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THE ADAMS FUND: "TEARS OF JOY" - THANK YOU!

Dr. Bill Pierce, President

I have just finished reading thank you notes from the families of two residents who receive assistance in paying their monthly service fees through the Adams Assistance Fund. The Fund is used exclusively to assist people who do not have the financial resources to live in the Village.

In addition, the same week, I had a personal visit with a resident who is assisted through the Adams Fund.



The Fund is named for Larry and Edwine Adams. Larry and Edwine have been involved in the BVC ministry for decades, and Larry served as a campus director. He also served as vice president - development.

All of us are blessed through this Fund.

First, many of you give personally to the Fund. You are literally enabling these folks who have financial challenges to live on the campus. So many of you giving to this Fund says a lot! Terry Dennis, campus director at Baptist Village of Cleveland, says that campus directors are the ones who get to see the beautiful "tears of joy". They share the good news with residents who have significant financial challenges, saying, "yes, you can afford to live here." Your gifts through the Adams Fund make these "tears of joy" possible.

Secondly, each year the Baptist churches in our state generously give to a Mothers Day Offering. It is a joint BGCO offering shared equally between Baptist Village Communities and Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children. One-hundred percent of BVC's portion goes to assist residents who do not have sufficient resources. This is a great blessing from the churches. We are very thankful that churches see the need to minister to "widows in distress".

Thirdly, the families of those who receive assistance are asked to contribute financially toward their family member's monthly service fee, and many do. It is a partnership of love.

In addition, many of the people who work in the BVC ministry, the "Friends Team", give to the Adams Assistance Fund through payroll deduction. When Corky Eshelman, vice president - marketing and development, told me how many Friends Team members were giving to this Fund, I was overwhelmed. The Friends Team sees what a significant difference the Adams Assistance Fund makes in the lives of the people we serve every day.

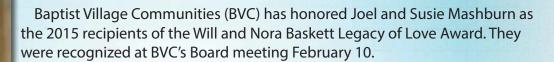
Lastly, these wonderful residents are among the "least of these" that Jesus speaks of in the Bible. It is a blessing to serve them in this much needed way.

Someday, some of us will be among those in need of assistance through this Fund. What a blessing it is to be able to give to this Fund today, to help those in need right now.

If you give to this Fund, you are a very special blessing to some very special people. It shows in the smiles on your faces...and on their faces.

A LEGACY OF ENHANCING LIVES

Jason Davis, Development and Public Relations Specialist



Will and Nora Baskett established the definitive legacy that lives on in BVC. This same spirit of ministry is found in Joel and Susie.

The Will and Nora Baskett Legacy of Love Award is the highest recognition given by BVC. Pioneers in the aging services field, the Basketts were highly influential in establishing the first Baptist Village 57 years ago in Hugo.

The Basketts humbly gave their time and resources. They donated 68 acres of land and led a fundraising effort among their friends. Nora tore up her feather bed to make pillows for the first residents. They brought eggs by the case, donated 150 hens and even sacrificed S&H green stamps to buy Village utility carts.

Joel and Susie Mashburn have been associated with Baptist Village Communities for many years. Joel served on the BVC Board of directors and is a former chairman of the Board. In addition, he served as consultant pharmacist for many years at Baptist Village of Hugo. Joel is also well-known for portraying "Santa" at Christmastime, riding up to the Village on an elephant provided by a wintering circus in Hugo.

He and Susie have served and supported the BVC ministry in many other ways.

"It is a great joy to call Joel and Susie Mashburn my friends," says Dr. Bill Pierce, BVC president. "Joe's smile is contagious. He has such a kind heart and willing spirit. He and Susie have servant attitudes and are quick to help someone in need."



Joel and Susie (center) receive their award. With them are BVC President Dr. Bill Pierce (left) and Dan Stiles (right), campus director, Baptist Village of Hugo.

Steve Thomas, vice president - operations and former campus director at Baptist Village of Hugo, agrees. "I am so blessed that Joel and Susie have been my friends for the past 30 years, both personally and professionally. They are two of the most genuine and generous people that I have ever known. They have greatly impacted the lives of countless people, including myself and my family."

Joel and Susie have followed in the tradition of Will and Nora Baskett, transforming senior adults' lives through ministry and service.

"They are true servants in every sense of the word," concludes Thomas.



DR. PIERCE HONORED BY NSU

Jason Davis





Twenty-five years is a long time to work at one job. Though as Dr. Bill Pierce, Baptist Village Communities (BVC) president will readily tell you, he doesn't work at Baptist Village. He serves, and has done so for a quarter century.

His alma mater, Northeastern State University, recognized his unwavering leadership and service in November, naming him their "outstanding alumnus" for the year.

"It was a big surprise to receive the telephone call from Dr. Turner, president of NSU," recalls Pierce. "To receive the news that your peers have chosen you to represent NSU as a distinguished alumni is a very humbling experience."

His path to BVC took many years to develop. When he came to NSU in 1974, he obtained his degree in business administration and economics. While at college, he lived at home, worked 40 hours a week and took a full class load. He later attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, completing his Master's in Education. After seminary, he moved with his wife, Susan, to Hugo to become minister of education and youth at Hugo, First. They also served at Sapulpa, First after their time in Hugo.

Throughout his ministry to churches, Bill volunteered regularly at Baptist Villages. It was this service and heart for elders that made him the natural person to serve as BVC's first president in 1990.

Under his dedicated leadership, BVC has grown to become the largest not-for-profit provider of senior housing in Oklahoma.

"It makes me thankful to God for giving me the opportunity to attend Northeastern and thankful for the doors that God has opened throughout life because of my education."

Through Dr. Pierce's leadership, BVC continues to shape the future of aging services. BVC proudly congratulates Dr. Pierce on his award. It is a well-deserved honor for a true servant.

SETTING THE STANDARD FOR REHAB

Julia Baker, Field Marketing Specialist



The Rehab Neighborhoods at Baptist Village of Oklahoma City is Oklahoma's most unique and innovative place for short-term rehabilitation services. We serve guests who are recovering from orthopedic surgery and other procedures.

Friends Team member Alison Boyd is using her talent and expertise to meet the needs of the rehab guests in a new and extraordinary way.

Alison is Baptist Village of Oklahoma City's first nurse practitioner. She began her service at Baptist Village Communities (BVC) eight years ago as a licensed practical nurse.

"When I finished school as an LPN, I immediately knew I wanted to be a nurse practitioner. I wanted to keep going," says Alison. "Being a nurse practitioner enables me to provide a higher level of service in skilled nursing and the health center by being here to assess and write orders immediately."

The Rehab Neighborhoods are blessed to have Alison's services. Having a nurse practitioner on the team changes the recovery experience for guests. Alison is able to enhance the their experience by supporting them on a daily basis to meet their goals.

A team approach to therapy is very beneficial to the guests. The Friends Team partners with guests to help them meet their goals. Alison enjoys



Having Alison on the Friends Team provides Rehab Neighborhoods guests a level of service unmatched by other rehab communities.

educating other nursing team members. She meets with them on a one-on-one basis, as well as in groups. By meeting with team members regularly, Alison ensures that every Friends Team member is heard and guests are rehabilitating well.

Michelle Billings, assistant campus director, explains to Alison's value to the guests. "She honors God with what she does. She brings love and Christ to guests. And being here every day, she is readily available to meet both physical and spiritual needs."

"Nursing is a holistic value that looks at the whole person's mind, body and spirit. That's what I do at Baptist Village. I am able to do what I always wanted to do. We are one big family here," says Alison.

TIMELESS BEAUTY - RESIDENTS WIN HONORS AT MS. SENIOR OKLAHOMA

Jason Davis

June Dean and Della Robins are prime examples of beauty that transcends generations. Judges from this year's Miss Senior Oklahoma Pageant confirmed this fact, placing them in a tie for the title in the "assisted living" division.

"I was excited and so thrilled to represent my Baptist Village," said Ms. Dean. "I felt it was a real honor."

She continues, "My interview question was 'If I could travel anywhere in the word, all expenses paid, where would it be?' I said I would go back to Ghent, Belgium during the begonia festival. I used to live there and attend church there. Oh, I couldn't forget to visit the candy store for famous Belgian chocolates, as well."

"I was shocked (when I won), and then my shock turned to excitement," recalls Della Robins. "It is a privilege to be able to represent Baptist Village of Broken Arrow and to honor my God. All of my Village friends and the Friends Team were very excited for me."

Two other Owasso residents competed, including Wilda Cox, who finished second in the "independent living" category.

"It's just another way to show that in a senior living community, there's still many, many things we do," says Cox. "It was a wonderful experience."



HIT "REFRESH"...BVC LAUNCHING NEW WEBSITE

Jason Davis

Baptist Village Communities' (BVC) marketing and development team is excited to be launching a brand new website for BVC. A project that has been in the works for quite some time, www.baptistvillage.org will soon feature a fresh new look.

A website overhaul has been a goal for a while, and we are thrilled to be able to proceed with the project this year.

The new site will feature a clean look, modern design and easy-to-navigate layout. Multiple informative videos and photos also will be featured throughout the pages. The website also will be mobile-friendly, making the site easily accessible on the go.

"BVC has always seen the importance of a user-friendly website for friends and potential residents of BVC," says Corky Eshelman, vice president - marketing and development. "We try to stress this in all of our promotional items, brochures and publications. With the onset of this wonderful new site, those efforts will be even more important. We want people to continue to learn more about us, tell others about us and donate online."

Another unique aspect of the site is a brand new venture for BVC - an online store for people to order supplies from Entrusted Hearts Medical Equipment by Baptist Village (EHME).



"I am excited about it," says Bobby Ghere, program supervisor for EHME. "This is going to be a great resource for people and their family members to keep themselves and their loved ones safe in their homes."

Clients will be able to order the supplies they need with the click of a mouse. Available items will be rotated periodically.

Much of the information available on the former website will be available on the new site. However, all features and elements will be modernized and enhanced to help BVC stand out in the aging services field. This also includes increased search engine optimization (SEO) presence.

It is our goal for the new site that people would have an increased awareness of BVC's ministry - creating communities and services that enhance lives.

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WESTWARD MOVEMENT ON PACE FOR 2016

Jason Davis

2016 will usher in a new era for Baptist Village Communities (BVC). BVC broke ground for Baptist Village of Elk City in November 2014, and progress is steady.

"It is great to see the concrete poured and framing going up," says Wendell Short, BVC's vice president - planning and project management. "Construction goes through phases. Sometimes, it looks like things will be completed soon, and other times you look at the site and think, "is there anything really happening here?" Seeing things progress is definitely exciting as we look forward to completion next year. Then we can be about our business of 'Serving God, Serving You, Serving Together'!"

As of this writing, all of the walls are in place, and the roof is taking shape. It is just a matter of weeks before it really starts to look like home.

Anticipation surrounding the coming Village is evident throughout the area. Countless people are inquiring about moving in...and have been doing so for months.

"The exciting thing for me is it's coming in my own backyard," says Danny Ringer, director of missions for Beckham-Mills Baptist Association and a member of the BVC Board of directors. "I've been praying for a while for Baptist Village to come to my hometown. God is allowing that to happen. What a wonderful opportunity for God to use this Village to serve not just Elk City but all of western Oklahoma."

Grand opening for The Neighborhoods at Baptist Village of Elk City is coming next year, so stay tuned as we prepare to serve together out west!

From left: Danny Ringer, Wendell Short, Doc Ware and Dr. Russell Duck (both of Elk City, First) are excited to watch Baptist Village of Elk City take shape.









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BVC BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADVISORS 2014

Baptist Village Communities

Financials 2014

Total Assets **\$75,012,492**

Total Liabilities **\$30,513,816**

Total Contributions \$2,602,273

Total Revenue and Other Support \$36,027,753

Total Expenses **\$37,364,348**

Total Investment and Endowment Income

\$641,125

Baptist Village Communities (BVC) leads the way in shaping the future of aging services.

There are many wonderful avenues for you to help support the ministry.

The Larry and Edwine Adams Asssistance Fund helps those with financial challenges to live at the Village. The Fund is completely supported by gifts from friends like you.

The Josephine Heyland Education Assistance Fund provides an opportunity for Friends Team members to obtain further education to benefit their work with BVC.

Funds received for the Bill and Susan Pierce Shaping the Future of Aging Services Together Fund enables BVC to make technology updates, allowing us to continue as leaders in the aging services field.

The annual Mothers Day Offering is a Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma offering, benefiting both Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children and BVC. One-hundred percent of BVC's portion goes directly into the Adams Fund.

Finally, you can support BVC through an endowment gift. Endowment gifts are an opportunity to ensure that financial support will remain readily available for the future.

For more information on how you can partner in ministry, call the development office today at (405) 942-3000 ext. 4205.

Excellence Honored

Friends Team Members Recognized by LeadingAge Oklahoma

Baptist Village Communities (BVC) honors God by creating communities and services that enhance lives. This enables us to serve God and one another. Two individuals that embody this philosophy were honored for their work by LeadingAge Oklahoma, the Oklahoma state association of not-for-profit senior living organizations.

Baptist Village of Oklahoma City's Laura Mackey was named resident services employee of the year, while Baptist Village of Owasso's Mike Hamm was honored as the outstanding environmental employee of the year.

Laura Mackey serves as life enrichment/social services director for the memory support neighborhood at Baptist Village of Oklahoma City. She has served at Baptist Village since 2000. Many will say her

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snize and Thank Our Sponsors

Laura Mackey (center) with her award. With her are, from left, Martin Hall, Oklahoma City campus director, MIchelle Billings, Oklahoma City assistant director and T.B. Lackey Health Center director, BVC President Dr. Bill Pierce and Steve Thomas, BVC vice president - operations.

consistent and calming presence for residents is one of her greatest attributes.

She is always patient and kind, with the uncanny ability to understand residents' needs. Her calming voice and demeanor exudes love and acceptance.

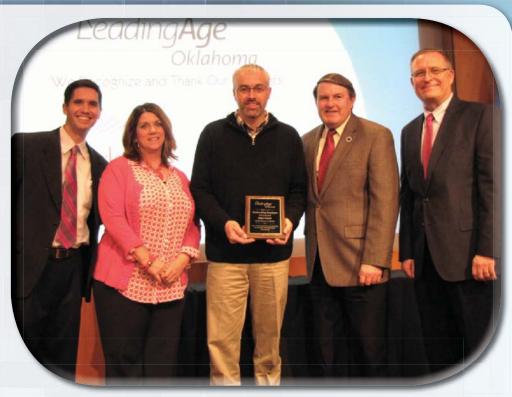
On one occasion, a family brought their mother who had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's to visit the memory support neighborhood. Her behavior had become increasingly difficult and aggressive toward her family. When she met Laura, she sat down next to her and lay her head on Laura's shoulder. Although Laura never said a word, her gentle countenance whispered, "you

are safe", "you are loved", "you are my friend". Indeed, it is not uncommon for a new resident to become very attached to Laura.

She also co-facilitated a support group for dementia caregivers. Her dedication to the ministry of service with memory support residents truly is exceptional.

Mike Hamm has served at Baptist Village of Owasso for 19 years, originally working as floor tech in Evergreen Health Center. Then-campus director Steve Thomas noticed his dependability and work ethic and promoted him to environmental services director. This means he is responsible for all maintenance at Owasso, BVC's largest campus. He also oversees the housekeeping team.

As one might imagine, it is a very demanding job, but Mike is fully dedicated to the Village. During the 2011 blizzard, Mike picked up Friends Team members who couldn't make it to work. He also plowed snow the same day, continuing hours after the sun had set.



Mike Hamm (center) with his award. With him are, from left, Nathan Purifoy, Owasso campus director, Mitzi Epperson, Owasso assistant director and Evergreen Health Center director, BVC President Dr. Bill Pierce and Steve Thomas, BVC vice president - operations.

Mike possesses many other wonderful qualities. On more than one occasion, he has helped a fellow Friends Team member work on his car on the weekend, free of charge. When the residents put on an Easter pageant, Mike assured everything was ready by preparing an elaborate set and participating in the program itself.

Mike and Owasso chaplain Steve Williams building the Easter pageant set

Mike is a trusted friend and leader with a genuine concern for those around him. As a result, his team respects him and performs well under his guidance.

Laura and Mike were honored for service, a passion carried out by more than 750 Friends Team members. Every day, they serve more than 2,200 people across Oklahoma. For more information, call toll-free 1-866-887-2872, or visit baptistvillage.org.

Baptist Village Communities

Chaplaincy Ministry Report 2014

Baptist Village Communities (BVC) has the privilege and joy of placing a chaplain in every Village to coordinate ministry with residents, clients, families and Friends Team members. Many of the chaplains are volunteers.

Each chaplain is challenged to enhance ministry by organizing residents into teams and equipping them for service. It is rewarding to see residents ministering to one another and Friends Team members, exercising their own unique spiritual gifts and talents. The Village chaplains and ministry teams reported the following results from their combined efforts in 2014:

The Gospel was presented...

- 1,579 opportunities for worship and Bible study
- 1,647 Bibles, tracts and care notes were distributed

Lives were changed...

- 65 rededications
- 6 professions of faith

Relationships were cultivated...

- 9,474 resident/client visits
- 2,337 Friends Team visits
- 528 family visits
- 525 Rehab guest visits
- 323 churches participated in ministry

Encouragement was offered...

- 14,736 resident ministry team visits
- 3,222 ministry team cards and letters to residents
- 296 hospital visits or calls to residents

Campus life was enhanced...

- Resident newcomer fellowships
- Revivals/VBS/Holy Week
- Summer youth projects
- Choirs and bell ringers
- Intercessory prayer ministry
- Spanish language ministry

LINC° (Loving, Inspiring, Nurturing, Caring) is an exciting ministry of Baptist Village Communities.

LINC° is a program designed to equip churches to develop a vibrant ministry to elders in senior living communities by providing training, resources and ministry tools. A LINC° consultant works with senior living community team members to open the doors of ministry and tailor it to meet residents' specific needs. The goal of LINC° is to give every Oklahoma Southern Baptist church the opportunity and knowledge to extend its current ministry in the community.



For more information on LINC® and other chaplaincy ministries, contact Chris Finley, director of chaplain services, at (405) 470-8915 or cfinley@okc.baptistvillage.org.

We give God the glory for the good work of the chaplains and ministry teams in reaching out and enhancing lives of those who are served.

Baptist Village Communities

Social Accountability 2014

Opportunities to provide community services are multiplied every day throughout Baptist Village Communities (BVC). They are the natural activities of our organization, whose mission is to honor God by creating communities and services to enhance lives and enable people to serve God and one another. These services help meet unmet needs in communities.

Since its founding 57 years ago in 1958, we have grown to include nine Villages, three home health agencies and a medical equipment company. The number of people ministered to daily has grown from 1,150 in 1993 to more than 2,200 in 2014 - a 91 percent increase. Revenues have increased from less than \$10 million in 1993 to more than \$36 million today - a 260 percent increase.

The social accountability report allows you to understand how BVC impacted its surrounding communities, providing charitable services in the towns and cities BVC serves.

Annually, we document our social accountability. Campus directors record their charitable services and community programs. In 2014, BVC provided benefits to residents, Friends Team members and the wider communities.

BVC also provides outright benevolence to residents who need financial assistance. Along with the generosity of Village team members and other residents, financial needs are being met. Senior adults, families and children are assisted with basic needs such as provision of food, health services and housing.

Meeting community needs includes, but is not limited to:

- Caregivers supporting the elderly in the community
- Elderly living alone or with few social opportunities
- Homebound senior adults having difficulty with daily living activities
- Widows and couples with limited resources and income
- People in need of services they may otherwise be unable to receive

Using the Adams Assistance Fund to assist with monthly service fees, we have met an average of 83 individual needs per month. Those assisted through this Fund are

residents who, without it, would be unable to meet their monthly expenses.

The Friends Teams and residents of several Villages have participated and volunteered their time to help with free home health services. They provide services for residents receiving Medicaid, where there is a shortfall in reimbursement.

BVC provided charitable services to their broader communities by meeting financial, health and community needs - serving 6,907 people with a value of \$2,021,959.61.

In 2014, BVC provided hundreds of services in Oklahoma communities. These needs were met by providing the following services, among others:

- Alzheimer's support groups
- Angel trees
- · Annual arts and crafts sale
- Chamber of Commerce
- Christmas Cantata
- Food baskets for needy families
- Holiday meals
- Intercessory prayer team host
- Library book sale
- LPN student clinical setting
- School supplies for needy families
- Stroke prevention seminar
- Tai chi host for health department
- Tax preparation services



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