

LifeLegacy



Focusing on Mission and Philanthropy

December 2008

Donors Make New Van Possible

Thanks to earnings from the **Anton and Mary Reichert Endowment for Senior Services** and more than \$18,000 in donations reserved from patrons of Gold Advantage Transportation, a new van was purchased in October to better serve Gold Advantage riders. “We want all those folks who show their appreciation for the Gold Advantage Transportation service to know

Gold Advantage

their contributions make a difference. This new van is possible because many individuals have recognized the value of Gold Advantage,” noted David Irion, Executive Director, St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation. He added, “When we receive a designated donation, we hold it in trust, sometimes for months... sometimes for years... until we have a pool of funds that can really make a difference. I hope all the individuals who have contributed to Gold Advantage are pleased with the result of their giving.”

St. Vincent Healthcare
CEO, James Paquette
Foundation Executive Director, David Irion

To you all who make possible the Gold Advantage Rides Program

Another year has flown by so quickly. Another year of rides with your wonderful drivers: Harvey, Clay, Ed, and Larry. They are the best in the world!!!

And Lore—always friendly and patient when taking my appointment times. She has a ☺ voice—even though there probably are times when she’s stressed from being bombarded with all our phone calls...

The newest van is so nice—we all like to ride that van to physical therapy. It’s a much smoother, more comfortable ride than that great huge “bus”.

Words can’t express my appreciation for the rides with Gold Advantage. Enclosed is my donation to the Gold Advantage van Rides program. In the scheme of things, it is just a drop in the bucket. Would that it were more. But, alas, that is not to be. Just you wait until I win the lottery... (Please don’t hold your breath!)

A million plus THANK YOU ♥ THANK YOU ♥ THANK YOU ♥. THANK YOU to all the personnel in your Gold Advantage van Rides program.



Sincerely,
Aiko Kawano

Music for the Season



The **Larry and Jeanne Nitz Endowment for the Healing Arts** brings music to St. Vincent Healthcare during December. Come join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ and the holidays!

Trinity Lutheran School Music Box	12/9	11:30 a.m.	Cafeteria
Valley Vocals	12/11	5:30 p.m.	Mansfield Center
Senior High Sonnettes	12/17	11:45 a.m.	Cafeteria
First English Lutheran Children’s Choir	12/17	6:15 p.m.	Cafeteria
Senior High Varsity Singers	12/19	11:45 a.m.	Cafeteria
Central High School Orchestra	12/22	11:20	Fortin Lobby
Central High School Choir	12/22	11:00	Cafeteria

Legacy of Commitment to Those Less Fortunate

When most folks are enjoying hobbies and relaxing at home, Dr. Donald Harr is often on the road traveling to Helena as a mental health advocate. Currently Dr. Harr serves on the Yellowstone Valley Suicide Prevention Coalition and as the Montana



Dr. Donald Harr joins Shirley Harr as she was honored at the 2008 SAINTS Benefit.

Psychiatric Association representative to the Montana Medical Association (MMA) Board. “I have always been interested in legislation as it affects mental health, reaching as far back to when mental health care was under the Board of Institutions, including Warm Springs State Hospital,” noted Dr. Harr.

Dr. Harr has championed mental health through 40 years of Montana legislative sessions. When asked to reflect on his career as a

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psychiatrist Dr. Harr said, “Perhaps my best contribution is assisting others to learn how to help themselves, helping them realize their God given qualities that have been disrupted by illness.”

A Dedicated Volunteer

Shirley Harr, a dedicated volunteer with St. Vincent Healthcare and our Foundation for many years, has shared Dr. Harr’s commitment to help the less fortunate. Shirley supported St. Vincent’s mission to serve the poor and vulnerable as a “Pink Lady” and as two-time chair of the SAINTS Annual Benefit.

Dr. Harr enjoys telling the story of how he and Shirley met when he was a medical student at Northwestern University Medical School. Shirley, a registered nurse, helped him deliver a baby for the first time at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. He was told by the Chief Resident not to worry, it was the woman’s 8th child — he would only need to “catch” it. “Miss Berg will tell you what to do,” he was told. Dr. Harr must have enjoyed being “told what to do” by Miss Shirley Berg because they married in September 1950. This fall they celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary.

Harr Endowment to Care for Homeless Individuals

Dr. Harr noted that he and Shirley have endeavored to help people recover mental health — particularly those who are homeless — with their giving. That’s why it was proposed they establish the **Harr Endowment to Care for Homeless Individuals** at St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation. The annual revenue from the endowment will be designated to provide hygiene and healthcare aids to help the homeless, especially those with mental illness. David Irion, St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation, stated, “It is a privilege to steward the HARRS’ thoughtful endowment as it fits our mission to serve those who are poor or vulnerable.”



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The Mother Xavier Ross Legacy Society

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- I (we) have included St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation in my (our) will or other estate-planning document.
- Please send information about St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation’s endowments and funding priorities.

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