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Welcome to *Meaningful Moments*

Executive Director Melissa Cavill



One thing that we have been focusing on lately is quality. As we grow and serve more community members, how do we ensure that we continue to deliver the high-quality care that we have become known for? How do we meet the expectations of our founding father's dreams? Those dreams remain alive in our board of directors, in our leadership and in each and every one of our team members.

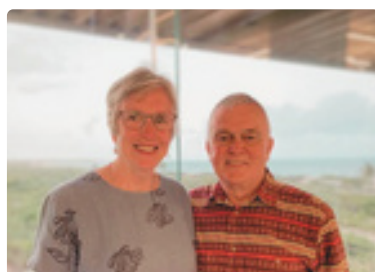
As a leader at Trillium House, I've been deeply moved by the compassionate nature of our caregivers and the interactions they have with our residents. Even the newest team members recognize the importance of the moments they are sharing with our residents and their families. Emotional, impactful moments. It's not always easy, but it is always meaningful.

As we continue to evolve and serve more families, we are committed to the evolution of our team of caregivers who continue to grow and mature in their work, making the Trillium House experience truly special.

Melissa

Trillium Endowment: An Investment in our Future

Last fall, at a Trillium House dinner, guests were discussing the growing number of residents and the challenges of meeting current need while planning for future demand. Everyone agreed that they



Maura and Ken Davenport

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Endowment

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wanted to see this meaningful service available when their loved ones need it — when they need it.

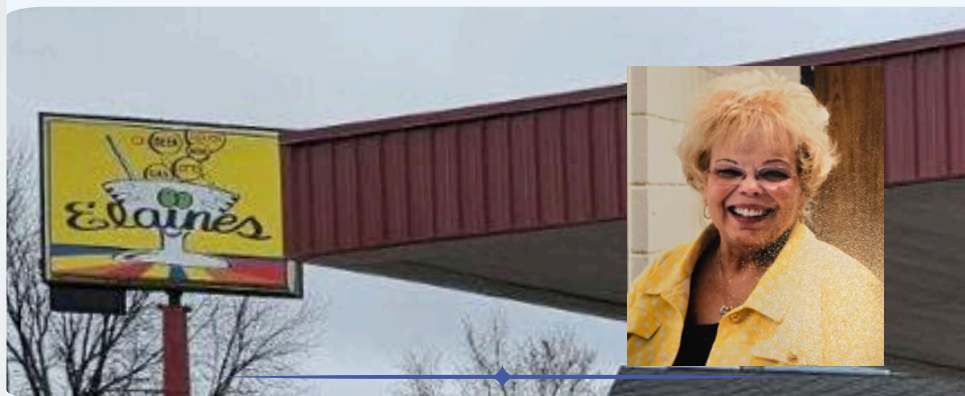
Inspired, guest Maura Davenport mentioned her intention to support Trillium House for the long term by providing seed money for an endowment as she and her husband Ken were leaving dinner. Now, roughly a year later, that dream of an endowment has become a reality.

“We all have to do our part to make the world a better place,” said Maura. “There are many ways to do that — through general donations, long-range financial planning, as part of your charitable distribution from your retirement fund, and other ways too. Through this endowment, my husband and I can support the Community Foundation of Marquette County and Trillium House, two organizations that are important to us. The endowment gives forever, providing income from interest to Trillium House. And, we want it to grow.”

As the need for services continues to expand at Trillium House, we are faced with the challenge of covering current operations while planning for future sustainability. The unpredictable nature of providing care and services for those who are facing financial hardship presents a particularly difficult challenge. The Dan Mazzuchi Care Fund helps meet those needs, but is often depleted. This endowment is part of a long-range sustainability plan.

If you would like to learn more about the sustainability of care and how you can contribute to this endowment, or to our organization in other ways, please contact Melissa Cavill, executive director, at (906) 264-5026.

A Family's Perspective



Nestled on the corner of N. 3rd and Vine St. in Ishpeming is a favorite local spot — Elaine's Place. Established by its namesake, Elaine Racine, the West End staple has greeted friends for over 50 years, inviting everyone to stop “home” for a visit.

With her infectious smile, Elaine was always ready to help, offering coffee, gas, or just the right words of advice, encouragement, or a spirited nudge when needed.

A big community supporter, Elaine always found ways to give back to her community. She was involved in the city council, and for 40 years helped with the free Thanksgiving meal at the church for those in need. Many West End residents will recall her as Mrs. Claus, spreading joy in the community.

This summer, after health challenges, Elaine was enrolled with Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice. When things became difficult to navigate at home, Elaine and her family chose Trillium House as her home away from home.

Friends and family came by to visit, even her little dog Leonardo dropped in. Elaine quickly won over the Trillium House team with her positive attitude and unforgettable smile and charm. Having been “mom” to all, she welcomed more “kids” into her life — this time the Trillium team, who were honored to give back.

According to Elaine's son Brett Anttila, “All of the staff was great. They treated her like family. It was as close as you can get to home and get the care you need. Trillium worked with hospice to help her to do anything and everything that she could.”

“If you know someone who is going through this, go there,” said Brett. “I'm glad she got there.”

Ask Trillium

Question: My tax advisor tells me I should consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from my IRA. What is that?

Answer: Individuals age 70 ½ have a special opportunity to gift up to \$108,000 per year from their IRA to a qualified charity such as Trillium House without having to pay income taxes on the money. This popular gift option is commonly called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

Why consider such a gift?

- If you are required to take a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA, you can use this gift to satisfy all or part of your required draw.
- Your gift will be put to use today, allowing you to see the difference your donation is making.
- You pay no income taxes on the donation. This gift generates neither a taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize deductions.
- Since the donation does not count as income, it may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.

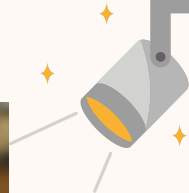
If philanthropy is already part of your financial plan, a QCD can be a great way to optimize the tax benefits of giving. Ask your tax advisor if a QCD is right for you.

Thomas Humphrey, CTFA
Trust and Investment Officer
First Bank
Trillium House Treasurer



Staff Spotlight

Featured Team Member:
Robin Rutledge
Resident Care Aide



Tell us a little about yourself.

I've lived in the Marquette area all of my life. My husband Steve and I have two dogs currently – a couple of daschunds.

What brought you to Trillium House?

I lost my best friend on September 19th four years ago. She received care at Trillium House. Before coming here, I had worked in customer service and provided in-home care for another company. Trillium House was just different – it looked and felt different than other places.

What do you find is the most rewarding part of your job?

I can make a difference in someone's life – help them forget that they are sick. Sometimes you even need to be silly. I get to see and meet a lot of people at a difficult time in their lives – they are so grateful and appreciative of everything you do.

What do you want individuals in need of care to know about Trillium House?

Come here. It is not a typical home. It's a place where you can live the rest of your days. We are here to help you. You don't have to stay in bed. You don't have to be alone. Friends can come.

We had one resident come in who lived alone out in the woods. After he came to Trillium, he ended up connecting with a person he knew, has had friends visit, and even went out hunting.

His friend even brought in venison for him to enjoy – and they shared it with our team. We have fun. He gives me a note with his requested meals and enjoys making them elaborate like venison backstraps. When I turn the note over, because I know he's kidding, I find his order of two eggs, toast and coffee. He says he's never been as happy. Trillium is a special place.

SHF Gala Benefits Dan Mazzuchi Care Fund



This year's Gala benefitted Trillium House and Beacon House. Over \$40,000 was awarded to each organization. Proceeds to Trillium House will go to the Dan Mazzuchi Care Fund.



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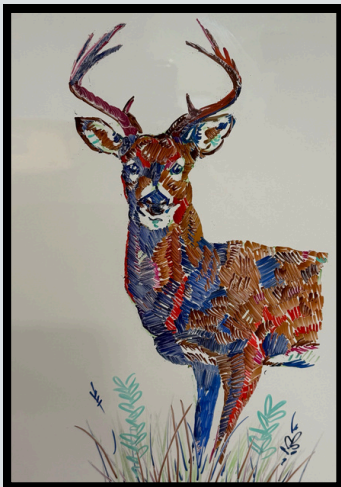
Save the Date:

Welcome Wednesdays

Join us on Wednesdays at noon
for lunch and a tour!
to RSVP call (906) 264-5026

Giving Tuesday Blood Drive

Tuesday, December 2



Emerson's Stag

By Emerson Jermstad

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Our Mission:

To provide compassionate care, ensuring comfort, dignity, and support for individuals and their families during their hospice or respite journeys.

Our Vision:

To be a place of solace and serenity where individuals and families find the strength to embrace life's transitions with grace and dignity. We aspire to be a facility of excellence in supporting hospice and respite care, leading the way in holistic support, compassion, and comfort for our community.

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