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Enriching lives through Quality Services and Christian Care

A note from the Administrator - Jayna

At Divine Providence and Lake Villa Maria, we take immense pride in the dining experience we provide for our residents, tenants, guests, and staff. Year after year, our residents give us high marks that sit well above the state average in the "Food Enjoyment" category of the annual Minnesota Nursing Facility Resident Quality of Life Survey. During these interviews, residents are asked whether they enjoy their meals, receive their favorite foods, experience enough menu variety, and genuinely look forward to mealtimes. While we as staff can always rave about how wonderful our food is, the numbers truly speak for themselves!

To build on this tradition of excellence and make meaningful improvements, we transitioned our primary food vendor to Martin Brothers earlier this summer. Although our previous partner served us well for over a decade, we sought a provider specialized in senior living that could better support our specific needs. Martin Brothers offers exceptional assistance with menu planning, ordering, therapeutic diets, and texture-modified options. Of course, great ingredients are only the beginning—food is ultimately only as good as the cook and those that serve the food! To make kitchen operations smoother, the Martin Brothers team of sales consultants, dieticians, and chefs collaborates closely with our dietary department to create recipes that elevate our dining experience.

We are also thrilled to celebrate a major milestone within our Dietary leadership. Because our consultant dietician visits one day a week, state regulations require us to have a full-time Certified Dietary Manager (CDM) leading the department—or someone actively progressing toward that credential. Back in February, we announced that Sharon Liese had stepped into the role of Dietary Manager while working toward her certification. Today, we are beyond proud to announce that Sharon has officially passed her exam and is now a fully Certified Dietary Manager! Our consultant dietician who has mentored many students over the years was deeply impressed by how quickly and thoroughly Sharon completed her coursework.

Congratulations to Sharon on her remarkable achievement! We are so blessed to have dedicated professionals like Sharon and our entire kitchen crew caring for our community. Their hard work ensures that every meal is not just nourishing, but a wonderful highlight of the day for our residents and guests.



Athlete of the month *Patty Nelson*

Patty has demonstrated great determination, strength, and positivity during therapy sessions; this is why we have chosen her to be our athlete of the month. She continues to work towards her goals and works hard every day. Keep up the good work, Patty!



For any family members interested, we are offering a family council- please contact Shirley Hornick for more information
507-794-3011 or shornick@dpch.net

Auxiliary News



Save the Date

The annual Fall Bazaar is quickly approaching! Please mark your calendars for **November 1st** to attend our bazaar which includes the famous Roast Beef Dinner, Country Store & Baked Goods, Raffle and much more. More details to come!



Our featured quilt of the month is called "Trails of Fall". With the seasons changing, this is the perfect quilt to cover up with on these cooler nights. This quilt showcases rustic colors in strips of three with cream sashing in between and finished off with a beautiful leaf long-arm stitch. The size is 76" x 89" and price is \$275.00. It's

currently on display in the hallway at Divine. Come check it out and add it to your collection!

Thank You

- Thank you Madison Garland for the Girl Scout Cookies
- Lynne Schroeffer for the sweet corn
- Lee & Carol Case for the Meat & Cheese tray for our staff
- Minnesota Gladiolus Society for the beautiful flowers from the fair
- **Memorials received in memory of Nick Lux**
 - Family of Nick
 - Sharon Carr
 - Steve & Judy Schotzko
 - M. & N. Schmidt
 - Russ & Ann McCabe
- **Memorials received in memory of Patty Rosenhammer**
 - Mary Jane Huberty & Kathleen Huberty
 - Joan Grausam
 - Ed & Shirley Hornick

MR. & MRS. SIMON



The Trishaw has put on many miles this summer, but some of the most special rides are when husbands and wives can just spend time with each other enjoying the countryside and reminiscing memories of the past and present.

MR. & MRS. NAZARENUS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

RESIDENTS

Pat Hood 9/9
Marjorie Ahlrich 9/17

September

EMPLOYEES

Jamie Groebner 9/4
Sharon Liese 9/4
Beth Vait-Kosel 9/11
Ellen Windschitl 9/13
Gloria Martinez 9/15
Vicky Sprenger 9/16
Becky Sellner 9/23
Marissa Persinger 9/26
Catherine Haala 9/28

Employee Spotlight Kris Nelson Dietary



How long have you worked here? Almost 28 years

What does your job entail? Cooking and serving meals for breakfast and lunch.

What inspired you to work in a nursing home? My girlfriend was working here and I thought I would enjoy it too.

What is your favorite part of the day at Divine Providence? So many smiling and kind people to talk to.

What's your favorite memory while working at Divine Providence? Watching the birds on my dad's bird feeder with him when he was a resident here.

About your family: My husband is Gene and we have 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

A fun fact about yourself most people don't know: I spent a week in Northern Germany visiting relatives.

Making waves and making memories!

Brad, Delbert, and Carol enjoying a beautiful day out on the water.



Dennis and Will

enjoying a beautiful day on Sleepy Eye Lake—good company, calm waters, and a pontoon ride to remember!



Lavon going for a stroll with Edmee, seeing the beautiful flowers next door on St. Mary's football field



Just when you think you're done...
More cucumbers.



Mary Jo Sullivan (and her 2 daughters) from Bloomington visited with Donna on Monday, August 24th.

They were classmates together at St. Raphael's and Springfield High School and in each other's weddings.

OUR NEEDS AT DIVINE PROVIDENCE

As of August 31st, we have received \$163,333 for our 2026 Annual Appeal. Due to the significance of the window project, we are continuing to raise funds for this project and we also have ordered the wheelchair van scheduled to come in October. 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:

Wheelchair Van	\$100,000.00
Balance of Window Replacement & Shades	\$150,000.00

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 "Quilts for Sale" tab at:
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.....	Sharon Liese, CDM
Environmental Services.....	Randy Renner
Health Information Manager/HIPAA.....	Alexa Crim
Lake Villa Maria Housing Manager.....	Gina McKeown

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SUMMERFEST PARADE

Divine Providence and Lake Villa had a bright presence in the Summerfest Parade in Sleepy Eye on August 22nd. Randy Zinnel pulled the trailer with residents and tenants riding and waving to all the familiar faces they knew!



In loving memory of Patty Rosenhammer

On August 4th, Patty Rosenhammer went home to the Lord. She was still working at Divine as an LPN until her cancer diagnosis this past winter. Her career spanned over 30 years here at Divine Providence. She is deeply missed by all the residents she cared for and coworkers.



A Love Rooted in Faith: John and Patty's Story

For Patty, Divine Providence was much more than the place where she dedicated her nursing career; it was her home. She could have worked at many other places throughout her life, but she deeply loved caring for the residents and treasured the joy of having her own children visit from the school right next door.



Fittingly, it was also the place where John decided to ask Patty to spend forever with him.

After a six-month wait that had Patty anxiously anticipating the moment, John dropped little hints along the way—including writing "Getting Closer..." right on her fish sandwich wrapper.

On December 8, 1987, the wait finally came to an end. John left flowers in front of the Blessed Mother in the chapel at Divine Providence, with the ring tied to them. Following Mass, John insisted they visit the chapel. Patty, unaware of what awaited her, hesitantly asked, "Can we go some other time?" But John wouldn't take no for an answer, gently pressing that it was very important.

Though she didn't notice the flowers at first, John soon popped the question, and the two became engaged right in front of the Blessed Mother.

That devotion carried them through nearly 38 wonderful years of marriage, falling just one month shy of that milestone. Today, their life story is forever tied together: on John and Patty's gravestone, a picture of the Blessed Mother (the same one we have outside the front entrance at Divine, pictured right) and a Nativity scene on the back symbolize the most important part of their journey—their shared faith in Jesus and helping each other get to Heaven.



A note from the Facility Director - Sr. Sharon

SPIRIT AND MISSION

Spirit and Mission go hand-in-hand. We are called to a certain vocation in life by God. We have the choice to follow or not. Recently Our Lord called one of our most beloved and dedicated staff members, Patty Rosenhammer, to Himself. She was called to a variety of vocations in her life, but for us here at Divine, she was a **Nurse**. A most kind, gentle and caring individual. Never flustered, even under the most challenging of circumstances. Co-workers loved to work with her and she always had a good word for anyone. She had the **"Divine" spirit**. Called and sent to work with the elderly and each one of us who miss that early morning smile that sets the tone for the day. She is missed! We are grateful for her more than 30 years of service here. As our Good Lord would say: "Well done good and faithful servant, come, share your Masters joy!"

As Sisters, we too, are called and sent. We have answered His Call and now too, sent on Mission here at Divine/Lake Villa Maria. It is truly a joy to have this opportunity to be of service here. A place where Faith and Family still are held as a priority, a closely knit community supportive of our Mission.

As with any Mission, there is accountability, a Chain-of-Command so to speak. We have our local leadership, (Superior), our regional leadership, (Provincial), and worldwide leadership, our (Mother General and Councilors). Since Covid, we have not had a General Visitation, which is called a Canonical Visit, until now. We are going to have a Visit from our Sisters from Italy, our Vicar General in the absence of our Mother General who has during this time gone home to Heaven. Sr Esther, who was here for a very brief time, will accompany her. The dates of the Visit will be September 9-12th. You will be able to see them and visit with them if you would like. Sr. Esther is from our Province and a Canadian so she speaks English to assist in any translating to be done. Feel free to speak with them, they would love to hear from you.

LIVE IN THE SPIRIT AND GO FORTH IN MISSION