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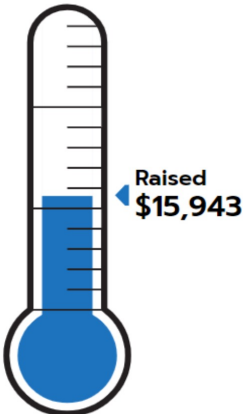
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Hearts 4 Him Concert September 24

LIFELONG LEARNING at Parkside Apartments

Details are still being finalized.
Still plan on
**Monday, September 9,
10 AM**

Fundraising Goal
\$40,000



Wheelchair Accessible Van



Hearts 4 Him is a dynamic Gospel ensemble, based in central Kansas. The 9-member group was formed in 2001, and has performed on stages large and small in the central states area.

Parkside is so excited to be hosting Hearts 4 Him again. The concert, which will be a freewill donation fundraiser, will take place on the south lawn courtyard of the Parkside Apartments, at 7PM on September 24.

We are planning for this to be another outdoor evening of worship and community. We will be taking donations to fully fund the purchase of a new, much needed wheelchair accessible van.

Get to know the Staff: Melissa Arndt



Melissa Arndt was born into an Army family, so they moved often. When in elementary school they settled on a farm near Lincolnville and she graduated from Centre High School. Early on, while Melissa worked as a CNA, she found she enjoyed helping the elderly.

Her Parkside anniversary is listed here as 19 years this month, but Melissa tells us, it is actually 23 years. Shortly after she started, employees worked for agency-exclusive to Parkside-for a period of time. That takes her back to working when the Congregate, now the Apartments, opened. This was with another long-time team member, Lois Ensz. Thank you, Ladies! Melissa was Director when the building was only Assisted Living for many years.

Melissa moved to a Social Services role at Parkside in 2018. Here she assists behind the scenes with residents and families to ensure they have the resources they need. She's an essential part of admission and navigating services available to all residents and often includes lots of paperwork.

She met her husband, Daren, at Parkside. They live in the country near Lehigh. Melissa likes to read in her spare time. They have a son and daughter, both who live locally. Four grandchildren, two boys and two girls, complete the family.

Melissa likes the 'helping' most about her role as Social Services Director at Parkside. She says it is rewarding when services or items a resident needs comes through. Whether it be helping with an insurance claim, Medicaid approval or getting dentures, Melissa has done it and she is available to help. Her office is in Park Home 4.

Friday Eats Tour makes 2 Stops at Galva



Left. There's nothing quite like enjoying a soda straight from the bottle. Lunch was at Highway 56 Family restaurant.

Right. A Stop at Red Barn Farmers Market was a fun shopping spot!





Learn to know your Neighbors

Anyone that knows **Jeanie Klaassen**, knows she's a woman on the go! So much so, that we caught her on a river cruise somewhere in Idaho for this spot. You may not know, she was born Wilma, with twin sister, Willie Vogt.

Jeanie grew up on a farm near Corn, Oklahoma. She attended Corn Bible Academy there, then graduated from Tabor College. After college, she and 3 other young women went to teach in the Congo. She returned and married Perry Klaassen in 1964. Perry was finishing medical school at KU, then did his residency and further education in New Orleans. Then they were off to Panama for a 6 month internship and during the Vietnam War he served at a village clinic near Calcutta, India. They returned to the states with baby Paul and settled in the Oklahoma City area where they welcomed another son, Matt. After 43 years of marriage, Perry passed away in 2007.

In 2018 Jeanie moved to Hillsboro where she knew many people. Her son Paul and wife Lisa, liked it best, as it would put grandparents, including Jack and LaVerna Braun, in one location for visits. In total, she boasts four grandchildren and three greats—including twin girls—to love.

When asked what Jeanie likes about living in the Apartments at Parkside, she replied with a laugh, 'It's like living in a hotel!' She said, 'Who wouldn't like it? I don't have to cook. I don't have to clean. I don't have to tip the waiter. It's great!!'

56 Classic Cruisers Car Show

We're not sure if they're discussing the Chevrolet pickup or the John Deere tractor.

It was a hot one, but lots of fun cars to see and talk about.

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CEO Notes

With Parkside's scope of services, we have residents with variable levels of care. We have identified that one thing that will have a huge impact on our ability to care for our residents is a wheelchair accessible van to take residents to and from appointments. Currently we have a van that has a mobile chair to lift residents in and out of the van, but the problem is that residents have to stand up and transfer to the chair. This is not an option for some of our residents who no longer have the ability to stand and transfer. We currently are using our large bus with the wheelchair lift for transportation needs when a resident is in a wheelchair and unable to stand and transfer.

Although, the bus is a solution to our transportation needs, it is not the best option. A wheelchair accessible van will be best for our residents' comfort, safety, and the most economical and fuel efficient option. We currently have a special donation fund for the wheelchair accessible van with a balance of \$15,943.11. We have been able to collect funds by hosting events such as a 2022 Hearts 4 Him Concert on campus, participating in the Hillsboro Farmers Markets, and by generous personal donations to the special fund. We will be hosting Hearts 4 Him on campus again on September 24th, at 7:00 pm. All proceeds from the concert will go into the special donation fund for our wheelchair accessible van. If you are not able to make it to the concert, you can still make donations via mail or in the business office.

*As a non profit, we do rely on the support of our community for special projects. This is a great example of the support that you and our Hillsboro community has for Parkside. Thank you! **Stephanie Bryant, CEO***

Mahaska Mini Market is here and available at the Parkside Apartments and coming soon to the Main Building Break Room. There are a large variety of products and flavors available to you for purchase. If there is something that you would like to see in your market, please contact Meredith Storm at mstorm@mahaska.com or let LeAnn know at the office.

Mahaska wants you to enjoy the convenience of the markets while you live and work at Parkside. There are gift cards available for purchase if you are looking for a gift for family members or co-workers.

There are also toiletries and everyday items (soap, toilet paper, etc.) available for purchase as well, so you don't have to get out when the weather's bad. There is a price list posted for your convenience and information on how to use the system. Let us know if you need any assistance. Do you have a SMARTPHONE? Download the app!



Tabor College freshman came to spend time and play games with Health Care residents to serve and learn about becoming part of the Hillsboro community.

SEPTEMBER WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Melissa Arndt 19 years
Susan Weber 2 years
Katie Bowker 1 year

WOW

Joy Dalke 3 years
Juanita Ponce 2 years
Dee Royster 1 year

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