



Down Home Living

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Commitment To Future Campaign Phase 1 Gets Green Light

It's green light time to GO!

Phase 1 of the Commitment to the Future campaign project to remodel the nursing home has received the Board of Director approval for completion. Thanks to the generosity of donors, \$139,452 has been received or pledged toward the \$179,368 phase.

"It is time to move forward," states Kevin Moeder, Chairman of the LGV Board. "We are committed to improving this forty-year-old building, embracing the person centered care model for resident living."

This Phase 1 of the campaign will include remodeling to the dining room, creating smaller dining areas and a café seating area. The nurse's station will be removed and the center of the home will be opened for more socialization spaces. In addition, a new kitchenette and access to the beautiful courtyard will be added.

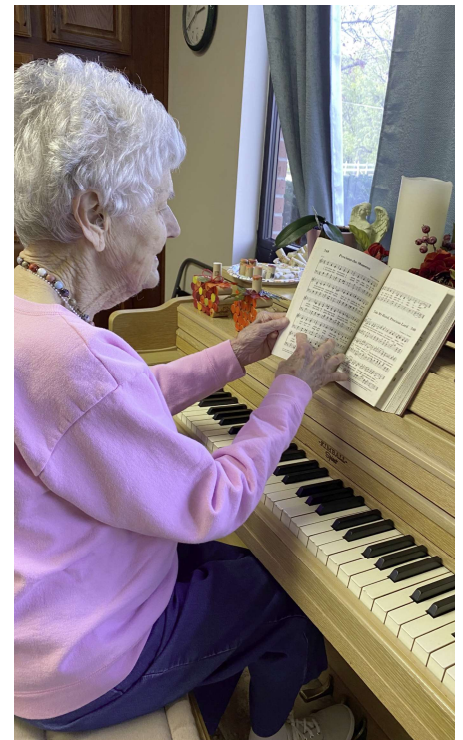
"Now all that's left is determining the appropriate timeframe to begin construction," states Charlotte Rathke, Administrator. "With all that is happening with COVID-19; we will be sensitive to beginning with all the current disruption."

The builder is ready; the furnishings are measured and ordered --- it is just about GO time!

Fundraising continues for Phase 2 and final piece of the \$517,916 project. Phase 2 includes remodeling each individual resident room, all 32 rooms.

If you are interested in contributing to this worthy project, an envelope is included. If you would like more information about the project, please contact Charlotte Rathke, Administrator at 785-222-2574 or crathke@locustgrovevillage.com

Commitment to the Future



GivingTuesday December 1, 2020

Check it out! The new website -- www.goldenbeltgives.org or [#goldenbeltgives.org](https://www.instagram.com/goldenbeltgives) to see all the latest on Giving Tuesday 2020. This annual global day of giving is locally supported through the Golden Belt Community Foundation and is being held with an online focus this year due to COVID-19 challenges. Locust Grove Village is represented on the new website as a participating organization. Click on our link to learn more about the Endowment Fund and support Giving Tuesday on December 1, 2020

The Locust Grove Village Endowment Fund was established in 2012. Through the generosity of donors it has grown to over \$46,100. Golden Belt Community Foundation and Locust Grove Village, along with numerous nonprofit providers, have collaborated to enhance programs and raise monies.

The GIVING TUESDAY event is the primary funding project for the Endowment fund. In 2020, 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 began November 1, 2020:

- 1) Give online at: www.goldenbeltgives.org designating Locust Grove Village as your fund of choice.
- 2) 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.

3) Gifts and forms may be
received at the Locust Grove

Village Administration office to
be forwarded to the Foundation.

Thank you in advance for
your generous support of Giving
Tuesday!

The IRA Charitable Rollover Unique Giving Strategy STILL Saves on Taxes

The IRA Charitable Rollover allows donors age 70½ or older to annually move up to \$100,000 from their IRAs directly to qualified charities without owing any income tax on the money. While required minimum distributions (RMD) for individuals over age 72 in 2020 are suspended until 2021, utilizing the Rollover yet this year still provides a tax-advantaged giving strategy.

Using the IRA Charitable Rollover has many benefits for donors.

- Donors can transfer up to \$100,000 per year directly from a traditional IRA to Locust Grove Village without paying income taxes on the funds transferred.

For those donors who do not itemize deductions, a gift from an IRA is excluded from reportable income, thus simplifying tax returns.

- Rollover funds may be used to support programming and capital projects at Locust Grove Village.

This opportunity only applies to IRAs and no other types of retirement plans.

We recommend that you contact your IRA administrator and ask for instructions for executing an IRA Charitable Rollover. If needed, we can provide you with a transfer form that you can send to your administrator to initiate the process for making the Rollover gift.

For more information, please contact Charlotte Rathke by calling 785-222-2574 or by e-mail, crathke@locustgrovevillage.com

Disruptive COVID-19 Impacts Locust Grove Village

It is an unprecedented time in the world, with the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. And the impacts have certainly been a huge challenge for the staff at Locust Grove Village.

"It has been a long, challenging time for the elders who have been subject to quarantines and restricted from their families and gatherings with friends," says Charlotte Rathke, Administrator. "We were blessed to have a small time-frame in which family members could visit, even with some limitations --- it was a welcome reprieve from the ongoing pandemic."

However, due to positive outbreaks among the staff and residents, the Village is once again hunkering down in working to get ahead of the virus.

"I am so proud of the commitment of our staff to do what they need to keep the residents safe. We are testing regularly; we are sending staff home who display any type of concerns. The residents who have tested positive have been asymptomatic and recovered after a 10-day isolation period. We are so blessed by these outcomes. We have experienced one death, but as with most of the elders they experienced multiple comorbidities and ongoing health matters for a significant period of time," Rathke states.

The facility practices rigid disinfection practices as well as mask wearing; hand sanitization, and routine monitoring of staff and residents for any signs or symptoms.

"It has been a challenge to



bring some sense of normalcy to the day," Rathke notes, "but staff have worked tirelessly to bring special expressions of love to the residents."

Such expressions include the recent Oktoberfest, in which German cream dumplings and bierocks were served along with cherry kuchen. Staff have assisted with Facetime connections for residents and their families. Special artwork and tray favors have been provided by community groups. Church friends have sent special greeting cards --- all in an effort to encourage and give support to the residents.

"It is by far the most difficult period that I have experienced in my 35+ years in elder care," says Rathke. "This pandemic impacts people's lives in all ways --- home, school, personal freedoms, mental health, besides what we are dealing with in the workplace."

The Board of Directors has

been generous in providing financial appreciation to the staff for their dedication and commitment during this time.

"We have a group of very dedicated, caring staff who have shown their commitment to the elders we serve," Rathke states.

From an operational standpoint, things will change for the long term in many respects, Rathke feels. "Nursing homes and the vulnerable elders have received much attention during this pandemic. We have many new mandates and expectations for testing, monitoring that will not go away anytime soon. Unfortunately, I believe it will be a long time before we experience living in our home as we had known it prior to COVID-19."

Locust Grove Village has been strong through the pandemic and remains committed to the ongoing care and service to the elders of Rush County and the central plains.



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Retirement Apartment Complex Getting A Facelift

The paint brushes are spreading, the dirt's been moving, the lights are becoming more bright -- all at the LGV Retirement apartment complex.

There has been a number of projects going on this summer and fall to spruce up the complex --- now 20+ years old. A new sprinkler system has been installed. Levelling has taken place after the intense flooding of 2019 and the yard is being sowed and sprayed to get grass in place. Each apartment is also receiving brand new windows throughout. To top of the new look, exterior lighting is being added on each porch and throughout the complex grounds. The tenants have noticed the paint on their units to freshen the look. Drive by and take a look at the

progress. The retirement apartments are one and two-bedroom apartments with complete kitchens. The tenants enjoy the Clubhouse for a daily noon meal and mail delivery. To learn more about the Locust Grove Village Retirement Apartments, contact Suzanne Sauer, Community Coordinator at 785-222-2574.

