



# Rosewood on Broadway

*SMP Health System*

*Summer 2009*

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## **The Flood of 2009, Bruce Davidson, Administrator/CEO**

Rosewood on Broadway conducted its first full scale flood evacuation with amazing success. The time line for flood activities began on March 24<sup>th</sup> and ended April 9<sup>th</sup>. During this time we evacuated 107 residents to 19 locations throughout the state of North Dakota.

Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> members of Rosewood on Broadway attended a meeting at Fargo Public health to discuss the potential for transferring residents from Rosewood and other medical facilities throughout the city. This set the state for our preparation for evacuation.

Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> the staff completed triage tags and established our standards for evacuation. A questions and answer forum was carried out at Rosewood to prepare staff, residents and families for the potential for evacuation. Also, 30 volunteers from Fergus Falls High School assisted in sandbagging around the doors and generator.

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> Bruce Davidson received a call at 3:00 a.m. to start evacuation at 7:30 a.m. 107 residents were evacuated. The process was orderly and went exceptionally well. Residents were transferred via ambulance, bus, airplane and private vehicles.

Rosewood provided staff to manage operations in three locations: Martin Lutheran Church in Casselton; Sisters of Mary of the Presentation Convent in Valley City; and Sheyenne Care Center in Valley City. Of all the facilities, Martin Lutheran Church was the most unique, as a church was transformed into a nursing home. The spirit of God came alive as members of the congregation volunteered their time to assist in meal preparation, laundry services, activities and housekeeping.

On April 9<sup>th</sup> all but three of our residents returned to Rosewood. All in all, it was a memorable experience. It tested our ability to coordinate a complete evacuation of the facility and return residents safely.

The success of this evacuation is predicated on a number of players: emergency command centers both in Fargo and Bismarck; ambulance providers; nursing homes throughout the state; North Dakota Long Term Care Association; volunteers; staff; residents; and family members.

William Feather said it best – “Something that has always puzzled me all my life is why, when I am in special need of help, the good deed is usually done by somebody on whom I have no claim.” A “big” thank you to all who helped us at Rosewood, your actions do not go unnoticed, but appreciated from the bottom of our hearts. Thanks again.

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## **Good Luck Rosewood Residents!**

From Your Friends at  
Mountrail County Health Center in Stanley!



## Our Flood Story... Heather Larson, CM and Alison Huether, NSM from Prairie Rose



On Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 many Rosewood caregivers received a phone call long before they would normally be awake and were asked to report to duty. It was an eerie drive to Rosewood that morning, with many sand trucks and ambulances on the roads. All the stop lights flashed as they had been turned off to allow the busy trucks to their destinations as quickly as possible. The dreaded plans that had been worked on all week were being put into play. We had to evacuate and place all of our beloved residents, all across the state of North Dakota.

News that one special group of residents in particular, was being transferred to a Church in Casselton was extremely discerning. Although a word was never spoken, many questions brewed, "How can these residents with such special needs stay in a Church?", "Where are they going to sleep", "How are they going to eat?", "How are we going to keep them all safe?", "How are we going to get them all of the things they need to survive their everyday?"...many...many questions.

The day grew longer, although everyone lost track of time and didn't think once about sitting down to rest as there was much business to be tended to. The bus came and the residents were loaded up. The next step was to get everyone to Casselton safely and to load up a few cars with necessities to make it through the next few days. The drive to Casselton, allowing a brief silence, again brought back the many questions. Questions that would soon be reassured.



It was a pleasant surprise and big sigh of relief to find Martin Lutheran Church or, "Rosewood West" as it has come to be know, ready, with many volunteers just waiting to help. Kind words and working hands were a huge comfort that Friday afternoon, to both residents and caregivers. As the twelve beds that were brought from Rosewood were being carried in and put together; it appeared as though these strangers were happy to be completing this task and to help out in any way they possible could. It was truly amazing.

The question heard repeatedly for days to come was, "If you need anything, let us know." Followed by "That is what we are here for." Many of us at Rosewood agree, we have never met a group of people, so welcoming, caring, and willing to do anything for a complete group of strangers. Services provided ranged from allowing us to re-arrange their entire upper level to meet Prairie Rose "standard safety codes" including adding a big gate to once of the entrances, hand made blankets which turned into priceless gifts, great home cooking, volunteers to do laundry, activities and ,clean up our messes, massages by a true massage therapist, and so much more. It was quite apparent these were no ordinary members of a congregation but, Martin Lutheran angels. Angels who went above and beyond the call of duty, to make Martin Lutheran Church or "Rosewood West", our home for a week. Needless to say, all those silly questions and the worrying done prior, was a complete waste of time. We will never be able to thank these "angels" enough and truly believe the residents and caregivers at Rosewood on Broadway will never forget Martin Lutheran Church in Casselton, ND.



## Thoughts from Pastor Paula to the congregation of Martin Lutheran Church, Casselton...



When we started our Lenten Series, *The Life Teachers of Samuel Jacob*, I never imagined we would find ourselves living it out in real life. The series follows the story of a group of young people who visit an older gentleman in a nursing home. As they visit each week, he shares some stories of his life with them, stories about different people who influenced his life. These drama reflect on how God works through the people in our lives to teach us about faith, life, courage and values. They raise the question, “Who is it that has most influenced your faith?” Well, a month into the series, it truly is being lived out at Martin’s. As most everyone knows, last Friday, we opened our congregation up to 12 residents from the memory care unit at

Rosewood on Broadway. In a matter of an hour, our non-handicapped accessible facility transformed into a fully functioning nursing home, complete with bedrooms, a dining room, nursing station, activity center and storage room.

We used good old fashioned North Dakota ingenuity to deal with issues like making it both a locked and fire safe ward, with a piano in one place and a jury rigged cattle gate in another. And we used good old fashioned Martin’s discipleship to provide a full spate of volunteers to help with everything from laundry to cooking to extra cleaning help and providing activities. We had round the clock hospitality staffing and when we were hit by a blizzard, an empty apartment at Casselwood was transformed into a place where staff could get some sleep.

But for me, the real story of the past week is not what we did for Rosewood on Broadway but what they have done for us. Although the circumstances behind their evacuation are not one I would like to see repeated, I truly believe that this is the best thing that has happened to our congregation in my sixteen years as pastor.

In the past week, I’ve seen our congregation come together in an intergenerational way that I could only have dreamed of happening. Young people have been at our church every day, helping, sitting with people, doing puzzles or helping at meal times. Members have gotten to know each other on a far deeper level as we’ve built community. Quilts from all of our quilters have been on the beds and food from our kitchens has been on their plates. Even pets have come visiting.

The deepest transformation has been in our community—not how it looks, but how it feels. We’ve become kinder, gentler people. The love shared with complete strangers brings tears to my eyes. The Rosewood staff keeps telling me how the residents have responded—how, in the midst of a terrifying situation, they are somehow more peaceful at Martin’s, eating better, sharing more. It truly is a vision of the Gospel coming alive right in our midst.

On a personal level the experiences of the last week have transformed me and given me a renewed appreciation for people at different stages in their journey. The staff and residents have become my life teachers, teaching me about faith, life, courage and values, particularly in the face of dementia.

The text that has been my theme this week is “Many waters cannot quench love, rivers cannot wash it away.” (Song 8:7) Even as the many waters rose in our area, our love through God’s grace grew like a dike, holding back fear and chaos with the love of God. (cont.)

On the list of things I never thought I'd do was "nursing home administrator" and on the list of things I thought I'd never have in my church was a cattle gate. Well, I am and we do. And when our new friends leave this Thursday, I'm going to really miss them. It's going to be quieter, but I suspect, less peaceful. And when we take down the cattle gate, I'm inclined to leave in place at least one of the marks that it made in the wall as a reminder of the marks that Rosewood on Broadway has made in our hearts when the many waters refused to quench love.



## THANK YOU

At each of the 19 locations hosting Rosewood's evacuated residents there were great stories shared. Pictures were e-mailed back to Rosewood staff members, we could tell they were being loved and cared for in each one of the locations. For that the residents and our staff members are grateful. Thank you to:

The families who took their loved ones into their homes  
Maryvale, Valley City  
Sheyenne Care Center, Valley City  
Martin Lutheran Church, Casselton  
Prince of Peace, Ellendale  
Mountrail Medical Center, Stanley  
Ave Maria Village, Jamestown  
Good Samaritan, Mott  
Benedictine Living Center, Garrison

St. Vincent's, Bismarck  
Union Hospital, Mayville  
Hillsboro Medical Center, Hillsboro  
Missouri Slope, Bismarck  
Garrison Nursing Home, Garrison  
TCU St. Alexis, Bismarck  
Prairieview, Underwood  
St. Lukes, Dickinson  
Lutheran Sunset Home, Grafton  
Trinity, Minot

## IN MEMORY...

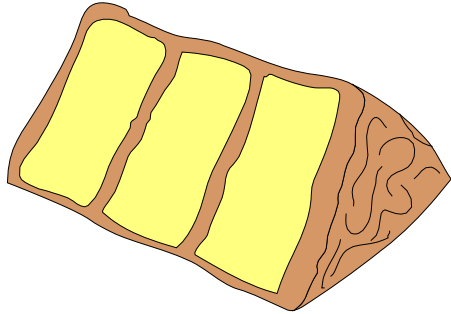
This past year a resident of Rosewood, Sally Brackin, died. She loved working in the garden. In memory of their mother, her family donated several items to be placed on the grounds. The items were three, three-foot tall angels, a cherub bird feeder and a colored gazing ball that is placed in the garden.



Each item was placed in an area that had special memories for each one of Sally's children. One of the angels was placed beside the fireplace in the front lobby where one of the daughters spent a lot of time visiting with her mother. Another angel was placed where a daughter and her mother spent time pulling weeds and visiting. The third angel was placed in our prayer garden area where Sally had reached too far to pull a weed and ended up falling on her head. She was not hurt and the daughter and mother had a good laugh and great memories of this little incident. The colored ball was placed outside the dining room window for the residents to see every day. The ball glows at night to remind us of Sally and how special she was.

**DEAR FRIENDS OF ROSEWOOD AUXILIARY,**

A bit of news we have today;  
A **BAKELESS BAKE SALE** is on the way!  
In these busy days, who has time to bake  
Pies or cookies, or even a cake?



You'd be surprised if you counted the cost  
Of materials, heat and the time you lost.  
Cooking for a bake sale is extra work  
Yet nobody really wishes to shirk.

So we've thought of a plan that's really grand  
And feel quite sure you will understand;  
In an envelope please put the price  
Of a pie or cake or something nice.

Without fuss or bother, you've done your part,  
We're sure you will give with a willing heart.  
This is the end of our little tale,  
Wishing success to our **BAKELESS BAKE SALE**.

Sincerely,

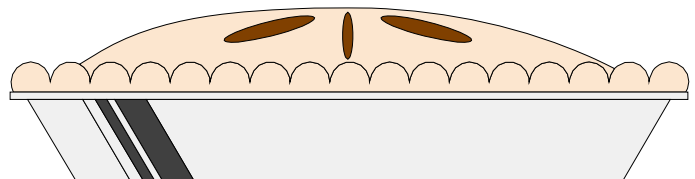
Rosewood Auxiliary

**The proceeds from this **BAKLESS BAKE SALE** will be used for the benefit of the residents. In the past, we have given money for the garden area, either for plants, planters and other garden enhancements. We have recently purchased a different piano for the dining and gathering place on main floor. All money we receive is always used for the enjoyment and benefit of the residents at Rosewood on Broadway. We gratefully thank all who continue to contribute to our various fundraisers.**

**Please send your gift by August 1 to:**

**Linda Monge  
2308 Evergreen Rd.  
Fargo, ND 58102**

**Thank you for your response.**



## CONGRATULATIONS

The Nursing Department is the largest department at Rosewood on Broadway and the task of highlighting a “Shining Star” in the nursing department was made simple by recognizing Sarita Kilde, LPN for her 35 years of dedication to nursing and to SMP Health System.

Sarita graduated from Glyndon-Felton High School. She started her career at our sister facility, Villa Maria Nursing Home, after graduating from North Dakota Science School as a Licensed Practical Nurse. After 18 years at Villa Maria, she transferred to Rosewood on Broadway and has been here for 17 years.

At Rosewood on Broadway she met the “love of her life” Jerry Luken. Sarita enjoys fishing, camping, gardening and spending time with her two children, Prudi and Patrick and her new grandson Eli.

Spending time with the residents of Rosewood is the favorite part of Sarita’s day. “You learn so much” states Sarita. Her dislikes are paperwork and the computer!

Sarita works full time on Dakota Rose (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) and continues to enjoy her contact with the residents.

A special thank you to Sarita for 35 years of dedication and service.



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## DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED!

Rosewood always appreciates donated Bingo prizes. Jewelry, colognes, knick-knacks, stuffed animals, and any other items that you would be able to donate would be so appreciated. If you have donations, you can drop them off at the front desk or in the Activity/Volunteer room. Thank you!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE AT ROSEWOOD

We have several volunteer opportunities available at this time. If you are interested in volunteering or know of someone who may be interested or for more information, please contact Myrna Harris Program Manager at #277-7951.

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### ROSEWOOD MANAGEMENT TEAM

Bruce Davidson—CEO, Administrator  
Renee Muhonen—Director of Nursing  
Meldine Tang— Finance Director  
Deb Anderson—Dietary Manager  
LaVonne Olander—Environmental Services  
Teri Walter—Case Management



Rosewood on Broadway, in union with the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation, works for the glory of God by bringing the Word and Healing of Jesus Christ to all, with a special concern for the poor. Rosewood through a shared ministry with the laity participates, through the health care mission in the work of healing which is, ultimately, the work of God. Our individual inspiration is Jesus and His Gospel message. Permeated with the Charism of the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation, we minister to one another and to all who come to us for care: those who suffer from physical, psychological and social woundedness.

## ACTIVITIES and EVENTS AT ROSEWOOD ON BROADWAY

### *Our regular programming:*

Protestant Chapel services- Sunday at 2:00pm and Wednesday at 2pm  
Catholic Mass-Sunday at 5:15pm and Thursday at 10:00am  
Rosary and Communion-Monday at 10:00am  
Bible Study- Thursday at 1pm  
First Lutheran Communion Service--4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 2:00pm  
BINGO-Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 5:30pm and Tuesday and  
Saturday at 2:00pm (unless otherwise indicated)  
Movies on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 5:30  
Rosewood Auxiliary's Pie Day Fundraiser- First Thursday of each month at 1:30pm  
Daily Coffee/Social Time--1:30pm-3:00pm in the dining room

### *Live Music and Ice Cream Treats every Friday afternoon at 2:00pm:*

#### **June**

Glenn Douglas—5<sup>th</sup>  
Pete Erickson—12<sup>th</sup>  
Ed Dewald—19<sup>th</sup>  
Marilyn Mounger—26<sup>th</sup>

#### **July**

Glenn Douglas—3<sup>rd</sup>  
Kathryn Bakke—10<sup>th</sup>  
Angels of the Muse—17<sup>th</sup>  
JJ & Sherri—24<sup>th</sup>  
Leo Kiefer—31<sup>st</sup>

#### **August**

Collin Wahl—7<sup>th</sup>  
Bill Bosch & Co—14<sup>th</sup>  
Marilyn Mounger—21<sup>st</sup>  
Mark Miller—28<sup>th</sup>

#### **September**

Daryl & Duane—4<sup>th</sup>  
Rockn' 60s—11<sup>th</sup>  
Brian Brietbarth—18<sup>th</sup>  
Inez Rath—25<sup>th</sup>

Refer to daily Take-A-Look and weekly Program Schedule for additions and corrections.  
Friends and family of residents are welcome to attend. Subject to change as needed.

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Rosewood on Broadway  
1351 Broadway  
Fargo, ND 58102

## "Fleeing the Flood"

First they gave us shelter, then they gave us food.  
Next they gave encouragement to fortify our mood.  
Their prayers were all for us, added humor helped us too.  
They were truly the greatest help for me and all of you.  
We have had flooding, we have had a lot of rain.  
And we also had some blizzards on top of our pain.  
Just when can we go home is the question of the day.  
In the mean time we are all safe in our good Lord's blessed way.

Russell Hanson