



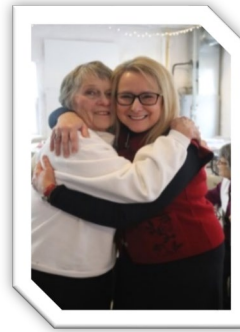
Atwater Area  
 Help for Seniors NEWSLETTER  
 December 2018  
**CELEBRATING 30 YEARS**



**As We Reflect Back on 2018...**

Thank you for so many great moments and memories for our program this past year. We held our annual events: President's Day Pie & Coffee, Festival Days caramel rolls and Community Supper, Lloyd B Hovey Golf Tournament, Health Fair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dancing with the Atwater Area Stars and our Soup/Sandwich/Bake Sale & Lion's Sweater Sale. Throughout these events, the Atwater Community and surrounding areas offered continued support of this program and our mission to keep our seniors in their homes as long as safely possible. Our Volunteers provide many hours of service and hard work to make these events available and we sincerely extend a huge thank you to all. We also saw several of our hometown "Seniors" move from their homes to assisted living, nursing homes and family homes. As we are sad to see them move, we are thankful our program could assist them in their homes until *they* made the decision to make a change.

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION 2018**



**A special thank you to Sandy Miller for serving on our Board of Directors for the past 4 years. Sandy is a retired RN and has also served on the board for Kandiyohi-Renville Public Health, and on their advisory committee. As our Board member, she has been our Correspondence Secretary and filled in as Secretary. Her infectious laughter and sense of humor will be missed in future board meetings. Sandy has also been an active Volunteer and we are pleased she will continue that role in our program.**

*We celebrated our volunteers with a luncheon at the Strong Garage on Tuesday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the Kingery Family for entertaining us with holiday classics. Special recognition was given to Marilyn Stoffers for her years of volunteering with the program. After retiring as a home health aide and moving from the farm to Atwater, she became a dedicated "friendly visitor", making regular visits to area residents and continues to visit people at Sunnyview twice a week. Marilyn has a heart for helping people and we thank her for all she does.*



*This past year, our team of Volunteers have donated more than 5,000 hours, shared more than 1,000 visits while driving for over 300 appointments and amassed over 20,000 miles. They are the heart of what makes our program so successful and the Board & Staff offer our deepest appreciation and thanks!*

*NOVEMBER Memorials & Donations*  
 Thank You!

**In Memory ~**

David Hedberg

Larry & Carolyn Poe

Shirley Walsh

Sandy Edwards  
 Bob & Audrey Krengel  
 Donna Woodhall  
 Phyllis Anderson

Elaine Anderstrom

Larry & Carolyn Poe  
 Sandy Edwards  
 Wayne & Judy Denton  
 Phyllis Anderson

Eldon Hiepler

Larry & Carolyn Poe

Sharon Lake

Sandy Edwards  
 Delwin Mahn  
 Jim & Mavis Olson

Gary Pickle

Sandy Edwards  
 Delwin Mahn  
 Jim & Mavis Olson  
 Darlene Bratberg

Mark Anderson

Jim & Mavis Olson

Calvin Linn

Jim & Mavis Olson

Krista Amos

Darlene Bratberg

Bill Hasse

Vern & Gerry Passmore

Stan Norine

Sandy Edwards

Alice Herman

Sandy Edwards

Jennifer Witte Norine

Jim & Mavis Olson                      Steve & Sandy Miller  
 Dr. Kim Olson                              Phyllis Anderson  
 Katie Olson

**Donations ~**

Betty Thomsen  
 Dodd & Robin Lambert  
 Bruce Larson  
 Harrison Comm Presbyterian Ladies Aid  
 Anonymous

**In Honor Of ~**

Dave & Kathy Johnson  
 Phyllis Anderson



Thanks to the Nordland Church, Leroy Hagen Endowment Fund donation, we purchased this new shed to store our Loan Equipment. We receive donations of used medical equipment which we loan out to any age in need- free of charge, no time limits. Check with us for shower chairs, walkers, canes, bed rails, crutches & more. With donations from St John Lutheran we have purchased several new wheelchairs which are available for extended use and thanks to an anonymous donor, we purchased one wheelchair for short term use-shopping, going to a ballgame, graduation, wedding or other outing.

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