

The Messenger

Spring 2025

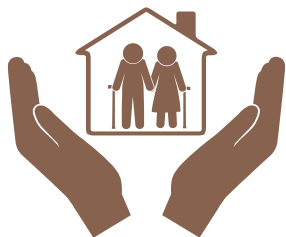


ORCHARD RIDGE

Senior Living

Your Impact

2024 Review



Raised over \$440,000, allowing 34 residents who had exhausted their resources to be provided charitable care!



Volunteers have increased from 45-56. The volunteers help with activities, visits, fundraising, and church services.



\$50,000 in grant funds were given towards a new 14-passenger wheelchair accessible van by the ELCA. The van is used by the whole campus for shopping, medical appointments, and scenic drives. Additional funds will be needed. If you wish to donate directly for the van, please mark it in the giving envelope!



A Word from Ann:

I think it was my mom who first planted the seeds in my life of the importance of supporting nonprofits. Those seeds bloomed for me 16 years ago, when I interviewed and was hired for a position at Orchard Ridge by the executive director, Mike Grabenstein. In 2013, when Mike retired, the Board of Directors hired me to take his place. And now it's time for me to do the same, and I'm pleased that the Board has made the decision to hire Ashley Healey as the new executive director. I will be working with Ashley for a few more months through this transition period but I can tell you right now, she is more than qualified to step into this role.

I cannot begin to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve our residents, families,

community, churches and donors these past years. My heart is full, and Orchard Ridge has bloomed! As I begin the next chapter of my life, I'm looking forward to serving wherever God opens the door. But until He does, I have a garden to tend to at home.

A Word from Ashley:

My name is Ashley Healey, and I am both excited and honored to step into the role of Executive Director here at Orchard Ridge! These are big shoes to fill, and I am incredibly grateful to have the opportunity to work alongside Ann Johnson and learn from her experience as she helps me transition into this position. A little about me: I've had the privilege of working in senior living for the past 10 years, with my most recent position being the Executive Director of a nonprofit community in Cheney, WA. Throughout my career, I've developed a deep passion for serving seniors and creating environments where they can thrive. I feel blessed that God has opened the doors for me to continue this work. I currently live in Post Falls, and I am thrilled that my new role also comes with a much shorter commute! When I'm not at work, I cherish spending time with my family. My husband Clint and I have been blessed with two wonderful children—Preston, who is 5, and Evelyn, who is 3.

Member Churches

American Lutheran Church-
Newport
Calvary Lutheran Church
Canvas Church
Christ the King Lutheran Church
Community United Methodist
First Presbyterian Church
First Lutheran Church-Sandpoint
First Lutheran Church-Spirit Lake
Lutheran Church of the Master

New Life Church
Our Savior Lutheran Church-Pinehurst
Peace Lutheran Church
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
St. George Catholic Church
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
St. Pius Catholic Church
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
Trinity Lutheran Church-Coeur d'Alene

Board of Directors

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The Arbor

Construction on the Arbor is on schedule to be done late 2025 or early 2026. When finished, it will provide 31 apartment units for seniors at a market rate. Apartments will include stacked washer/dryers, dishwasher, garbage disposal, walk-in showers, balconies or walk-out patios, carports, and storage closets. Residents can rest easy in the safety and security of our gated campus. They will have access to community rooms, a bbq patio, and a fitness room. They can take advantage of the campus amenities: bus service to shopping, an optional meal plan, maintenance support, and an after-hours manager. For information or to be put on the waiting list, call Lena at (208) 664-8119.



Flowers for someone you love...



Every spring we look forward to planting flowers around the campus and making it beautiful for residents, staff, and visitors to enjoy! You can join us by honoring your loved one with a flower tribute! A donation of \$35 helps to purchase flowers and your loved one's name will be displayed among the flowers to commemorate your gift all through the summer months.

Please fill out the portion below and mail back to us in the envelope with your gift.

In Honor/Tribute to: _____

From: _____

Payments can be made with cash, check or credit card. Please make checks payable to Orchard Ridge.
Online donations can be made at www.theorchardcda.org.



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Gifts given in memory or honor of....

- Steve Allen by Doneda Allen
- Gene Anson by Treva Anson
- Phyllis Bacon by Don Bacon
- Gerry Bauerle by Greg & Susan Bauerle
- Darrell Belstad by Shirley Belstad
- Inez Bowers by Gary & Susan Baker
- Bradley Family by Raymond & Barb Bradley
- Virginia Briscoe by Mary Jo Briske
- Statia Buchnovics by Donna Ronson
- Jim Burns by Rick Belstad
- Colleen Chase by Diane Frank
- Jane Clifford by Gayne & Jo Clifford
- Marge Colwell by Judy Bennett
- Dorothy Cottrell by Luke & Deb Russell
- Trudy Davenport by Patrick Davenport
- Vera Deeds by Victor & Connie Walters
- Richard Dusbabek by Mike Dusbabek
- Jim Foley by Sandra Foley
- Royce Fuhriman by Lois Fuhriman
- Ray Giao by Phyllis Giao
- Ken Gonzer by Marilyn Bagley
- Gay & Eula Grimes by Greg & Susan Bauerle
- Dwight Haberman by Mark Haberman
- Barbara Haberman by Mark Haberman
- Ken & Gerry Hance by Greg & Susan Bauerle
- Steve Hance by Greg & Susan Bauerle
- Pearl Heineman by Kaye Larson
- Ruth Hooten by Jackie Jewett
- Ruth Hooten by Ron & Cookie Coleman
- Gary Hopkins by Rick Belstad
- Nina Humphries by Lois Fuhriman
- Pastor & Mrs. Glenn Husby by Julie Howell
- Elizabeth Jacquot by Harriett Jacquot
- Dan & Mae Janzen by Lois Fuhriman
- Clarence Joerger by Andrew & Roxanne Finney
- Ed & May Johnson by Douglas Johnson
- Harry Johnson by Lois Johnson
- Lonetta (Ann) Johnson by Ron Johnson
- Jessie Jordahl by Terry Jordahl
- Martha Kahler by James & Doreen Irving
- Kaufman Family by Raymond & Barb Bradley
- Squirt & Marion Keating by Richard & Karen Cook
- Bill Kegley by Mike & Diane Kegley
- Ralph & Lois Kinney by Gary & Susan Baker
- Barbara Lessard by Diane Weber
- Mark Lewis by Michele Magnuson
- Carol Matlock by Laurie Pizzi
- Verna Meredith by Steve & Laurie Meredith
- Rose Micai by Chris & Mary Stewart
- Rose Micai by Rosalie Mule
- Janis Minford by Alison Gale
- Fred & Nathalie Mitchell by Edward Mitchell
- Gene & Lougene Murray by Ellen Taylor
- Ted Nelson by Diane Spickert
- Bob Niles by Anonymous
- Steve Schauer by Pat Schauer
- Karl & Effie Schmidt by Kris Schmidt
- Bill & Doris Shaw by Lois Fuhriman
- Jean Smart by Graeme & Sarah Smart
- Ward Stewart by Martha Stewart
- Marlyce Sverdsten by Marcy Hasz
- Kristy Thode by Doneda Allen
- Eva Mae Una by Michael & Judy Carlson
- Eda Walters by Victor & Connie Walters
- Mary Lou Wilson by Patrick Wilson
- Marilyn Zajicek by Gary Zajicek
- Elizabeth Zepeda by Mark & Katrina Zepeda
- Don Ziegler by Doneda Allen

In 2024, over \$57,000 was donated in Memorial Gifts! Residents who need charitable care will go on receiving it due to the generous gifts in memory of loved ones, leaving a living legacy!

Threads of Compassion: A Volunteer's Journey in Quilting & Sewing

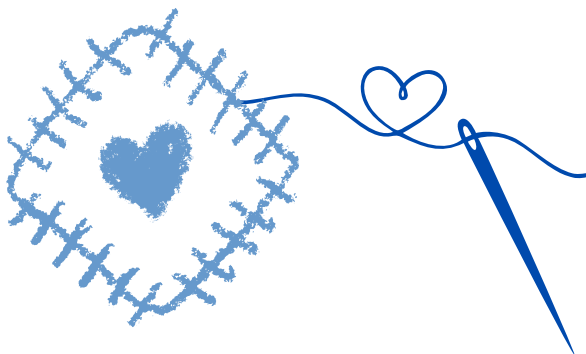
Judy Edwards grew up in Wisconsin and graduated from the University of Wisconsin in La Crosse. In the summer of 1959, she worked in Seattle and took the Greyhound bus home. The bus stopped in Wallace for a dinner break, and when Judy stepped out into the cool air and piney smell of North Idaho she fell in love! She knew she would later want to live around there. In the meantime, her husband started working for Firestone and they started their own family. She worked as a computer programmer, which was groundbreaking for a woman during that time. She said that an aptitude test had sent her in that direction, and it turned out she was great at it and really enjoyed it! She worked for Intermountain Gas until her retirement.



Judy has lived in Coeur d'Alene for the last twenty years. She initially got involved with some women through the Coeur d'Alene Library and became a very active supporter. She was the President of Friends of the Library for twelve years, helped start and organize the used bookstore, and assisted with programs like the Lego Robotics involving students. She has also volunteered with the League of Women Voters. She helped with the Habitat for Humanity, sewing quilts for each new homeowner and putting on crew lunches for volunteers. She is involved with Our Daily Bread, a meal program at Lutheran Church of the Master that serves free hot meals every Sunday. She has enjoyed sewing skirts, pillowcase dresses, and washable sanitary napkins to include in Operation Christmas boxes through Christ the King Church. She also sews tote bags to be given to foster kids to carry their belongings instead of the trash bags that seem to be the norm. She also blesses Orchard Ridge Assisted Living and Memory Care with lap quilts to be used by residents. She loves being able to pull others around her into volunteer opportunities also!

Judy moved into Orchard Ridge Independent Living eight years ago. She waited an extra year on the waiting list to get the room she most desired, overlooking the trees and park-like atmosphere! She has served as President and Treasurer of the Resident Association. She was instrumental in starting the Meet & Greet time. She has pulled back some, letting newer residents take the lead.

She says that even though she is a loner by nature, living at Orchard Ridge provides her the opportunity to engage with others at times or pursue her hobbies alone in her room. She loves the beautiful campus and understanding staff. She enjoys the freedom of living independently, but in a safe and secure environment. The affordability was also a big factor in her decision to live at Orchard Ridge.



We are grateful to have Judy at Orchard Ridge and of the ways that she has enriched her community! It is amazing to think of her as a tiny, young girl watching her mother at the sewing machine and then seeing her skills used to bless so many people and organizations!

-by Holly Johnson



Estate Sale Volunteers

In 2024 the Estate Sale Volunteers:

- worked over 700 hours
- ran 4 estate sales
- raised over \$6200

In 2025 they offered to fund:

- an additional Sit-to-Stand piece of equipment to assist in transferring residents who need extra help and reduces Staff injuries
- a yearly subscription of Famileo, the app designed to bridge the gap between social media for families and old-fashioned letters and pictures for residents

The volunteers are willing to run estate sales all during the year. They love the actual work of the sale, getting to work with people they enjoy, and knowing it benefits a great cause!



Estate & Moving Sales

A service provided by the Orchard Ridge Volunteers

In an effort to raise funds for charitable care at Orchard Ridge, the Volunteers provide the service of organizing and managing your estate sale for the cost of a suggested donation.

Services Include:

- Inventory
- Advertising & Signage
- Pricing
- Conducting Sales
- Sorting

Enjoy peace of mind and share in the generated revenue, with the added blessing of knowing you are supporting a good cause!

For more information contact Holly at Orchard Ridge (208) 664-8119

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