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At Your Fingertips

Ask Beth Corn, Director of Community Life at Someren Glen, about their two new IN2L systems, and she starts talking faster and faster — her enthusiasm obvious. The list of uses for the integrated hardware, software and media system is practically endless, and as far as she's concerned, there's not much the system can't do.

More important than the technology, however is the impact it has on residents. Just recently, a resident utilizing rehabilitation services was able to use the 23-inch touchscreen to "attend" her granddaughter's wedding via Skype. The screen,



Resident Sue Ann Irwin creates artwork using the IN2L system with team member Erin Hudnall.

which is attached to a motorized, height adjustable cart with an extending arm, was wheeled bedside. Tuesday mornings, several residents from the Suites at Someren Glen are whisked around the world as they

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The Joy of Gardening

Residents at Dayspring Villa, a CLC assisted living community near Sloan's Lake in Denver, have always enjoyed the community's beautiful garden. But now, thanks to Cody Klein and several other members of Boy Scout Troop 257, the garden features four wheelchair-accessible planter boxes ideal for growing flowers and vegetables.

In his effort to complete service projects required for becoming an Eagle Scout, Cody was inspired by his grandmother to design and construct the boxes.



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Our Mission

Christian Living Communities enriches the quality and dignity of life for older adults through services and care that reflect Christian love, respect, and compassion toward each individual.

A Gentle Nudge

For Seeketa Allen, her work with participants in Clermont Park's Adult Day program and as a Home Care Associate isn't really work at all. "It feels like having fun," she says.

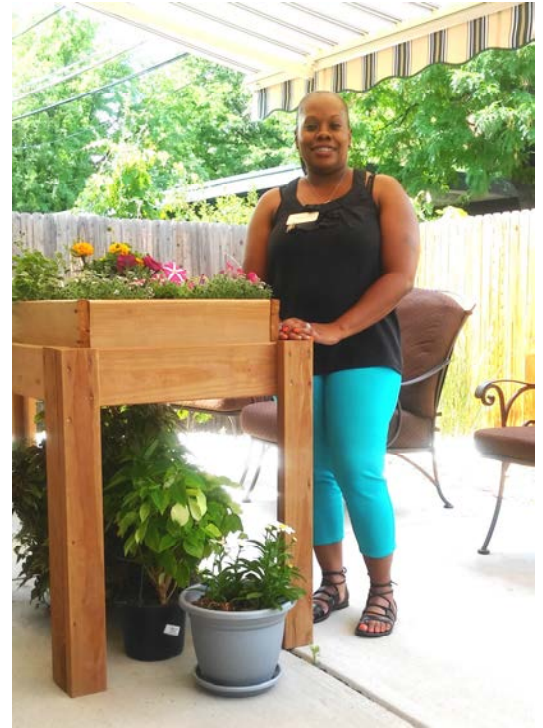
Her passion for working with older adults along with wanting to do more motivated Seeketa to obtain her CNA license.

The mother of 10 – yes 10 children – has devoted a lot to her growing family, but she's always dreamed of a career in healthcare. At one point she wanted to be a doctor, but for now, she'd like to pursue nursing. Step one was obtaining her CNA license, and thanks to the generosity of residents, family members and friends of CLC, she's checked that off her list.

In March, the CLC Scholarship Committee awarded Seeketa \$500 in tuition assistance to help with the nearly \$1,000 cost of attending classes and obtaining her license. In May she completed her course work. Seeketa sought the scholarship because she didn't want to take money away from her family. She seized the opportunity to further her career with CLC, which she joined two years ago.

Seeketa says she felt welcomed and had a sense of belonging at CLC from the moment when she stepped through the door for her interview.

The ability to further her career



was an added bonus and inspired her to grow with CLC.

"CLC is like pushing you along," she says. "I'm nothing but grateful and appreciative towards them (the donors) for being willing to invest in people's dreams. I want to hug everybody."

Any team member who has been with CLC for at least six months is eligible to apply for tuition assistance. The amount varies depending on how long they have been with CLC, their employment status – full or part-time – and what they plan to study.

If you are interested in supporting the Employee Scholarship Fund with a tax-deductible donation, please contact CLC's Donor Relations Department at 720.974.3555.

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Gifts in Memory and Honor

Christian Living Communities is very grateful to the friends and family who directed support of Christian Living Communities in memory or honor of their loved one. Below are the names in **bold** of those being remembered or honored, as well as those making such gifts from January 1—June 30, 2017.

IN HONOR

Dolores Meader

Susan & Dan
Meader

IN MEMORY

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James and Tamalyn
Hubbard
Karen Hubbard
Bill & Ann Meyer

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Eloise Clark
Lee Anna Clark
Dawn Cole
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Jane Spencer

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Pearl LaRock
Dick & Jana Loyd
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Ed Weber
Marsha Wells

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Betty Frensley
Bruce & Carmen
Johnson

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Joyce Patterson

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Hayutin
Gail & Doris Kats
Larry & Jean Landis
Marvin Lich
John & Sara Loss
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Joel & Gwen Peters

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Compassion Circle

Christian Living Communities created the *Compassion Circle* to honor and thank those who remember CLC with a gift in their estate plans.

We are honored to acknowledge these Compassion Circle members:

Anonymous (6)

Edward & Cynthia Berghuis

Cornelia E. Blankvoort *

Gary & Janice Bomgaars

Meindert & Evelyn* Bosch

Charles* & Betty Bosman

Bryon & Heidi Childs

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Mary Lou Scott

Frank* & Sylvia* Velzen

Bryan & Rachel Vinz

Elaine Westblade

**Deceased*

**Did you know that CLC
in 2016 received more
than \$29,000 to
directly support
enriching
opportunities at our
communities?**



Holly Creek residents enjoy a recent concert by the group Dakota Blond. The concert was made possible through donations to the Cottager Music Series, which is staging quarterly special musical presentations.

The Joy of Gardening

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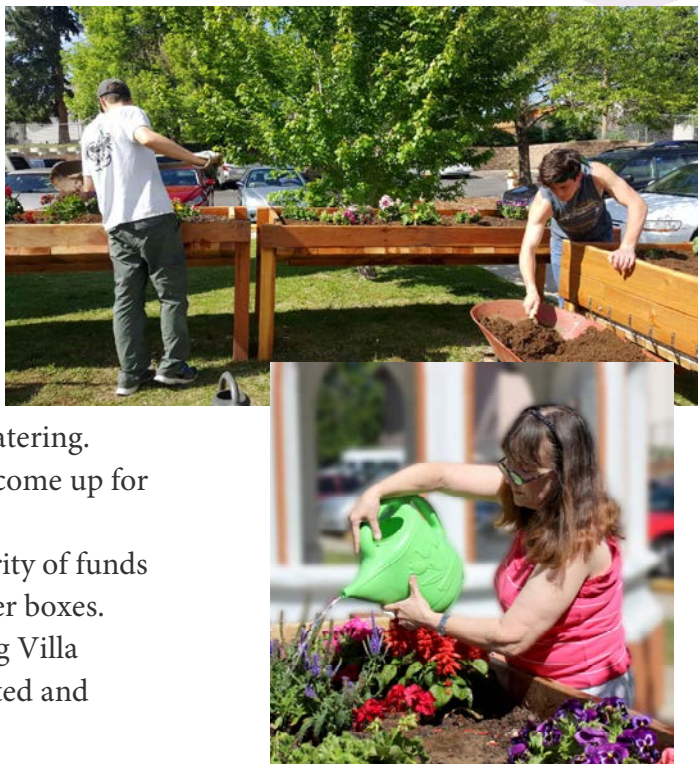
He explained that, though she has challenges associated with dementia, the flower garden outside her window often helps lift her spirits. Since his grandmother lives out of state, Cody decided that he wanted to do something similar to enrich the lives of Dayspring Villa residents so he can give back to his community.

The new boxes have re-invigorated the Dayspring gardening club and have prompted even more residents to get involved with planting, weeding and watering. Opportunities have also come up for relationships to grow.

Cody raised the majority of funds needed to make the flower boxes. Additionally, a Dayspring Villa family member contributed and

dollars were granted from CLC's Mission Fulfillment fund to make this improvement a reality.

Everyone at the community extends a big "Thank you!" to Cody and the rest of the troop for their hard work. Their service has been a true blessing to Dayspring Villa. ♦



"One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered."

Proverbs 11:24-25

Honor and Memory

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Frank Velzen

Stephen & Joyce Seay
Michael & Nancy Severns
Stuart Vanderheide
Bryan & Rachel Vinz

Richard & Sandy Westra

James Wilkins

Bayard Young

Lori De Witt. ♦

A Gift from the Heart



Last year, John made a qualified charitable distribution from his retirement account directly to CLC to support the theater and music programs at Clermont Park. He is a member of the Showstoppers and has been part of the cast each year for the community's Broadway musical production. He also gave

to the Resident Assistance Fund to help residents in need.

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) permits annual direct transfers to a qualified charity totaling up to \$100,000 of tax-deferred IRA savings. Such donations automatically satisfy required minimum distributions for the year the QCD is made. That's a real advantage for a charitably-minded IRA owner who doesn't need the distribution to live on.

John was initially reluctant to talk about his giving and preferred his support be anonymous. He decided to come forward, as he knows others share his values, and might be prompted to donate.

Giving reflects John's personal values. "You have to have service in your heart and gratitude for the gifts you were given." ♦

Years ago while working in Tanzania, Clermont Park resident John Ahlenius had all his belongings stolen – everything from his clothing to the welding equipment he was using.

That experience helped shape John's view of wealth and giving.

"You can't take it with you, so if you have access, you give it away. It's just passing on God's gift to others."

When it comes to which organizations or causes to support, he looks for what's in his heart, and what he is grateful for. That's where Christian Living Communities comes in.

"I'm grateful for what CLC provides," he says. "CLC brings an economic diversity that I value and with that comes an increasing need for donations to fund that."

Instead of reaching for your checkbook, perhaps consider whether a Qualified Charitable Distribution might make more sense.

For more information about these gifts, please contact Olivia Mayer at OMayer@clcmail.org or 720.974.3675.

Board of Directors

These individuals serve on the board of Christian Living Communities:

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gather for Travelogue Tuesdays, featuring content available throughout the system.

Some days their word scramble game of “Chicktionary” stretches to two hours. In the Evergreen neighborhood, residents visibly light up for the *Singing with Suzie Q*.

“It’s like having the entire world at your fingertips,” says Corn.

IN2L is an integrated system built on a picture-based, touch-screen interface that allows users to simply “touch” their way to find engaging, educational, spiritual and personalized content that can be used by individuals or in a group setting. There’s everything from old TV shows and movies, history, state trivia, brain games, health and wellness to memory engagement

content designed to entertain, stimulate and keep residents connected.

Thanks to the generosity of donors, the community was able to purchase two systems for \$6,500 that replaced two outdated tablets. Having the larger, portable screen system is a huge upgrade. Along with the flexibility of being able to wheel the much larger screen around on its adjustable cart, it’s substantially faster to load content. The monitor can also be connected to a television to provide even better viewing for group activities.

“We are thrilled to have them,” says Corn. “The ideas for using them are just exponential.” ♦

**The 24th Annual
Earthen Vessel Dinner
will be on Thursday,
October 12 at the
Denver Marriott South
at Park Meadows.**



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Mark your Calendars

You don't want to miss this year's Earthen Vessel Dinner on Thursday, Oct. 12 at the Denver Marriott South at Park Meadows.

Renown Colorado photographer **John Fielder** will be presenting photos from his latest book, *A Colorado Winter*, as well as sharing his own family's dementia journey.

We also will honor outstanding volunteers who have blessed CLC with their time and talents.

Look for more details soon.

**Proceeds benefit CLC's
Rhythms Dementia Services.**

If you are interested in sponsorship or table hosting opportunities, please contact **Morgan Shoup** at **720.974.3642** or **mshoup@clcmail.org**.

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