



# 2023 A YEAR OF *good*



Dear Friends,

I'm proud to share that in 2023, 2,771 supporters chose to invest in our mission to spread God's love, giving more than \$2.2 million through the Good Samaritan Foundation to help advance our work to bring comfort, joy and belonging to residents and families.

As we often say, philanthropy is what makes progress possible. And because of you, progress is happening for the nearly 11,000 senior residents we serve each day — residents like Lou Warner in Water Valley, Colorado; Bev Frerichs in Hastings, Nebraska; and Kate Sandbulte in George, Iowa — each of whom you'll read about in this report — as well as thousands of others who rely on the Good Samaritan Society for a sense of belonging, faith and love during a time of life that can leave many feeling lonely and uncertain about the future.

Thank you for believing in our mission and for entrusting us with your charitable wishes. 100% of every dollar given over the past year has been put to work in meaningful ways across the communities we serve, supporting the health, comfort and well-being of our residents. We couldn't do this work without you — your partnership means the world to us.



With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ali Hofer".

Ali Hofer  
*Executive Director*





# GIVING FOR GOOD

As a nonprofit health care system, your generosity fuels our vision to improve the human condition at every age and every stage of life through exceptional care, spiritual enrichment and innovation. Thanks to philanthropy, we're not only providing comfort and care for those we serve, we're providing opportunities for residents to improve their mental and physical wellness, remain connected to friends and family and fulfill lifelong wishes.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Thanks to you, we put philanthropy to work for residents and families across our communities in 2023 in areas like these:

- **Long-term Care** — your generosity supports our work to provide around-the-clock personalized care.
- **Resident Care & Family Support** — thanks to you, we're providing spiritual care, companion pets, community outreach activities, gardening opportunities, art, music and more.
- **Equipment & Facilities** — your help supports vehicles for resident transportation, furniture, wellness equipment, blanket warmers, senior engagement technology and more.
- **Employee Education & Support** — with your support, we're assisting employees in crisis, providing scholarships and advanced training opportunities for staff, supporting team-building activities and more.

## STORIES OF GOOD

Over the last year, your kindness made a difference in countless ways. In our 2023 Annual Report, we celebrate how philanthropy is enhancing care and creating Stories of Good throughout the communities we serve.



## COLORADO

At the Good Samaritan Society in Water Valley, philanthropy helps residents like 89-year-old Lou Warner not only maintain her independence, but also enjoy a fulfilling lifestyle thanks to enriching activities, healing spaces and special programs designed to brighten the spirits and enhance the well-being of our residents and families.

“I think it’s a great place to live. I have so many friends here and so many that have given me so much support when my husband passed away. It’s really wonderful that I can be here,” Lou said.

## NEBRASKA

At the Hastings Village Good Samaritan Society in Hastings, your support is helping to enhance the well-being of residents like 81-year-old Bev Frerichs, who enjoys dinners with friends, activities like shuffleboard, and opportunities to volunteer for the Society’s bargain center, library and community center advisory board.

For Bev, Hastings Village has been a lifeline following the death of her husband, Ray, two years ago. Downsizing from an acreage to a support system at the Society got her through.

“It’s kept me going. I get out probably every day. There’s always something going on here at this campus,” Bev said. “The staff are very, very nice. They know you. They know you and they hug you.”



## SOUTH DAKOTA

At the Good Samaritan Society in Sioux Falls, philanthropy helps ensure that dedicated staff and volunteers are on hand to provide around-the-clock care and compassion for our residents and patients who need long-term and hospice care.

For Jackie Payne, whose grandmother Ardis Dexter entered hospice care late last year, hospice offered the gift of time. Time for reminiscing together. Time to make lasting memories. Time to focus on comfort and quality of life. And, time to say goodbye.

“No one has been more influential or had a greater impact on my life than my dear Grandma Ardis. Losing her was heartbreaking, but I’m so grateful for the compassionate care she received during her final days, as well as the support our family received from staff as we shared our last treasured moments and memories together,” Jackie said.

## NORTH DAKOTA

The spirit of philanthropy and the power of collaboration shine brightly at the Good Samaritan Society in Arthur where, thanks to your generosity, dedicated staff often step forward to accept and care for patients from the Sanford Medical Center in Fargo during times of high census. This help enables the hospital to care for those who are critically ill.



## MINNESOTA

Because of your support, we’re enhancing care for long-term patients across Minnesota thanks to new equipment such as Rosie Vital Signs Monitors, which help us better monitor patients’ vital signs, and Broda wheelchairs, which provide comfort for patients as well as functionality for caregivers.

## IOWA

At the Good Samaritan Society in George, your generosity helps provide staff with advanced education and opportunities to collaborate, so patients like Katelyn (Kate) Sandbulte, a young woman battling Huntington’s disease, can receive world-class, compassionate care close to home.

“I’m really impressed with the staff and their willingness to accommodate Kate’s special needs,” Tara, Kate’s mom, said. “Kate has gotten healthier being here. She’s very well cared for. She’s in her 30s, so it’s a little different for them to work with her versus somebody who’s elderly. But it’s amazing how much they take the time to do special things like styling her hair or painting her nails.”



## KANSAS

Thanks to your support, we’re enhancing facilities across Kansas with the latest equipment, facility improvements and technology so residents like Carl and Doris at the Cedar Lake Village in Olathe can experience meaningful life moments — like finding love again at age 96. Today, Carl and Doris are finding joy in their newest title: America’s oldest newlyweds.

# CELEBRATING GUARDIAN ANGELS

The story of the Good Samaritan Society is written by our caregivers and staff members who touch the lives of residents and families every day through exceptional care and kindness.

The Guardian Angel Program is a special way grateful residents, clients and families can recognize exceptional caregivers who've made a difference. 100% of their gifts of gratitude support a local Good Samaritan location, helping touch more lives right away.

Join us in celebrating our 2023 Guardian Angel honorees. These extraordinary caregivers each received special recognition and a Guardian Angel pin they can wear to share the power of kindness.

Leanne Atwood  
Diane Brehm  
Rachael Brown  
Lori Cihak  
Iuliana Cordes  
Jim Dalton  
Lyle Erickson  
Ashley Goff  
Peggy Gonzales  
Rebecca Graff

Sara Graves  
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Brooks Lloyd  
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Campo  
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Lonna Rivers  
Evelyn Ross  
Ariel Rouillard

Jill Schaefer  
Lynn Serbus  
Mabel Sworr  
Bonnie Thompson  
Suszanne Veith  
Clayton Williams  
Pamela Williamson



Learn more about how you can celebrate a caregiver through our Guardian Angel program.

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ANGEL



# EMPLOYEE GIVING



No matter what our role is at the Good Samaritan Society, we're all united by a common calling to care. At the Good Samaritan Foundation, we couldn't be more grateful for the colleagues who choose to live out that calling in a special way as an employee donor.

For one of our colleagues in Windsor, Colorado, that calling to care began more than four decades ago.

Randy Fitzgerald now serves as executive director of operations for Good Samaritan Society locations in Colorado, Kansas and Hawaii. He joined the Society in 1982 and quickly realized the impact of philanthropy.

In addition to becoming an employee donor early on in his tenure, his second job at the Society, from 1985-1988, was raising funds in Resource Development.

Randy was recently recognized as a new member of the Good Samaritan Foundation's Honors Society, a growing community of donors who have given significant gifts in cash or pledges over their lifetimes to the Good Samaritan Foundation.

"We're so grateful to Randy for sharing not only his God-given talents and ideas with the Society for more than 40 years, but for his willingness to also share his philanthropic gifts to help advance our mission of care," said Ali Hofer, executive director of the Good Samaritan Foundation. "He's an inspiration to us all and we couldn't be more grateful to count him as a treasured colleague and supporter."

Above: Nate Schema, Good Samaritan Society president and CEO, and Ali Hofer, Good Samaritan Foundation executive director, with our Honors Society member, Randy Fitzgerald.

# LEAVING A *legacy*

Join us in celebrating our Legacy Society, a community of donors who are making the Good Samaritan Society a part of their lasting legacy through a planned gift.

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100% of every gift changes lives through the work of health, healing and comfort.