Raybrook first opened its doors in 1975. Over the last 44 years, we have served and cared for thousands of residents. And while we have worked hard to maintain the Raybrook facility, time has taken its toll, which is why we are asking for your help.

Renovation is urgent to ensure our aging facilities continue to meet the needs and expectations of those we serve, now and in the future. Holland Home is deeply committed to the Raybrook campus, evidenced by the $11.5 million we’ve funded and the $2.0 million we’ve raised toward our project goal. But an additional $5 million is being sought from private contributions.

Improvements made and those yet to come:

We’re not looking to paint over and patch up; we’re looking to make major additions and improvements. Here are just some of the projects we’re tackling:

• Renovating, expanding, and improving the Cook Memory Care Center
• Improving the Skilled Nursing facilities, allowing more person-centered care
• Renovating the DeVos Assisted Living Center
• Rebuilding the Rehabilitation Center, improving capacity, equipment and access
• Remodeling the Central Dining Area, including the addition of a new restaurant and cafe
• Renovating Raybrook Chapel to better accommodate mobility issues, hearing impairments, and disabilities

We’re not waiting to reach our goal — we’re moving forward as funds comes in. To date, we have invested millions in improvements, including:

• Forty-eight resident rooms, which have been created to address the growing need for more memory care services. This included a total renovation of the “A” Wing. Renovations will continue throughout assisted living and nursing areas.
• A lobby upgrade that offers a pleasant space for residents, their families, and guests. The raised canopy now accommodates emergency vehicles and medical transport vehicles that are designed with higher profiles. Our new

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Golf Outing exceeds $80,000 goal!

Amidst a last-minute venue change because of water-logged fairways, this year’s golf outing was a spectacular success! Less than 48 hours before the event, the golf outing was moved from Watermark to Thornapple Pointe. With all hands on deck — staff, volunteers, sponsors, and golfers came together to support the Holland Home Foundation by raising more than $89,000 after expenses. Proceeds benefit Holland Home’s Resident Assistance Fund. Thank you to event title sponsor Buiten and Associates and the more than 60 additional sponsors who supported the event. Plan on joining us June 1, 2020 at Thornapple Pointe!
Faith Hospice memorial service and counseling enable grief-stricken people to walk back into life  
by Paul R. Kopenkoskey

Sandi Veenkamp has walked through the valley of the shadow of death. But then, the Cascade resident discovered anew the anchor in her life that got her through the deaths of her husband, mother, brother, and sister-in-law.

“I have a picture of the Lord reaching down and hauling somebody out of the mire and that was what he was doing all along (for her),” said Sandi. “There is no doubt in my mind the Lord was walking with me.”

Veenkamp was among 200 people who participated in Faith Hospice’s Service of Remembrance & Butterfly Release recently held at Trillium Woods. The service’s theme, “We Grieve with Hope,” provided an opportunity for participants to commemorate the lives of loved ones, while focusing on the resurrection symbolized by the release of butterflies, according to Janet Jaymin, Faith Hospice’s bereavement manager.

“We have many families who forgo a memorial service for their loved ones,” said Jaymin. “This service can be significant because it gives an opportunity for closure.”

Yet a memorial service may not be enough, Jaymin adds, and that is why one-on-one and group counseling also is available, not only to surviving family members but the community at large.

“Often people are just lost, particularly somebody married 50 years and their husband dies and now what?” said Jaymin. “What’s next in life for me? We try to help people heal. There is hope. We help people get ready to walk into life again.”

Veenkamp is among those who received emotional and spiritual counseling from Jaymin. She said her enormous, personal losses were alleviated, in part, because of the support she received from Faith Hospice. Now, she intends to work as a Faith Hospice volunteer.

For more information call 616-235-5113 or go to www.faithhospicecare.org

Faith Hospice was blessed to be featured in the June 2019 West Michigan Christian News. This story of hope and healing is how Sandi Veenkamp shared with Janet Jaymin that “Faith Hospice saved my life.” (Article used by permission and edited for this newsletter)

1892 Heritage Society members had a "roaring '20s" good time

In mid-August, members of Holland Home’s 1892 Heritage Society and their guests were honored at a luncheon held at Venue3Two, a restored 1920s mansion on the site of the Tassell Ranch located just a few miles from the Raybrook and Breton campuses. Holland Home staff, pictured above, even dressed for the theme.

Mina Breuker, Holland Home President & CEO, personally thanked society members for their support through planned gifts, such as a gift commitment through a Will or Trust. Contact the Foundation office (616-235-5125) for information on ways you can bless Holland Home residents with planned giving options.
Why we support Faith Hospice and Holland Home!

We support Holland Home and Faith Hospice for a variety of reasons. The main reason is the commitment to continuing care from independent living to assisted living to nursing care. Their dedication to the residents and staff indicates they value people and their mission to serve in God’s image! From independent living to end-of-life care that Faith Hospice provides, the staff members are totally dedicated to their mission and value every resident. Please join us in providing financial support for both of these worthy organizations.”

– Mat & Jen Fahrenkrug

Here’s how you can financially support Holland Home & Faith Hospice:

• Give a gift on-line: www.hollandhome.org or www.faithhospicecare.org
• Give a portion of your Required Minimum Distribution through your IRA
• Transfer appreciated stock through your broker
• Give a gift through your Will or Trust