

## OUR NEEDS AT DIVINE PROVIDENCE

As of April 30<sup>th</sup>, we have received \$29,072.30 for our annual appeal. Our biggest project this year is raising funds for the remaining window replacements. We are incredibly grateful for all the generous donors that are helping us maintain our building, grounds, and purchasing necessary items to enhance the lives of our residents!

Please consider our following needs:

Handicapped Van	\$70,000.00
Window Replacement	\$382,000.00
Window Blinds for Resident Rooms	\$4,300.00
Headphone sound amplifiers for residents in Chapel	\$850.00

Please consider Divine Providence Community Home with a bequest gift in your Will or Estate Plan, a Life Insurance Policy, or an IRA Rollover.

It is an opportunity to strengthen the legacy of caring for those who are most vulnerable, and keeping them safe.

## Shop for Cards, Gifts, and Quilts at DPCH!

Visit the Auxiliary gift shop filled with religious gifts, handmade quilts, pot holders, embroidered dish towels, baby gifts and more! Cards are available for \$1.00 in the main lobby for any occasion.

**A complete listing of quilts available with sizes and pricing is available on the website under the "News & Views" tab at: [divineprovidencehome.org](http://divineprovidencehome.org)**

Proceeds benefit the Auxiliary which supports Divine Providence.

### DIRECTORY

Facilities Director.....	Sr. Sharon Williams
Administrator.....	Jayna Groebner
Director of Nurses.....	Michelle Augustin, RN
Social Services.....	Shirley Hornick, LPN
Activity Director.....	ShellyRae Zinniel, ADC
Business Manager.....	Sheena Hoffmann
Dietary Manager.....	Jesse Steinbeisser
Environmental Services.....	Randy Renner
Health Information Manager/HIPAA.....	Alexa Crim
Lake Villa Maria Housing Manager.....	Gina McKeown

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## Happy Birthday

**Residents: Dorothy Jacobsen, Lucille Losleben**

**Employees: Jeanne Ludewig, Lucia Martinez**

**Paredes, Patty Rosenhammer, Randy Renner,**

**Macy Wagner, Missy Vickery**

### EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

**Randy Renner**

**Maintenance Director**



**How long have you worked here?** 11 years 7 months

**What does your job entail?**

Anything maintenance- from boilers to air conditioners, lawnmowing to snow removal, facility and building repairs to getting contractors bids, wheelchair repairs, resident requests, and helping move furniture.

**In terms of successes, which accomplishments are you most proud of?** Learning something new and accomplishing tasks. Starting as maintenance assistant and becoming director, and obtaining many new skills and licenses.

**What is the best part about working at Divine?** I really enjoy that everyday is not the same routine for job tasks, and seeing the end result with the things we do, putting smiles on residents, staff, and guests.

**What's your favorite memory while working at Divine Providence?** The before and after results in many projects we've done lately- such as the new beautiful floor in the mall area and the AHU9 with the new comfort levels we achieved.

**Who are some of your biggest inspirations at Divine?** The sisters and many of the residents.

**About your family:** I have two older brothers, and 1 younger sister. I also have an adopted dog named Lady.

**A fun fact about yourself most people don't know:** I enjoy motorcycling anytime I can, as well as going on different vacation places all over the USA and Internationally.



# HAPPY Easter

Baby Harper, daughter of Sarah, RN



Arlis & Helen



William, grandson of ShellyRae



Ronda & Beth



Lavon



Kathleen, Marion



Etien, Adeline



Snuggly Ducklings



Sr. Savina, Marion



Sr. Emily, Darleen



Shirley



Bev & Agnes



Georgie



Patty, Verna, Lorie

Easter chicks, ducks and games made the celebration of the Easter season extra special this month! 4 baby chicks lived at Divine for a week chirping through the halls ever so sweetly. Following the chicks, 2 baby ducklings stayed for the week after, though a bit messier than chicks, they still melted the hearts of everyone!





Agnes



Gloria & Beth



Arlene



Bev & Lorie

With the April showers, the green grass has been vibrantly growing in the neighborhood as the ladies have been regularly watering their lawns and even mowing the grass already (pictured above)!



Lois



Georgie & Marion with SMS students and Mrs. Windschitl

Students from St. Mary's Honor Roll Society stopped by for a visit and enjoyed a game of Bingo with the residents.



## Getting to know Sr. Emily

*Sr. Emily has been serving at Divine Providence since 2022 as a CNA. This is her first obedience since professing her vows and becoming a Daughter of St. Mary of Providence.*

**Where were you raised?** I was raised in North Oxford, Massachusetts.

**Tell us about your family and childhood:** I was an only child and my parents are James & Kelly Chandley. I went to public school the majority of my growing up years but graduated from Holy Name High School in Worcester, MA. My hobbies included competing in my favorite sport, and spending time with my friend, Kat.



**When and how did you know you wanted to become a Sister?** After my freshmen year of high school, I attended my first Steubenville Conference and had an awakening of my faith life. The following year I went back and attended a week long pre-retreat called Franciscan LEAD. While I was there, I met a girl who was planning on entering another community of Sisters after college. Meeting her inspired an interest in my heart to look deeper into this way of life that I had never really considered. I started looking at different communities of Sisters. A show I watched on Lifetime TV featured different communities and the second one featured was the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence. Seeing their love in particular for those with developmental disabilities and their joyful demeanor attracted me at a deep level. Eventually I decided to call them and scheduled a visit in Lake Zurich, IL. After the visit, I didn't think I would be returning. It didn't seem like the right fit at the time. However, one of the sisters personally called me and invited me back. That meant a lot to me, so I returned and fell in love on that visit.

**What was the process to become a Sister?** After graduating high school, I entered the community as an Aspirant on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Mount St. Joseph, Lake Zurich IL. Aspirancy is the first step in getting to know your way around, the schedule, and learning to pray with the Sisters. A few months later, on December 12<sup>th</sup>, I became a Postulant with the community. During this time, I went deeper into the faith and learning what religious life is all about. On February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, I became a Novice with 3 other women from other countries. As a Novice, I learned about the spirituality of our community through classes and study of our Founder. On August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, I professed my vows as a Daughter of St. Mary of Providence and became *Sister Emily*. I received the habit and was told I would be coming to Sleepy Eye.

**What have you enjoyed most about being a sister?** I have enjoyed spending time with my Sisters and taking care of the residents whom I consider family too.

**What has been the biggest challenge?** Balancing time spent in community and in prayer with the Sisters, as well as being present to our residents.

**What do you hope to fulfill as a Daughter of St. Mary of Providence?** My hope is to become a happy, holy Sister and to share that joy with others.