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Sam Ambrose and Stephanie Brooks, ASI's Housing Compliance/Project Administrator, retiring the old flag that has been replaced with a new one for the flag raising at Patriot Place Apartments.

PATRIOT PLACE APARTMENTS OPEN HOUSE AND DEDICATION CEREMONY

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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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EQUAL HOUSING
OPPORTUNITY



Flag Day, June 14, 2018 was a special day at **Patriot Place Apartments in Las Vegas, Nevada.** Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) hosted an Open House and Dedication Ceremony at the new building.

Patriot Place Apartments is an independent living housing community for veterans, as well as veterans with a physical disability and homeless veterans. The 50 unit accessible, affordable apartment building was completed on July 28, 2017. Twenty-five (25) of the 50 units are fully wheelchair accessible.

Ken Berry, ASI's Director of Housing and Program Services, served as Master of Ceremonies. Ken

welcomed guest speakers Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, District E, Clark County, Nevada; Jake LaRow, Deputy Administrator, Nevada Housing Division; Jon Clevenger, Assistant Vice President, U.S. Bancorp Community Development Corporation; Tammie Briscoe, HUD/VASH Program Coordinator, VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System; Amparo Gamazo, Executive Director, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority; Stephen Vander Schaaf, ASI's President/CEO; and Otha Brown, resident of Patriot Place Apartments.

During the ceremony Ken displayed the **Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Award for Veterans Housing** presented to Patriot Place Apartments. Commissioner Giunchigliani also presented a Clark County Proclamation for Patriot Place Apartments. A Certificate of Special Commendation was presented by Congresswoman Dina Titus' office and Governor Sandoval's office gave a Certificate of Recognition.

Following the ceremony refreshments were served and building tours were given.

Patriot Place Apartments began construction on May 25, 2016. Patriot Place Apartments received Low-

Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) from the Nevada Housing Division on September 11, 2017.

ASI would like to thank Clark County Community Resources Management for their commitment of HOME Program funds; the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco's Affordable Housing Program with assistance from City National Bank and Wells Fargo; and the Nevada Housing Division. A special thank you is also extended to ASI's LIHTC consultants, Eric Novak and Dr. Hilary Lopez of Praxis Consulting Group, LLC.

Patriot Place Apartments is located on South Pecos Road to the south of East Flamingo Road. The building has access to transportation and is near medical facilities, social services, shopping, pharmacies, restaurants, banks and churches. Patriot Place Apartments includes a solar system that provides approximately 10% of the total energy demand for all common areas of the building.

Patriot Place Apartments joins 19 other accessible, affordable ASI buildings in the Las Vegas Metropolitan Area in addition to The Loux Center which is home to ASI's Nevada Community Enrichment Program (NCEP).



Official ribbon cutting, from left: Jake LaRow, Amparo Gamazo, Jon Clevenger, Stephen Vander Schaaf, Mark Licea, Commissioner Giunchigliani, Tammi Briscoe and other guests



Before the ceremony and reception, the color guard marched from the entrance of Patriot Place Apartments (above) to the flag raising (right).



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Commissioner Giunchigliani



Stephen Vander Schaaf



Jake LaRow



Jon Clevenger



Otha Brown



Tammie Briscoe



Amparo Gamazo



Ken Berry

PATRIOT PLACE APARTMENTS RECEIVES AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

The 2018 Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Award was presented to Patriot Place Apartments to recognize an outstanding effort in providing affordable veterans house.

The award was presented on June 13, 2018 in Washington, D.C. by the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition.



The Edson Award was presented by Congresswoman Dina Titus, Nevada's First District, and received by Devin Connelly-Vander Schaaf, ASI's Public Relations and Marketing Coordinator.





SAM AND CAROL AMBROSE, A HOME WORTHY OF A VETERAN

Sam Ambrose has never shied away from a challenge. As a young man, he enlisted in the Navy and became part of an elite Underwater Demolition Team (UDT), serving in clandestine overseas missions. His military career included time as an air traffic controller and scuba instructor.

But with the onset of serious health issues in more recent years, he faces his biggest challenges. An accessible, affordable apartment by ASI helps him meet the hurdles with dignity.

In their two-bedroom apartment at Patriot Place Apartments in Las Vegas, Nevada, Sam and Carol Ambrose have ample room for the wheelchair and equipment that Sam requires, as well as their beloved dog, Itsy Bitsy.

Although he was always strong and athletic, Sam was plagued by strange weak spells throughout his life. As an All-American high school football player, he was running for a touchdown when his legs gave out suddenly on the 16-yard line. In the Navy, he was climbing down a ladder in a ship and suddenly couldn't feel his legs. He fell hard. Once, while serving as a prison guard, he collapsed without warning. The inmates had to help him up.

His diagnosis came in 1995 after the death of his first wife: multiple sclerosis (MS).

When Sam met Carol in an online chat room in 1998, he told her stories of his life as a Colorado State Patrol and deputy sheriff. She shared the pain of a

difficult marriage. After a brief typed conversation, she invited him to call her. He did, and a long-distance relationship began. They met, fell in love, combined households and married in 2001.

With the assistance of Veterans Affairs, Carol orchestrated medical care for the man she calls "my knight in shining armor." Dealing with health concerns has been an uphill battle, even for a man who faced perilous events during his military and law enforcement careers. The MS affects his ability to walk. He is fighting cancer and macular degeneration has taken most of his eyesight.

Finding ASI's Patriot Place Apartments - accessible and affordable - was a huge relief. "The way they built this has been everything that I would have wanted," says Sam. He maneuvers his wheelchair around the apartment, fitting perfectly under accessible, specially lowered counters and through extra-wide hallways and doorways.

"We have a beautiful bathroom," he says. "It's phenomenal." He especially appreciates the wheel-in shower. There's plenty of room for the VA hospice nurse who comes to assist. "It's easier to be mobile around this place," says Sam. "It's spacious and comfortable."

While dealing with a myriad of health issues, Carol and Sam remain positive. They find comfort among other residents of the building, many of whom are retired military. "It's been so wonderful to have the companionship, camaraderie and brotherhood that soldiers, sailors and marines share," says Sam. "I feel honored to be here, truly."

By Shelley Barsuhn



Otha Brown speaks with fellow residents Sam and Carol Ambrose.

PATRIOT PLACE APARTMENTS' SUCCESS STORY

We recently had a veteran move in from a homeless situation with nothing except his clothes. While his coming here to live at Patriot Place is a success in and of itself, we were determined to see what else we could do as ASI employees to help him settle into his new home.

Patriot Place Apartments has 10 units set-aside for veterans who are experiencing homelessness. As part of the original funding package for this development, furniture, linens, kitchen items, etc., were provided for those ten units.

The demand for a "homeless unit" was greater than those 10 units. As of June 30, 2018, formerly homeless veterans occupied 13 units. Other residents of Patriot Place shared what they had with homeless veterans needing help who were moving into the building. Someone donated a coffee pot, a small set of bowls, and an area rug. These residents received furnishings through the kindness of their new neighbors.

Last year Doriel was a homeless Navy veteran living in his car in the parking lot of a big box store in Las Vegas. Store employees watched out for him. Veterans groups helped him through the red tape to get the benefits he deserved. Doriel looked for the good, and he found it at Patriot Place Apartments.

Prior to his move-in, staff found a small furniture store that donated a bed, dresser and nightstand. The furniture was set up in his apartment so he had no idea the furniture was in his unit until he showed up to sign his lease. It brought him to tears he was so happy. He was also on the list for Walker Furniture's Christmas give-away. He was one of 36 people chosen to receive furnishings for his entire apartment. Walker Furniture literally showed up at Patriot Place Apartments with a truck full of furniture and set everything up for him. Doriel was speechless and is grateful every day. He is looking forward to the day his parents can come visit from Puerto Rico and see how well he is doing.

By Sheryl Rausch, Patriot Place Apartments' Site Liaison



Doriel, resident of Patriot Place Apartments, receives Walker Furniture's Christmas give-away with gratitude.

WALKER FURNITURE HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

In late 2017 Walker Furniture, Star Nursery and the Las Vegas Rescue Mission partnered for their 24th annual Home for the Holidays program. They helped 36 needy families with food, gifts and new furniture for the entire household.

Walker Furniture, which is family owned and operated, has been in the Las Vegas Valley for over 63 years. It is their belief that because they have been in business for so long it is a privilege and an honor to give back to the community they love so much.

Doriel (mentioned in the story to the left) had just obtained housing at the Patriot Place Apartments. Patriot Place staff nominated Doriel for the program. Doriel had no idea about this possibility, so when Walker Furniture called he thought it was too good to be true and must be a scam. Doriel said that it has been a blessing and that this was the best thing that has happened to him for a long time. He feels that as long as there is more good than bad that the city will prosper and go on.



40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ASI

May 2, 2018 was a special day for ASI as 40 years ago Accessible Space, Inc. was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in Minnesota. ASI was founded by Steve Wiggins in response to his good friend's (Mike "Hondo" Pesch) quadriplegic accident in 1975. With a mighty assist from Chuck Berg, Steve's college roommate, their conceptual honors project at Macalester College became a reality when ASI's five accessible, affordable homes serving 30 very-low individuals with physical disabilities including Hondo opened in September of 1980.

Thanks to the incredible commitment of the Board of Directors, ASI Staff and so many kind souls over the last 40 years, ASI has been able to extend Wigs' and Chuck's compassionate mission to serve thousands of others across the country in need of accessible, affordable "housing with care."® As part of this journey

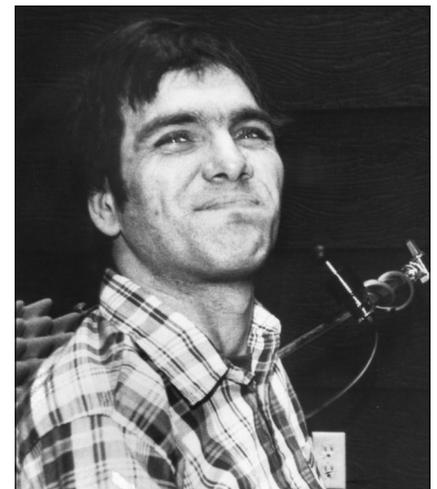
ASI also expanded its services in 1992 to provide comprehensive, neuro-behavioral day treatment and rehabilitation services in Nevada through its exemplary Nevada Community Enrichment Program (NCEP). Initiatives for individuals with brain injuries (1984), seniors (1999) and veterans (2015) were also developed with Patriot Place Apartments, ASI's first accessible, affordable apartment setting to serve veterans, celebrating its Open House and Dedication Ceremony on June 14, 2018.

From the compassionate care for a friend in need, ASI has grown to serve over 4,000 extremely and very low-income individuals with disabilities, seniors and/or veterans in 159 unique settings in 31 states. Under the kind stewardship of ASI's Board of Directors during the last 40 years over 600 dedicated colleagues working with ASI have helped forward the mission by providing this accessible, affordable housing and access to 24/7/365 care through ASI's shared services which are driven by choice. For me personally it has been the most humbling of blessings and the deepest of honors over the last 36 years to work with these fine souls who every hour of every day make such a difference in the lives of ASI's residents.

By Stephen Vander Schaaf, ASI's President/CEO



From left: Dr. Larry Schut, Steve Wiggins, Minneapolis Mayor Donald M. Fraser, Chuck Berg, Dean Neill and Kay Knutson at the Chicago House groundbreaking in Minneapolis, Minnesota in January 1980.



Mike "Hondo" Pesch

ASI NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Since the Fall 2017 issue of **News to Friends of Accessible Space, Inc.**, three new 100% accessible, affordable buildings are in development and under 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 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 development 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**.

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 (just south of Flamingo Road).

Accessible Space, Inc. (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 commitment and the award of tax credits. A special thank you is also extended to our 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 for Allegiance Apartments. The award of these vouchers will greatly assist the residents by providing rental assistance for tenants.

Allegiance Apartments is scheduled for completion in late August/early September 2019.

Stepping Stone Apartments in Las Vegas is expected to start construction in February 2019. 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 brain injuries, Stepping Stone Apartments will have a greenhouse and accessible walking path for use by its residents, as well as the residents of adjacent ASI buildings. Those buildings are Mojave Cedar Apartments and Casa Oliva Apartments with 10 units and nine units respectively.

Stepping Stone Apartments will be located at 310 South Mojave Road in Las Vegas. A majority of funds have been raised for this development with additional funding applications to be submitted. Construction completion is anticipated in March 2020.

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 April 2019 with completion in July 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 units and rehabilitation space. The building is considered an Intermediate Care Facility. Additional funds are under consideration, and further fundraising will be needed to fill the construction gap.

Allegiance Apartments and Stepping Stone Apartments will join 19 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.



Site Plan for Allegiance Apartments (ASI Veterans Supportive Housing II) in Las Vegas, Nevada



Rendering of Allegiance Apartments (ASI Veterans Supportive Housing II) in Las Vegas, Nevada

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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

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO ASI BUILDINGS

Over the last year Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) 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 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. Work to be completed includes bathroom renovations, replacement of floor coverings in common areas, replacement of retaining wall and replacement of an accessible path to the 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 people with mobility impairments.



Henry Harbour in Corpus Christi, Texas benefited from a generous donation to redo the stucco on the exterior of the building. That work was completed in June 2018.



Pine Grove Apartments in Duluth, Minnesota received CDBG funds from the City of Duluth, Minnesota to replace the roof, windows, siding and boiler.

Frost Yasmer Estates in Carson City, Nevada received CDBG funds from the Carson City of replace the elevator.



Eagle Watch Estates in Missoula, Montana was awarded 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.



Galaxy Apartments in Rapid City, South Dakota has received City of Rapid City of South Dakota CDBG funding to replace the building's windows and siding.



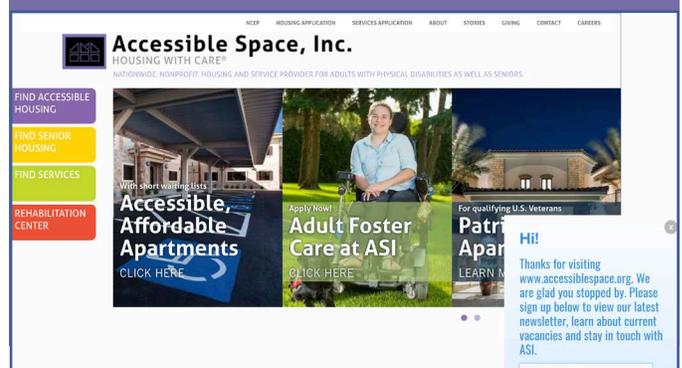
Dewey Apartments in Jamestown, North Dakota is in the process of replacing its roof, windows and front entry door. Funds were provided by the City of Jamestown.



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

ASI WEBSITE'S NEW LOOK



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E-NEWSLETTERS

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Aspen Creek House, in North Las Vegas, ASI's four unit Supported Living Arrangement (SLA) house for adults with physical and developmental disabilities.

NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN NEVADA EXPANSION

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

On April 1, 2017 ASI assumed management of **Carriage Crest House** in Carson City, Nevada. Carriage Crest House serves three young men with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Carriage Crest also has one respite bed that is available for emergency placement. ASI provides 24/7/365 community-based supportive living arrangements (SLA) for the individuals at Carriage Crest House. 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.

On December 1, 2017 ASI assumed the management and services at **Aspen Creek House**

in Las Vegas. The house serves four persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. These supported living arrangement (SLA) services are provided 24/7/365. Services are funded by the Desert Regional Center (DRC).

On February 9, 2018 **Arizona Circle House** in Carson City began ASI services after management of the building was assumed. The house can accommodate four persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. There are currently 3 persons with intellectual and communicative disorders living in the home.

Shelle Sponseller, Nevada Supportive Housing Services (NSHS) 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 who benefit from "Housing With Care".

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.

Allegiance Apartments, currently under construction in Las Vegas, Nevada has received a number of funding awards. In September 2017 Allegiance Apartments (ASI Vets II) was awarded **Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC)** by the **Nevada Housing Division**. In April 2017 the **Clark County, Nevada HOME/LIHTF Program** also awarded funds for the development of Allegiance Apartments and in June 2018 Clark County approved reprogrammed funds for the development.

In October 2017 and June 2018 the **Nevada Housing Division** awarded **National Housing Trust Funds** for Allegiance Apartments.

Two programs in **Clark County, Nevada** awarded funds to Stepping Stone Apartments (**HOME/LIHTF**) and NCEP Spencer Street Campus (**Neighborhood Stabilization Program [NSP]**).

Several existing buildings benefitted from capital improvement grants. In September 2017 the **Hugh J. Andersen Foundation** donated funds to Hillcrest Apartments in Stillwater, Minnesota.

In October 2017 the **City of Jamestown, North Dakota** awarded **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** funds for Dewey Apartments.

Carson City, Nevada awarded **CDBG** funds in November 2017 for Frost Yasmer Apartments in Carson City.

In January 2018 the **City of Las Vegas, Nevada HOME and CDBG Programs** awarded substantial funds for Ruby Duncan Manor. ASI submitted the grant applications and is managing this 31 year old building.

In February 2018 the **Karen E. Henry Foundation** donated funds to Henry Harbour in Corpus Christi, Texas.

In April 2018 **First Hawaiian Bank** awarded funds to The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Hale Kuha'o in Waipahu, Hawaii.

Also in April 2018 the **City of Duluth, Minnesota CDBG Program** awarded funds for Pine Grove Apartments in Duluth.

In December 2017 the **Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation** awarded funds for supportive service start-up at Burke Apartments in Duluth, Minnesota.

The **Toro Company** also donated eleven (11) snow blowers for ASI's locations in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

General operating support was awarded in 2017 by six foundations and corporations: the **Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation; Target Foundation; U.S. Bancorp Community Development Corporation; U.S. Bancorp Foundation, Twin Cities, Community Possible Focus Area: HOME; the Berg Family Fund; and the Wiggins Foundation.**

General Operating Support was awarded in the first half of 2018 by the **Dorsey & Whitney Foundation.**

In February 2018 the **MGM Resorts Foundation** awarded funds for Life Skills Training provided by the Nevada Community Enrichment Program (NCEP).

On behalf of the Board, residents and staff of ASI, we offer our sincere thanks to those individuals and organizations providing support during the last year. 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 at www.accessiblespace.org/giving.

INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS SERVICES

Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) has revamped its Independent Living Skills (ILS) Services and we are growing! ILS is currently taking on more clients and has added more staff to meet the need.

We believe in person-centered care at ASI. Specific services are arranged according to the needs of the individual and may include: household management, problem solving, personal and health care management, interpersonal relationships management, nutritional management, safety and self-protection, time management, community orientation and mobility, purposeful activity and communication. For more information please contact Jody Parsons, ASI's ILS Services Manager, at 1-800-466-7722, Ext. 217.

If you are interested in any of ASI's supportive living services, such as Assisted Living for adults 18 and older in subsidized housing or Adult Foster Care in group home settings, please contact ASI's offices at 1-800-466-7722 for more information.

ASI'S MISSION STATEMENT UPDATED

At its 2017 Annual Board of Directors' Meeting, ASI's Board approved an updated mission statement for the organization. The new statement is, **"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."**

MISSION SUPPORT LUNCHEON 2018

Accessible Space, Inc.'s (ASI) will hold its eighth Mission Support Luncheon on October 4, 2018 at the Town & Country Club in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

To the right and below are photos from ASI's 2017 Mission Support Luncheon. The theme was Let's Open Some Doors! which was also the title for the 2017 Video. ASI was privileged to have two of the residents spotlighted in the video attend the luncheon. Thank you to Alisha Srock and Jason Apland for joining us. The link to their video can be found on ASI's website, www.accessiblespace.org, by clicking on "Giving" to find the 2017 video.

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; Josh Berg, ASI's former Director of Program Services; and Brock Peterson, CIBC and Fund Development Advisory Committee member.

ASI is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year. Some special milestones will be noted. The 2018 Video will also be premiered.

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, Bob Lund; and U.S. Bank, Bryan Ljung. Over \$130,000 was raised through the kind contributions of the luncheon's guests to support the mission of Accessible Space.



Photos from ASI's 2017 Mission Support Luncheon



IN MEMORIAM

ASI is saddened by the passing of 43 residents over the past 10 months. We will miss our friends and the spirit they brought to ASI.

Donald N. Grossinger passed away on November 13, 2017 at his home. He was born with Cerebral Palsy on May 5, 1941 and lived for many years at ASI's Quarry Heights Apartments in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

I had the pleasure of working with Don Grossinger for 24 years. Throughout this time I also had the pleasure of working with several of Don's family members. When you work with someone for that period of time you become "like family." His family would come to visit often and were very supportive. His sister Betty and niece Krista were frequent visitors and Don always made sure I knew when they were coming so I could stop by and say hello.

Don would go out into the community frequently especially in the summer and especially enjoyed Walmart. I went on a shopping trip one day with him to Walmart and everyone who worked in that store knew him by first name. I even commented that he was famous and he grinned from ear to ear. His electric wheelchair had more miles on it than a used car. He always would comment that he wished his wheelchair would go faster than it did. If he could have figured out how to make that happen he sure would have done it.

Don was a very creative person and always thinking of ways to make things work better and faster. Where there was a will there was a way when it came to Don. He lived life to the fullest and he did not let anyone or anything stop him from doing so. He did things on his terms and once he had something in his head there was no stopping him. He loved his independence and ASI allowed him to live his life. Don had a very infectious personality. You could be having your worst day but then be around him and it would turn into the best day.

I will remember him for his smile and fun loving attitude. He is missed tremendously and is now sharing his wit and wisdom with others.

By Sheryl Rausch, Patriot Place Apartments' Site Liaison



Donald N. Grossinger

Patricia Albertson, 10/26/1944 - 1/11/2018
Kenosha Drive Apartments, Rochester, Minnesota

Jonathan Blancett, 1/28/1953 - 1/16/2018
Arroyo Terrace, Chandler, Arizona

Tana Boland, 8/15/1951 - 1/22/2018
Portage, The, Great Falls, Montana

Joey Breaut, 12/22/1974 - 9/23/2017
28th Street House, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Jefferson Brown, 5/6/1986 - 5/8/2018
Grandview Apartments, Billings, Montana

Delores Burer, 4/24/1921 - 12/24/2017
Aspen Village Apartments, Helena, Montana

Linda Camara, 7/1/1949 - 6/11/2018
Frontier Apartments, Dickinson, North Dakota

Roger Cantu, 4/3/1959 - 11/18/2017
Roselawn Village Apartments, Roseville, Minnesota

Ronald Charpentier, 2/19/1951 - 11/2/2017
Northland Apartments, Fargo, North Dakota

Anita Christianson, 4/22/1943 - 7/7/2018
Casa Libertad, Longmont, Colorado

William Diers, 7/21/1952 - 4/2/2018
River Bluff Apartments, Shakopee, Minnesota

Kevin Doherty, 1/1/1960 - 10/6/2017
Dogwood Terrace, Florence, Alabama

Donna Drennen, 1/19/1953 - 10/15/2017
Oak Forest Heights, Live Oak, Texas

Janice Ferrante, 6/13/1945 - 1/12/2018
Coronado Drive Apartments, Henderson, Nevada

Linda Frazier, 11/4/1955 - 1/4/2018
Mid-America Commons, Kansas City, Kansas

Tino Gallardo, 6/3/1957 - 2/6/2018
William J. Raggio Plaza, Reno, Nevada

Kermit Goodger, 4/17/1951 - 4/16/2018
Tonopah Lamb Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

William Grimshaw, 3/4/1940 - 11/2/2017
Tangle Brush Villa, The Woodlands, Texas

Joanne Heath, 8/23/1953 - 1/16/2018
Ray Rawson Villa, Las Vegas, Nevada

Jane Hitchner, 12/26/1955 - 2/14/2018
Anchorage, The, Norfolk, Virginia

David Hocking, 9/27/1953 - 7/10/2018
Flintwood Home, Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Kevin Honkola, 9/1/1954 - 11/30/2017
Winston Courts, Hibbing, Minnesota

Eric Johnson, 10/3/1969 - 11/22/2017
Patton Ridge Apartments, Hoover, Alabama

Hilvin Johnson, 2/17/1943 - 12/9/2017
Rollingbrook Apartments, Baytown, Texas

Kaye Kreysler, 5/18/1948 - 3/17/2018
Summer Wood Apartments, Bozeman, Montana

Charles Kuether, 10/12/1946 - 3/11/2018
Maple Trails Apartments, Owatonna, Minnesota

Christopher Maciel, 8/31/1962 - 12/27/2017
William J. Raggio Plaza, Reno, Nevada

Virginia McCullers, 7/12/1938 - 10/4/2017
Wagon Crossing, Universal City, Texas

William Palmer, 4/4/1976 - 5/29/2018
George & Lois Brown Estates, Henderson, Nevada

Rocco Paloney, 8/14/1967 - 3/9/2017
Valley Hi-Rise, Saint Paul, Minnesota

Carol Rakow, 9/9/1948 - 10/28/2017
David F. Day Apartments, Sartell, Minnesota

Mabel Reichow, 1/17/1928 - 1/27/2018
Washington Avenue Apartments, Albert Lea, Minnesota

Albert Scott, 6/22/1916 - 5/19/2018
Tonopah Lamb Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

Janice Scott, 4/11/1963 - 9/16/2017
Cloverdale Estates, Little Rock, Arkansas

Delores Siesennop, 11/9/1963 - 1/1/2018
Hillcrest Apartments, Stillwater, Minnesota

Anthony Speyers, 11/5/1966 - 9/14/2017
Dewey Apartments, Jamestown, North Dakota

Toni Stanley, 6/29/1956 - 12/8/2017
Northern Lights Apartments, Brainerd, Minnesota

Roberta Stevens, 3/31/1931 - 1/20/2018
Summer Wood Apartments, Bozeman, Montana

Vicki Thompson, 9/6/1954 - 12/12/2017
Pecan Hills Apartments, Austin, Texas

Rose Torregrasse, 2/25/1917 - 4/26/2018
Tonopah Lamb Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

David Vicory, 1/3/1959 - 7/5/2018
Melissa Anne Hanger Apartments, Topeka, Kansas

Phyllis Voss, 4/11/1933 - 3/20/2018
Kenosha Drive Apartments, Rochester, Minnesota

Travis Wolter, 2/6/1975 - 7/11/2018
Evergreen Apartments, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota



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