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Meet Jenna



My name is Jenna Van Dyke and I am your new Human Resources Manager for Founders Ridge! I grew up in the small town of Gary, South Dakota on a farm. I am the youngest of five siblings and currently live the farthest away from home.

I began in the health care field as a certified nursing assistant while I was a senior in high school. I continued working in that capacity throughout my years attending Minnesota State University in Moorhead. While working on my bachelor's degree in Exercise Science, I also played basketball. If you ever see me walking around campus, you'll know why I played the sport.

Since graduating from university, I have worked for many senior living companies including Presbyterian Homes & Services at the Bloomington and Lexington Landing locations.

Once I moved to the Twin Cities area to work in the senior living field, I began to move up into management positions. It was then that I realized my strengths in the human resources department. Those initial experiences helped me to know where I wanted to take my career.

I love working with new employees and still being able to interact with the residents in the community in my manager role. I am happy to be back at Presbyterian Homes & Services and have felt so very welcomed by all the people I have met.

I have missed the community feel that is PHS amongst staff and residents. I love the values that PHS puts forth and look forward in upholding them while working alongside everyone here at Founders Ridge.

- Jenna

The Ridgeline

Contributing to a Gorilla Garden

This is a picture of a *Gorilla Garden*.

Such a garden is described this way



because it is created on land that the gardener did not have the legal rights to cultivate. The centerpiece of this garden comes from a ranch in Montana.

In 2003, the Missouri Breaks Complex Fire burnt over 123,000 acres of land. One of the residents at Founders Ridge Victoria Danielson, has a brother who has a ranch on the land that was consumed by this fire. In 2004, Victoria and her husband, Gerald, went to her brother's ranch to help install a new fence. They decided to keep one of the old fence posts that they had recovered as a souvenir. That fence post had been installed over 80 years ago.

When the Danielsons moved to Founders Ridge from their home in Savage, MN, they brought their fence post with them. Unfortunately, they didn't have room for it and they couldn't simply throw it away. Fortunately for them, they met other residents who had started a Gorilla Garden and welcomed the fence post as a new addition.

Shining Stars

Spring is almost done and Summer is almost here. Though the daylight is lasting longer, it is still possible to see the stars in our midst: The Shining Stars of Founders Ridge.

Margaret, (aka Peggy), Kelly

"Exemplary service. She goes far beyond her duties! Wonderful personality."

Tiffany Jackson

"Day brightener; goes above and beyond, great and friendly with a smile!"

Lindsey Muellerleile

"For her attitude and happy presence and smiley help."

Marketing Moments

We will be using this space in the upcoming newsletters to share about apartment availability within our campus.

Stay tuned!

Need a Lift?

St. Michael's Lutheran church is reaching out to senior living communities in the Bloomington area to acquaint residents with their transportation ministry.

The purpose of this ministry is provide transportation for people who either can't drive or don't own a vehicle to Christian services and activities on Wednesday and Sunday mornings. They are able to accommodate persons who use crutches, wheel chairs and rollators. They can

not bring wheel chairs with them, but they can provide wheel chairs at the worship site.

On Wednesdays, St. Michaels provides an 11:30 a.m. service, followed by a lunch and an activity.

On Sundays, people will be brought to a 10 a.m. worship service.

If interested, please contact Gordon Jonasson, a resident at Founders Ridge. He can be reached at 952-217-6799.

Using Words of Wisdom—PHS Foundation

Having a well-designed estate plan is important for everyone and, with clarity about your wishes, you will reduce the burden for your family. It can also save administrative costs or reduce taxes, preserving more of your estate for your beneficiaries.

Standard wording that might be useful is as follows:

Gift of Specific Dollar Amount

"I hereby give to Presbyterian Homes Foundation located in Roseville, Minnesota, the sum of \$_____."

Gift of Specific Percentage of Estate

"I hereby give ___ percentage of my estate (or "my trust assets" if using a trust) to Presbyterian Homes Foundation located in Roseville, Minnesota.

Bequest with Presbyterian Homes Foundation as Contingent Beneficiary

"In the event any of my above-named beneficiaries have not survived me, I hereby direct their shares to be distributed to Presbyterian Homes Foundation located in Roseville, Minnesota."

Please tell us how you would like your gift used:

"This gift is to be used for [name of fund, specific community, or both]."

When you include Presbyterian Homes Foundation in your will, your attorney may need to know the correct address and that Presbyterian Homes Foundation is a 501(c)3. Please provide the following:

Presbyterian Homes Foundation
2845 Hamline Avenue North
Roseville, MN 55113

Clear and precise wording ensures your wishes are honored and the Foundation can better fulfill your objectives. The Presbyterian Homes Foundation welcomes the opportunity to provide you with information about estate planning and answer questions you may have regarding your individual goals. For more information, please contact us at 651-631-6408 or 651-631-6418 or visit www.preshomes.planningyourlegacy.org.

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Presbyterian Homes & Services is a nonprofit organization and an equal opportunity employer serving older adults through community services, housing, and health care.

Nominate a PHS employee for the 2024 CROSS Awards

Nominations are now open through July 21 for the 2024 Presbyterian Homes & Services (PHS) CROSS Awards! These awards recognize individual employees who go above and beyond expectations as they embody and extend the five **PHS CROSS Values**:

- ✝ **Christian Ministry**
- ✝ **Ready and Engaged People**
- ✝ **Operational Integrity**
- ✝ **Service Excellence**
- ✝ **Stewardship**

Almost 8,000 employees serve at PHS. They make us proud through the dedication, compassion, and excellence they demonstrate every day. That is why each employee is eligible to be nominated by residents, coworkers, family, or friends.

What employees stands out to you and why? Simply scan the QR code to complete, and submit your nomination online. Or complete the paper nomination form included in this month's newsletter and return to the reception desk. Award recipients will be honored this fall. **Nominations are due by July 21.**

**Nominate electronically
by scanning the QR code**

