

# News of the Year

2016

### It's been a busy year for Grace Lutheran Communities



#### **Open for Business!**

More than 200 people turned out in July to celebrate the ribbon cutting for River Pines Long-term Concierge Care. Dozens of residents have enjoyed their new home in Altoona since this summer and activities are in full swing every day!

#### **Capernaum Community Center**

Housed within the new building in Altoona are two spaces created to bring our friends and family from the area inside our wonderful world. The Capernaum Community Center is open to the public and has been the host site for a Lori Line concert, former Governor Tommy Thompson's Prairie Pointe grand opening speech, and weekly worship.

## A New Generation of Short-Term Rehab!

We're excited to be on the cutting edge of recovery inside our new Short-term Rehab Suites at Grace Lutheran Communities Prairie Pointe! The newly-opened community features the latest in high-tech tools for therapy and our signature concierge care that our guests enjoy 24/7. We are proud to offer people in the region this level of results-driven expertise so our guests can return home quickly.





Coloring Party at Willowbrook



Prairie Pointe Rehab Suites



Trick-or-Treating at Syverson



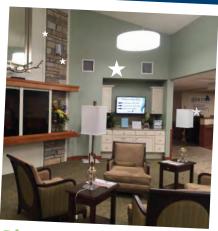
Sgt. Bryan Bessa Honors Veterans



**Operation Blanket** 



Enchanted Evening Fundraiser 2016



River Pines Long-term Concierge Care

#### **Veterans Honored with Flags**

Our veterans were honored on Veterans Day this year with a ceremony at each of our locations. Human Resources Director and veteran Marine Corps Sergeant Bryan Bessa spent the day traveling to senior care facilities in Eau Claire, Mondovi, Menomonie, Prairie Farm and Elmwood in his dress blue uniform to meet dozens of veterans and give them special flag pins.

#### **Community Involvement**

Volunteers from Grace Lutheran Communities
Willowbrook were honored on with the "Volunteer
Rock Star" award from Volunteer Wisconsin this year.
The residents made 70 fleece tie blankets which were
handed out in October to seven local agencies as part
of Operation Blanket Eau Claire.

Grace Lutheran Communities is a proud sponsor of many events like Senior Americans Day, Age of Opportunity Fair and several caregiver events. Our Walk to End Alzheimer's teams worked all year to raise money for the cause and participated in the walk for the 18th year in September!

#### **Enchanted Evening**

It was another record-setting year for our annual fundraiser, Enchanted Evening. The night's events raised funds for the new Gift of Grace fund that will be used to assist residents, clients, and the families its programs serve. Save the date for March 4, 2017!

#### **Celebrating 50 Years**

Our foundation reached a milestone with Grace Lutheran Communities Syverson Rehab and Health marking five decades of caring service for our friends and neighbors in the Eau Claire area. We were proud to also offer the Chippewa Valley Free Clinic a new home this summer within our Syverson Rehab and Health building. Thank you to all the past and current staff and residents who have made many special memories with us!

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