

# ABUNDANT *Living*

Leading the Way & Sharing God's Love



## PROJECT REVITALIZATION

EXCITING UPDATES TO CARE AREAS, PROGRAMS & ENTRANCES

**DONE!**



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

**Stephanie Chedid**  
President & CEO



**2025 sees Luther Manor celebrating its 64th year of sharing God's love by enriching the lives of older adults!** Inside each one of the previous 63 years, countless stories of abundant life have been received and shared among Luther Manor's residents, families, staff, donors, and volunteers. Within each of those stories (and the stories that we may not know), the heartbeat of Luther Manor's mission, vision, and values beat the strongest!

**Abundant Living** is a "best of" collection of the stories we were privileged to tell in the previous year. It is also a look ahead to the new year we've begun together. It is fun and inspiring to reflect deeply on where we've been and, at the same time, trust that this year's stories are taking shape right before our eyes, with changed lives at the center of each one. Gratefully, we can all be a significant part of every story!

In this issue of **Abundant Living**, you'll find inspiring stories of the community we share at Luther Manor found in the lives of our residents, their families, our staff, volunteers, and our many generous donors. You'll get to look inside our daily activities, experience celebrations, and see the many faces of those who make Luther Manor so special!

As always, I hope our publication inspires you to step boldly in faith to serve others as we fulfill Luther Manor's mission together. Thank you for making Luther Manor a priority in your life, and have a wonderful new year!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Chedid". The signature is fluid and cursive.



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# THE 2024 CAR SHOW COMES ROARING BACK

While still amid summer, we celebrated a gorgeous day surrounded by lovely people and beautiful cars! All car owners received free lunch, raffle prizes, a T-shirt, a chance to win a gift card in various car show categories, live music, and morning coffee & pastries. Volunteers from Direct Supply came to help transport residents to the event. Pay special attention to the bullet holes in the black Model T (pictured bottom).



# SHINE GOD'S LOVE

for our **LOVED ONES**

We close out the year with another successful Love Lights campaign and celebration! Luther Manor Foundation raised nearly \$25,000 (net) from 14 corporate sponsors and 182 individuals who donated in honor or remembrance of loved ones. Proceeds help grow Luther Manor Foundation's resident support fund. Thank you for helping Luther Manor Foundation Bridge the Gap! Look for the large boards in the Welcome Center, Terrace atrium, and Courtyards dining room to see a list of those honored or remembered.

In honor of our loved ones and to celebrate a successful fundraising campaign, residents across campus celebrated as we turned on our "Love Lights."



During this December event, residents in The Health Care Center, The Courtyards, and The Gardens enjoyed a special lunch, a program led by the pastoral staff, and musical entertainment. Residents of The Terrace celebrated with a special dinner, music, and program. Family members, Luther Manor volunteers, and board members joined

residents in the celebration, making it an evening for our extended Luther Manor community. Thank you to all who participated in this cherished event.



## THANK YOU 2024 SPONSORS







Visit [foundation.luthermanor.org/love-lights](https://foundation.luthermanor.org/love-lights) to donate in honor or memory of your loved one!



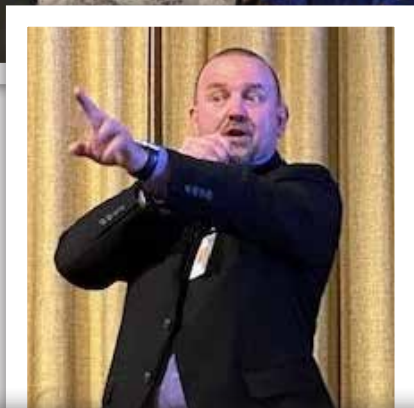
# HOBNOBBING LEADS TO SUCCESS

**"HOBNOB FOR HOSPICE" RAISES OVER \$45,000**

**Luther Manor Foundation's 1st annual dinner/auction took place on May 16, and it was a hit.** The biggest winners are Luther Manor Hospice and Luther Manor Foundation's resident support fund, which benefited from the event. In total, the dinner/auction brought in over \$45,000! Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen, including our sponsors (see

below), volunteers, silent and live auction donors, and everyone who attended the event.

The evening provided an opportunity to make new friends, learn about Luther Manor programs, and enjoy a catered dinner and live music. Consider joining the fun in 2025 for our 2nd annual dinner/auction on Thursday, February 20. Save the date!



*Hobnob for Hospice*

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS





# A BELOVED ARTIST & STATE CHAMPION

## LUTHER MANOR INDEPENDENT LIVING RESIDENT WINS AGAIN

Let us brag (just a little bit) on an independent living Terrace resident who had a presence at 2024's WI State Fair and the fairs of many a year before!

JoAnn is very crafty—literally! She always makes something fun and often enters her work into the arts and crafts competitions our state fair holds yearly. She won first place in 2024 (again!) for the miniature fruit and vegetable stand she made (pictured below). To give you an idea of scale, the “milk jugs” in the piece are empty vials our nursing staff let her have!

Congratulations to JoAnn on another entry, another win, and another remarkable contribution to our great state fair!



# A GIFT *of* REVITALIZATION

Exciting changes continued at Luther Manor as our \$9 million Project Revitalization was completed in late December of 2024! Quite the Christmas gift!

This two-year transformation will enhance, and has already improved, residents' lives and elevate our already beautiful, park-like campus. The project includes aesthetic improvements and updates focusing on increasing community safety and security, including:

New entrances at our 92nd St. North Entrance as well as The Terrace and The Courtyards. A refreshed outdoor patio in the Courtyards, with expanded seating for enjoying time outdoors. A revamped ice cream parlor turned into The Courtyards Great Room Café & Lounge, offering more snack options, and creating a welcoming space for residents and their families to gather for games, movies, and special events. A new beauty salon in the space of our previous 92nd St entrance in The Courtyards. A new dining and activities space in our Health Care Center, along with a new nurse call system. The Lanterns - a new and improved therapy gym and rehab center. The Magnolia Garden - a revamped outdoor garden just behind our Welcome Center.

Project Revitalization reflects our commitment to providing an enriching, secure, and vibrant environment for all who call Luther Manor home!

**PROJECT  
REVITALIZATION**  
EXCITING UPDATES TO CARE AREAS

THE TERRACE ENTRANCE



THE COURTYARDS ENTRANCE



MAGNOLIA GARDEN



92ND STREET ENTRANCE





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THE COURTYARDS RECEPTION & LOBBY



THE LANTERN THERAPY GYM WELCOME WALL



GREAT ROOM CAFE & LOUNGE



# A FOUNDATIONAL WEBSITE

## LUTHER MANOR FOUNDATION FINDS A HOME OF ITS OWN ONLINE

We gladly invite you to peruse Luther Manor Foundation's new website! Luther Manor's website has always included a single page for Luther Manor Foundation. Now, the foundation has a new digital place to call home. The website consists of an explanation of our mission, stories about residents, volunteers, and donors, information about upcoming events and fundraising campaigns, short articles on topics of interest for older adults and caregivers, and much more!



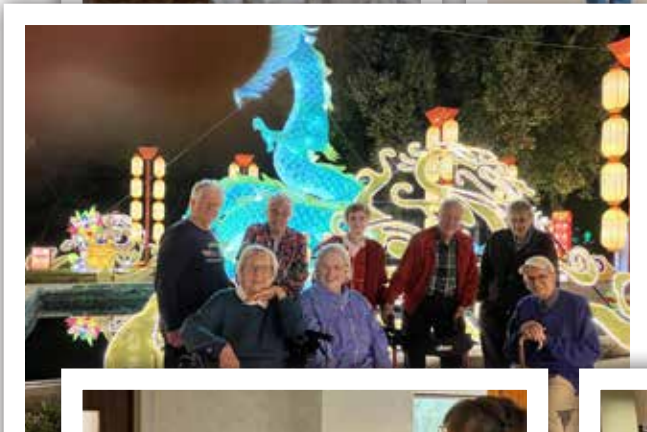
Visit [foundation.luthermanor.org](https://foundation.luthermanor.org) to check out the new site and all it has to offer!



# LIFE ENRICHMENT FOR EVERYONE

ENGAGING THE BODIES, MINDS & SPIRITS OF OUR RESIDENTS

Our Life Enrichment program areas and staff take seriously the responsibility to provide a variety of activities and trips (both inside and outside of Luther Manor) that engage our residents. These photos represent just a tiny snapshot of the 30-40 opportunities residents in every part of our continuum have to have fun, learn, laugh, and connect with others. Can you hear, smell, taste, and feel everything going on in these pictures?



# INTRODUCING THE LANTERN AT LUTHER MANOR

## THE LIGHT OF HOPE & FAITH IN THE NEXT STEPS OF RECOVERY

As part of our \$9 million revitalization of our Wauwatosa community, we proudly present The Lantern at Luther Manor, a rehabilitation program and therapy gym.

As a faith-based organization, we believe Psalm 119, which says that God and His Word are a lamp for our feet and light for our path—lanterns, if you will. In the uncertainty that often accompanies therapy and rehabilitation, the light hope and faith provided along with a patient's next steps are needed more than ever. At Luther Manor, we consider it a privilege to help guide you in your next steps toward recovery.

### **The Lantern at Luther Manor's rehabilitation and therapy gym offers:**

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**A living area and gym, now on one floor, conveniently located within our community allowing all rehabilitation, long-term care, and assisted living residents to go back and forth between their living areas and the gym easily. Brightly-colored, well-lit, open spaces with full access to our outside courtyards and fresh air.**

**Newly upgraded therapy equipment providing our staff and residents with a wider range of exercise options to improve strength and mobility.**

**A fully functional kitchen to help residents learn to navigate daily tasks in their own homes.**

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The Lantern at Luther Manor Therapy Gym opened in the spring of 2024, while The Lantern at Luther Manor Rehab Center, opened late 2024.







# A NEW LEADER LOOKING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS

SAY "HELLO" TO DANA ROESNER



Luther Manor is excited to welcome our new Volunteer Services Manager, Dana Roesner, a graduate of the University of Iowa with a degree in Recreation Therapy. "I have always loved serving older adults and started volunteering in 3rd grade at an assisted living facility in Illinois when my grandmother moved in after a stroke. That helped me truly find my passion in life. When I was growing up, I always said, 'I want to be a geriatric therapist!'"

Dana interned at a care center in Wheaton, IL, before moving to Milwaukee to become a Recreation Therapy Manager. Regarding her new role, Dana said, "When I learned of the Volunteer Services Manager opportunity here, I knew I couldn't pass it up. I look forward to growing the volunteer program and working with the staff and residents." She continued, "I truly hope to make volunteer services feel like a family, especially after COVID-19, and that people will feel a sense of love and warmth when they walk into the volunteer office."

Outside of work, Dana loves spending time with family and friends, including her nephews Danny (3 years) and Teddy (newborn). She also enjoys trying new restaurants in downtown Milwaukee, as she is originally from Illinois.

Dana said her most urgent needs for volunteers are in the new Great Room Cafe in the Courtyards, salon transportation, staffing the Manor Mart, life enrichment

transportation, and people to visit with residents one-on-one.

If you are interested in filling one of these roles or becoming a new volunteer, you can contact Dana directly at [volunteer@luthermanor.org](mailto:volunteer@luthermanor.org) or **414.831-8964**. Welcome, Dana!

**ARE YOU INTERESTED  
IN VOLUNTEERING?**

**CONTACT DANA DIRECTLY AT**

**📞 414.831.8964**

**✉️ [VOLUNTEER@LUTHERMANOR.ORG](mailto:VOLUNTEER@LUTHERMANOR.ORG)**



# THE GREAT ROOM CAFE & LOUNGE IS NOW OPEN

## WHAT IS IT? WHERE IS IT? WHEN IS IT OPEN? WHO CAN GO?

**What is the Great Room Cafe?** The Great Room Café is a brand new area in The Courtyards Assisted Living offering residents, staff, and guests snacks and beverages for purchase.

**Where is it located?** It is located in Courtyards Assisted Living, where the old ice cream parlor was.

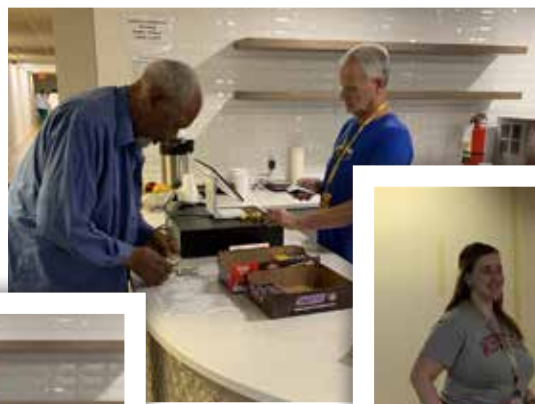
**When did it open, and what are its operating hours?** The grand opening of the Café was Thursday, August 1st. Currently, its operating hours are Wednesdays from 1:30-4 pm and Thursdays from 9:30-11 am and 1:30-4 pm.

**What does it offer to residents & their guests?** The Café currently offers a variety of candies (Snickers, M&Ms, Reese's), freshly baked pastries from a local bakery, packaged cookies, fresh fruit, yogurt, juices, bottled water, coffee, and the fan favorite scoop ice cream. There is nothing in the café that costs more than \$2! Besides goodies, it offers a wonderful, warm environment for residents, guests, and staff to socialize, watch TV, read books from the library, and get to know our wonderful volunteers who fully run the Café.

**Is it open to and for staff as well?** Yes!! Many staff members have already stopped by to enjoy a delicious ice cream break.

**What do you hope to see for the Cafe in the next few months or the coming year?** We hope to be able to open the Cafe 5-7 days a week and provide more menu options such as sandwiches, salads, soup of the day, smoothies, yogurt parfaits, fruit cups, and more. We can't do this without volunteers! The Cafe will be completely run by volunteers.

**What kind of volunteer opportunities exist, and how can folks sign up or get more information?** We have openings most days for interested volunteers to help run the cafe! The hours will remain the same (9:30-11 am and 1:30-4 pm). Volunteers must feel comfortable with cash exchange.





# LUTHER MANOR

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