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Celebrate 40...Commitment To Future Campaign

One year ago Locust Grove Village embarked on the Commitment to the Future Campaign to raise funds for the remodeling of the 40-year-old nursing home building. There have been a few challenges along the way, including a massive flood that impacted eight independent living apartments on the campus. This setback of over \$203,000 has not deterred the plans to move forward with the remodeling project.

We have been blessed with initial donations and pledge commitments of \$132,277 for our phase one goal of \$175,000.

This first phase will impact the public areas of the nursing home creating more living space, outdoor connections, and revamping the large dining room into smaller, intimate areas. It is very important that the residents have places to socialize and join together in homelike areas. Being able to access the beautiful courtyard directly from the nursing home will be a welcome addition.

As a not-for-profit community organization, all donations to the Locust Grove Village Commitment to the Future campaign are tax deductible.

We have been blessed by the

generosity of so many over our 40-year history of elder care, If you believe in Locust Grove Village and what we do for elder care and Rush County as a whole, Please consider a gift for this project. Thank you in advance.

-Charlotte Rathke
Administrator

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GivingTuesday started as a day for anyone, anywhere to give, and it's grown into the biggest giving movement in the world.

GivingTuesday harnesses the generosity of millions of people around the world to support the causes they believe in and the communities in which they live. Celebrated on the Tuesday following U.S. Thanksgiving, and fueled by the power of social media and collaboration, GivingTuesday inspires millions of people across the globe to show up and give back to causes and issues that matter to them.

So mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 3 as Locust Grove Village participates in the GivingTuesday event. Now in its sixth year locally, Golden Belt Community Foundation and Locust Grove Village, along with numerous nonprofit providers have collaborated to enhance programs and raise monies. The Locust Grove Village Endowment fund was established in 2012 and through the generosity of donors has grown to over \$41,300. The GivingTuesday event is the primary funding project for the Endowment fund. In 2019, a \$10,000 proportional match will be calculated on eligible gifts through GBCF to further grow the funds. Each gift is tax-deductible, as allowed by law.

There are various ways to participate in the month-long campaign that begins November 1, 2019:

1) Give online at: [www.golden-](http://www.golden-beltcf.org)

beltcf.org designating Locust Grove Village as your fund of choice.

2) Give in person at E-Z Mart 1409 Main in La Crosse from 11 am – 1 pm on December 3 in your county (other locations will be listed on the website)

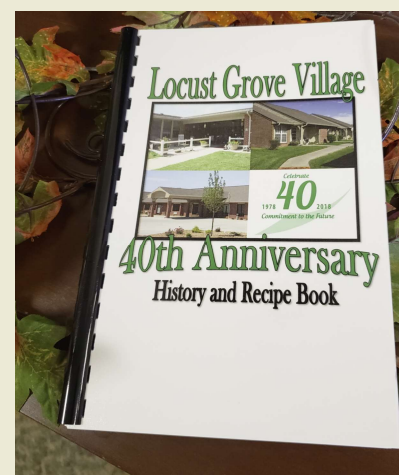
3) Gifts can be made in-person or mailed to the foundation to qualify for Giving Tuesday at 1307 Williams St.; P.O. Box 1911; Great Bend, KS 67530. Please make checks payable to GBCF.

4) Gifts and forms may be brought to the Locust Grove Village Administration office to be hand-delivered to the county



giving location on December 3. Giving forms may be picked up at the Locust Grove Village Administration area or printed off the website at www.golden-beltcf.org or www.locust-grovetillage.com.

Mailed gifts must be post-marked by December 3, 2019.



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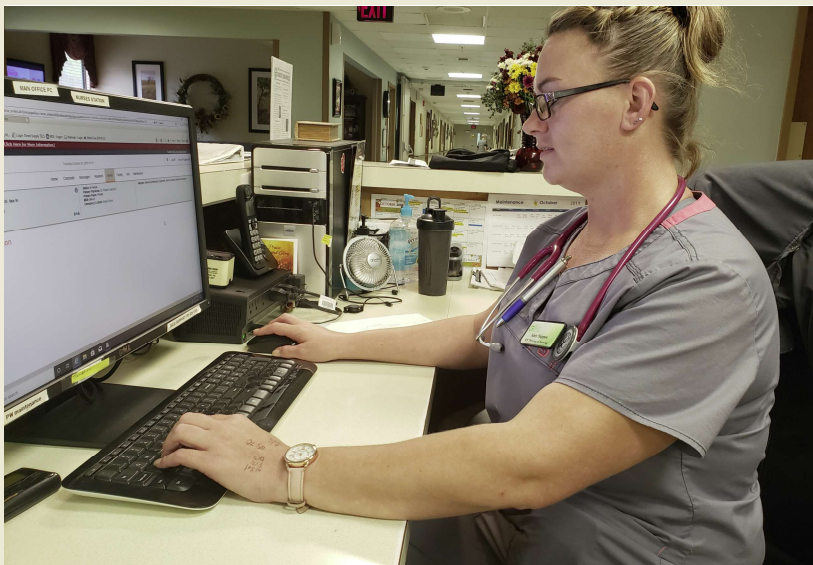
Clinical Leadership In Good Hands

Who could have predicted in 1999, that at the age of 15 years old, Amy Suppes beginning her certified nurse aide work at Locust Grove Village would be the first step in a long and productive career in nursing care and leadership? But that's exactly what has happened. Over the past 20 years, Amy has expanded her knowledge, grown her skills and degrees, tried other care venues and ALWAYS returned to Locust Grove Village and the elders.

"This is my home," Amy says proudly. "I love it here and I'm not going anywhere."

Now as a registered nurse (RN) and the Director of Nursing for the licensed areas at Locust Grove Village, she manages the home through the complex regulatory and challenging clinical aspects of elder care and service. In addition, she is responsible for the largest employee group, employing nearly half of the 46 employees in her department. Amy does this very well as measured by recent Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) survey procedures. For two years running, Locust Grove Village has come through this surprise annual review of all clinical measures with extremely high results --- evidenced by a low number and scope of deficiencies.

"It is a total team effort," Suppes explains. "I feel our staff are prepared to address the issues as required by the survey and bottom line our residents feel good about the care they receive."



The positive input by residents and family members is further evidenced in the KDADS Resident Satisfaction Survey in which 100% of residents interviewed reported that they would recommend Locust Grove Village to others.

"Our home as well as our team are built on relationships first and foremost. Amy has built a team that is comfortable with her leadership; she is approachable and always willing to come alongside them... demonstrating and teaching," said Charlotte Rathke, administrator.

Amy explains that over the years at Locust Grove Village she has had excellent mentors to show her the way. "Verlene Wilson (LPN) was someone I looked up to a lot. She was not above anybody or anything. She demonstrated to me that you just need to make it happen for the residents and the staff," Suppes notes. "I've tried to put that into practice with my own team now." The positive experiences recently do not find Ms.

Suppes resting on the laurels, however --- instead, she believes the challenges are many in the future. "There will continue to be a big need for dementia education and care among our residents and family; and we continue to believe that person centered models of care are the best for our elders. We have to respond to the changing expectations of the elders in care practices and making our home conducive to a family feeling."

Locust Grove Village is in good hands with Amy Suppes, RN as the Director of Nursing, directing resident care and a nursing team responsive to elder





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Donor Prefers Giving Local

Lucile Shabowich of La Crosse prefers “seeing” her donations at work in the community.

A long time supporter of charitable organizations, Mrs. Shabowich and her husband, Stan, now deceased, did not always agree on where the monies should go. “So he had his money for causes that he supported and I had mine,” Lucile smiles. “I like to support community oriented projects – I like to see what is being done,” she adds.

Lucile has contributed to the Locust Grove Village Commitment to the Future Campaign because of this personal philosophy.

“I appreciate the people here, they are very giving... and I appreciate the nursing home.

When Stan needed the care at the end of his life, he was very content in the LGV nursing home.. And that was so important.”

Lucile, who lives at the LGV Retirement apartments, encourages others to support the Campaign for remodeling the nursing home. “It is important to support our community. Your donation is visible – you can see the enhancements to the home.”

If you wish to join Mrs. Shabowich in making a gift to the Commitment to the Future Campaign, a donation envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Checks should be made out to Locust Grove Village. If you would like information on the campaign, please contact Charlotte Rathke at 222-2574.



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