

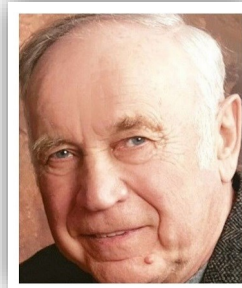
## In Loving Memory



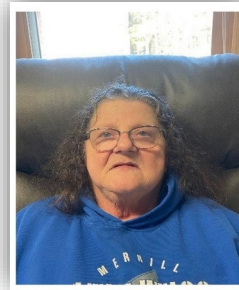
**Charlotte  
Richardson**



**Joseph  
Zimmerman**



**Walter  
Bahlow**



**Gwen  
Olivotti**

Over the past month, our community has said goodbye to several beloved residents who have left an unforgettable mark on our hearts. Each of them brought their own light, joy, and spirit into our facility, touching not only the staff, but also their fellow residents, families, and everyone who had the privilege of knowing them. Their laughter filled our halls, their stories enriched our days, and their presence brought comfort and companionship to those around them. Whether through a warm smile, a shared memory, or a moment of kindness, they each contributed to the sense of family that makes our community so special. It has truly been an honor to care for them, to support them, to listen to them, and to accompany them through their daily lives. We are grateful for the trust their families placed in us, and for the opportunity to be part of their journey. As we reflect on their lives, we hold close the love and lessons they shared with us. You will forever remain in our hearts.

### Bell Tower Residence NEWSLETTER

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Set on 12 beautifully landscaped acres with over 68,000 square feet of living and common spaces, Bell Tower is a friendly assisted living community where residents feel at home and live life well with purpose and dignity. We offer private apartments, religious services, activities, outings, delicious home-cooked meals and our caring and compassionate staff are always nearby to help.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please reach out to our Admissions Coordinator, Mikaela Meier at [mmeier@carriagehealthcare.com](mailto:mmeier@carriagehealthcare.com)

A Newsletter for Residents and Friends,  
about *Life* at Bell Tower  
- December 2025 -  
**Bell Tower Residence**

### Turning the Page

I love a good adventure, and a good story. Heading out to explore, anticipating the unknown, often accompanied by good friends—there is nothing like “adventuring.” Sometimes adventures may be unexpected or filled with twists and turns, and when we safely arrive at our destination, we say, “Wow, that was quite the adventure.” Other adventures are trips and exploring, going places with or without a map. No matter the adventure, when we are finished, there are stories to tell.

When I first arrived at Bell Tower Residence in April of 2016, I had no idea that career move would still find me here more than 9 years later. Assisted Living was a new field for me. I was used to the hospital environment, where patients arrived one day and were discharged the next. Suddenly my world was full of residents and their families who called Bell Tower Residence “home,” and the Holy Cross Sisters who not only laid the foundation for Bell tower, but continued to support it. Seeing all these people every day, being part of their own journey was a blessing I had never expected.

2016 was a year of challenged staffing. Legend still exists of the administrator working Labor Day weekend and sleeping in room 105. We got through that, and our team and our hearts grew bigger as we embarked on a journey of growth and change. Then 2020 found us in the midst of Covid, and it was then that I learned, if I didn’t know it before, what our staff are made of—strength, compassion, loyalty, and integrity. I saw a team of people who were dedicated to doing the right thing, and being there for the residents. Trust me when I say, every day was, and still is an adventure. As time went on, it was clear that I truly was surrounded by a Bell Tower family, and a team of whom I am immensely proud.

However, like all adventures and stories, it is time to turn the page. Retiring from my role as administrator, I look back with great fondness on my years at Bell Tower Residence, and I look forward to the next story God is writing in my life. I know that Bell Tower Residence is in good hands with Elizabeth Grubb at the helm, supported by a great management group, and an outstanding team of staff providing care to and supporting our wonderful residents.

You might still occasionally see me around the building as I work on our Together We Preserve fundraising campaign, but other than that, it’s time for me to start a new chapter in life. Here’s to kindness, care, and a positive attitude, enjoying every day that we have. I’m looking back at the past 9 years, smiling and saying, “Wow, that was quite an adventure.” -Kris McGarigle

### Celebrating December

**1st– Mistletoe Day**

**2nd– Show off your  
Holiday Colors Day**

**4th– Naughty or Nice  
Day**

**5th– International Vol-  
unteer Day**

**6th– St. Nicholas Day**

**11th– Let it Snow Day**

**13th– Gingerbread  
House Making Day**

**15th– A Grinch Day**

**16th– Gift Wrapping  
Day**

**18th– Baking Cookies  
Day**

**19th– UGLY Sweater  
Day**

**20th– Go Caroling Day**

**22nd– Deck the Halls  
Day**

**24th– Christmas Eve**

**25-th Christmas Day**

**26th– Kwanzaa Begins**

**28th– Chocolate  
Candy Day**

**31st– New Years Eve**



## Bell Tower Wish List:

- Roku for each neighborhood
- Sponsor a Zumba Class
- Sponsor a Birthday Cake
- Natural Color Nail Polish
- Sponsor Live Music
- Purchased Bingo Prizes
- Sensory Games
- Artificial Flowers
- Resident Social Hour Supplies
- Purchase Chocolate for Bingo
- Craft Kits



## December Staff and Resident Highlights:



- Tuesday December 2nd– Cookie Decorating
  - Saturday December 6th– Luminaria
  - Tuesday December 9th– Gingerbread House Making
  - Tuesday December 16th– Wear Christmas Jammies
  - Wednesday December 17th– UGLY Sweater Dress Up Day, Church Mutual Choir and Christmas Light Drive
  - December 1st-19th Door Decorating Contest
  - Tuesday December 23rd- Holiday Hymn Sing with the Chaplains
- Various Holiday Themed Games throughout the month!

## Together We Persevere



To date, we have raised \$1.7 million of our \$2 million target! We are in the homestretch! Have you thought about supporting Together We Preserve through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) through your IRA, or a gift of stock? For those aged 70 ½ or older, a QCD from your IRA can help fulfill your annual required minimum distribution, while effectively reducing your taxable income, subject to IRS limits.\* You can help preserve the future of Bell Tower Residence while managing your finances! If you choose to donate stock to a charity, such as Bell Tower Residence, you may avoid the capital gains tax compared to if you cashed out the stock, according to Fidelity Charitable. Donating stock provides a great opportunity to do a “health check” on your investment portfolio, and is easy and hassle free! We appreciate everyone who has supported Bell Tower Residence over the years, and now through Together We Preserve. Every gift brings us closer to our goal! If you would like to explore the option of donating through a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA, or donating stock, we encourage you to consult your financial advisor or obtain specific information from Bell Tower Residence. Information in this article was obtained from publicly available internet sources and should not be construed as financial advice. Please consult your financial advisor.

## Staff Birthdays

2nd– Destinee R  
12th– Ashley W  
15th– Mayleen D  
17th– Kylie A  
17th– Adeline H  
30th– Melissa S

## Staff Anniversaries

1 year– Alexa V  
1 year– Brielle D  
1 year– Elizabeth G  
2 years– Nora M  
2 years– Melissa S  
3 years– Geralen F  
5 years– Eleanor H  
8 years– Janie A  
8 years– John B  
9 years– Mikaela P  
13 years– Nelimi J  
13 years– Mayleen D  
16 years– Melissa K

## Resident Birthdays

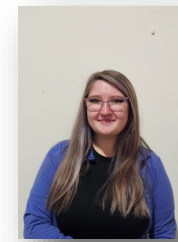
6th– Ron H  
7th– William L  
13th– Donna S  
21st– Carol H  
28th– Dorothy A  
30th– Martha B

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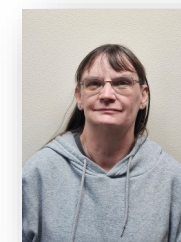
3 years– Romaine B  
3 years– John Marie  
4 years– Nancy C  
4 years– Arliss K  
5 years– Allen K



## Welcome to Bell Tower



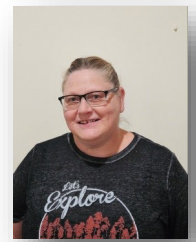
Jayden  
Vercauteren  
Dietary



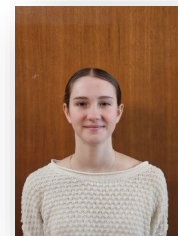
Alice  
Penegor  
CNA



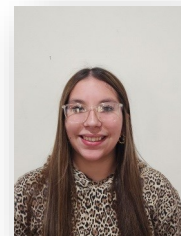
Becca  
Rassmussen  
CNA



Lori  
Amelse  
Dietary



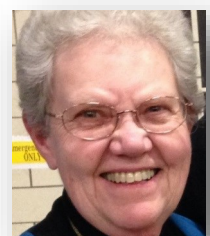
Hazel Seliger  
CNA



Chloe Borman  
Dietary



Sherry  
Frazier



Sister Dorothy  
Niemann

We are so glad you are here! Welcome to our Bell Tower Family!

## Employee of the Month Nominations!

Let's celebrate the amazing work our team does every day! Nominating is easy! just fill out a nomination form located by the black mailbox, and drop it right back into the black mailbox when you're done. Let's show our appreciation and spotlight the incredible dedication of our team!

## Staff Spotlight

Congratulations to Daniel Hinz on being selected to be Bell Towers Employee of the Month for December. This was well deserved, and we are glad to have you a part of our team!



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