

Promises



Paws Passion Purpose

"A dog doesn't care if you're rich or poor, educated or illiterate, clever or dull. Give him your heart and he will give you his."

Louis Sabin, All About Dogs As Pets

As Sue looked ahead to her retirement years following a busy career at Steelcase, she knew she wanted to reinvent herself and find a meaningful way to give back. Having had pets her entire life, she felt drawn to the idea of pet therapy.

A planner at heart, Sue dove in wholeheartedly. She soon connected with West Michigan Therapy Dogs, where she completed the necessary classes, testing, and certification to begin her journey in pet therapy.

Before long, Sue and her dogs were visiting schools, libraries, and senior living communities. One of their early stops was Fulton Manor, a former Holland Home campus, where Sue's mother lived in the dementia unit. Sue grew to love the staff and the residents in the assisted living area she and her dogs visited.

Today, Sue's connection with Holland Home continues. Alongside her current dogs, Izzy and Lolly, she makes twice-monthly pet therapy

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visits to residents in rehabilitation, assisted living, and memory care at both the Raybrook and Breton campuses.

Izzy is a 10-year-old Goldendoodle who is sweet and follows Sue's lead. Lolly is a 6-year-old Yorkshire Terrier whose personality comes alive on visits as she loves people and is great for lap cuddles in recliners or wheelchairs. Sue and a dog go from room to room visiting residents who welcome pet visits.

Residents greet Sue and Izzy or Lolly with bright smiles, eager to pet the dog and ask questions. Sue masterfully and warmly engages in conversation with the residents, evoking memories of pets they once owned and loved. Sue shared a sweet relationship she has with a resident at the Breton campus who offers to pet sit every time Sue visits. When asked what volunteering means to her, Sue shared simply, "I hope that someone does this for me."

Today, Sue's relationship with Holland Home runs even deeper. In addition to volunteering, she is now a resident and donor. As an only child and having no children, she moved into a home on the Breton campus looking to have a good plan in place for the rest of her days. There, she is thriving—enjoying new friendships, engaging social activities, and a strong sense of community.

Sue has also made a planned gift commitment to Holland Home. Grateful for the blessing of being here, she wants others to experience the same opportunity to thrive, along with the peace of mind that comes from the promise of lifetime care.

Her advice to those considering getting involved with or supporting Holland Home? *Just do it!*



Lolly



Izzy

With Comfort, Compassion, and Grace: 360° Care That's Changing What Hospice Feels Like

At Faith Hospice, our goal is to provide every patient with 360-degree care — surrounding the whole person with comfort and support that honors their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs throughout their end-of-life journey. Complementary therapies are a key part of that commitment, going beyond conventional medicine to create a personalized experience that feels deeply human. As Andrea, an RN case manager, puts it: "Complementary therapies have really provided that extra source of comfort for my patients so that they're not just taking another pill to solve a problem. It's the gentle touch. It's the interactions they get."

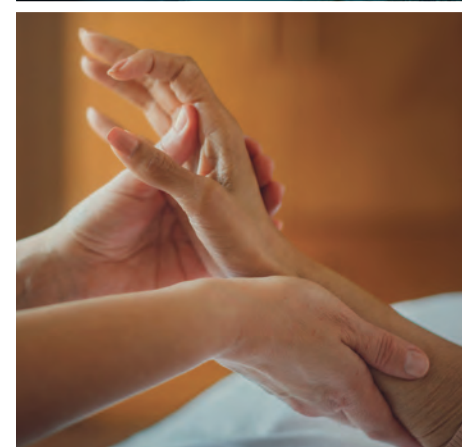
From aromatherapy and massage to pet therapy and music therapy, these offerings tap into the senses in powerful

ways — sounds stir memories, scents lift mood, and touch brings calm. They help ease pain, improve communication, and give patients a greater sense of dignity and involvement in their own care. For families, the impact can be just as profound. Wanda, whose loved one was a Faith Hospice patient, recalls: "It meant so much to me to be able to express my love to him in a way that transcended words alone. To be able to sing it, I think, went farther into whatever awareness he had left."

Our community's support makes this level of care possible. If you'd like to help bring peace and comfort to those navigating the end of life, please consider a gift to support our complementary therapy program. Contact the Advancement Team at 616-235-5125.



Scout's gentle spirit in action



Honoring Planted Legacies at Deppe Gardens

A perfect summer day, beautiful gardens, and a shared commitment to caring for future generations made our 1892 Heritage Society Lunch one to remember. Held on August 25 at the home and show gardens of Dale and Liz Deppe along the Grand River, the event welcomed 130 guests who enjoyed a delicious lunch, toured the stunning grounds, and heard from Dale Deppe himself — horticulturist and owner of Spring Meadow Nursery, Inc. — who shared stories and insights from a lifelong passion for plants and gardening.

The 1892 Heritage Society honors those who have provided a planned gift for Holland Home or Faith Hospice. We are deeply grateful for their generosity and the lasting impact it will have for generations to come.



The Gentlest & Kindest Grinch

For the past four years, Deb Prenatt and Scout have brought comfort, companionship, and joy to patients, families, and staff at Faith Hospice at Trillium Woods through pet therapy. As one of Faith Hospice's complementary therapies—alongside music therapy, massage therapy, and aromatherapy—pet therapy helps support comfort, connection, and emotional well-being.

Scout is a seven-year-old Great Pyrenees and Anatolian Shepherd mix who was born on Christmas Day. She weighs 124 pounds, has double dewclaws on her back feet—affectionately called her “Grinch feet”—and is known for her quiet nature. Deb jokes that she “didn’t know Scout could bark until she was three years old.” After volunteering, Scout’s favorite treat is cheese curds from Culver’s.

What began as a way to share Scout's gentle spirit has become a deeply meaningful part of Deb's life. Together, they visit patients, families, and staff, offering a quiet kind of healing that comes with a wagging tail, a soft presence, and plenty of fluff. Scout is always eager to greet others, and each visit reminds Deb of the extraordinary people who make hospice care so meaningful. At Trillium Woods, Deb has seen the comfort, warmth, and unconditional love Scout brings so naturally. For Deb and Scout, pet therapy is more than volunteering—it is a blessing they are grateful to share.



In Full Bloom

Each spring, Holland Home Advancement hosts a planting party for residents — and it has become one of the most anticipated events of the season. This year, about 30 residents joined us at Ludema's Greenhouse, where the knowledgeable staff helped them browse the greenhouse and choose their favorite blooms. As you can see from the photos, the smiles were as bright as the flowers — a sure sign that a good time was had by all.



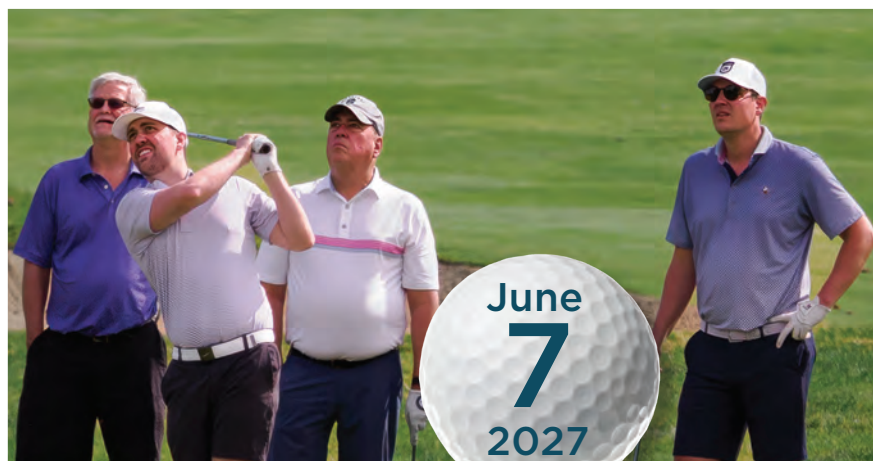
Give Once. Receive for Life.

"Five years ago I came to Holland Home's Raybrook campus, and this community has enriched my life in ways I never could have imagined. My greatest hope is that others might have this same opportunity. Through my charitable gift annuity, I'm grateful and proud to play a small part in making that possible." - Judith Markham, Resident



Since 1982, more than 350 generous individuals have made a Charitable Gift Annuity part of their giving — and their financial planning. A CGA is simple: you make a gift to Holland Home, and in return receive fixed, dependable income for the rest of your life. The older you are, the higher your rate. Two-life annuities are available for couples, and you can fund a CGA using your IRA. Request a no-obligation illustration today — just good information to help you decide if it's the right fit for you.

Find out more: 616-235-5125 or advancement@trilliumliving.org.



An Ace of a Day

In June, we hosted our most successful Holland Home Foundation Golf Outing to date. The day had no shortage of highlights, including celebrity golfer Cooper Reitsma's hole-in-one for the Apex team. The record-breaking event brought together 255 golfers and raised more than \$135,000 in net proceeds to support our promise for resident assistance — what a blessing!

Thank you to everyone who golfed, sponsored, and volunteered. From the first tee to the final putt, your generosity made the day — and will make a lasting difference for our residents.

Winning Teams

OPEN: Brown & Brown
~team not pictured~

MIXED: EV Construction

SENIOR: Renew Family Dental



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CHILI COOK OFF

Thursday, October 29

4-6 PM

\$20 per person

The Holland Home chefs are seeking your vote for the best chili at this fun-filled evening with silent auction that supports the Holland Home Resident Assistance Fund.

Breton Ridge

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Keeping the Promise DINNER

*She will give birth to a son,
and you shall call his name *

Monday, December 14, 2026

DeVos Place

Invitations mailing this fall.

www.hollandhome.org/dinner



Holland Home

