Headlines: A year to remember!

“Foundation Annual Drive Raises $217,000”

“Pr. Glenn Kappelmann becomes Foundation’s President”

“Affordables Celebrates 1 Year Anniversary”

“Timberland Village & Cedar Place Assisted Living Receive High Marks”

“BLC Foundation Kicks off ‘Walking Together in Faith’ Campaign”

“Bethany Manor Experiences Record Number of Admissions”

“Employee Turnover Rate Improves Dramatically”

“Bethany Manor Becomes a Certified Eden Home”

“First Skunk River Blues & Jazz Festival”

“Harry Comes to Bethany Manor”

“Construction of 4th Twinhome Begins”

“Bethany Life Hires Quality Management Director”

“Chaplaincy Endowment Fund Receives $200,000 Planned Gift”

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Winter, 2007
From the President

Dear Friends of Bethany Life,

Another year went by so quickly and we pray that you had a year filled with God’s blessings and peace. We, at Bethany Life Communities, like to take this opportunity to offer you our heartfelt thanks for your continued support. We also want to share with you some of our 2006 highlights. Only with your support have we been able to achieve so much.

Our assisted living programs at Cedar Place and Timberland Village are fully occupied. These programs allow people to receive additional support in the privacy of their apartment and help them stay in their own home longer. Both programs received deficiency free surveys from the Department of Inspections and Appeals this year which is quite an accomplishment. Also, Timberland Village’s fourth twinhome is now under construction, with three twinhomes fully occupied.

The Bethany Life Foundation had another successful year raising money for so many endeavors that enhance the lives of those we serve. This includes the renovation of our dining room at Bethany Manor; the purchase of a new bus for use throughout our continuum; financial support to individuals relying on the elderly waiver program; and giving the organization the strength to continue our commitment to serving those with limited resources through the Good Samaritan Fund. The Chaplaincy Endowment Fund was kicked off in 2006, receiving immediate gifts of almost $20,000 and also receiving a $200,000 commitment through an estate gift.

Bethany Manor continues to provide long-term care and skilled services for up to 180 individuals at any one time. We had a record number of admissions this year for a total of 253. This number includes those residents who went to the hospital and were readmitted to Bethany Manor. In addition, we had a record number of discharges for a total of 314. This number includes 116 residents who returned to their homes. This number also includes 71 residents who we supported through the end-stage of their lives. We are privileged to share in the lives of so many people and seek to provide the best quality of care and services possible to those we serve.

As we begin another year, we give thanks to all who make Bethany Life what it is today; from our residents, families, team members, donors, and volunteers; to our member churches and pastors that provide support in so many ways. We ask for your continued prayers and support in 2007 as we serve our mission to “help elders thrive in their life journey, living in a Christian environment of hope and compassion.”

Sincerely,

Betsy Warburton

Bethany Life Communities’ mission is to:
“Help elders thrive in their life journey, living in a Christian environment of hope and compassion.”
In 2006 the following BLC staff have completed further education in the healthcare profession. We salute these individuals for their commitment to better themselves as they serve those in need. We wish the best for those who will be sitting for their board exam.

Congratulations!

Margie Knoll-CMA
Kylie Reitano-CMA
Heather Llewelyn-CMA
Tara Takes-Medical Lab Tech
Chris Dankel-LPN

Shelly Nagel-RN
Kari Wilkins-RN
Katie Carlson-RN
Alesha Granzow-RN
Linday Ante-RN

Also, Cheri Schendel-Hannager, BLC Assistant Administrator, has been accepted as a member into the 2006-2007 AAHSA Fellow Program. Cheri is only one of thirty individuals selected from across the nation to participate in this experience. As a fellow she will join with other young leaders from across the country in learning innovative leadership styles, receive extensive coaching and mentoring and will further her vision of the future of long term care. Congratulations Cheri!

The Good Samaritan
$1,000 Appeal

The Bethany Life Foundation’s 2007 annual goal for our Good Samaritan Fund is $100,000. The Bethany Life newsletter is sent to over 5000 homes from Iowa to California to Florida to Texas to New York. People think of us from across the nation.

If 1% of you (50 people) who read this newsletter could send a Leadership Level Gift of $1000...our goal would be 50% completed for 2007 and our organization will have the strength to serve those who come to us in need, but are unable to pay for their care. Think about it. If you have the means to make such a significant gift, please do. Your generosity will make a huge difference in our ability to respond where the need is the greatest. Our residents and tenants thank you for your kind consideration...and your generosity. Be a Good Samaritan! Thanks!

Dear Friends,
There is much to celebrate at Bethany Life Communities.

We celebrate the vision of the founders who saw the need for compassionate care for the elders of our communities.

We celebrate that Bethany Life provides excellent physical, emotional and spiritual care for our residents and tenants.

We celebrate the great staff in all centers of care.

How wonderful to celebrate the residents and tenants. They are such a blessing and inspiration to me. They have incredible faith and wisdom that continually touches my heart.

Yes, we celebrate life and its possibilities at Bethany Life.

We have just begun a Sunday Sermon Series entitled “Celebrate Jesus.” At Christmas we celebrated His coming to our world. We continue to celebrate His presence in our lives as He gives purpose, identity, connectedness and validity to our living.

Isn’t that what life is all about – Jesus Christ? He is the One to celebrate! He makes celebrating possible as He fills our moments with His presence.

There are many things to celebrate at Bethany Life. It is our greatest privilege to touch lives with Christ’s love and compassion! Now that is a reason to celebrate.

In the joy of the Lord,
Chaplain Sandy, Anenson

A DVD entitled, “Walking Together in Faith” is available for your preview in the privacy of your home. This wonderful ten minute film will show you just how important our Chaplaincy services really are. You can get your free DVD to keep by calling Chaplain Sandy or Larry Elphic at 515-733-4325. There is absolutely no obligation. It is our privilege to share this very important message with you.

Four simple words...Walking Together in Faith...

The Chaplaincy Endowment Fund
A local couple has made a bequest of $200,000 in support of the “Walking Together in Faith” Chaplaincy Endowment Fund.

Begin planning your legacy today. Walk with us on this journey of faith and love.
In 2006, the Bethany Life Foundation’s Annual Funds received cash and in-kind gifts which valued almost $217,000. We also received planned gift commitments of over $200,000. The following is the accounting of the funds which the Annual gifts were designated:

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Thank You!

From the Foundation

The Bethany Life Foundation can show you how you can effectively take care of your family, friends and your desire to give to your charity of choice. Creating a planned gift will send a message of hope & compassion.

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Arthur Oldehoeft

Your Gifts Do Make a Difference!

The Bethany Life Foundation secured funds in 2006 which allowed for the following:

- Renovation of the Bethany Manor dining room.
- Purchase of a bus for resident outings.
- Subsidized tenants at Timberland Village.
- Paid for employee appreciation parties & meals.
- Growth and viability of the Bethany Life Chaplaincy Services.
- Assisted the organization’s continued commitment of serving Medicaid eligible residents.
- Continue our commitment to the Eden philosophy.
- Purchase of mobility equipment for needy residents.
Presenting the Bethany Life Foundation’s
2006 Donors
“We don’t give because we’re rich; we’re rich because we give.”

Humanitarian Level
Bethany Life Communities Volunteers
Jim & Dorothy Christy
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Bethany Life Volunteers

In 2006, the Bethany Life Volunteer group increased in number to 259 active volunteers; with 49 new individuals joining our mission. We want to thank all of our volunteers for their efforts in making Bethany Life Communities a better place for our elders in 2006.

We encourage all of you to consider volunteering your time and talents. All ages are certainly welcomed as we help our elders...thrive at Bethany Life!

Pictured above left is Alice Romsey who has volunteered at Bethany Life for over 23 years; helping with hair care...making our residents even more beautiful.

THANKS ALICE!

Pictured left is a group of our volunteers who helped with the 2006 pie & ice cream social. YUM!

Don’t stop now...on the next page you have the opportunity to give $1,000 and be recognized in our community as a Good Samaritan. God bless!
No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, age, sex, national origin, political affiliation or belief, or physical or mental disability be excluded from participating in, be denied under the benefits of, or be otherwise subject to discrimination under any program which this corporation operates.

Questions or comments about the newsletter or the information contained within are welcome and can be addressed to the Bethany Life Foundation Board / Communications Committee. Design/editing: Carolyn Ahlstrom, Larry Elphic, Janet Dunn.

Through your tax-deductible donation to the Bethany Life Foundation you are helping to ensure quality Christian care. Thank you.

Enclosed is my (our) gift of _______ $1000
(Please make checks payable to: Bethany Life Foundation)

Name ____________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________________________________________
City/State/Zip _____________________________________

Please use these funds to support the:

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The $1,000 Appeal

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