

Gift brightens holiday season for tenants

Thanks to a generous donation from Darwin Bonn, Chateau Waters tenants will have a brighter holiday season. Bonn's gift purchased holiday lights and timers to decorate the 72 patios for the tenants.

This gift was inspired by Bonn's late wife, Rosie, who loved Christmas decorations and would always encourage Darwin to start putting up the lights in October. Even with her polite reminders, he recalled many years when he froze his fingers while installing the lights in December.

Not only will these lights brighten up the holidays for Chateau Waters tenants, but also can be seen by those who visit the [Country Lights Festival](#) around Lake Francis in Sartell.

"I wanted to do this to honor my Rosie and to bring a little holiday spirit to my neighbors," said Darwin.



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Give by Dec. 31 at [give.CentraCare.com/donation](#).



Supporting St. Benedict's Community Capital Campaign

Year-end campaign benefits St. Benedict's Community

CentraCare Foundation's Community Campaign is underway until Dec. 31! If you have not yet contributed to this year-end campaign supporting St. Benedict's Community, please consider a gift today!

Thanks to a generous \$100,000 matching gift from [Granite Logistics](#), every donation received by Dec. 31 will double! Also, your gift is eligible for a 100% tax deduction under the CARES Act legislation. This new, above-the-line deduction is for total charitable contributions up to \$300. Consult your tax professional for details or review article below for more information.

Tune in to [KNSI News](#) (1450 AM or 99.3FM) from 8:05 to 8:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 11 to hear Brad Konkler, Vice President, CentraCare Foundation, and Susan Kratzke, Administrator, St. Benedict's Community, visit with on-air host, Bob Hughes, about [St. Benedict's Community Capital Campaign](#).

Make a gift!

Annual Report 2020: Living Our Purpose

We have learned a lot during this pandemic. Through it all, we focused on our purpose: to listen then serve, to guide and heal.

This year's [Annual Report](#) celebrates our successes and an inspiring patient story.

If you have questions about any of the information within our report, we encourage you to email us at communications@centracare.com.



Creativity, generosity transform space for resident, family visits

Gretchen O'Fallon's mother and mother-in-law live at CentraCare – Stearns Place in Paynesville, and she knows only too well how COVID-19 precautions have limited personal visits from family.

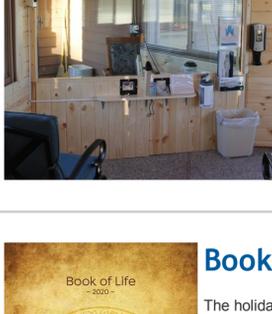
"When the weather was getting colder, I started thinking about what I could do to help. I saw a photo online of a plastic wall where you could put your arms through to hug your loved one and that got the idea flowing."

Gretchen then reached out to her friend Bruce Stang, founder of Stang Precision, Paynesville, and they brainstormed how to create a safe place for families and seniors to visit. What followed was a complete transformation of an under-utilized gazebo, that already had an external entrance door, into what is now dubbed as the "Visitation Station". ([Continued here](#))

Below Photos: *Finished Visitation Station; Ryan Symanietz, Stang Precision (ladder), and Bruce Stang working on the project; and Resident Betty Thomsen visited with her daughter and son-in-law, Tom and Nancy Deadrick.*



Pat O'Fallon visited with her granddaughter, Erin, and her family on Thanksgiving in the new CentraCare - Stearns Place Visitation Station in Paynesville.



Book of Life honors lost loved ones

The holidays are traditionally a time of joy and celebration with family and friends. They also can be a time to remember and honor those we've loved and lost over the years.

The Book of Life provides this opportunity. In the past, this book was displayed at Holly Ball and in the North Entrance at St. Cloud Hospital during December. This year, this book can be viewed [online](#).

To have a loved one added to the 2021 Book of Life, submit the name to foundation@centracare.com or you can submit a name online with a [memorial gift](#).

CentraCare Hospice also recorded a 30-minute Remembrance Service. You can view this service [online](#) with your loved ones at any time. We wish you blessings of the season and pray that the love of family and friends surround you with peace and comfort.



Marco raises dollars, awareness for suicide prevention

Scott Roeder and Jeff Gau of Marco present the \$5,000 check to Lisa Bershok and Penny Casavant of CentraCare.

Marco continues to be a great community partner in so many ways. Not only were they the Presenting Partner for Holly Ball 2020, but they also conducted a #YouMatter campaign in September on their Facebook page to raise awareness and prevent suicide by normalizing the conversation around mental health.

Thanks to the community engagement on Marco's Facebook page, they donated \$5,000 to the [Jackson Roeder Memorial Fund](#) for suicide prevention.

Virtual Holly Ball 2020 raises "real" money

Even a pandemic couldn't stop our generous community from contributing more than \$600,000 to our 2020 Holly Ball on Dec. 5. Thank you to our [sponsors](#), business partners, [planning committee](#), volunteers and all who joined us for this first-ever Holly Ball virtual event.

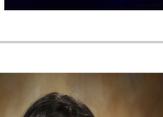
We extend special thanks to our 2020 event chair Jodi Erkens, [Audio Video Extremes](#), and vice chair, Patty Gaetz, Southern Glazer's D&E Fine Wine Group.

We are thrilled to report that during the program, \$110,000 was raised through the Fund-A-Need portion of the program and nearly \$40,000 for the Silent Auction!

More than 1,088 people participated virtually and learned more about our 2020 beneficiaries -- [CentraCare Hospice](#), [Coborn Cancer Center](#) and the [Central Minnesota Child Advocacy Center](#).

If you missed the event or wish to watch it again, you can still [view it here](#). And, if you still wish to participate in a taxpayer's adjusted gross income (AGI). The new law lifts the cap on annual contributions for those who itemize, increasing it from 60% to 100% of AGI for 2020. Any excess contributions available can be carried over to the next five years. For corporations, the new law raises the annual limit from 10% to 25% of taxable income.

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Moen achieves CFRE designation

Congratulations to Dawn Moen, CFRE, Director of Development Operations for CentraCare Foundation, for achieving the Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) designation.

The [CFRE International](#) designation includes tenure in the profession, education and demonstrated fundraising skills. Dawn passed a rigorous written examination testing the knowledge, skills, and abilities required of a fundraising executive and agrees to uphold Accountability Standards and the Donor Bill of Rights.

She joins more than 7,200 professionals around the world who hold this designation.



Economic Security Act provides gift tax incentive

The new Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act has several key provisions that relate to philanthropy.

Suspension of Required Minimum Distributions: The new law temporarily suspends the requirements for required minimum distributions (RMD) for the 2020 tax year. This is good news for many retirees who would have had to withdraw a greater percentage of their retirement accounts than expected or face a penalty, given that their RMD calculation for 2020 is based on the retirement account balance as of Dec. 31, 2019.

Creation of Universal Charitable Deduction: The universal charitable deduction is an above-the-line deduction available to all taxpayers, not just those who itemize. This tax incentive is available for gifts to qualified charities (and not to donor advised funds).

Example: A taxpayer who takes the standard deduction and makes a \$300 cash gift to a public charity in 2020 may claim the \$300 deduction in computing his or her adjusted gross income. The deduction is in addition to the taxpayer's standard deduction.

Lifting of Cap on Annual Contributions: Contributions to public charities are generally limited to a percentage of a taxpayer's adjusted gross income (AGI). The new law lifts the cap on annual contributions for those who itemize, increasing it from 60% to 100% of AGI for 2020. Any excess contributions available can be carried over to the next five years. For corporations, the new law raises the annual limit from 10% to 25% of taxable income.

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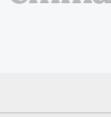
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