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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, customized/assisted living and rehabilitation services.

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ASI Spencer staff welcome residents to this new, 40 unit residence with habilitation center.

ASI SPENCER OPENS

On November 4, 2021 ASI Spencer received its licensure from the Nevada Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC). On Saturday, November 6, 2021 the first residents were welcomed to ASI Spencer.

ASI Spencer is located at 4148 Spencer Street in Las Vegas, Nevada. ASI Spencer is licensed as a Residential Facility for Groups (Large) with Assisted Living Endorsement. The program is also seeking Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) certification for this location. The Loux Center on the Charleston Campus of the College of Southern Nevada is home to NCEP's first rehabilitation center.

ASI Spencer is an Assisted Living Facility with 28 rehabilitation/temporary single room occupancy (SRO) units and 12 more permanent SRO units for individuals requiring long-term habilitation.

The first residents welcomed at ASI Spencer were relocating from NCEP's Hastings House. Hastings House is

being refurbished with financial assistance from Clark County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Hastings House will increase from eight to ten units and expand its kitchen and common areas. Please see more information on Hastings House on page six.

As of January 7, 2022 twenty-two (22) residents have moved into ASI Spencer.

Anyone interested in receiving information on ASI Spencer or services provided by the Nevada Community Enrichment Program (NCEP) should call 702-259-1903 or contact via fax 702-259-1907.



ASI's Direct Support Professionals with Babs oversee packing at Hastings House.



New residents move to ASI Spencer with transportation via an accessible van.



ASI Spencer staff welcome new residents.



ASI's Direct Support Professionals posing with packed boxes.



Charles is welcomed to ASI Spencer.



Julie Peterson, NCEP's Director, decorates for the welcome of new residents.



With the help of her therapist Babs works on her rehabilitation at ASI Spencer.



Babs works on her rehabilitation therapy at ASI Spencer.



Residents converse and work on their rehabilitation therapy on move-in day.

CHARLES – GETTING HIS INDEPENDENCE BACK



Charles has always been independent and motivated to work hard, doing it his own way and staying active. One day he stepped off the curb as he was walking, falling and hitting his head on the ground. He was transported to the hospital with two blood clots and a severe head injury which resulted in a stroke.

With the help of his family and other resources, Charles found help at Accessible Space, Inc. He loves being in the program at newly opened ASI Spencer! Charles says the staff is wonderful, and the care he is receiving is great! He is seeing for himself that he is improving and is very motivated to continue to make progress.

After his stay at ASI Spencer, Charles plans on returning to work. Charles loves what he did as a construction worker. If he can no longer work in construction, he would love to be a porter. The main goal: to get his independence back.



ASI SPENCER CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION

Las Vegas, Nevada

On the next page are construction completion photos of ASI Spencer located at 4148 Spencer Street in Las Vegas, Nevada. ASI Spencer is similar to ASI's Nevada Community Enrichment Program's (NCEP) Charleston Campus though ASI Spencer includes 40 accessible apartments. ASI Spencer will provide rehabilitation and habilitation services to individuals who have suffered a traumatic or acquired brain injury including medically fragile homeless individuals.

Phase One includes a check-in lobby; multipurpose dining and community room; patio; commercial kitchen; treatment areas including a gymnasium and six private treatment rooms; group and conference rooms; nurses' stations on the first and second floors; medical records room; clinic area restrooms with Hoyer lift; laundry room; and offices for on-site staff including medical director, physician, clinician therapists and specialists, nursing staff, case managers and administrative support. Phase One included 22 single-room occupancy (SRO) units. Phase Two added 18 SRO units as well as an additional elevator. All 40 units provide 24/7/365, short, long-term and transitional housing for residents receiving services at ASI Spencer. Construction of Phase One began August 19, 2019 with completion January 13, 2021. Construction on Phase Two began October 6, 2020 with completion August 26, 2021.



ASI Spencer entrance and covered parking spaces



Second floor hallway



Therapy room ready for equipment to arrive



Kitchen



Nurses' station

NEW DEVELOPMENTS: VISTA DEL SOL APARTMENTS

Since the Fall/Winter 2020 issue of **News to Friends of Accessible Space, Inc.**, one new 100% accessible, affordable building was completed and one development prepares for a Spring 2022 construction start in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Construction was completed on the Nevada Community Enrichment Program's (NCEP) Spencer Street Campus Phase I and Phase II, now named ASI Spencer. See this full story on page one.

On June 5, 2020 Vista del Sol Apartments was awarded Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) from the Nevada Housing Division. Vista del Sol Apartments will be a 70 unit accessible, affordable rental development for very low-income seniors and persons with physical disabilities.

Vista del Sol Apartments was awarded a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 811 Program Fund Reservation. HUD Section 811 funding is for Very Low-Income Persons with Disabilities. The Fund Reservation consists of \$2.5 million for construction and \$235,805 in Project Rental Assistance Contract (PRAC) to assist in the payment of rent for 14 of the units in this 70 unit building.

ASI has developed more HUD Section 811 projects in the U.S. than any other nonprofit sponsor. Since the Section 811 Program inception in 1991, ASI has sponsored 113 successful Section 811 applications with 2,052 units of 100% accessible, affordable housing in 30 states.

Vista del Sol Apartments is being designed to include 17 units, a 20% set-aside, for residents with disabilities. The remainder of units will be income targeted to senior households aged 55 plus with an income at 50% or less of Area Median Income (AMI).

Vista del Sol Apartments will be located at 4955 East Vegas Valley Drive in Las Vegas. This location is within four miles of seven ASI sites. Once it opens, Vista del Sol Apartments will join 27 other ASI accessible, affordable apartment buildings in Clark County, Nevada.

Vista del Sol Apartments (Vegas Valley Senior Supportive Housing Development) has received funding awards from multiple sources. ASI staff is working toward finance and investor closings so construction can begin.

Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) would like to thank Clark County Community Resources Management for their commitment of Affordable Housing Trust Funds (AHTF); as well as the Nevada Housing Division for their National Housing Trust Fund commitment in addition to the tax credits. Additional construction funding was also awarded by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati's Affordable Housing Program.

A special thank you is also extended to our business partners, LIHTC consultants, Eric Novak, Dr. Hilary Lopez and Aaina Sharma of Praxis Consulting Group, LLC.

Anyone interested in receiving information on Vista del Sol Apartments 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. Capital improvements to the following ASI properties helps prolong the life of these HUD subsidized apartments buildings.

Hastings House in Las Vegas, Nevada began capital improvements on November 29, 2021 which will modernize this large, 65 year-old house and increase the number of bedrooms from eight to ten. Some of the capital improvements are:

- Construct an extension to the main house which would add two accessible bedrooms and one accessible bathroom
- Refurbish the laundry room to be accessible
- Refurbish the kitchen to update the cabinetry and countertops
- Update the front façade of the house and repaint

Other buildings with recent capital improvements:

Prairie Sky Apartments in Austin, Minnesota has a new elevator. Funds are still be sought to replace the building's windows and siding. Funding was provided by a variety of sources including The Otto Bremer Trust; The Mardag Foundation; Astrup Family

Foundation; and the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation.

Redruth Valley Apartments in Duluth, Minnesota has new siding.

Roselawn Village Apartments in Roseville, Minnesota has a new deck courtesy of The Maguire Agency.

Pheasant Run Apartments in Brookings, South Dakota has a new pergola providing shade for the building's residents.

Aspen Village Apartments and **Queen City Estates** in Helena, Montana received funding from the State of Montana Department of Commerce in December 2020 for Preliminary Architectural Reports (PAR) as required by the grantee. PARs are a prerequisite to larger requests for funding from Montana.

In April 2021 Clark County, Nevada awarded HOME Program funds for capital improvements at three ASI managed buildings. All three of the buildings listed below are over 20 years old and in need of rehabilitation.

Carol Haynes Apartments needs a new elevator which will require some of its residents to relocate. Other work to be done includes window replacement, exterior stucco painting, vinyl flooring and water heater replacement.

Ruby Duncan Manor has had substantial rehabilitation since 2019. This final funding will aid in capital improvements for exterior features such as parking lot replacement; concrete walkway and slab replacement; safety lighting; security shutters; and the purchase of security cameras.

Sandy Robinson Apartments' capital improvements include window replacement, exterior stucco repairs/painting and water heater replacement.

Edgewood Apartments in Kennebunk, Maine was awarded City of Kennebunk CDBG funds for parking lot overlay, interior carpet/flooring and HVAC upgrades.

Cedar House in White Bear Lake and **Snelling House** in Falcon Heights were both awarded funding from Ramsey County, Minnesota for new kitchen cabinets and counter tops; new flooring in units, garage door replacement; window replacement; bath remodel; and general interior painting.



New pergola at Pheasant Run Apartments in Brookings, South Dakota



New siding at Redruth Valley Apartments in Duluth, Minnesota

NEW NAMES FOR ASI PROGRAMS

Over the last two years Accessible Space, Inc.'s (ASI) three major programs in Minnesota have experienced name changes.

- Assisted Living Services is now Customized Living Services (CLS),
- Shared Living Services is now Community Residential Services (CRS), and
- Independent Living Services is now Individualized Home Support (IHS).

ASI ASSUMES MANAGEMENT OF VOYAGEUR APARTMENTS

On April 1, 2021 Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) assumed management of Voyageur Apartments in Great Falls, Montana. This 38 unit accessible, affordable apartment building for low-income seniors aged 55 and better opened on June 21, 2016. Tamarack Property Management Company of Billings, Montana provided property management services at the building for the last five years.

Voyageur Apartments was awarded Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) funding by the Montana Board of Housing in December 2013. Additional funding was provided by the Montana Department of Commerce HOME Program, the City of Great Falls, Montana HOME Program and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago's Affordable Housing Program (sponsored by Bremer Bank and Banker's Bank).

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



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DINA TITUS ESTATES WELCOMES CONGRESSWOMAN DINA TITUS



On December 23, 2021 Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) welcomed Nevada First District Congresswoman Dina Titus to the building named in her honor, Dina Titus Estates.

The 19 unit, accessible, affordable apartment building is located at 5050 Missouri Avenue in Las Vegas, Nevada. Dina Titus Estates opened on July 7, 2005. Now in her sixth term in the U.S. House of Representatives, Congresswoman Titus is a member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and its Subcommittees of Aviation, Highways and Transit; Water Resources and Environment; and Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management (chair). In addition, she serves on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Congresswoman Titus visited the building to deliver gifts to the residents. Our thanks to Congresswoman Titus for this gracious gesture. Denise Kunz, ASI's Regional Housing Manager, and Tina Blackshear, ASI's Regional Housing Assistant, were also present.

SPECIAL THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT OF ASI

Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) would like to express its appreciation to funders in both the public and private sector. A recently completed development and a new building slated to be under construction in Spring 2022, as well as buildings open for many years, benefited from funding awards in the last year.

In December 2020 the **State of Montana Department of Commerce** awarded **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** funds for preliminary architectural reports prior to capital improvements at Aspen Village Apartments and Queen City Estates in Helena, Montana.

In March 2021 the **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** awarded **COVID-19 Special Expenses** funds to 55, HUD Section 811 and Section 202 buildings managed by ASI. The **State of Nevada Pandemic Emergency Technical Support (PETS) Grant Program** awarded funds for COVID-19 expenditures for ASI programs in Nevada.

Between March and June 2021, four Minnesota foundations awarded funds for the replacement of the elevator at Prairie Sky Apartments in Austin, Minnesota. Those foundations are: **Astrup Family Foundation, The Otto Bremer Trust, The Mardag Foundation and The Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation.**

In April 2021 **Clark County, Nevada** awarded **HOME/Affordable Housing Trust Funds (AHTF)** to four, ASI developments in the county. Additional funds were awarded to Vista del Sol Apartments (Vegas Valley Senior Supportive Housing Development), as well as funds for capital improvements to Carol Haynes Apartments, Ruby Duncan Manor and Sandy Robinson Apartments.

Also in April 2021 the **Ramsey County CDBG Program** awarded capital improvement funds for Snelling Home in Falcon Heights, Minnesota and Cedar Home in White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

In May 2021 the **MGM Resorts Foundation** awarded funds for ASI Spencer for furnishings in resident units.

Vista del Sol Apartments received additional funding awards in May 2021 and September 2021. The **Nevada Housing Division (NHD)** awarded additional **Low-Income Housing Tax Credits**. NHD also awarded additional **National Housing Trust Funds (NHTF).**

In June 2021, the **City of Kennebunk, Maine** awarded **CDBG** funds for capital improvements at Edgewood Apartments in Kennebunk, Maine.

In July 2021, the **Maguire Agency** awarded a **Safety Grant** to replace the patio/deck at Roselawn Village Apartments, in Roseville, Minnesota. Also in July, **Clark County, Nevada** awarded additional **CDBG** funds for capital improvements at Hastings House in Las Vegas, Nevada.

In September 2021, the **Minnesota Department of Human Services** awarded a **Quality Improvement Grant** to establish a Peer Mentoring Training Program for ASI's Minnesota Customized Living Services locations.

General Operating Support was awarded through 2021 by four foundations and corporations: the **Dorsey & Whitney Foundation; Target Foundation; the Berg Family Fund; Maguire Agency; and the Wiggins Foundation.**

General Operating Support was also awarded by the family foundations, individuals and donor advised funds. A complete list of our generous donors can be viewed on *Funding Focus 2022*.

On behalf of the Board, 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 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](https://www.accessiblespace.org/giving)** at **www.accessiblespace.org/giving**.

MISSION SUPPORT LUNCHEON

With fingers crossed and hope in our hearts for a healthy and safe 2022, Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) will schedule our annual mission support luncheon for early October 2022. Watch for updates!

NCEP OPENS COMPREHENSIVE CARDIAC REHABILITATION PROGRAM

On December 10, 2021 the Nevada Community Enrichment Program (NCEP) welcomed its first participant in its new Comprehensive Cardiac Rehabilitation Program (CCRP).

With the by-line of "Connecting Hearts and Minds" NCEP's Comprehensive Cardiac Rehab Program is centered on delivering the best possible physical and psychosocial rehabilitation and outcomes by controlling, reducing, and alleviating the health complications and symptoms of each client's specific set of physical and psychosocial conditions. CCRP will provide evidence-based training for individuals to reach the highest possible level of independence. The end goal is to create a customized program for each client to create the necessary and permanent changes in both physical and behavioral modalities in order to significantly reduce or eliminate re-hospitalization, repeat cardiac events and to significantly increase cardiac health and well-being.

WHY NCEP?

NCEP believes in using evidence-based practices to assist clients in making measurable and lasting behavioral changes to significantly improve their lifestyles and overall health.

NCEP implements a holistic, multi-faceted program that includes an interdisciplinary team of specialists who can best meet the specific care needs of individual clients.

NCEP has 30 years of experience utilizing a pioneering client-centered care model in which the individual is taught how to take responsibility for directing and following through with their personal health plan even after discharge.

NCEP utilizes discipline-specific algorithms that will guide clinicians in selecting the most appropriate, comprehensive, and patient specific assessment tools supported by standardized clinical practice and current evidence-based research.

NCEP provides an unparalleled team of experts to ensure the best quality of care, including a Medical Director Cardiologist, a Cardiac Nurse, a Behaviorist, a Physical Therapist and a Dietician.

NCEP provides a 3 hour/5 day per week comprehensive program which includes both physical and emotional recovery and positive change.

NCEP Comprehensive Cardiac Rehab Program includes those with a history of:

- Myocardial infarction (heart attack)
- Coronary artery bypass graft surgery (CABG)
- Current stable angina pectoris
- Heart valve repair or replacement
- Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA)/ or coronary stenting
- Heart failure and those with ventricular assist devices
- Coronary artery disease equivalents such as diabetes or peripheral artery disease

NCEP will offer CCRP at both of its campuses:

- The Loux Center on the Charleston Campus of the College of Southern Nevada, 6375 W. Charleston Blvd., Building L200, Las Vegas 89146
- ASI Spencer at 4148 Spencer Street in Las Vegas 89119

For CCRP services at The Loux Center please call 702-259-1903. For CCRP services at ASI Spencer please call 725-236-4222.



Patti Armstrong, RN, ASI's Customized Living Nurse Manager, receiving the first COVID-19 shot

COVID-19 SHOTS IN ARMS

As awareness of the COVID-19 pandemic implications for Accessible Space, Inc.'s (ASI) residents and support staff grew, ASI managers and supervisors recognized the vulnerability of the population we serve. Many residents have compromised immune system due to their disability and/or age. In late winter 2020 ASI

began to put precautions in place to protect our population.

On March 12, 2020 one of the first major events was postponed by ASI, an Open House/Dedication Ceremony for Allegiance Apartments in Las Vegas, Nevada. ASI staff were booked to travel and local officials were scheduled to speak. Within a few days of the scheduled event, Clark County, Nevada shut down public gatherings.

As winter turned to spring ASI's service sites and apartment buildings instituted more intensive cleaning of surfaces, mask use and hand sanitizer availability for residents and staff. With vaccine availability months away, ASI staff were vigilant in their efforts to keep the population we serve from exposure to the virus.

In February, March and April 2021 Falk Pharmacy of Duluth, Minnesota provided a team of nurses and pharmacists to put "shots-in-arms." The team visited ASI's service locations as well as the administrative offices. The team assembled again on November 6, 2021 to provide boosters and a second dose of vaccine for residents and staff.

Campos, Dalia, 9/1/1966 - 11/22/2021
Henry Harbour, Corpus Christi, Texas

Carralero, Isaías, 2/18/1964 - 6/17/2021
Patriot Place Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Chesner, William, 5/7/1944 - 11/22/2021
The Portage, Great Falls, Montana

Christiansen, Brian, 11/22/1976 - 5/24/2021
Carol Haynes Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Christman, Richard, 3/11/1943 - 6/10/2021
Twin Rivers Apartments, Greeley, Colorado

Coonce, Timothy, 2/13/1951 - 8/5/2021
Major Avenue Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Crovo, Edward, 3/20/1957 - 9/19/2021
Paul Chase Commons, Clear Lake, Texas

Crump, Delora, 11/28/1935 - 3/4/2021
Dogwood Terrace, Florence, Alabama

Curtis, Rebecca, 8/28/1983 - 4/4/2021
Rock Ridge Apartments, McAlester, Oklahoma

Davis, Billy, 11/2/1949 - 3/22/2021
Tangle Brush Villa, The Woodlands, Texas

Day, Allan, 8/9/1942 - 5/28/2021
Dina Titus Estates, Las Vegas, Nevada

Dorr, Betty, 1/14/1933 - 8/13/2021
Summer Wood Apartments, Bozeman, Montana

Edwards, Thomas, 10/4/1957 - 8/4/2021
Anderson Fischer Apartments, Mobile, Alabama

Epperson, Rebecca, 6/24/1951 - 8/3/2021
Aspen Village Apartments, Helena, Montana

Fahrner, Brenda, 11/12/1960 - 7/11/2021
Fox Run Apartments, Greeley, Colorado

Fallsfeather, Judith, 10/29/1946 - 12/5/2020
David F. Day Apartments, Sartell, Minnesota

Gann, Michael, 12/5/1964 - 9/11/2021
Eagle Watch Apartments, Missoula, Montana

Hampton, Richard, 5/17/1973 - 1/16/2021
Park Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Hancock, Robert, 4/28/1940 - 8/27/2021
Aspen Village Apartments, Helena, Montana

Harmon, Brad, 11/9/1972 - 6/22/2021
Southwinds Estates, Great Falls, Montana

Hicks, Patsy, 6/4/1957 - 6/3/2021
Major Avenue Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Ingold, Greg, 1/4/1956 - 10/12/2021
Harborview Terrace, Fullerton, California

Johnsen, Bruce, 10/13/1944 - 12/20/2021
Burke Apartments, Duluth, Minnesota

Jones, Obediah, 3/20/1968 - 7/15/2021
Park Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Kirkwood, Michael, 1/27/1949 - 6/24/2021
Frontier Apartments, Dickinson, North Dakota

Kline, Nobie, 8/27/1955 - 8/25/2021
Mojave Cedar Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

IN MEMORIAM

Winter 2021/2022

ASI is saddened by the passing of 98 residents and service clients. We will miss our friends and the spirit they brought to ASI.

Alexander, Eugene, 3/4/1934 - 1/2/2021
Tonopah Lamb Senior Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Alvarado, Daniel, 1/4/1964 - 8/20/2021
Bledsoe Lane Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Anderson, Arlyne, 11/10/1942 - 6/22/2021
Voyageur Apartments, Great Falls, Montana

Bassett, Ogundele, 8/30/1945 - 11/26/2020
Bonnie Lane Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Begley, Connie, 8/7/1956 - 10/5/2021
Summer Wood Apartments, Bozeman, Montana

Brooks, Georgenna, 1/30/1965 - 1/15/2021
Bruce Blattner Apartments, Missoula, Montana

Brown, Karin, 1/31/1955 - 2/19/2021
Southwinds Estates, Great Falls, Montana

Buhl, Christian, 3/12/1980 - 4/19/2021
Evergreen Apartments, Brooklyn Center, Minnesota

Byrd, Juanita, 12/4/1937 - 6/27/2021
Frontier Apartments, Dickinson, North Dakota

Knight Kay, 3/5/1955 - 12/9/2021

Pine Grove Apartments, Duluth, Minnesota

Kramer, Anita, 3/30/1931 - 3/10/2021

Bonnie Lane Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Kuntz, Beverly, 7/17/1942 - 9/23/2021

Frontier Apartments, Dickinson, North Dakota

Laurenson, Timothy, 2/5/1960 - 4/8/2021

Allegiance Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Lewis, Frank, 2/4/1954 - 1/6/2021

Tonopah Lamb Senior Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Lyons, Freddie, 10/28/1935 - 1/23/2021

Snelling House, Falcon Heights, Minnesota

McCall, Twila, 8/1/1941 - 7/30/2021

Tangle Brush Villa, The Woodlands, Texas

McDowell, Carl, 11/5/1963 - 6/17/2021

Patriot Place Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

McEwan, Brad, 4/13/1956 - 4/1/2021

Sky Forest Acres, South Lake Tahoe, California

McIntosh, Bruce, 8/27/1953 - 7/7/2021

Shelbourne Avenue Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

McNeil, Paul, 7/5/1958 - 11/27/2021

The Dakota, Capitola, California

Mancada-Mosqueda, Baldamero, 11/5/1964 - 2/15/2021

Casa Libertad, Longmont, Colorado

Marana, Constancia, 9/19/1940 - 7/26/2021

Park Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Mayfield, Dennis, 1/30/1961 - 4/3/2021

Twin Rivers Apartments, Greeley, Colorado

Mims, Robert, 2/8/1961 - 11/19/2021

Allegiance Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Moore, Vernica, 10/30/1956 - 10/29/2021

Bonnie Lane Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Morris-Pitts, Kelly, 8/14/1969 - 7/10/2021

Flintwood House, Blaine, Minnesota

Mosley, Lyruth, 9/16/1932 - 3/13/2021

Ruby Duncan Manor, Las Vegas, Nevada

Nasuh, Siddiq, 5/6/1943 - 10/6/2021

Ruby Duncan Manor, Las Vegas, Nevada

Pang, John, 12/17/1946 - 12/11/2020

Ruby Duncan Manor, Las Vegas, Nevada

Pella, Susan, 12/2/56 - 1/5/2021

Van Buren House, Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Phillips, Richard, 11/24/1956 - 1/12/2021

Rock Ridge Apartments, McAlester, Oklahoma

Powell, Merle, 6/25/1939 - 2/6/2021

Heritage Court Apartments, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Pymm, Tanya, 11/27/1958 - 1/7/2021

Major Avenue Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Ratliff, David, 7/14/1947 - 2/16/2021

Tangle Brush Villa, The Woodlands, Texas

Redge, David, 12/20/1965 - 4/3/2021

Bob Hogan Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Reichart, Elisa, 8/5/1945 - 4/1/2021

Coronado Drive Apartments, Henderson, Nevada

Ruiz, Jorge, 7/2/1980 - 1/6/2021

Ray Rawson Villa, Las Vegas, Nevada

Ruiz, Samuel Franco, 12/23/1939 - 8/24/2021

John Butterworth Estates, Reno, Nevada

Scales, Keith, 1/30/1971 - 8/30/2021

Iglehart House, Saint Paul, Minnesota

Schulz, Robert, 7/3/1941 - 12/28/2020

Allegiance Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Schroeder, Teresa, 9/2/1957 - 7/12/2021

Sky Forest Acres, South Lake Tahoe, California

Shandy, Margie, 8/20/1927 - 9/11/2021

Aspen Village Apartments, Helena, Montana

Sherrod, Kimberly, 11/15/1960 - 10/24/2021

Queen City Estates, Helena, Montana

Smith, Robert, 7/4/1934 - 1/6/2021

Bonnie Lane Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Spangler, Della, 5/18/1934 - 12/13/2021

Harborview Terrace, Fullerton, California

Stanley, John Ella, 7/21/1937 - 10/6/2021

Bonnie Lane Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Starks, Patricia, 12/8/1952 - 4/5/2021

Bonnie Lane Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Stykes, Josette, 9/5/1954 - 5/21/2021

Oak Forest Heights, Austin, Texas

Talbott, Leslie, 1/20/1956 - 10/3/2021

Burke Apartments, Duluth, Minnesota

Thomas, Acive, 8/25/1945 - 10/21/2021

Tangle Brush Villa, The Woodlands, Texas

Tourtellot, Ihno, 1/14/1942 - 7/19/2021

Tangle Brush Villa, The Woodlands, Texas

Tyson, Jerry, 10/12/1963 - 7/7/2021

Major Avenue Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Vasquez, Consuelo, 11/13/1943 - 1/7/2021

Henry Harbour, Corpus Christi, Texas

Wall, Debbie, 6/9/1973 - 12/27/2020

William J. Raggio Plaza, Reno, Nevada

Washington, Joseph, 10/26/1949 - 7/13/2021

Sandy Robinson Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Wax, Marie, 6/7/1952 - 5/22/2021,

Frontier Apartments, Dickinson, North Dakota

Whales, Phyllis, 3/23/1957 - 4/24/2021

Ruby Duncan Manor, Las Vegas, Nevada

Whipple, Henry, 5/7/1953 - 11/10/2020

Ray Rawson Villa, Las Vegas, Nevada

Wilkins, Harold, 6/9/1954 - 12/22/2020

George & Lois Brown Estates, Henderson, Nevada

Winkleman, Michael, 9/11/1956 - 12/17/2020

Quarry Heights Apartments, St. Cloud, Minnesota

Winters, Albert, 8/24/1941 - 9/19/2021

Tonopah Lamb Senior Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Wing Wong, Fee, 3/9/1947 - 7/12/2021

Ruby Duncan Manor, Las Vegas, Nevada

IN MEMORIAM CAROL LOVAAS

It is with great sadness we report the news that Carol Lovaas passed away unexpectedly on September 8, 2021.

In May 2021 ASI staff gathered at Como Park Pavilion in Saint Paul, Minnesota to honor Carol's retirement. She and her husband Mark were moving to Florida to a new home near her brothers. Unfortunately, Carol had a very short time to enjoy her retirement and new home.



Jim and Carol Lovaas with guest

Carol was Site Supervisor and Service Manager for ASI's Community Residential Services (CRS), formerly known as the Shared Living Program. Carol, her co-workers and residents were often featured in ASI newsletters. Carol organized great events for her residents and went on many local and world-wide field trips while she spear-headed the "Was...Up Club."

One of the best ways to illustrate Carol's dedication and service to ASI and her residents is the following article she wrote published in ASI's Winter 2009 newsletter titled "Jim and The Pope."



JIM AND THE POPE



James Peterson, a resident at ASI's Silver Lake Home, is a simple man. Really. He doesn't long for the fancy things in life or material possessions. A cup of coffee, good conversation and a game of checkers makes life complete for him. Well, almost. No one knew that Jim had a dream.

Jim had been saving his money for several years, and he was looking to take a vacation. As the Site Supervisor of ASI's Silver Lake Home, I asked him where he wanted to go. He quickly replied, "I want to go to Rome, Italy and see the Pope!" I discussed with him that getting to Rome and Vatican City was a definite possibility, but the chances of seeing the Pope were pretty slim. Jim didn't seem to mind, and a trip was planned for October 25-November 6, 2008. Jim chose a cruise that not only took him to Rome, but to other parts of Italy, as well as to Greece and Turkey. Each time we discussed the trip, Jim kept saying, "I'm going to Rome to see the Pope." Every time he said that, I would remind him that we were going to the Vatican, but would not be able to see the Pope.

As the date for the trip approached, we made a surprising discovery. On the day that we would be in Rome, the Pope was actually going to be holding an audience in St. Peter's Square, and this was being offered as a shore excursion from the cruise line. We quickly reserved two tickets!

November 5, 2008 was a beautiful day in Rome. The temperature was in the upper 60's, and the sky was clear and blue. Wheelchair seating was at the very bottom of the steps to St. Peter's, and the Pope was seated at the top of the stairs. He addressed the crowd for 1½ hours in seven different languages. But no one prepared us for what was about to happen next!

At the end of the papal audience, the Vatican usher brought everyone who was in wheelchairs and their caregivers to a side street and lined us up along the street. As the Pope exited St. Peter's Square, his car drove past our line very slowly. The Pope made individual eye contact with each person on that street while blessing each and every one! Jim's dream of seeing the Pope had come true!

SHARE A MEMORY – MAKE A MEMORY

Jim

– Proudly Keeping At It



Growing up, Jim traveled around as part of his large family ministry. From Texas to Pennsylvania; Missouri to Minnesota; the family grew as they adopted children and acquired more pets. Born with cerebral palsy and getting around in a wheelchair sometimes made this life more difficult. Sometimes his life still presents challenges but he “keeps at it” and he is proud of himself for doing so.

We hope you can take a few minutes and listen to Jim share a few memories with you about why he's proud of himself and how he takes "life by the horns."

We encourage you to click on this yellow link to listen to their [memories](#). It only takes a minute. Please share their memories with your family, friends, co-workers. Invite them to join you in making memories of your own. **Your help with this can make all the difference to us in this most difficult time for everyone.**

Theresa

– Symphony Under the Stars



When Theresa's foster parents began caring for her at just four months old, the doctors said she was a healthy baby girl. But as she got older, they began noticing some developmental differences from other children her age. Theresa was diagnosed with Spastic Quadriplegia Cerebral Palsy, a disorder that affects a person's ability to maintain balance, posture and motor skills. Her foster parents immersed themselves in her care and adopted Theresa when she was in the third grade.

Now in her 40's, Theresa works at the same job she has held for over 25 years at Montana Independent Living Program helping others with disabilities find services, housing and resources. She lives independently at Accessible Space, Inc.'s Queen City Estates in Helena, Montana, a home she has had for 23 years.

Active in her community, Theresa enjoys swimming and having close access to her church, her job, shopping and dining. She especially enjoys attending the annual "Symphony Under The Stars" in Helena and acts as one of the event's best promoters.

Zach – Freedom Is a Sport



"A typical boyhood in the Minnesota Iron Range," says Zach Johnson, "means fall football, spring baseball and winter hockey." For Zach, playing wasn't an option because of his Cerebral Palsy, but studying sports was. His grandpa meticulously taught him the strategies of each game, diagramming plays and asking Zach to memorize them. From that early apprenticeship came Zach's love of sports and his ability to think critically from a player's perspective. Today he's the kind of guy who sees the goal in the distance and works to get there.

After high school, he moved from Grand Rapids to Minneapolis and eventually rented an apartment at ASI's Garfield Commons. With personal care assistance, accessibility features and affordability, his apartment gave him the freedom to earn a degree from the University of Minnesota in sports management. From there, he won jobs working in guest services for the Minnesota Twins and Minnesota Wild teams. Zach serves on ASI's Board of Directors.

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Babs – From Tragedy to Joy



Babs' memories are different from most of ours. Her life is full of tragic moments we will never see.

Born in New Mexico and growing up in a religious family with two brothers and two sisters, Babs came to Las Vegas when she was four years old. Babs' grandmother was a mentor and leader for many. Her

brother is a pastor. Babs' parents were loving and devoted. Her mother was a seamstress, making all of Babs' clothes. Her father ran an auto shop business. Life was good.

Just out of high school after graduation, she had her first son and by age 21, Babs was introduced to drugs. She soon became lost after her son's father died of cancer. Much later, after having his own child, her son was shot and killed. Babs' second son was cared for by her parents when she was unable to, either because of drugs or time spent in prison. While Babs got employment upon her release from prison, she had nowhere to go and spent the next 10 years living on the street.

And that's where she was when she had a stroke.

After a very long hospital stay and two years of not being able to walk, Babs is leaving the past behind her to start her new life. She came to Accessible Space, Inc.'s Nevada Community Enrichment Program (NCEP), and is able to get the skilled rehabilitative care she needs to walk again. She feels like she has a new lease on life and has hope for a very bright future now that she has permanent supportive housing through ASI Spencer, a newly opened Accessible Space, Inc. accessible, affordable property in Las Vegas. Babs looks forward to each day and is returning to her roots in the church. She is grateful to have a home and excited about her future.

*ASI wishes for you and your loved ones
sunlight, health and beauty in 2022.*



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