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A Legacy of Caring

Denny's Snack Bar brings joy and appreciation to Clermont Park team members

Nothing brings people together like food! Everyone appreciates being fed. This is especially true for care partners that often work twelve-hour shifts and use a lot of energy providing excellent support for CLC residents.

Not many residents have shown appreciation to team members like Ina Mae “Denny” Denham.

Denny lived at Clermont Park from 2013 to 2019. She was a beloved resident who always had a huge heart for the care partners and dining team members at Clermont Park. She knew everyone's names and she was always kind and generous with compliments.

Denny received a master's degree in social work in 1959, and worked many years as a social worker in the Denver area.

Denny passed away in 2019 and left Clermont Park a very generous endowment. She did not designate what specifically she wanted her gift to be used for. Everyone who knew her was certain, however, that she would have wanted the gift to be used for the team members of Clermont Park.

Community leaders decided to honor Denny's passion for the people that work at Clermont by using her gift to provide healthy and nutritious food to team members. Snacks are offered in both breakrooms and are restocked twice per week. They are available for all shifts and all team members at Clermont Park. **...Continued on page 2**

“I forgot to pack lunch for my shift and I came in and saw all of this food! It made me feel like the residents are caring for me, even though Denny is no longer here.”

-Clermont Park CNA

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Denny's Snack Bar includes sandwiches, bagels with cream cheese, peanut butter, potato chips, power bars, fruit, and other sweet and savory treats.

Denny's Snack Bar has been a huge hit among the care partners at Clermont Park. Recently a Certified Nursing Assistant commented: "I forgot to pack lunch for my shift and I came in and saw all of this food! It made me feel like the residents are caring for me, even though Denny is no longer here."

Another person said that she sometimes gets really hungry when she works at night and junk food was the only option. Now she can enjoy nourishing food that gives her the energy to complete her shift.

Denny's kindness, care, and generosity continues to bless Clermont Park's team members. Truly a beautiful legacy!



Ina Mae "Denny" Denham



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Thank you to our faithful partners who have already shared how they want their legacy to benefit CLC. Please contact Stephanie Manley, Director of Philanthropy, at 720.974.3675 or at smanley@clcliving.org to share your story.

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Honoring Those Who Serve - 30th Annual Earthen Vessel Awards

This fall Christian Living Communities continues a 30-year tradition of shining a light on those treasured people who have graciously allowed God's good work to be done through them and in support of the CLC vision, mission, and values.

We are thrilled to honor two extraordinary people who have given so much, not only to CLC, but to the Denver metro area community.



Jean Todd

Someren Glen Resident

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us."
-2 Corinthians 4:7



Pat McBride

Former VP of Clinical & Compliance

Earthen Vessel Honoree

Jean Todd is the epitome of a caring and involved "citizen" in her community, Someren Glen. In her 11 years at Someren Glen Jean led the vocal and bell choir and served on the Resident Advisory Council. During the COVID-19 pandemic she took it upon herself to call Bingo and Canasta games as well as minister to her fellow Catholic residents since volunteers were not allowed in at that time.

Jean, and her twin sister Joan were gifted musicians, singers, and dancers performing for countless organizations such as hospitals, veterans, orphanages, nursing homes and anyone in need of a reason to smile!

In 1984 Jean and a dedicated group founded "Magic Moments" to provide individuals with developmental disabilities an opportunity to perform. The troupe continues to this day, fundraising and producing performances that are life enhancing for countless people.

Distinguished Service Honoree

In her 13 years of service to CLC, **Pat McBride** forever changed our organization for the better. She created the nationally recognized clinical mentorship program, successfully guided us through the COVID-19 pandemic, and was the catalyst in the creation of our current We! Values.

Pat created the Leadership Sleepover Project, where CLC leaders spent the night in our skilled nursing neighborhoods, to gain firsthand experience in supporting residents, families, and team members. This project greatly impacted on the team, and we now offer this experience to our business partners, helping them gain a deeper knowledge of how to support CLC.

We are thrilled to share more about both amazing women at our Aged to Perfection event on Thursday, October 5th! (Registration details available on Page 7.)

Providing a Path to Success

Christine Powers grew up among strong women. When she was just six weeks old, her family was in tragic automobile accident that killed her father. As a single parent, her mother worked as a physical therapist and raised her. She also modeled volunteering, something that has stuck with Christine. An avid volunteer, Christine served more than 17 years on the Arapahoe House board.

She and her husband, Clayton, first became familiar with Christian Living Communities through their former church. A few of their church members, mostly women, lived at Clermont Park. They knew CLC helped residents, who through no fault of their own, could no longer afford the cost of their care. That appealed to them.

When an opportunity opened to join the CLC board in 2020, Christine was inspired to serve an organization whose values aligned so closely with hers. It was through her board service during COVID that her eyes were opened to the dedication and heart that CLC care providers have for residents.

She personally knew the difference a compassionate, dedicated care partner can make, recalling the story of her cousin in Arizona whose care provider motivated her to get out of bed and regain strength. “Someone trained her how to motivate patients,” Christine says.

Together, she and her husband decided they wanted to show their support for CLC care partners and give them an opportunity to grow their careers at CLC. Late last year, with a gift of \$100,000, they established the Christine and Clayton Powers Care Partner Training Fund.

The goal, they say, is to “give hope and encouragement by having a variety of ways through

training that can enhance care.”

“We’re hoping through training, it puts care partners in a position to stay for years. It guarantees a quality of care, and there’s the potential for a lot of things.”

Christine was thrilled when earlier this spring, as she participated in Eden Alternative training, she met a Holly Creek care provider who shared she knew how to help a resident with a wound as she had just completed specialized wound care training. That training was paid for through the Powers Care Partner Training Fund.

Making a difference in a way that is meaningful to you is key when it comes to philanthropic support.

That’s why Clayton gives smaller gifts to provide salon services for the residents of CLC’s Dayspring Villa community, where most residents are on financial assistance.

“When my mother was in an assisted living community, she loved having her hair done. That was the cat’s meow,” he says. Providing that type of joy for others is very rewarding, he added.

The Powers are also members of the Compassion Circle as they have included CLC in their will to extend their legacy of providing training for team members and helping residents in need.

“What you give doesn’t have to be a lot. It’s about the difference it makes,” says Clayton.



Christine Powers
CLC Board Member

Gifts in Memory and Honor

Christian Living Communities is very grateful to the friends and family who directed gifts to CLC in memory or honor of their loved one. Below are the names in **bold** of those being remembered or honored, as well as those making such gifts from February 15, 2023 - August 15, 2023.

In Memory

Sue Barcus

Kevin and Jennifer Stromberg

Betty Bove

Veronica Bove

Jesse Crane

Betty Steinmann

Herta Darley

Phyllis Hutchins

Lena Datillo

Stormie Foust Maley

Tom Eggert

Jim Bowers

Carol Warner

Bob and Gayle Emmons

Tom and Erin Cook

Dr. Don Finks

Harriet Knee

Pat Hagen

Brian and Kathy Dobson

Donald and Julieanne Herman

John and Patricia Herman

Ron Hanscom

Jean Davenport

Dorothy Harvey

Jean Davenport

Alice Hogan

Darrell and Barbara Hogan

Warren and Ilene Lenderink

Alice Hogan (cont.)

Renee Valentine

Marilyn Kuptz

Matt Kuptz

June Mangus

Betty Steinmann

Sarah Martinez

Debbie and Norm Batt

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Pricilla Estrada

June Manning

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Olivia Mayer and Gene Rose

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Rosemary Willis

Jean D. Wolfe

Karen Herrmann

In Honor

Clermont Park Morning Glory Rehab Team

Amy Rosenberg

Laura Gavoto

David and Sylvia Gavato

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Honor continued...

Phyllis Hutchins

Derrell Capes

Andrew Chahrour

Alex Madsen

Pam Madsen

Sally Mason

Judy and Rodger Missey

Olivia Mayer

Marcy Heim

Bryan and Rachel Vinz

Rose Scancarello

David and Sylvia Gavato

Thank you to the supporters who have paid tribute to those they hold dear.

Unless otherwise directed by family, gifts are designated to specific communities for enriching opportunities for resident growth and connection like art, music, and gardening.

Facts about CLC

Did you know that your gifts can support enhanced Life Enrichment programming?

This year, supporters are providing residents at Cappella of Pueblo West with trips to The Fire Playce Paint Your Own Pottery Studio!

CLC Nurse Who Received Scholarship Assistance Helps Other Team Members Grow

In the spring of 2021, Rachel Huntsman, the Director of Nursing at Holly Creek, was excited to return to school - despite the challenges. Her goal was to graduate from Western Governors University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing – not an easy task at any time, and especially not when working full time and also raising two grade-school kids.

The program is self-paced, and tuition is charged per term. To reduce costs, many try to complete their courses as quickly as possible. Thanks to the generosity and kindness of supporters like you, Rachel was able to get tuition assistance from the Employee Scholarship Fund, reducing that pressure. “With the gift of the CLC Scholarship, I was able to take the time that I needed to complete the courses over a two-year time frame and not feel obligated to complete any faster,” she shared.

It's a kindness that she hasn't forgotten and strives to pay forward. Alice Bomboma, a long-time Holly Creek CNA, also received help from the Scholarship Fund to complete nursing school this spring. With Rachel cheering her on, Alice was able to complete her onsite clinical training right at Holly Creek. “Nursing school and ‘clinical’ can be very overwhelming and even intimidating!” Rachel explained. “But by providing Alice with an environment that was familiar to her, she was able to experience the full value of the 60 hours of clinical training, surrounded by people that were invested in her as a nurse and as a co-worker.”

Alice was so grateful for the support of Rachel and the other nurses at Holly Creek. “I was so excited to go to Holly Creek because it is like a second home to me. I knew they have amazing nurses there. It helped me learn a lot – I didn't feel bad if I asked questions” she said.

Receiving the blessing of support for her own career motivates Rachel to continue supporting the growth of other nurses at CLC. “Many of us were raised in the ‘eat your young’ healthcare environment,” Rachel observed. “I am proud to say that we are NOT THOSE NURSES ANYMORE!”

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Did you know?

The volunteer CLC Board of Directors is carefully selected for a variety of experiences and skillsets to serve older adults and advise for our future success.

Aged to Perfection

Celebrating CLC with Strength for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow

Aged to Perfection is right around the corner! Please join us for a special evening recognizing the foundations that strengthen our organization. The evening will feature hors d'oeuvres, libations, a wine pull, silent auction, and plenty of fellowship. You will also hear heartwarming stories of how your support creates a brighter tomorrow for CLC residents and team members.

Reservations are \$100 per attendee, or \$75 for residents and team members. Register online at christianlivingcommunities.org/support-our-mission/aged-to-perfection or scan the QR code with your phone camera.



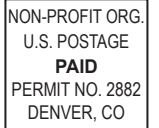
Proceeds from this year's Aged to Perfection will benefit the **Workforce Innovation Fund**. The foundation of high-quality care is in consistent, supportive relationships between residents and team members. The Workforce Innovation Fund strengthens our organization by focusing on new ways to find, inspire, and keep the best team members through enhanced training, appreciation, and recognition.

Transform the lives of older adults and those who support them with your gift to Christian Living Communities!

Questions? Need help registering? Contact Stormie Foust Maley at sfoust@clcliving.org or 720.974.3642.



Thursday, October 5th 2023
6:00 PM - 8:30PM
Ashley Ridge Event Venue -
8199 Southpark Court
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Save the Date

Give Where You Live!
Colorado Gives Day is
Tuesday December 5th.

Early giving begins on
November 1st.

In 2022 CLC supporters like you
gave more than **\$16,000** through
Colorado Gives to enrich the
lives of older adults and those
that support them!

Our Vision: *Creating Communities Where Aging is Honored and Celebrated*

Giving a Helping Hand at Work

CLC team members are true change makers! At some organizations, team members giving money back to their company through their paychecks would seem a little odd. At CLC, it's not odd at all.

The *Give a Hand* team member giving campaign is generously sponsored by our partners at Bellco Credit Union. It connects caring team members with the opportunity to give via payroll deduction to CLC funds that support residents (the **Resident Assistance Fund**) or their fellow co-workers (such as the **Team Member Critical Needs Fund** or **Employee Scholarship Fund**.)

This year's *Give a Hand* campaign raised more than **\$35,000** to support people living and working in our communities – the most generous *Give a Hand* campaign in the last three years.

What an incredible blessing! We are so grateful for this moving demonstration of the true love and care of CLC team members, and the citizenship mindset that makes our communities great places to work and live.

