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# Opportunity Living Receives 4th Consecutive Three-Year CARF Accreditation

On March 1st, 2016 CARF announced that Opportunity Living has been awarded a Three-Year Accreditation. This latest accreditation is the fourth consecutive three-year accreditation that has been awarded to Opportunity Living for the following services: Community Housing, Community Integration and Organizational Employment Services. An elated Kelly Feldman, Opportunity Living's Director of Programming and Services, expressed, "This is a great honor and it shows how hard our staff works and how dedicated they are to our clients." CARF surveyors visited Opportunity Living in early February and spent three days observing, interviewing and looking over policies and paperwork, all the while Opportunity Living staff continued to provide quality care. "I can't say enough about our employees," commented Feldman, "it's always hard to do their job with people looking over their shoulder, but our staff was very comfortable and just continued to do the quality work they always do." CARF reported that Opportunity Living has strengths in many areas. Some of the highlights from the survey include:

- Board of directors is competent and highly involved.
- Services are provided in a safe, attractive and well-maintained facility.
- Led by an energetic and hardworking management team.
- Is a well-respected service provider.
- Is successful in retaining members of the management team.
- Conducts excellent activities to promote staff retention.
- Has a well-written comprehensive business continuity plan.
- Has a person first attitude.
- The persons served are listened to and that their rights, opinions and expectations are honored by staff.
- Homes are practical, decorative, neat and clean.



Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, CARF International is an independent, nonprofit accreditor of health and human services in aging services, behavioral health, opioid treatment program, business and services management networks, child and youth services, employment and community services, one-stop career centers, vision rehabilitation services, medical rehabilitation, and DMEPOS (durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies).

"Providing Special Persons Opportunities for Living"



CARF representatives begin their three day survey on February 1, 2016 with Opportunity Living Employees and Clients at the Opportunity Living Activity Center in Lake City, Ia.



Dave Staver, Executive Director, Opportunity Living welcomes the CARF surveyors on the opening day of their visit.

## Calhoun County Community Foundation Grants Opportunity Living \$5,000 for Opportunity Gardens



Terry Watters, CCCF representative presents a \$5,000 check to Opportunity Living's Community Relations and Development Coordinator Carl Legore at the Rockwell City Community Center.

On March 10th, 2016 The Calhoun County Community Foundation (CCCF) awarded Opportunity Living a \$5,000 matching grant. This grant will be used for the final phase of Opportunity Gardens in Rockwell City.

The finishing touches on the gardens will include a picnic area, butterfly garden, additional in ground flowerbeds and a decorative arched entrance. Opportunity Living will match the grant with funds raised during the 2016 Opportunity Living Fundraising Golf Tournament "Tee for Two" that will take place on August 13, 2016 at the Lake City Country Club and the Twin Lakes Golf Course.



This year the Calhoun County Community Foundation awarded grants in excess of \$100,000. Opportunity Living has received \$35,000 from this generous foundation over the past 7 years. Projects such as Opportunity Gardens, the walking trail at the Opportunity Living activity center in Lake City, and the "Just Puttin' Around" mini-golf course in Rockwell City have benefited from these grants.



## Egg...Stravaganza Hatches A Huge Hit

What started out as a way to say thank you and recognize the Friends, Donors and Volunteers who helped make Opportunity Living great, turned into fundraising event 6 years ago as the first Easter Basket Egg...Stravaganza took place.

This year's Egg...Stravaganza, taking place Saturday March 25, 2016, out performed all expectations. Businesses, organizations, groups and individuals built and donated 109 baskets that were bid on by the droves of people that came out for the free will donation breakfast and children's Easter egg hunt. When the silent bidding stopped and all donations were added up, more than \$10,500 was raised for adaptive equipment and accessibility for Opportunity Living's clients.



Opportunity Living's Board of Directors donned aprons and with spatulas in hand cooked nearly seventy-five dozen eggs worth of omelets. The children enjoyed a visit from the Easter Bunny and posed for pictures with the furry fella thanks to Tony Evans Photography. It was a very successful and enjoyable event for all involved. Will we reach the 150 basket mark next year? The 7th Annual Easter Basket Egg...Stravaganza will take place on Saturday April 15, 2017.

## Knights of Columbus Donate

United Family Council of the Knights of Columbus, through their PID Drive (tootsie roll drive), presented a \$570.30 check to Opportunity Living to assist with the needs of the clients who live there. In addition, 10% of funds raised is donated to Special Olympics. The Knights of Columbus annually support many local, state, national and international needs of families. This past year the Knights of Columbus had over 70 million hours of volunteering and \$158 million donated to charities, as well as supporting our military personnel here and abroad.



Pictured left to right are; Bob Douglas, Larry Adams, Paul Fields, Carl Legore, Paul Schmitt, Paul Stumpf, Father Lynn Bruch, Joe Berger, and Duane Handlos

## EPIC Youth Group Spring Cleans at R.C. Homes

Volunteers from the EPIC Youth Group, comprised of middle and high school students from the Rockwell City United Methodist Church, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Rockwell City and Emanuel St. John Lutheran Church in Lytton spent a cold spring morning cleaning up around the Opportunity Living Homes in Rockwell City on April 7, 2016. The group raked leaves, weeded the flowerbeds, cleaned windows, and picked up debris. Thank you for your hard work!



## 2016 Upcoming Events

July 16th Opportunity to Ride  
ATV/Motorcycle Poker Run

August 13th Tee for Two  
Two Person Best Shot Fundraising Golf Tournament

# Christmas 2015



Opportunity Living celebrated the 2015 Christmas season in grand style. The Opportunity Living Bell Choir performed during devotions and as always their performance was enjoyed by all. Clients were treated to a movie at the Capri Theater in Lake City. Pop and popcorn were almost as popular as the animated feature film they enjoyed. The Client Christmas party had a Candyland Theme and fun photographs were taken with props that showed who was naughty and who was nice. Santa and Mrs. Claus made a couple of visits to Opportunity Acres handing out group hugs, candy and gifts to those who were on the nice list. It was a beautiful Christmas season and we look forward to Christmas 2016. Better start shopping now before the date sneaks up on you!

