paper, No Wires in Binder • Socks

Sweat Pants L, XL, XXL, Gray, Blue, Green-Adult Sz.

Twin Bed Sheets • Bath Towels • Washcloths

# Happy Birthday!

Our young people truly appreciate receiving cards from all of you on their birthday. Thank you for thinking of them!

## JULY

Alyssa H.	F	Jul. 06, 1993
Ronald B.	M	Jul. 16, 1992
Ravyn T.	F	Jul. 20, 1994
Christopher D.	M	Jul. 20, 1992
Arianna P.	F	Jul. 22, 1991
Parris S.	M	Jul. 26, 1992
Chelsea T.	F	Jul. 26, 1993

## AUGUST

Denise D.	F	Aug. 18, 1991
Daneco C.	M	Aug. 24, 1991
Tamecka L.	F	Aug. 31, 1992

## SEPTEMBER

Gianna C.	F	Sept. 04, 1992
Jasmine E.	F	Sept. 11, 1991

## OCTOBER

Craig O.	M	Oct. 25, 1992
Jacob M.	M	Oct. 27, 1994

## NOVEMBER

Austin C.	M	Nov. 03, 1993
Kristina W.	F	Nov. 15, 1990



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# 16th Annual Kemmerer Village CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

**Friday, September 11th, 2009**

**Four-Person Scramble**

**Oak Terrace Golf Course - 8:00 am**

**Rt. 51 South - Pana, IL**

**-EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION-**

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