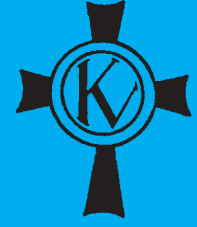


Kemmerer Voices



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Raymond Community of Faith & McNaughton Estate Help Support New Equine Therapy Program

A check for \$25,000 on behalf of the McNaughton Estate and the Community of Faith Church of Raymond was recently presented to Kemmerer Village. The Raymond Church has committed \$100,000 to Kemmerer Village's new Equine Therapy Program. These funds are to be distributed from the Clarence McNaughton Estate in \$25,000 disbursements over a 4-year period.

Clarence McNaughton was a lifelong resident of Raymond. His wife, Effie Hendrickson McNaughton, survived him, living to the age of 103 at her passing in 1990. Mr. McNaughton passed away in 1977, but his legacy of good works is continuing to touch lives today. He contributed much to his community during his lifetime.

Income from Mr. McNaughton's estate and the Community of Faith Church of Raymond is providing much-needed assistance in helping the young people at Kemmerer Village through the new Equine Therapy Program. This form of therapy will be in addition to the traditional individual and group therapies currently being offered.

Kemmerer Village has, since its inception as an orphanage in 1914, been dependent on the compassion and generosity of individuals such



At the presentation were (L-R): Darryl Bentley, treasurer, and David Mulch, Clerk of Session for the Raymond Community of Faith Church; Mike Havera, Executive Director of Kemmerer Village; Pastor Tom Mulch, Assumption Memorial Presbyterian Church, also serving as Chaplain for Kemmerer Village, and Pastor Ken Dees of Raymond Community of Faith Church.

as Mr. & Mrs. McNaughton to assist in providing for children and families in desperate situations. Kemmerer Village was established by Philip and Sarah Kemmerer through their bequest to the Presbyterian Church to create a place for children in need. Kemmerer Village is recognized as a mission of the Presbyterian Church, Synod of Lincoln Trails.

Today, Kemmerer Village cares for over 100 children between infancy and age 21. The Residential Program provides care for an average 41 young people between the ages of 11 and 19 on a

60-acre campus. These residents arrive from throughout the state of Illinois.

Seventy-six children are being cared for in 36 foster homes where Kemmerer Village is responsible for licensing, training foster parents and providing therapy. They are referred from a five county area surrounding Kemmerer Village: Christian, Montgomery, Shelby, Sangamon and Fayette.

To learn more about Kemmerer Village, visit their web site kemmerervillage.org or call (217) 226-4451.



From the Director's Desk

"You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you."

Coach John Wooden, UCLA
Ten NCAA Men's
Basketball Championships

In this issue of the Kemmerer Voices we are happy and proud to share with you many of the positive things happening on our campus. **Experiencing service to others** is the goal of our Community Outreach Program which is being conducted with the help of our Therapeutic Recreation staff. The goal of the new program is to help youth at the Village learn the skill of empathy which helps build altruism. This is being carried out through several projects: pop tab collection for the Ronald McDonald House, a walk-a-thon to benefit St. John's Children's Hospital in Springfield, and volunteering for the Special Olympics. The walk-a-thon was a huge success through the efforts of our youth, staff and community.

We have also been blessed to receive a commitment of financial support from the Raymond, IL Community of Faith congregation to help fund our Equine Therapy Program for the next four years. The Raymond congregation has committed \$100,000 toward this program. Funds are to be distributed from the Clarence McNaughton Estate in \$25,000 disbursements over a four-year period.

Also on August 14th, we are looking forward to another Kemmerer Village Reunion. Over 100 former residents are planning to return to the campus to reunite with old friends. Our oldest resident planning to attend is 97 years old. Our resident who spent the longest time at Kemmerer Village, 15 years, is also planning to attend. Old photos and memories are already being shared with anticipation of a special day for everyone to get together and meet face to face. I and the staff are looking forward to hosting this very special day.

We are also extremely grateful for the recent work groups that have helped us this spring. Our campus always looks very much improved after their visits. During May and June we had groups on campus from First Presbyterian Church - Mt. Zion, First Presbyterian Church - Jacksonville, First Presbyterian Church - Morris and First Presbyterian Church - Monticello. These are wonderful opportunities for our young people to see the giving nature of others who volunteer their time to help us. This is also an opportunity for those visiting our campus to witness first-hand how we are working to help the young people in our care and their families.

Throughout our 96 years, children have witnessed this compassion and desire to help one another. As we lead by example, many of these young people are finding their way back to their families, schools and communities. We continue to be grateful to all who support us with your generosity of time, prayers and financial support. Hope you have a wonderful summer.

Kemmerer Village Establishes Foundation

The 96-year mission of Kemmerer Village has always been about a united effort of people wanting to do good for those less fortunate children and families in desperate situations. Kemmerer Village has survived through many hard economic times. We survived those times from our early years in the 1900's through the Great Depression and yes, amid today's tough times too, because of your prayers and generous financial support.

The Kemmerer Village Board of Directors voted in 2008 to pursue the establishment of a Kemmerer Village Foundation in an effort to protect the future assets of Kemmerer Village as well as the gifts of our donors. All contributions to the Foundation will be utilized for the sole purpose of furthering the mission of Kemmerer Village today, tomorrow and well into the future.

The Kemmerer Village Foundation was incorporated and received a determination of tax exempt status as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public charity from the Internal Revenue Service on September 4, 2009. All contributions received will be deductible under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Kemmerer Village Foundation will devote all of its efforts and resources to servicing, supporting, promoting and otherwise benefiting the charitable and educational activities and endeavors of Kemmerer Village, an Illinois not-for-profit 501(c)(3) Child Welfare Agency in Assumption, IL.

The Kemmerer Village Foundation will provide investment income to support current programs and investment growth to sustain necessary programs for future years. All gifts to the Foundation or Kemmerer Village are tax deductible and will be receipted and acknowledged promptly. The Foundation is held to high ethical standards and carries out special gift designations upon request.

There are many ways you can assist us in helping the children and families involved in our programs. Please take a moment to look on our web site to learn about the many ways you can support Kemmerer Village. Whether you are giving a gift or volunteering, you are sure to find something that will mutually enrich yourself and the children.

For additional information, please contact us at www.kemmerervillage.org.

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Kemmerer Village Youth Create Campus Newsletter

The articles below are a reprint from our young people's newsletter: "News you Can use From the middle of Nowhere." The name applies quite well, especially this time of year, since we are surrounded by acres of beautiful, tall green corn and neatly planted fields of soybean. For most of our residents, this could be their first experience in rural America.

The Kemmerer Village Therapeutic Recreation staff is responsible for inspiring and helping our young residents put their newsletter together. This is a wonderful example of what these young people can accomplish with Kemmerer Village staff and motivation. Three cheers for the Recreation Crew and their kids!

KV Prom 2010 by Ms. Chelsea



What do Christmas lights, Ms. Kellie Cloe as a waitress, a resident dancing on crutches, and a golf cart all have in common?? KV Prom 2010!! Saturday, May 22nd the KV cafeteria was transformed into a ballroom where the residents had their "Moonlight Memories" Prom. The planning started months ago which involved fundraising, tons of coordination, and locating decorations. Ms. Kellie Cloe went to Pana High School after their Prom and collected discarded decorations and myself, Ms. Coady, and Ms. Katie K. all waited like hawks outside of Taylorville High School to collect their decorations. With a lot of hard work and money given by the school and KV we were able to purchase more decorations making the cafeteria an ideal place for the Prom. Volun-

teers were on campus early Saturday morning to do make-up and hair do's for the girls attending prom. Prom then kicked off with a chauffer, Ms. Kellie Cloe, driving the maintenance limo from cottage to cottage with her son Eric going to the door to pick up the residents. The residents then enjoyed ordering dinner from the chauffer, who doubled as the waitress. After dinner the residents were able to get their pictures taken by photographer Sara Sharp, and then danced the remainder of the evening requesting songs from DJ Josh Blades. Bonnie and all of the ladies in the kitchen also helped tremendously by catering our dinner and even sticking around to dance and enjoy the evening. Over all the Prom was a huge success and everyone who attended had a great time.

Equine Therapy Comes to KV

As most know we recently had a new indoor riding arena/horse barn built on campus. We also recently received some new horses. We now have 6 riding horses, as well as 6 miniature horses. Amber Miller, who was the therapist at Carnahan Cottage, is in charge of the new Kemmerer Village Horsemanship Program on cam-

pus. Amber Miller has been working with horses most of her life. She started teaching horseback riding at the age of 16. Ms. Miller states that she has many plans with the program. Three goals of the horsemanship program include: a work program with the school, therapeutic recreation,

by Jason

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In My Opinion

by Breanna

It's Not Always All About You

"No one wants to sit in their rooms while you throw a fit."

It is important to show consideration for the people around you. If people feel respected, they are more likely to respect you. On the other hand, if people feel you are disrespecting them they are likely to treat you like you are a child (I know this from experience). So show some respect for others and yourself. It effects everyone around you when you act out or try to draw attention to yourself. Some people who act out often say "I don't care", but it's not all about you, it effects your peers, your family, your guardians, and your staff. From what I have seen and heard, when people's peers act out, people just think that person is childish and annoying. I know from experience that acting out can relieve you of some stress, but it is at the price of others. Residential staff won't always be there to pick you up when you fall or be there to explain to others to give you space. Next time you think about acting out and you use the excuse that you don't care about the consequences, consider those around you. No one wants to sit in their rooms while you throw a fit, and your family doesn't want to hear that drama either. Besides, if you don't learn to deal with it now, people in college won't be as tolerable of you throwing a temper tantrum.

Equine Therapy - Con't from previous page

and individual therapy. Youth are going to get an opportunity, starting this summer, to use horsemanship as a 4 credit class. The idea is for one to be of life skills and phase 3 or 4 to take horsemanship as part of the work program with the school. Therapeutic recreation is another area where horsemanship will take place, as it has in the past. Ms. Miller states that she intends on training Therapeutic Recreation Staff in working with the horses to help out during horsemanship sessions. The horsemanship program will also be utilized for individual therapy. One may wonder what horsemanship is all about. One learns how to take care of horses by grooming them, saddling them, leading them, and riding them. Amber Miller is looking forward to getting a chance to work with the teens on campus and using horsemanship as a tool to help our youth engage in skill building.



Kemmerer Village Walks for the Cure

"Come on you can do it, remember this is for a good cause." Saturday, May 29, 2010, was a day at Kemmerer Village that will not be forgotten. The Therapeutic Recreation Department at Kemmerer Village held a Walk for the Cure event on campus. Walk for the Cure is one element of the community outreach program developed by the Therapeutic Recreation Department. The goal of community outreach is to help others in need. This was a day where the youth at Kemmerer Village showed the skill of empathy. Not only were the birds chirping and sun shining, but words of encouragement filled the air.



Visions of leadership also took place. The quote above was an example of one of the many encouraging quotes that we heard throughout the day from the youth at Kemmerer. Beginning around 9 am the youth began walking around the 175 meter track. All got a total of one hour during the day to get as many laps in as possible. The teens walked in 2 - 30 minute increments during the day. One cottage walked at a time. Many were encouraging one another to not give up and to keep walking/jogging as many laps as possible. The duration of the walk-



a-thon was from 9 am to 4 pm. With 33 teens participating, 1130 laps were walked equalizing a total of 123.5 miles walked for the day. A total of **\$919.75** was raised on this day. All proceeds went to benefit the St. John's Children's Hospital in Springfield, IL. On Wednesday, June 2, 2010, Therapeutic Recreation Specialist Brandon Smith and Child Care Counselor Sarah Tharp took a few of the young ladies from Kemmerer Village to the Children's Hospital in Springfield to deliver the proceeds raised, as well as toys collected for the hospital, and get-well cards made by all of the youth at Kemmerer Village for the hospital's 80 patients. St. John's staff, Mary Callaway, gave Kemmerer Village a tour of the hospital and expressed many thanks to our teens for their hard work and dedication to this cause. Our young men and women learned that by putting forth some effort that it is possible to make a difference in another's life.

A big thank you goes out to all members in nearby communities who contributed to this cause and made all of this possible. Another special thank you goes out to some businesses: Pugsley Container, Neighbor's Painting, and Fox Properties for their generous donations. Last but not least a thank you goes out to the staff and teachers at Kemmerer Village for all of their pledges and donations. God Bless each and every one of you who contributed to this cause and made this event a success and perhaps more importantly, a learning experience in our kid's lives.

God Bless You — Brandon Smith (TRS)

In Memory & Honor of Those We Love

(Gifts received February 1st, 2010 — June 18th, 2010)

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

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

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Drawing Pencils
Erasers
Pastels (Non-toxic)
Chalk
Markers (nontoxic, not permanent)
Large (fat) Markers
Large rolls of paper (art paper)
Safety Scissors
Lots & Lots of Glitter Glue
Water Colors (paints)
Tempure Paints
Paint Brushes
Puffy Paint
Paper for Painting (lg. sketch pad)
Posterboard
Colored Paper
Construction Paper
Lots and lots of Stickers
Glue
Stencils
Lots of Beads (no glass)
Hemp String (the thin kind)
At least 6 sets of Gel Pens
Ribbon
Modeling Clay
Play-doh
Tissue Paper
Embroidery Thread
Stretchy String
Yarn
Plastic Tablecloths
Coloring Posters
Things to paint (wood, styrofoam, felt, etc.)

Games

A couple of each of these
Monopoly
Cranium
Trouble
Life
Trivial Pursuit
(Not the adult version)

Scene It
Rummikub
Playing Cards

Card Games:

Phase 10
Uno
Skip Bo

Sports Stuff:

Footballs
Kickballs (red rubber)
Bean Bag Toss

Stable Needs:

Horse Brushes
Curry Combs
Lunge Line
Lead Ropes
Small Halters (for minis)
Push Brooms
Lightweight Wheelbarrel
SEI approved gently used/new helmets
Books/Videos/Educational Materials
about horses
Plastic Barrels/Orange Cones/Caveletti Poles
Fly Spray
DVD Player
Metal Cabinet that Locks
File Cabinet that Locks

How Much Do We Use?

Do you ever just wonder how much food and toiletries get used around Kemmerer Village?!?

In One Month We Use

108 Gallons of Milk
850 - 1/2 Pt. White Milk
1,050 1/2 Pt. Chocolate Milk
20 - 5 lbs. of cottage cheese
30 Dozen Eggs

In One Week

30 Loaves White Bread
15 Loaves Wheat Bread
2 Cases of Apples

For One Meal

120 Hamburger Buns
Peel 20 lbs. of Carrots
30 lbs. of Ground Beef for Spaghetti
8-10 loaves of Garlic Bread
30 Fajita Strips
100-200 Shells
8-10 Heads of Lettuce are Cut each day

Laundry does about 80 Commercial Loads a week.

Cottages use about 60 rolls of Toilet Paper a week.

Equine Spotlight

by Amber Miller, Equine Therapist

LEGACY

Legacy is a sorrel Quarter Horse mare. She stands about 15.2 Hands. Legacy can be ridden both English and Western style. She came to Kemmerer Village in September 2009. Legacy was donated by the Ray Graham Association in Chicago.

Equine Therapist, Amber Miller, met the Program Director at the Ray Graham Association while attending a seminar there to complete her certification as a NARHA riding instructor. During her time at the Ray Graham Association, Legacy was used for riding lessons for children with physical challenges, such as cerebral palsy. She was a resident favorite and often used for youths' "First Canter" lesson, because she has a smooth gait which makes it easier for riders to balance.

Legacy is now about 24 years old and has some arthritis, although she still has plenty of energy. Residents at Kemmerer Village use Legacy in a variety of activities, including Equine Therapy. During Equine Therapy many activities take place on the ground, rather than mounted. Legacy is also used during mounted activities during Horsemanship recreation. Legacy has proved reliable and trustworthy. The children at Kemmerer Village love her!

Despite her decreased workload, this winter was hard on Legacy and she is slightly underweight. She has free access to hay or pasture and is now eating about 8 lbs. of Equine Senior Feed daily. We are also supplementing her feed with Beet Pulp to help her gain more weight. We consult with our veterinarian on a healthcare regime to best support Legacy's health in her senior years.

Legacy appears to have adjusted well to her new home, overall. She often nickers to greet the children when they arrive at the stable and whinnies more persistently if they do not come greet her. She has found a new best friend in Frank, who came to Kemmerer Village over the winter. Look in the future issues of "Voices" for information about Frank and other horses at Kemmerer Village.



Former Residents of Kemmerer Village Planning Reunion

Saturday, August 14, 2010 has been selected as the date for the next Kemmerer Village Reunion. The reunion will be hosted on the Village campus. If you are a former resident or staff, we would like to invite you to save this date on your calendar. Pat Hill McLaughlin, former resident, is making an effort to contact as many people as possible. At present, 100 residents have committed to attending the reunion. The first Kemmerer Village Reunion took place in 1986. Food and refreshments will be provided. If you would like more information, please contact Pat McLaughlin at jacsmom1@yahoo.com or (217) 679-0804 after 6:00 pm.

The Kemmerer Village Auxiliary

The Kemmerer Village Auxiliary would like to invite you to join our group, if you live in driving range and would like to join our auxiliary, all you need to do is come to meetings the first Wednesday of March, May, September, and November at 10:00 am. Also, if you would like to receive news about the Kemmerer Village Auxiliary and don't live nearby, we would be happy to mail or email to the church or a representative.

The Kemmerer Village Auxiliary joins together and experiences a program from Kemmerer Staff and Residents as well as discusses fundraising ideas such as a quilt raffle and no-bake sale. They also give money to students for graduation gifts, shoes and clothing, bed sheets, special events on campus such as prom, parties and cottage outings. The Kemmerer Village Auxiliary has been and continues to be a wonderful and very important part of the **96-Year Kemmerer Village Ministry**. The staff and children of Kemmerer Village are extremely grateful to these dedicated ladies who have contributed so much to the generations of young people at Kemmerer Village.

We hope to see you at a meeting!!

For more information you can email Jessica at: jessica.webb@kv.christian.k12.il.us.

Happy Birthday!

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

JULY

Nicholas S.	M	July 6, 1997
Alyssa H.	F	July 6, 1993
Ronald B.	M	July 16, 1992
Christopher D.	M	July 20, 1992
Ravyn T.	F	July 20, 1994
Rasheed M.	M	July 25, 1997

AUGUST

Deanna B.	F	Aug. 12, 1994
Madison B.	F	Aug. 15, 1995
Julius P.	M	Aug. 19, 1994
Kayci K.	F	Aug. 23, 1994
Chelsea R.	F	Aug. 27, 1995
Tamecka L.	F	Aug. 31, 1992

SEPTEMBER

Brook H.	F	Sept. 21, 1993
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OCTOBER

Katrina F.	F	Oct. 6, 1994
Kelsey S.	F	Oct. 6, 1993
Craig O.	M	Oct. 25, 1992

NOVEMBER

Austin C.	M	Nov. 3, 1993
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DECEMBER

Steven C.	M	Dec. 14, 1992
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17th Annual Kemmerer Village CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

Friday, September 10th, 2010

Four-Person Scramble

Oak Terrace Golf Course - 8:00 am

Rt. 51 South - Pana, IL

-EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION-

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- Longest Putt
- Closest to Pin
- Longest Drive

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