

# *Kemmerer Voices*



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## *McNabbs Establish Endowment Fund For Kemmerer Village Youth*



Mike Havera, Executive Director of Kemmerer Village would like to announce that Marie and Robert McNabb of Monticello, IL have recently established a \$50,000 Endowment Fund for the purpose of helping provide care for the youth at Kemmerer Village.

Marie and Bob have been faithful advocates for the children at Kemmerer Village for many years. The couple took “white gifts” canned goods to church at Christmas time as far back as 1944-45. Marie has served on the Kemmerer Village “twenty-five volunteer member” Board of Directors since 1996. During that time, she worked on several Board committees including Executive, Financial Development, Personnel, Nominating and Assistant Secretary. She is currently serving as President of the Board of Directors. Marie also served many years on the Kemmerer Village Auxiliary, including president, prior to serving on the board. She retired in 2006 after serving fifteen years as the Stated Clerk for The Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois.

The Endowment will help provide funding for such items as child/parent transportation cost, art classes or lessons, needs for the Kemmerer Village Chapel, cottage activities, Therapeutic Recreation equipment and scholarship funding for furthering education. It will also provide funding to assist youth moving into independent living and also with vocational training.

The McNabb's generous gift will help Kemmerer Village reach out to the most vulnerable and hurting children today and in the future, young people who have experienced abuse, neglect and trauma in their lives. We are extremely grateful to Marie and Bob for their friendship and support of Kemmerer Village.



## From the Director's Desk

**Ninety-five years** of helping children is a long time, filled with many experiences and many lives. So, frequently in the busyness of our own daily life experiences, one easily becomes overly concerned with the todays and tomorrows

while sometimes forgetting the heritage of the past.

Throughout these ninety-five years of helping troubled children and families, the individual faces and names have changed. The same hurt, however disguised and renamed, is still here today in the faces of the troubled young people we serve. Also unchanged is the message we continue to receive from you. You have continued to place your trust and faith in our efforts to help these young people. Individuals and congregations have continued to be steadfast in their support of this ministry.

All of us at Kemmerer Village recognize that these are uncertain times. We, as a staff and Board of Directors sincerely appreciate your prayers and support. Thank you also to those who work quietly behind the scenes in so many ways in your churches and communities.

Early in our Village history, I'm sure many individuals expected and hoped to see the day when there no longer would be a child who needed services such as ours. As we begin our 95<sup>th</sup> year of working with children and families, we all know unfortunately, there are more and more children who very much need us. Thus the need for Kemmerer Village continues to grow.

Today, Kemmerer Village is highly respected as a residential therapeutic treatment program committed to serving troubled youth and families. The increase of abuse, neglect and abandonment of children and youth have resulted in severe behavior disorders, learning disabilities and emotional disturbances in the young people we are working with today. We continue to implement new programs in an effort to help these youth become healthy and productive members of society.

We are planning a 95<sup>th</sup> Open House Celebration on August 9<sup>th</sup> of this year. We will be giving campus tours and providing information on the programs at Kemmerer Village. Lunch will be served by the Mid-Illinois Pork Producers. I invite all of you to take this opportunity to visit us and see first hand the mission that you are helping support. More information on our Open House will be mailed to churches and also printed in the July issue of the Kemmerer Voices. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Development Office at (217) 226-2130. Thank you again for your friendship and caring support.

Sincerely,

## Betty Kay donates her book "The Lincolns from A to Z" to Kemmerer Village Youth

Betty Carlson Kay is a Kemmerer Village Board member from Jacksonville, IL. She recently authored a book titled "The



Lincolns from A to Z." She generously donated a copy to each of our cottages. Betty began writing while teaching first grade in the Springfield Public Schools. Upon retiring, she began a second career of visiting schools around the state bringing history to life in a one-woman presentation. Dressed in period clothing as either Mrs. Rutledge of New Salem or Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards of Springfield, Betty Kay makes the lives of Abraham and Mary Lincoln interesting and meaningful.

We very much appreciate this donation in celebration of Lincoln's Bicentennial in 2009. Our young people are enjoying reading the books.

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## Kemmerer Village Welcomes 2 New Therapists



Shannon Dyson's Bio.  
(pictured on left)

I am from Springfield, IL. I was born and raised there through high school where I attended Sacred Heart Griffin. I am a recent graduate from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. I went there both for my Bachelor's and my Master's. I obtained a Master's in clinical child and school psychology in August of 2008. Throughout my education I have worked in a variety of experiences. As an undergraduate I worked with twin autistic boys doing ABA therapy as a means to improve their social skills and overall functioning. As a graduate student I worked in the Madison County Detention Center giving counseling and relaxation therapy to groups. I also worked at the St. Louis Family Court with adolescents that were using drugs. I helped to provide drug assessments and run a substance abuse program. For a year I also worked at the Head Start of St. Clair County. I primarily worked in centers throughout East St. Louis providing services for both parents and the children that were enrolled. After I graduated I worked for a short time at Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center in Springfield, Illinois. My posi-

tion there was primarily working on both the child and adolescent units making sure that they were following directions and attending the groups that were planned for them. After Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center I started here at Kemmerer Village as the therapist for Buchanan cottage. I am happy I got the opportunity to work here and look forward to my experience here at Kemmerer Village.

Jaymie McCammon's Bio.  
(pictured on right)

Jaymie McCammon is a 2007 graduate of the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana School of Social Work and is a licensed Social Worker for the state of Illinois. Prior to coming to Kemmerer Village, Jaymie worked with pregnant and parenting teenagers through the Women, Infants, Children (WIC) program at the Macon County Health Department. She also worked at Youth Advocate Program in Decatur, serving at risk teens in the community through crisis intervention services. Jaymie resides in Decatur with her husband and two dogs, Bella and Butkus. Jaymie is now a Kemmerer Village therapist for North Cottage.

## KV Boys Win Illinois Inter-Agency Association Dodgeball Tournament

The KV boys Dodgeball team won the first ever IIAA Dodgeball Tournament. Their record was 5-1. They also received the highest sportsmanship award in the tournament.

We congratulate the boys on their first state title in the history of KV and the IIAA:

- Thomas
- John G.
- John H.
- Brett
- Daneco
- Paris
- Jesse



## Campus Celebrates Black History



*Mike Havera, Executive Director and Ada Jackson*

Staff and residents gathered in the Campus Center to share in celebration of Black History Month. A wonderful meal of barbequed ribs, side dishes and desserts were prepared by Ada Jackson. Ada is a Childcare Counselor for Buchanan Cottage. Several speakers were also invited to speak about Martin Luther King and Black History. Afterwards our youth participated in a quiz on Black History with prizes being awarded to the winners. This is an annual event that residents and staff enjoy participating in. We wish to thank Ada Jackson for her help and for preparation of the delicious food.

# Christmas 2008

Thank you - to all the individuals, congregations and organizations who helped provide a memorable Christmas for our young people! Kemmerer Village continues to be blessed by your faith and support of this ministry.



Santa's Helpers - Kemmerer Village Staff



Girls from Allemang Cottage

*Thank you so much for my Christmas gifts it was a blessing to have them. God Bless You Love, Kristina*



Boys from Rhea Cottage

Jesus was born on this day so we shall come together and celebrate our Lord and Savior special Day his birthday we shall receive and give our love and presents and Show that we remember our Lord forever so <sup>By:</sup> D.E.  
Merry Christmas.

## Artist Bill Bayer Challenges Each Young Person to do their best!



Mr. Bill Bayer has traveled from the St. Louis area several times over the years to our campus. His goal on each visit is to help each resident spend three to four hours working toward a successful piece of art they can keep and be proud of. It is truly amazing that these are children who at times have a short attention span and begin the project with an "I can't do this" attitude. Due to the skill and patience of Mr. Bayer and to the wonderment of staff and each young person the paintings come to life. Blue skies, snow capped mountains and beautiful, tall evergreens soon fill the canvas. The "can't do's" suddenly realize that they have a really beautiful piece of art and memories of a fun, rewarding experience.



## Top 10 Needs

- New Furniture for Cottage
- New Gas Grills • 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

## Box Tops Really Count!

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 book shelves 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.



## Campbell's Labels

Please clip the UPC (barcode)

Campbell's will no longer accept the front label.

We are required to send the UPC as shown below.

Thank you everyone for your assistance with this program!



# In Memory & Honor of Those We Love

(Gifts received Sept. 26, 2008 to January 31, 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

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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### 95 Years of Making A Difference

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.

# Happy Birthday!

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

**APRIL**

Devon T.	M	Apr. 02, 1993
Audrey H.	F	Apr. 14, 1991
Charlie M.	M	Apr. 17, 1995
Valerie H.	F	Apr. 21, 1993
Ashton S.	F	Apr. 25, 1991
Charles G.	M	Apr. 29, 1992

**MAY**

Brandon C.	M	May 01, 1992
Aimee V.	F	May 11, 1993
Roosevelt C.	M	May 16, 1990
Scott F.	M	May 29, 1992
Anne N.	F	May 31, 1995

**JUNE**

Callie R.	F	Jun. 25, 1993
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**JULY**

Alyssa H.	F	Jul. 06, 1993
Ronald B.	M	Jul. 16, 1992
Ravyn T.	F	Jul. 20, 1994
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

## Kemmerer Village Open House Celebrating 95 years of service!!

Where: Kemmerer Village Campus

When: Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Lunch: Served by the Mid-Illinois Pork Producers

Tours: We will be giving guided informational tours of the campus and answering questions.

We hope you can join us for this special occasion!

For More Information contact the Kemmerer Village Development Office at 217-226-2132.

Kemmerer Village Auxiliary Quilt Raffle  
**Queen Size Kentucky Log Cabin Quilt**

Drawing to be held August 9, 2009

95th Open House Celebration

\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

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