



MESSAGE from the President/CEO

The Jenkins organization is closing out its fiscal year this March. This last year brought a lot of positive change for Jenkins that has not been seen in quite some time. However, it was still a tough year serving fewer residents than we would like to, due to low staffing levels. This related to a revenue loss that wasn't as drastic as we have seen in the past but did take its toll. Jenkins did receive ERC (Employee Retention Credit) grant funds that helped to support and recover some losses from over the last four years.

Jenkins is rebuilding, and it has been a long road, but I am glad to say that we are making strides every day. There have been leadership changes and existing staff stepping up and into new roles, which has been great to see. In this last quarter, Jenkins has also seen a significant increase in new staff of close to 25 new employees. This is a very exciting time to welcome new staff members to be a part of the Jenkins Family. We have increased our efforts on retention to ensure our staff feel supported and heard. In addition, extensive training continues right now to show our new staff members the level of care that we expect and provide, as well as the family atmosphere that exists inside our walls.

This staffing stability has allowed us to set our sights on the future and what that might look like. Jenkins has been a part of the Watertown community for over 65 years, and not being able to provide services to the people who need them, has been very difficult. We were used to serving close to 150 residents, pre-Covid. In the past couple of years that number has been closer to 75 residents. With an increasing number of people who need higher levels of care, we want to be able to answer that call and help our community. It will not happen overnight, but we are confident that we can build on our stable foundation to grow and to be able to support more people in our community.

We thank everyone who has been patient with us through these tough times. It has not been easy with many frustrations, but we are seeing such a brighter future to continue to serve our residents, their families and this community!

Thank you,

Kasey Klapprodt, President/CEO



LOOKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

We are excited to offer new volunteer opportunities available only at Jenkins!
605-886-1451

*Mercantile Master
(gift shop worker)

*Ice-Creamer
(soda fountain staff)

*Game Guru
(play cards or puzzles)

*Med Mate
(attend doc appts)

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*Bingo Tech
(Call /assist w/ BINGO)

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RSV Infection? *"I thought that was only for infants!"*

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), a lower respiratory tract (lung) infection, has been around for years. We used to think of only infants getting this disease, but now it has been determined that it can affect our older population too. In fact, I know of at least one resident in this area who passed away in the last six months from this virus. It has been shown that nursing home residents have an increased risk of acquiring RSV—especially if they have frequent contact with young children. So, how can you prevent it?

There are two vaccines out there with about a 75 to 85% ability to reduce the risk of this infection. If you do get RSV after being vaccinated, the chances that you will need to seek medical care is also reduced. Anyone 60 years of age or older is eligible to receive the vaccine, and it is recommended for anyone with a disease such as COPD, asthma, heart failure or coronary artery (heart) disease. Also, if you have kidney disease, liver disease, diabetes or a chronic or progressive neurologic or neuromuscular condition, are immunocompromised, frail or advanced age, these are even more reasons to talk to your doctor and see if this vaccine is for you.

Enjoy the Spring weather,

Aaron Shives, CMD, MD

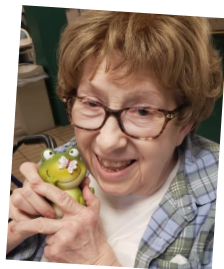


LOVE IS IN THE AIR
Couple dinner, Valentines photos and cookies.



LEAP FROG with Funny Frog Games and Reubens

from the Kitchen!



Easter Egg Coloring with Rice &



Whipped Cream!



And He Walks With Me— Pastor Scott Dempster

Sometimes we read something that was meant for us, for that time, for His purpose. This is one of those I believe. From a devotional called: "And He Walks With Me: 365 Reminders of Jesus' Love from Our Daily Bread" Printed in 2019. With their permission, I'd like to share it here with you.

He Walked in Our Shoes Read Hebrews 2:10-18

Because He Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted. Hebrews 2:18

To help his staff of young architects understand the needs of those for whom they were designing housing, David Dillard sends them on "sleepovers." They put on pajamas and spend 24 hours in a senior living center in the same conditions as people in their eighties and nineties. They wear earplugs to simulate hearing loss, tape their fingers together to limit manual dexterity, and exchange glasses to replicate vision problems. Dillard says "The biggest benefit is (that) when I send twenty-seven-year-olds out, they come back with a heart ten times as big. They meet people and understand their plights". (Rodney Brooks, USA Today).

Jesus lived on this earth for thirty-three years and shared in our humanity. He was made like us, "fully human in everyway" (Hebrews 2:17) So He knows what it's like to live in a human body on this earth. He understands the struggles we face, so He comes alongside us with understanding and encouragement.

"Because Jesus himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted (vs 18). The Lord could have avoided the cross. Instead, He obeyed His Father. Through His death, He broke the power of Satan and freed us from our fear of death (vv.14-15).

In every temptation, Jesus walks beside us to give us courage, strength, and hope along the way. David McCasland March 6th 2019 Taken from Our Daily Bread, 2016 by Our Daily Bread Ministries, Grand Rapids, MI, Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved.

In January I had recommended a few resources that have helped me to understand the uncertain changes that come to those we care for, and eventually to us as we grow older. And so the gift of faith that allows us to entrust ourselves to the Lord's care, one day at a time, while believing that at the end of our last day on this side of heaven, and that very same day, His eternity begins for us.

It is the peace He spoke of in John 16:33 where He tells us clearly that "In this world you will have trouble. But, take heart! I have overcome the world, and in Me you may have peace." To conquer our natural human fear of aging and death by placing our lives in His care for evermore, we can face aging with grace, trusting in His eternal purpose for our souls, until on that day, the Day of our Homecoming, the Lord Himself will be with us to walk us, Home!

THANK YOU to our DONORS

HEART2HEART Campaign

Thank you for helping make more dreams come true for our residents! We have already granted some:

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- ~Phone Card for Resident
- ~Adapting Phone for Room



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~Chaplaincy Program

*Written publications are offered to
help navigate life's challenges.

Glimpses of Heaven Books(new/used)

Gifts in Memory of loved ones near
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For donation information, please
contact Kristi Gloe, 605-886-1444
or kristig@jenkinslivingcenter.com.

Donations are tax deductible &
receipts are provided. And
acknowledgements are sent to the
family of the loved one.

Thank you for your consideration.

Pedal Power Received

Thank you, Roger Siefkes!

Roger answered our recent newsletter request,
to purchase a new therapy arm bike. He read
that we were in need of one so he *delivered!*

We appreciate Roger's generosity and kind
words on the wonderful care his daughter
received so many years ago. His gratitude
motivated him to provide the funds necessary
to purchase this arm bike.

The bike has already been used by so many to
strengthen and improve physical fitness.

Thank you, Roger!



National Skilled Nursing Week, May 12-18, '24

This week allows us to celebrate our amazing residents and to
thank our staff at Jenkins for all they do all year long.

Unique & creative activities, meals, games and fun are planned for
the BIG week for residents and staff! (BIG BINGO, contests, spe-
cial resident & staff meal, and a CARNIVAL on Friday, May 17th
complete with ring toss, duck pond, PLINKO and carnival treats!

If you would like to help us celebrate with a donation, reach out to
Kristi Gloe in one of the several ways below. THANK YOU!



*Kristi Gloe at 605-886-1444

*kristig@jenkinslivingcenter.com

*Or dropping off your donation at the Front Desk
between 9am-8pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April

4...John DeBoer
11...Leo Hanten
13...Bernard Klapperich
22...Betty Mundahl
28...Marilyn Haider
29...Bonnie Reszler

May

4...Mary Darrington
6...Carol Niemann
9...Phyllis Krull
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