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GOD AT WORK

IN OUR MIDST

Stories of the Called Ministries of Genacross Lutheran Services

HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

As fall arrives and seasonal illnesses become more common, Genacross affordable housing communities partner with local pharmacies and health agencies to offer on-site vaccination clinics for residents. These clinics provide convenient access to important immunizations, including flu, COVID-19, shingles, pneumonia, RSV, and tetanus vaccines. By bringing healthcare services directly to residents, the clinics help make preventative care more accessible and eliminate the need for travel. Throughout September and October, clinics were hosted at many Genacross communities across northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. Residents greatly value the convenience of having healthcare professionals visit their community and appreciate the ongoing commitment to their health and wellness. These vaccination clinics reflect Genacross' dedication to supporting older adults by promoting healthy, independent living and enhancing their overall quality of life.



FAMILY & YOUTH SERVICES

“Kim” came to Genacross in April 2024 after experiencing significant trauma, loss and instability throughout her early childhood. She entered residential treatment following multiple placement disruptions and challenges related to emotional regulation, aggression, defiance, and dysfunctional relationships. Despite these difficulties, staff quickly recognized Kim’s strengths. She was outgoing, talkative, creative and eager to connect with those around her. She enjoyed dolls, arts and crafts, music, dancing, and imaginative play – revealing a bright personality beneath the hardships she had endured. Over time, Kim has demonstrated tremendous growth and resilience. Through the consistency of residential treatment and therapeutic services, she has learned healthier ways to express her emotions and manage frustration. Behaviors that once resulted in frequent conflict have decreased significantly, and Kim is now more willing to accept redirection, process difficult situations, and utilize coping skills. She has developed greater insight into her thoughts and behaviors and is increasingly able to recognize when her assumptions or emotions are influencing her reactions. One of Kim’s greatest strengths is her caring heart. She enjoys helping others, participating in activities, and building connections with staff and peers. While social interactions continue to be an area of growth, Kim has become more receptive to feedback and continues working to improve her communication skills and relationships. As Kim continues her journey, she remains available for adoption and hopes for the permanency and belonging that every child deserves. There is great hope for her future as she continues to grow, heal, and move toward finding her forever family.



WOLF CREEK CAMPUS

The Genacross Lutheran Services-Wolf Creek Campus has been “Gail’s” home for a long time before the assisted living resident experienced a fall that placed her in the hospital. “I heard my leg snap,” Gail recalled. “I pulled the alarm, and they scooped me up to the hospital.” She left the hospital with a hot pink plaster cast engulfing most of her foot and leg up to her knee. Gail stayed a short while at another rehabilitation facility, where she reported good care. However, she let them know that as soon as possible she wanted to be transferred to the Wolf Creek Campus to finish her recovery. Back on the campus in the skilled nursing unit, Gail received extensive therapy services. Her injured leg could not bear weight, but therapists worked on developing balance and strength in the rest of her body. Nursing staff cared for her daily needs, including transferring to her power chair and helping her bathe while keeping the cast dry. After six weeks, the big day came when the cast was removed. Gail is impressed with the results of her dedicated therapy work. She reports that she can easily get in and out of her power chair, bathe herself, and is stronger now than before she broke her leg. Gail is extremely happy to be home and moving around in her assisted living apartment.

NAPOLEON CAMPUS

“Anthony” is a short-term resident on the Genacross Lutheran Services-Napoleon Campus. He was admitted from the hospital and needed therapy services to regain his strength to return to living independently. Anthony was hesitant after admission and did not want to leave his room or participate in therapy. While staff respected Anthony’s wishes and gave him space for a few days, they continued to encourage him and remind him of the importance of his therapy. One day, Anthony took a big step and agreed to head down to the therapy gym. Two weeks later, he was a like a new man – very active with his therapy and recovering at a rapid pace. Not only does he now enjoy his therapy treatments, but he participates in many activities offered at the campus. Some of his favorite activities include playing bingo, attending church services, and being outside in the nice weather. Anthony continues to work hard during therapy in the mornings and stays active in the afternoons. Staff members truly believe he just needed encouragement and reassurance that they could enhance his life and enable him to recover successfully.

FOUNDATION

What an incredible 2026 Genacross Day of Giving! Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, Genacross Lutheran Services Foundation exceeded its \$34,000 fundraising goal during its fifth annual Day of Giving. The Foundation is deeply grateful to everyone who made a gift, shared our mission, encouraged others to participate, and helped make the day such a success. A special thanks goes to our matching gift sponsors – Plante Moran, Hylant Insurance, Stapleton Insurance Group, and United Medical Supply Company – whose generosity inspired others to give and helped make every contribution go even further. Donor support makes a meaningful difference and helps strengthen the work and mission of Genacross Lutheran Services. Thank you for being part of this incredible effort.