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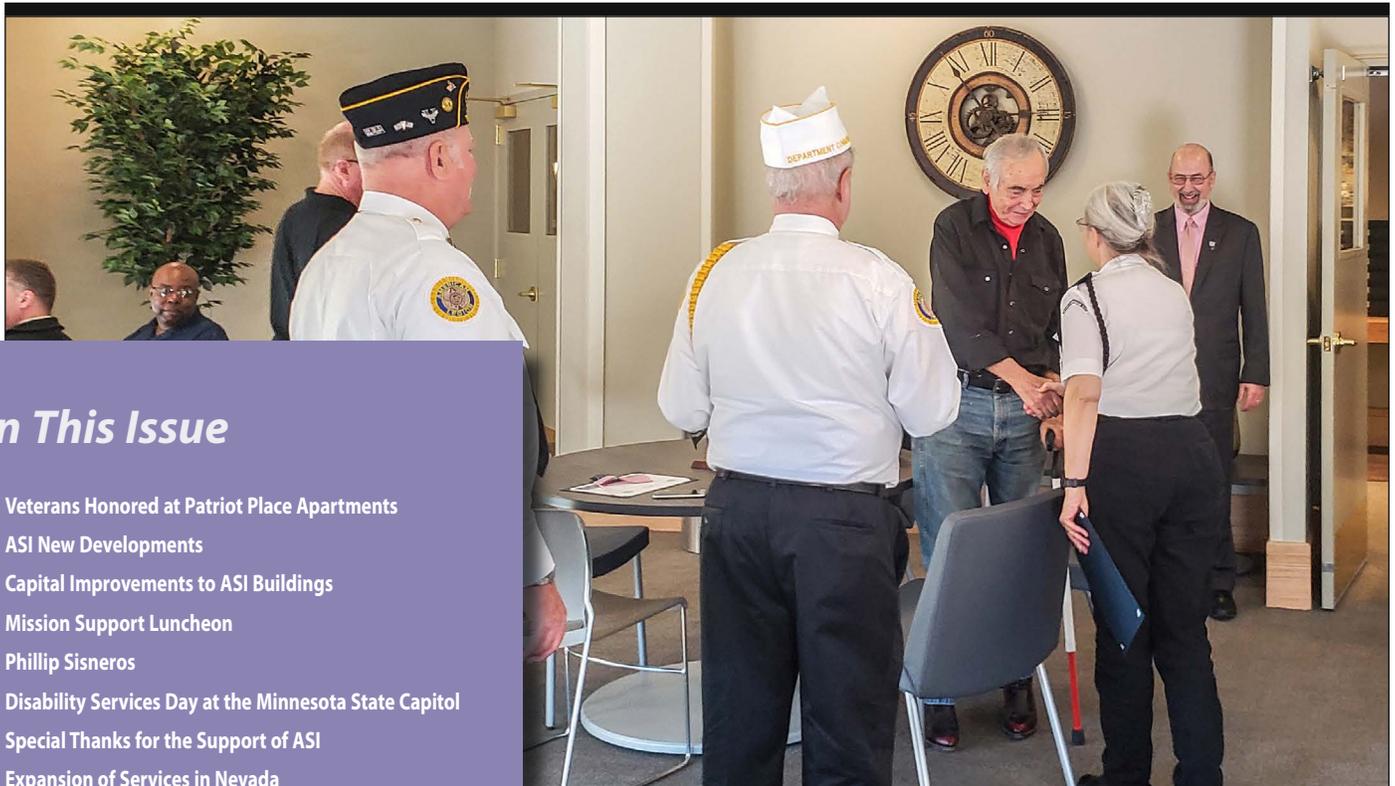
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*Resident veterans honored at Patriot Place Apartments*

## VETERANS HONORED AT PATRIOT PLACE APARTMENTS

**By Justen Watts, ASI's Service Coordinator,  
Patriot Place Apartments**

On February 6, 2019 an event was held at Patriot Place Apartments (Patriot Place) in Las Vegas, Nevada. Patriot Place is a 50 unit accessible, affordable apartment building for veterans managed by Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) that opened on July 28, 2017.

The **Nevada Department of Veteran Services** (NDVS) asked that an event be held to honor Patriot Place veterans for their service, and one they would feel comfortable attending since most of the veterans

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The mission of **ACCESSIBLE SPACE, INC. (ASI)** is to provide housing with care for persons with physical disabilities and brain injuries, as well as seniors and veterans. This mission is accomplished through the development, management and ownership of accessible, affordable housing, assisted living and rehabilitation services.

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in the building are not fond of the spotlight or recognition events. The event also served to spread awareness about the NDVS and what the organization could offer Patriot Place residents.

For almost two years donations of assorted crafts including leather moccasins, purses, wallets and games had been given to the Nevada State Veterans Home in Boulder City. Those crafts were assembled at Patriot Place by a group of residents. Amanda Whitecloud, Assistant to the Deputy Director of Health and Wellness at the Nevada Department of Veteran Services, contacted ASI about having a ceremony to honor Patriot Place veterans.

With the assistance of Sheryl Rausch, ASI's Site Liaison at Patriot Place, a list of veterans was compiled. The list included the residents' branch of the military and their rank when they retired. All veterans at Patriot Place were encouraged to attend the ceremony in the building's community room. Denise Kunz, ASI's Regional Housing Manager; and Erica Jordan, ASI's Regional Housing Representative, provided further assistance in arranging the community room to accommodate the ceremony and the refreshments that followed the event.

The recognition ceremony opened with a Color Guard brought by NDVS presenting the colors and playing of the National Anthem. Fred Wagar, Deputy Director of Programs and Services; and Wendy Simons,

Deputy Director of Health and Wellness, introduced themselves. Mr. Wagar and Ms. Simons gave some background on the purpose of NDVS and why they were doing the ceremony.

Dan Billmark, ASI's Director of Real Estate Development; and Jerry Kappeler, ASI's Director of Nevada Community Enrichment Program (NCEP); spoke at the event. Dan shared a brief history of ASI and its mission. Jerry talked briefly about NCEP and the services they provide to the veterans at Patriot Place.

Next Mr. Wagar and Ms. Simons individually recognized each veteran in attendance, stating their name, rank, branch of service and presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation and a pin from NDVS. After all veterans were recognized individually, they then presented all of the spouses in attendance with a pin and a certificate. The ceremony concluded with NDVS presenting Patriot Place with its own Certificate of Appreciation, which Denise and Justen accepted on ASI's behalf.

*Right: Resident veteran personally thanked by Fred Wagar.  
Below: Color Guard*



## ASI NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Since the Summer 2018 issue of **News to Friends of Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI)**, three new 100% accessible, affordable buildings are under development or construction in Las Vegas, Nevada.



On July 6, 2018 construction began on **Allegiance Apartments** (ASI Veterans Supportive Housing II) in **Las Vegas, Nevada**. In September 2017 Allegiance Apartments was awarded Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) from the Nevada Housing Division. Allegiance Apartments will be a 50 unit accessible, affordable rental development for veterans, homeless veterans and veterans with physical disabilities.

Allegiance Apartments includes 10 units, a 20% set-aside, for residents with incomes at or below 30% of area median income. The remainder of units will be income targeted to households at 50% or 60% of area median income. Thirteen of the units at the development (26%) will be "Type A" fully accessible units to accommodate households with physical disabilities. The project provides a preference to households in which at least one member is a veteran.

Allegiance Apartments is less than a mile north of **Patriot Place Apartments** (ASI Veterans Supportive

Housing I) in **Las Vegas, Nevada**. In July 2015 Patriot Place Apartments was awarded LIHTC funding from the Nevada Housing Division.

Allegiance Apartments is under construction at 3757 Pecos-McLeod Interconnect, Las Vegas, Nevada. Patriot Place Apartments is located at 4245 S. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, Nevada, slightly south of Flamingo Road.

ASI would like to thank Clark County Community Resources Management for their commitment of HOME Program funds, as well as the Nevada Housing Division for their National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) commitment in addition to the award of tax credits. A special thank you is also extended to ASI's LIHTC consultants, Eric Novak and Dr. Hilary Lopez of Praxis Consulting Group, LLC.

In November 2017 the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (SNRHA) Board of Commissioners unanimously approved 25 VASH (Veteran's Administration Supportive Housing) Vouchers and 24 Section 8 Project-Based Housing Choice Vouchers. The award of these vouchers will greatly assist the residents by providing rental assistance for tenants.

Allegiance Apartments is scheduled for completion on September 5, 2019.

**Applications are now being accepted for Allegiance Apartments. Applications are being collected by the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (SNRHA). For an application please contact the SNRHA at 702-477-3100 or visit their website at [www.SNVRHA.org](http://www.SNVRHA.org) for more information.**

*Allegiance Apartments under construction*



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**Stepping Stone Apartments in Las Vegas** officially began construction on April 22, 2019. Demolition of a house and site preparation were completed prior to issuing the building permit.

ASI would like to thank Clark County Community Resources Management for their commitment of HOME Program funds and Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funding. In addition to 10 units of accessible, affordable apartments designed for adults with traumatic and acquired brain injuries, Stepping Stone Apartments will have a greenhouse and accessible walking path for use by its residents and the residents of adjacent ASI buildings. Those buildings are Mojave Cedar Apartments and Casa Oliva Apartments with ten units and nine units respectively.

Stepping Stone Apartments will be located at 310 South Mojave Road in Las Vegas. Construction completion is anticipated in December 2019.

The **Nevada Community Enrichment Program's (NCEP) Spencer Street Campus in Las Vegas** was awarded Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funding in June 2018. Construction should begin in June 2019 with completion in September 2020. The NCEP Spencer Street Campus will be located at 4144 Spencer Street in Las Vegas.

NCEP Spencer Street Campus will consist of 22 accessible single room occupancy (SRO) units and rehabilitation space. The building is considered an Intermediate Care Facility. Additional funds are under consideration, however further fundraising will be needed to fill the construction gap.

Allegiance Apartments and Stepping Stone Apartments will join 20 other accessible, affordable ASI buildings in the Las Vegas Metropolitan Area in addition to The Loux Center which is home of the Nevada Community Enrichment Program (NCEP).

**Anyone interested in receiving information on ASI's newest developments should contact ASI's Property Management Department at (800) 466-7722. Your call will be directed to the appropriate Property Manager.**

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO ASI BUILDINGS

Over the last year Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) staff has been busy with rehabilitation and energy upgrade projects. Improvements to the following ASI properties helps prolong the life of these HUD subsidized apartments buildings.

Work has continued on **Pesch Place in Golden Valley, Minnesota**. The rehabilitation is now in its third, and hopefully, final stage. Funds have been provided through the City of Golden Valley/Hennepin County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Pool. Pesch Place consists of five units of accessible, affordable housing for adults with physical disabilities. The home is within an easy roll/walk of Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute (formerly Courage Center). Originally constructed by Courage Center, Pesch Place was acquired by ASI in 1993. Recent work completed included bathroom renovations, replacement of floor coverings in common areas, replacement of retaining wall and replacement of accessible path to lower level.

Pesch Place is named for Michael Pesch. In 1975, Michael Pesch broke his neck in a drought-shallow lake in northern Minnesota and, as a result, was paralyzed for the rest of his life. Following a time at Courage Center, Michael was ready to move on, but his options were too limited so with the support of his friends, Steve Wiggins, Charles Berg and Stephen Vander Schaaf, Michael became a force behind accessible, affordable housing for very low-income people with mobility impairments.

**Burke Apartments and Redruth Valley Apartments in Duluth, Minnesota** are undergoing major capital improvements. Burke Apartments is improving its parking lot, milling, flooring and installing a canopy for rain protection. Redruth Valley Apartments is replacing its siding. Funds were provided by the City of Duluth, Minnesota CDBG funds. Burke Apartments has 21 units of accessible, affordable housing and was completed in July 2007. Redruth Valley Apartments has 18 units of accessible, affordable housing and was completed in August 1992.

**Twin Rivers Apartments** in Greeley, Colorado was recently awarded funding by the City of Greeley Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) to repair flooring that had prematurely deteriorated. Twin Rivers Apartments

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has 17 accessible, affordable apartments designed for adults with physical disabilities, and it opened in May 2013.

**Northern Lights Apartments in Brainerd, Minnesota** received a funding award from the Otto Bremer Trust for replacement of the elevator and associated electrical work. Northern Lights Apartments opened in May 1993 and has 25 accessible, affordable apartments designed for adults with physical disabilities.

**Hillcrest Apartments in Stillwater, Minnesota** was recently awarded funds from Washington County, Minnesota CDBG funds for a new roof, new windows and replacement of the parking lot asphalt. Hillcrest Apartments is located near the Stillwater Campus of Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute. This 24 accessible, affordable apartments designed for adults with physical disabilities opened in June 1995.

**Community Residential Services (CRS) (formerly Shared Living Program):** Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) owns, manages and provides 24/7/365 supportive services to a total of 24 residents at six homes. Each building has four units and is designed for adults with traumatic brain injuries requiring 24/7/365 supportive services.

**Flintwood, Magnolia and Van Buren Homes in Blaine and Coon Rapids, Minnesota** received approval from Anoka County for substantial capital improvements at these houses.

Flintwood Home needs a new driveway, roof, siding/soffits, windows and furnace/air conditioner.

Magnolia Home needs a new driveway, roof, siding/soffits and windows.

Van Buren Home needs a new picture window, garage doors, and siding/soffits.

**Eagle Watch Estates in Missoula, Montana** received City of Missoula, Montana CDBG Program funds to upgrade the building's elevator. Logistics are important since replacing an elevator involves the relocation of residents on upper floors. Elevator replacement was completed in November 2018. Montana buildings in Billings and Great Falls are also in the process of raising funds to replace elevators.

**Pecan Hills Apartments in Austin, Texas** replaced hallway lighting. Pecan Hills Apartments has 24 units of accessible, affordable housing for adults with physical disabilities and opened in November 1997.

On September 1, 2017 ASI assumed management of **Ruby Duncan Manor**, a 30 unit affordable complex in **Las Vegas, Nevada**. This one story development consists of three residential buildings and one

common area building which includes a management office.

Ruby Duncan Manor was funded under the HUD Section 202 Program and is 31 years old. The resident population is very low-income seniors aged 62 and over. Funds have been awarded by the City of Las Vegas to complete extensive improvements to Ruby Duncan Manor.

**Superior View Apartments in Duluth, Minnesota** recently replaced its windows. This 24 unit accessible, affordable apartment building provides 24/7/365 supportive services and opened in January 1992.



*New windows for Superior View Apartments in Duluth Minnesota*

*New accessible entry ramp at Pesch Place in Golden Valley, Minnesota*



## MISSION SUPPORT LUNCHEON

Accessible Space, Inc.'s (ASI) held its eighth annual Mission Support Luncheon and 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on October 4, 2018 at the Town & Country Club in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

During lunch, guests heard mission testimonials and poignant stories from ASI's team including: Mark Hamel, Chair of ASI's Board of Directors, Stephen Vander Schaaf, ASI's President/CEO; Ken Berry, ASI's Director of Housing and Program Services; and Brock Peterson, Fund Development Advisory Committee member.

The theme of ASI's 2018 Mission Support Luncheon was "Be A Part of Their Story!" This was also the title for the 2018 video. ASI was privileged to have one of the residents spotlighted in the mission video attend the luncheon. Thank you to Tracy Sletten! The link to their video can be found on ASI's website, [www.accessiblespace.org](http://www.accessiblespace.org), click on "Giving." 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary recognitions were made during the luncheon program.

ASI would like to thank the members of the Fund Development Advisory Committee and the volunteer table hosts who invited their family, friends and work associates to our event. A big "Thank You" to the sponsors of the event: the Maguire Agency, Matt Clysdale; SFM Mutual Insurance Company; and U.S. Bank, Bryan Ljung; and to ASI's founders, Steve Wiggins and Chuck Berg, for providing matching funds. Over \$130,000 was raised through the kind contributions of the luncheon's guests and other donors to support the mission of Accessible Space.

The 2019 luncheon is scheduled for October 3, 2019. The 2019 mission video will be premiered at the luncheon as well. We are seeking sponsors and table host volunteers. Contact [jrooney@accessiblespace.org](mailto:jrooney@accessiblespace.org) to find out how you can be a part of our story.



*Supporters Carol and Lester Jones*



*Stephen Vander Schaaf, ASI's President/CEO speaks with Jennifer Samaha, ASI's former Director of Program Services and current Board member*



*Lynette Dumalag and Angela Christie*



*U.S. Bank employees, Caleb Osborn and Ben Hanson*



*Sponsor Matt Clysdale and Judy Aune from Maguire Agency with guests*



## PHILLIP SISNEROS

### Pushing Toward Achievement After Injury

Master Sergeant Phillip Sisneros was motivated and full of excitement about his future in the US Air Force. He had just married his sweetheart Angela on Spencer Glacier in Alaska. He was preparing for a possible climb in rank in the military - and for the life adventures ahead. Everything changed the night of the accident.

Only 12 days after his wedding, Phillip Sisneros was heading home on his motorcycle when a truck at an intersection ahead of him ran a stop sign. He laid the bike down to avoid a collision and slid into the front end of the pickup.

He woke from a coma 30 days later. Part of his skull had been removed to relieve bleeding in the brain. A traumatic brain injury affected his ability to walk and talk. Angela, his new wife, was relieved that his wounds were healing but deeply concerned about his cognitive difficulties and short-term memory loss.

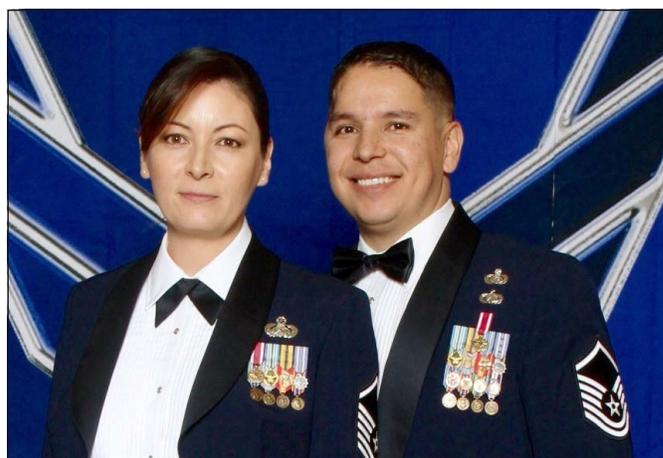
Phil began a long process of rehabilitation, eventually coming to ASI's Nevada Community Enrichment Program (NCEP) for customized occupational and physical therapy. In addition to learning how to interact with others, Phil knew he wanted to relearn how to drive - and cook. Using his background in the communications field would be icing on the cake.

With the encouragement of NCEP specialists, Phil took driver's training and learned - through arduous work - how to safely operate a vehicle. He practiced how to plan and serve a meal, no easy tasks for someone with a traumatic brain injury. And NCEP supported him as he utilized his military communications training to install cables and data ports in the NCEP computer room.

It's been a seven-year struggle, but Phil has achieved many important goals. Today he participates in a monthly traumatic brain injury group at NCEP and will often give a lift to a fellow participant. He has attended culinary school. He has learned to use his phone for reminders to offset memory deficits. He takes care of the dogs, aka "the kids," and continues to work on social skills.

After a traumatic brain injury, Phil wanted to regain his independence. One therapy involved NCEP specialists working with him in the kitchen. "I couldn't come up with the list so they would help me write down lists and make sure everything was taken care of," he says.

"I'm a work in progress," says Phil, "but I've come a long way."



*Phil had just married his sweetheart Angela on Spencer Glacier in Alaska.*



*A photograph of Phil while he was hospitalized.*

## DISABILITY SERVICES DAY AT THE MINNESOTA STATE CAPITOL

Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) staff joined more than 1,000 other supporters of disability services at a Minnesota State Capitol rally and advocacy event on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. The event was organized by Minnesota Organization for Habilitation and Rehabilitation (MOHR) and the Association of Residential Resources of Minnesota (ARRM), as part of the Best Life Alliance's efforts to bring attention to the crisis facing providers of Home and Community Based Services (HCBS).

The event began with a rally in the Capitol rotunda during which key legislators addressed the crowd's concerns. Senators Abeler, Benson, Eken, Hayden, Hoffman, Isaacson, Koran, and Miller along with Representatives Haley, Hamilton, Lislegard, Schomaker, Schultz, and Zerwas all assured the crowd that they would work hard and advocate for the passage of the Best Life Alliance legislative initiatives.

The most critical bill in the legislative package is HF 179/SF 06 supporting competitive wages for direct support professionals (DSP). Currently, DSPs in Minnesota earn 17% less than Minnesota employees in comparable jobs. This wage disparity makes it difficult to hire and retain qualified caring staff – and compounds the challenge of the historic nationwide workforce shortage. Another component of the legislation requires that wages be evaluated biannually to ensure that reimbursement rates keep pace with inflation.

Following the rally, ASI staff met individually with their legislators, representatives of the districts where our services are located and key committee members to share their concerns and to solidify legislative support for these important initiatives.



## SPECIAL THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT OF ASI

Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) continues to experience success in its fundraising activities across the United States. Buildings under development, as well as buildings open for many years, benefited from funding awards in the last year.

In June 2018 the **Hennepin County Consolidated Pool Fund; Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** awarded funds for Phase III of capital improvements at Pesch Place in Golden Valley, Minnesota.

In October 2018 **Clark County, Nevada** awarded additional Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds to construct a greenhouse and walking path as part of the Stepping Stone Apartments complex.

Also in October, the **City of Duluth, Minnesota** awarded CDBG funds for capital improvements at Burke Apartments and Redruth Valley Apartments.

In the same month, the **City of Greeley Urban Renewal Authority (GURA)** awarded capital improvement funds to repair flooring at Twin Rivers Apartments in Greeley, Colorado.

In November 2018 the **Otto Bremer Trust** awarded capital improvement funds to replace the elevator and associated electrical work at Northern Lights Apartments in Brainerd, Minnesota.

Also in November, the **Edina Realty Foundation** gave an award to the Pat Hervey Fund which assists ASI residents with basic needs such as paying deposits for utilities or purchasing furnishings for their apartment.

In January 2019 **Washington County, Minnesota** awarded CDBG funds for a new roof, new windows and replacement of the parking lot asphalt at Hillcrest Apartments in Stillwater, Minnesota.

**The Lindell Foundation (MyPillow.com)** donated pillows for 28 residents in Twin Cities locations.

General Operating Support was awarded in 2018 by six foundations and corporations: the **Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation; Target Foundation; U.S. Bancorp Foundation, Twin Cities, Community Possible Focus Area: HOME; Wells Fargo, N.A.; the Berg Family Fund; and The Wiggins Foundation.**

General Operating Support was also awarded by the following family foundations: the **Alan and Christy Molasky Charitable Foundation; the Wayne**

**and Pamela Wesala Foundation; the Lois and Linc Cornell Giving Fund; and Mr. & Mrs. John Trautz on behalf of Sara D. Trautz and William B. Trautz, Sr.**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, residents and staff of ASI, we offer our sincere thanks to those individuals and organizations providing support during the past several months. The support provided by these individuals, foundations, corporations and government agencies is critical in ASI's continued provision and development of accessible, affordable housing and supportive care services across the United States.

**For a complete listing of our generous donors, please visit Funding Focus at [www.accessiblespace.org/giving](http://www.accessiblespace.org/giving).**

## EXPANSION OF SERVICES IN NEVADA

ASI continues to expand its services in Nevada providing "Housing With Care" to some of the state's most vulnerable populations.

On February 9, 2019 ASI began providing services at **Metamora House in Las Vegas, Nevada.** The house provides transitional supported living arrangement (TSLA) services to three young men with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Metamora House joins three other Supported Living Arrangement (SLA) houses in Northern and Southern Nevada:

**Aspen Court** in Las Vegas with four residents; **Arizona Circle House** in Carson City with four residents; and

**Carriage Crest** in Carson City with three residents plus one respite bed which is available for emergency placement.

ASI provides 24/7/365 community-based transitional supportive living services (TSLA) for the individuals at these four houses. Services are funded by the Rural Regional Center (RRC), a State of Nevada agency that provides support and services to individuals with an intellectual disability and/or related conditions.

Shelle Sponseller, Nevada Supportive Housing Services Administrator, oversees Service Supervisors at each of the above locations. NSHS looks forward to further expansion under Shelle's experienced leadership as ASI continues to partner with local and state agencies to provide "Housing With Care."

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT ASI

### Employer Matching Gifts

Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions made by their employees.

If your company is eligible, request a matching gift form from your employer, and send it completed and signed with your gift. Accessible Space, Inc. will do the rest. The impact of your gift to our mission may be doubled or possibly tripled! Some companies match gifts made by retirees and/or spouses, as well.

### Honor a Loved One or Special Friend

Pay tribute or honor a special person's birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion, with a Memorial or Honorarium gift to Accessible Space, Inc. Your name, as the donor, and the person being honored, will be acknowledged in the newsletter.

### Sponsor or Attend an Accessible Space Event

Host a special event that is organized and hosted by you or your group to support Accessible Space, Inc.'s mission of providing accessible, affordable "housing with care" to adults with disabilities, as well as seniors and veterans. You and your friends are generously offering your time and resources to hold an event while Accessible Space's fund development staff provides guidance and assistance. Fun events for you to host might be: Garage/Bake/Craft Sale, Car Wash, Dinner & a Movie Night, Walk/Run/Roll Event, Wine & Cheese Party, Golf Tournament, Concert, etc.

### Serve on the ASI Fund Development Committee

To learn how you can help, contact Jacque Rooney, ASI's Fund Development Associate, 1-800-466-7722 or 651-645-7271, ext. 252; email at [jrooney@accessiblespace.org](mailto:jrooney@accessiblespace.org)

## IN MEMORIAM

ASI is saddened by the passing of 38 residents over the past ten months. We will miss our friends and the spirit they brought to ASI.

- Reginald Ames**, 1/24/1932 - 2/7/2019  
Van Ee Apartments, Kalispell, Montana
- Joan Baker**, 8/30/1935 - 1/14/2019  
Tangle Brush Villa, The Woodlands, Texas
- Amy Bertus**, 1/30/1926 - 2/12/2019  
The Portage, Great Falls, Montana
- Clara Brophy**, 6/17/1926 - 7/8/2018  
David F. Day Apartments, Sartell, Minnesota
- Brenda Budde**, 8/16/1960 - 11/19/2018  
Kay Knutson Apartments, Owatonna, Minnesota
- Charles Bunker**, 1/11/1956 - 1/27/2019  
Bonnie Lane Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada
- Joel Bushnell**, 12/21/1932 - 3/5/2019  
Redruth Valley Apartments, Duluth, Minnesota
- Ronald Cole**, 5/2/1948 - 1/5/2019  
Patriot Place Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada
- Elsie Deustsch**, 11/5/1925 - 8/20/2018  
Autumn Trails of Rogers, Rogers, Minnesota
- Shirleen Ellis**, 10/19/1947 - 11/28/2018  
Bonnie Lane Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada
- Gerald Fortin**, 3/6/1950 - 12/10/2018  
Aspen Village Apartments, Helena, Montana
- Tonia Glover**, 8/2/1959 - 10/18/2018  
Dogwood Terrace, Florence, Alabama
- Gwendolyn Gregory**, 7/28/1956 - 2/17/2019  
The Sanderling, Chesapeake, Virginia
- Janice Groteboer**, 9/22/1949 - 3/30/2019  
Bostrom Terrace, Rochester, Minnesota
- Anita Harp**, 2/29/1972 - 9/11/2018  
Patriot Place Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada
- Junior Hayes**, 3/3/1927 - 2/9/2019  
John Chambers Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada
- Darryl Johnson**, 4/21/1940 - 11/28/2018  
28th Street House, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Ellis Jones**, 8/23/1953 - 1/7/2019  
Welsh Manor, Memphis, Tennessee
- Lester Kroening**, 12/5/1942 - 3/11/2019  
Frost Yasmer Estates, Carson City, Nevada
- Jeffery Kulow**, 4/4/1958 - 3/13/2019  
Tribute Commons, Hudson, Wisconsin
- Anna Leonard**, 10/27/1926 - 12/7/2018  
Heritage Court, Cheyenne, Wyoming
- Jean Martin**, 12/17/1934 - 11/30/2018  
The Portage, Great Falls, Montana
- Tammy Mee**, 12/10/1958 - 1/2/2019  
Redruth Valley Apartments, Duluth, Minnesota
- David Mertens**, 10/15/1950 - 9/6/2018  
Quarry Heights Apartments, St. Cloud, Minnesota

- Janet Monroe**, 5/15/1940 - 9/23/2018  
Tangle Brush Villa, The Woodlands, Texas
- Sherilyn Porter**, 12/1/1946 - 12/1/2018  
Melissa Anne Hanger Apartments, Topeka, Kansas
- Leonard Province**, 6/12/1950 - 1/21/2019  
Rollingbrook Apartments, Baytown, Texas
- Benedict Renville**, 4/7/1950 - 12/2/2018  
Moses Residence, Grand Rapids, Minnesota
- Louanne Rickard**, 5/22/1954 - 2/18/2019  
Eagle Watch Estates, Missoula, Montana
- Daniel Rockwolf**, 10/14/1956 - 2/17/2019  
Burke Apartments, Duluth, Minnesota
- Antonio (Tony) Sepulveda**, 12/15/1965 - 10/22/2018  
Eagle Watch Estates, Missoula, Montana
- Willie Swinney**, 2/4/1923 - 12/25/2018  
Tangle Brush Villa, The Woodlands, Texas
- Kevin Urwiler**, 4/19/1970 - 7/23/2018  
Henry Courts I, Bloomington, Minnesota
- Shirley Wagenhals**, 10/15/1934 - 1/19/2019  
Summer Wood Apartments, Bozeman, Montana
- Christine Waymire**, 12/18/1965 - 12/9/2018  
Sky Forest Acres, South Lake Tahoe, California
- Cynthia Wiesner**, 9/4/1958 - 8/11/2018  
Quarry Heights Apartments, St. Cloud, Minnesota
- William Wightman**, 5/2/1960 - 12/12/2018  
Windvale Pines Apartments, The Woodlands, Texas
- Sandra Wyatt**, 2/19/1945 - 2/19/2019  
Frost Yasmer Estates, Carson City, Nevada

## IN MEMORIUM RICHARD HANGER

Richard Burton Hanger was born on October 31, 1928 and passed away December 17, 2018. Mr. Hanger and his wife Dotty were instrumental in bringing Melissa Anne Hanger Apartments to Topeka, Kansas.

The building was named in honor of Melissa Hanger who was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) during her senior year of college. Her disease progressed rapidly, causing her to need increasing amounts of care and assistance. It was important to Melissa that she remained as independent as possible, yet it was virtually impossible for her to find housing and care that was appropriate for her age. Melissa was a resident at Camden House, an ASI Minneapolis home, from 1990 through 1995. When her MS became too difficult for her, Melissa moved to Trevilla of Robbinsdale and lived there until she passed away in 2000. Melissa's parents, who drove from Kansas to

Minnesota every few weeks to visit and care for her, dedicated themselves to improving independent living and age-appropriate care options for young adults with MS.

Alan Libra, former ASI Site Supervisor at Camden and current ASI Independent Living Skills Worker, said, "Melissa was a talented and charming young woman who was afflicted at an early age with a severe case of MS. Even though some of her skills were diminished, her good cheer and appreciation of life remained strong. Melissa was more cheerful than circumstances would have warranted. Melissa was active in the MS Achievement Center until MS diminished her abilities." Also according to Alan, "Melissa's parents were incredibly supportive." In honor of Melissa, Dick and Dotty along with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Mid-America Chapter and Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI), created the Melissa Anne Hanger Apartments in Topeka providing very low-income adults with MS and other physical disabilities an affordable and fully accessible option to call home. The 21 unit apartment building opened in October 2006.



*From the left: Dotty and Dick Hanger, Dr. Sharon Lynch, Paul Spurgeon, and Stephen Vander Schaaf, ASI's President/CEO; participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony for Melissa Anne Hanger Apartments on October 24, 2006.*

## BRAD FULLER RETIRES

Brad Fuller, ASI's General Counsel retired on March 29, 2019. Prior to being an ASI employee for 23½ years, Brad served as ASI's outside counsel for 8 years. In celebration of Brad's long, dedicated service to ASI's mission, a small retirement party was held at Urban Growler in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Since 1988 Brad's legal expertise was utilized in the development of 136 buildings with 3,036 units of accessible, affordable apartment buildings and homes for very low-income adults with physical disabilities and brain injuries as well as seniors and veterans. Best wishes to Brad as he begins his next chapter!



Mark Hamel, ASI's Chair of the Board of Directors; Devin Connelly-Vander Schaaf, ASI's Public Relations and Marketing Manager; and Brad Fuller, ASI's former General Counsel.



Kate McGough, ASI's former Paralegal; Matt Clysdale, Maguire Agency; and Libby Lincoln, Brad Fuller's wife



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