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The mission of **ACCESSIBLE SPACE, INC. (ASI)** is to provide accessible, affordable, assisted/supportive and independent living opportunities for persons with physical disabilities and/or brain injuries, as well as seniors.

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## CHINOOK WIND APARTMENTS OPEN HOUSE/DEDICATION CEREMONY

On September 11, 2015 Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) held an Open House/Dedication Ceremony at **Chinook Wind Apartments in Greeley, Colorado.**

Chinook Wind Apartments was completed on January 28, 2015. Chinook Wind Apartments is an independent living senior housing community for seniors 55 and older including seniors and frail elderly with physical disabilities. Of the total 60 units, 12 resident units are fully wheelchair accessible.

Guests at the Open House/Dedication Ceremony were welcomed by Master of Ceremonies, Ken Berry, ASI's Director of Property Management. Guest speakers at the event included Randy Sleight, Greeley City Councilman; Steve Johnson, Colorado Housing and Finance Authority; Kate Cunningham, U.S. Bancorp Community Development Corporation; and Tom Teixeira, Greeley-Weld Housing Authority. Additional speakers included Dan Billmark, ASI's Director of Real Estate Development and Linda Pierre, a resident of Chinook Wind Apartments. Ms. Pierre highlighted her experience as a resident of Chinook Wind Apartments and spoke glowingly about her accessible and affordable apartment. Rebecca Safarik from the City of Greeley, Colorado, also shared some remarks at the event. After the Open House/Dedication Ceremony, guests enjoyed lunch, refreshments and tours of the building.

ASI would like to give a special thank you to U.S. Bank for all their assistance with the Open House and Dedication Ceremony. The event was the culmination of a lot of hard work and dedication over the last three years, and ASI is grateful for everyone's contributions to this accessible, affordable housing initiative.

ASI would like to thank the Greeley/Weld County Housing Authority (GWhA) for their commitment of 20 Project Based Housing Choice Vouchers and property tax exemption, the City of Greeley Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) for their commitment of HOME Program funds; as well as the Colorado Housing and Finance Agency. A special thank you is extended to ASI's LIHTC consultants, Eric Novak of Praxis Consulting Group, LLC and Sarah Batt of Dwelling Development, LLC.

Chinook Wind Apartments is adjacent to the Poudre Valley Emergency Medical Center and the University of Colorado Health/Poudre Valley Health Systems Medical Complex. Adjacent on the east side is ASI's Twin Rivers Apartments, a 17 unit accessible, affordable apartment building for very low-income adults with physical disabilities. It has a connecting drive, sidewalk and walking path to the City of Greeley Trail System. The building is also near a major grocery store, pharmacy, restaurants, fitness center, dental clinic, post office and fire station.

Chinook Wind Apartments joins four other ASI buildings in Colorado: Casa Libertad in Longmont; Harmony Road Apartments in Ft. Collins; and its two Greeley buildings: Fox Run Apartments and Twin Rivers Apartments.

**Anyone interested in receiving application information on Chinook Wind Apartments should contact Brooke Akins at Ross Management (303) 860-7885.**



*Dan Billmark, ASI's Director of Real Estate Development, reveals artwork of Chinook Wind Apartments which is displayed in the building.*



*From left: Rebecca Safarik, City of Greeley; Randy Sleight, Greeley City Councilman; Steve Johnson, Colorado Housing and Finance Authority; Kate Cunningham, U.S. Bancorp Community Development Corporation; and Tom Teixeira, Greeley-Weld Housing Authority*



*Linda Pierre, resident of Chinook Wind Apartments*



## ENSEMBLE SENIOR APARTMENTS OPEN HOUSE/ DEDICATION CEREMONY



*Ensemble Senior Apartments in Las Vegas, Nevada was completed on June 15, 2015.*

On October 22, 2015 an Open House and Dedication Ceremony was held for Ensemble Senior Apartments in Las Vegas, Nevada. Ensemble Senior Apartments is located at 2675 West Agate Avenue (between Las Vegas Boulevard and I-15, near West Pebble Road), Las Vegas, Nevada 89123.

A collaboration between Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) and Ovation Development Corporation (Ovation), Ensemble Senior Apartments is a planned 370 unit accessible, affordable senior housing campus being developed in two phases over a four year period on adjoining parcels. Phase I consists of 182 units and Phase II, which is currently under construction, will have 188 units.

On December 13, 2011 ASI and Ovation were approved as the developers by the Nevada Housing Division (NHD). Financing included NHD non-competitive 4% private activity bond; Clark County, Nevada HOME/Low-Income Housing Tax Finance (LIHTF) Funds; Nevada HOME/NSP3/Housing Trust matching funds; and Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco's Affordable Housing Program funds. Construction began on February 3, 2014, and the building opened on June 15, 2015.



*Alan Molasky, CEO of Ovation Development Corporation*



*Stephen Vander Schaaf, ASI's President/CEO*

Guest speakers at the event included Alan Molasky, CEO of Ovation Development Corporation; Stephen Vander Schaaf, ASI's President/CEO; Michael Roberson, State Senator; Vicki Dooling, State Assemblywoman; Kamber Davoren, Senator Harry Reid's office; Stephen Sifuentes, Senator Dean Heller's office; Ken Minster, Congressman Joe Heck's office; C.J. Manthe, Housing Administrator, Nevada Housing Division; and Karen Sanchez, Manager of Resident Services, Ovation Property Management. Ms. Sanchez introduced Ensemble Senior Apartments' residents: Carole Williston and Oscar Rodriguez. The event closed with tours of the building and refreshments.



*Oscar Rodriguez, a resident, with his mother*



*Residents and guests enjoy refreshments at the Ensemble Senior Apartments Open House and Dedication Ceremony.*



## ASI NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Since the Spring 2015 issue of **News to Friends of Accessible Space, Inc.**, three 100% accessible, affordable buildings have been completed in Las Vegas, Nevada. Three ASI developments are under construction in Montana and Nevada.

**Bonnie Lane Apartments in Las Vegas, Nevada** was completed on June 23, 2015. The building began construction on April 23, 2014. Bonnie Lane Apartments received Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) from the Nevada Housing Division. Bonnie Lane Apartments is an independent living senior housing community for adults 55 and older including the frail elderly with physical disabilities. Of the total 66 units, 14 resident units are fully wheelchair accessible.

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 Mississippi Valley Life Insurance/U.S. 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.

Bonnie Lane Apartments is located on the west side of Bonnie Lane and across the street from the Bob Price Community Center and the Cora Coleman Senior Center. The site is on East Lake Mead Boulevard with access to transportation on this major street. In addition, Bonnie Lane Apartments is near social services, shopping, pharmacies, restaurants, banks, churches and a library. Bonnie Lane Apartments also includes a solar system that provides approximately 36% of the total energy demand for all common areas of the building.

Bonnie Lane Apartments joins 17 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). An Open House/Dedication Ceremony for Bonnie Lane Apartments is scheduled for Spring 2016.

**Casa Oliva** is a nine unit, accessible, affordable group residence designed for adults with acquired and traumatic brain injuries. Casa Oliva was completed on September 2, 2015. Construction on Casa Oliva began on October 6, 2014. Casa Oliva is located across the street from ASI's Mojave Cedar Apartments. Assistance

*Bonnie Lane Apartments in Las Vegas, Nevada was completed on June 23, 2015.*



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with personal services will be provided on a 24/7/365 basis to the residents of Casa Oliva.

Three buildings are under construction in Montana and Nevada.

**Voyageur Apartments** began construction on April 6, 2015. Voyageur Apartments joins three other ASI buildings in Great Falls, Montana: The Portage, Southwinds Estates and Meadowlark Apartments.

Voyageur Apartments received LIHTC funds from the Montana Division of Housing. Voyageur Apartments will be an independent living senior housing community for adults 55 and older. Of the total 38 units, eight (8) resident units have been designed to be fully wheelchair accessible.

ASI would like to thank the City of Great Falls for their commitment of HOME Program funds; the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago's Affordable Housing Program with assistance from Bremer Bank

and Banker's Bank; and the Montana Division of Housing. A special thank you is also extended to ASI's LIHTC consultants, Eileen Piekarcz of Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC); and Eric Novak and Dr. Hilary Lopez of Praxis Consulting Group, LLC.

Voyageur Apartments is located on the west side of Division Road, north of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW in Great Falls, Montana. The site is located less than 60 yards north of Great Falls Medical Clinic Northwest and is adjacent to ASI's Meadowlark Apartments on the west.

ASI currently has a total of 11 accessible, affordable ASI buildings in Montana. Voyageur Apartments is scheduled for completion in April 2016.

**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.**

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In 2012 **Ovation Development Corporation** of **Las Vegas, Nevada** requested ASI serve as the nonprofit partner for four of its developments.

**Tempo Senior Apartments** (Russell Senior Apartments Phase I) at the intersection of Russell Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard in Las Vegas opened on April 14, 2014. Tempo Senior Apartments has 101 one- and two-bedroom units.

**Ensemble Senior Apartments** (Agate Avenue Apartments Phase I) at the intersection of West Agate Avenue near South Las Vegas Blvd. in Las Vegas began construction on February 18, 2014. This first phase has

182 one- and two-bedroom units. Ensemble Senior Apartments completed construction on June 15, 2015.

**Tempo Senior Duet Apartments** (Russell Senior Apartments Phase II) began construction on April 6, 2015. This second phase will have 75 one- and two-bedroom units of affordable housing for seniors age 55 and better. Tempo Senior Duet Apartments received Clark County HOME Program funds and was awarded Nevada LIHTC funds. Construction completion is anticipated to be in April 2016.

**Ensemble Senior Duet Apartments** (Agate Avenue Apartments Phase II) will have 195 one- and two-bedroom units of affordable housing for seniors age 55 and better. Ensemble Senior Duet Apartments received funding from Nevada in 4% Bond funds; Clark County HOME Program funds; and Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco's Affordable Housing Program funds with the assistance of Bank of America. Construction began on May 25, 2015 and completion is scheduled to occur in July 2016.

**If you are interested in receiving information on these Ovation developments please contact Ovation Development Property Management at (702) 904-1756 (Ensemble Senior and Ensemble Senior Duet Apartments) or (702) 990-2771 (Tempo Senior and Tempo Senior Duet Apartments).**

*Tempo Senior Duet Apartments (Russell Senior Apartments Phase II) began construction on April 6, 2015.*



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## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO ASI BUILDINGS

Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) staff has been busy with several rehabilitation and energy upgrade projects over the past six months.

Renovations to **Casa Norte in Las Vegas, Nevada** began on October 16, 2015. The building's capital improvements were fully funded by Clark County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Improvements include rehabilitation and a building addition that will accommodate a new office and three new residential units, replacement of aging and code deficient mechanical and electrical systems, a bathroom rehabilitation and expansion, new energy efficient windows, and a wheelchair accessible sidewalk from rear exit to the front drive. Once the new addition is habitable, the office will be removed from the existing living room, previously combined resident units will be expanded back to their original single resident use size, common use areas will regain wheelchair accessible circulation and an existing resident unit will be converted back to its previous recreation/common use purpose. The capital improvements will also improve the overall energy

efficiency of the building. Improvements are expected to be completed in February 2016.

**Van Buren House in Blaine, Minnesota** is a four unit accessible, affordable residence for very low-income adults with traumatic brain injuries. Funds to replace the roof, concrete driveway and sidewalks were provided by the Anoka County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The work was completed in the Fall 2015.

**The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Hale Kuha'o in Waipahu, Hawaii** is a 24 unit accessible, affordable apartment building which opened in 2000. Hale Kuha'o was awarded funds from the City and County of Honolulu for plumbing renovations and repair to the bathrooms. The first stage of renovations began in May 2014 and were completed in June 2015. Plumbing renovations were completed two to five units at a time so as not to displace too many residents. Hale Kuha'o received a substantial award from The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation to conclude the current improvements and implement the second phase which consists of the installation of a replacement emergency call system/alert alarm for resident safety; installation of automatic door openers; replacement of resident air conditioning units; and painting/decorating in the common areas.

Work will begin in the near future on **Pesch Place in Golden Valley, Minnesota**. Rehabilitation funds

*Renovations for Casa Norte in Las Vegas, Nevada, began on October 16, 2015. The photo shows the slab being finished for the addition.*



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were provided through the City of Golden Valley/Hennepin County CDBG Consolidated Pool. Pesch Place is a residence with five units of accessible, affordable housing for adults with physical disabilities. The building 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 upstairs kitchen renovation, replacement of floor coverings in common areas, a new elevator and painting.

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.

**Quarry Heights Apartments in St. Cloud, Minnesota** is in the process of renovations to maintain this 20 year old building. In Spring 2015 the front of the building was re-sided. The remaining capital improvements include siding replacement, a new roof, painting of fascia and soffits, parking lot resurfacing, a replacement card reader for the main entrance and an automatic door opener for the laundry room. ASI's Fund Development Department is submitting grant applications for this work.



*Quarry Heights Apartments in St. Cloud, Minnesota is in the process of renovations to maintain this 20 year old building. This photo contrasts the re-sided front with the side that will be re-sided.*

## 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 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. 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)**



## DULUTH FUN DAY

On August 1, 2015 ASI's two Duluth service sites had a combined Fun Day. The event included outdoor games, food and a band. Residents, staff and families from Pine Grove Apartments and Superior View Apartments enjoyed a lovely day outside.



## ASI'S VETERANS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

In July 2015 **ASI's Veterans Supportive Housing Development** in **Las Vegas, Nevada** was awarded Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) from the Nevada Division of Housing. ASI's Veterans Supportive Housing Development is a 50 unit accessible, affordable rental development for veterans, homeless veterans and veterans with physical disabilities. Of the total 50 units, 25 (50%) resident units have been designed to be fully wheelchair accessible.

ASI's Veterans Supportive Housing Development will give preference for all of the units to qualifying veterans households. In addition 20% of the units are designated for homeless veterans.

Accessible Space, Inc. (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 Wells Fargo; a Wells Fargo Housing Foundation's Priority Markets Grant; and the Nevada Housing Division. A special thank you is also extended to our LIHTC consultants, Eric Novak and Dr. Hilary Lopez of Praxis Consulting Group, LLC.

ASI's Veterans Supportive Housing Development will be located at 4245 S. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, Nevada (just south of Flamingo Road). The site will be near social services, shopping, pharmacies, restaurants, banks, churches and a library.

In October 2015 the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (SNRHA) Board of Commissioners unanimously approved 13 VASH (Veteran's Administration Supportive Housing) Vouchers and 36 Section 8 Project-Based Housing Choice Vouchers. The award of these vouchers will greatly assist the veteran residents by providing rental assistance for tenants.

ASI's Veterans Supportive Housing Development joins 17 other accessible, affordable ASI buildings in the Las Vegas Metropolitan Area in addition to The Loux Center which is the home of the Nevada Community Enrichment Program (NCEP).

ASI's Veterans Supportive Housing Development is anticipated to begin construction in June 2016 with opening of the building projected to be in August 2017.



## WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS

“We all need a little help from our friends.” Thabiso Rowan resident at Henry Courts in Saint Paul, Minnesota made this statement as part of ASI’s 2015 video produced for its annual Mission Support Luncheon.

Thabiso is energetic, involved and active in his community. Besides working part-time at the Science Museum of Minnesota in St. Paul, Thabiso enjoys spending time with his son and is an advocate for disability issues, especially as those issues involve transportation. Thabiso is a fairly new ASI resident and was on the waiting list for an accessible apartment for three years.

On October 7, 2015 Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) held its fifth annual Let’s Open Some Doors Mission Support Luncheon at Town & Country Club in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Approximately 160 guests enjoyed lunch while hearing about the history and mission of ASI as well as the successes of the past year and the challenges ahead as the organization continues to provide accessible, affordable “housing with care” to very low-income people with disabilities, as well as seniors.

Mark Hamel, Chair of ASI’s Board of Directors, welcomed guests. Other speakers were Scott Barsuhn, Fund Development Advisory Committee member; Denise Olson, ASI’s former Director of Program Services, who introduced Jason Apland a service resident; Stephen Vander Schaaf, ASI’s President/CEO; Devin Vander Schaaf, ASI’s Marketing Coordinator, who introduced Thabiso Rowan; and Brock Peterson, U.S. Bank Relationship Manager and ASI Fund Development Advisory Committee Member.

Thabiso Rowan introduced ASI’s new video which premiered at the luncheon. ***We All Need a Little Help from Our Friends*** features three ASI residents and a resident’s mother. The video can be viewed at ASI’s website [www.accessiblespace.org/giving](http://www.accessiblespace.org/giving) in addition to YouTube and Facebook.

Accessible Space 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, SFM Insurance Company and U.S. Bank. Over \$100,000 was raised through the kind contributions of the luncheon’s guests and ASI’s Founders, Steve Wiggins and Charles Berg, who provided matching funds to support the mission of Accessible Space.



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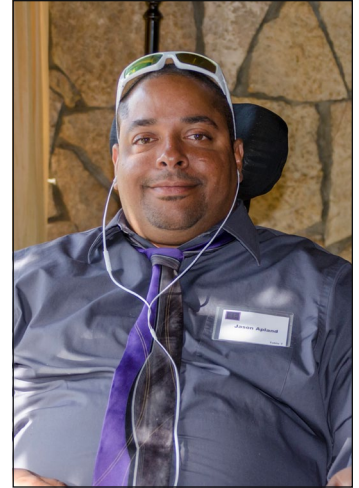




*Mark Hamel, Board Chair*



*Bob Baker and Rich Hafdal*



*Jason Apland, ASI's Resident*



*Chuck and Matt Clysdale*



*Stephen Vander Schaaf with Chelle Stoner and Warren Kelly*



*Susan Shippee, ASI Service Resident*



*Kathy Beaman with her son, Mike Hill*



## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT: KRISTI EISENBRAUM, MS. WHEELCHAIR SOUTH DAKOTA



**K**risti Eisenbraum (pictured with her service dog, Huxley), a resident of ASI's Crocus Meadow Apartments in Sioux Falls, is the new Ms. Wheelchair South Dakota 2016! She was crowned on September 27, 2015 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. As Ms. Wheelchair South Dakota, Kristi will be

educating people about the importance of service animals across the state of South Dakota. She will also be traveling around the state to promote the need for more accessibility in places such as restaurants, restrooms and gas stations.

Kristi is a recent graduate of Southwest Minnesota State University, and received a bachelor's degree in Social Work and Psychology. She has a simple philosophy: to try and live a purposeful, driven life. "Life is what you make of it," she says. As a leader in the disability community, she knows the importance of having her own voice. "As long as I have access to proper support and services, like ASI housing, I can do anything I set my mind to," she noted.

As Ms. Wheelchair South Dakota, Kristi has to raise money in order to compete in Ms. Wheelchair America which will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan in August of 2016. To assist Kristi with her cause please contact Ms. Vicki Kerkvliet, Ms. Wheelchair South Dakota State Coordinator, at (605) 362-3550.

## E-NEWSLETTERS

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## ARLINGTON GARDENS' RESIDENT VISIT MINNESOTA HISTORY MUSEUM

By Lacna Saythong, Service Coordinator



**O**n August 7, 2015 residents from Arlington Gardens Apartments in Saint Paul, Minnesota took a trip to the Minnesota History Museum. It was a hit! The residents were so excited to be there. Some also found the experience a little emotional, as the exhibit had photos/videos of people fleeing

their homeland during the war. A few said that it brought back some difficult memories, but overall they were proud to see their history on display, happy to be there and so thankful to experience it.

We started off the trip with the We Are Hmong Exhibit. The director of the exhibit greeted us, and we also had a Hmong speaking tour guide which was great! After the initial exhibit the residents went on to explore the other exhibits. After that, most residents participated in the craft project that the museum had available. The residents really appreciated it. After crafts we all enjoyed the lunch Matt Wagner (Arlington Garden's Building Caretaker) and I packed, which included sandwiches and fruit, out on the terrace.

The residents are already asking if we can do an event like this again! There were 19 residents from Arlington Gardens plus Matt and I, for a total of 21 people who enjoyed the exhibits at the Minnesota History Museum.





## INTRODUCING JERRY KAPPELER, MSW, DIRECTOR OF NCEP



In August 2015, Jerry Kappeler, MSW, accepted the position of Director at Accessible Space, Inc.'s (ASI) Nevada Community Enrichment Program (NCEP). Since May 2011, Jerry has worked at NCEP as a Case Manager. Prior to

NCEP, Jerry worked for several state and county offices as a private guardian and conservator for individuals who were deemed incapacitated by the probate court.

Jerry's MSW in Social Work is from Arizona State University and his BSW in Social Work is from the University of Akron (Ohio).

He and his wife, Julie Peterson, have three children.

## IN MEMORIAM

ASI is saddened by the passing of 27 residents over the past six months. We will miss our friends and the spirit they brought to ASI.

**Patricia Burke** 2/9/1953-10/20/2015  
Pine Grove Apartments, Duluth, Minnesota

**Marica Christensen-Warner** 7/21/1953-5/30/2015  
Northern Lights Apartments, Brainerd, Minnesota

**Davis Clair** 11/9/1941-9/8/2015  
Hillcrest Apartments, Stillwater, Minnesota

**Travis Cornelius** 2/26/1976-9/4/2015  
Frost Yasmer Estates, Carson City, Nevada

**Pamela DiPetro** 5/16/1966-11/4/2015  
Major Avenue Apartments, Henderson, Nevada

**Hazel Downs** 8/9/1938-5/24/2015  
Rollingbrook Apartments, Baytown, Texas

**Bruce Edwards** 11/2/1948-8/8/2015  
Tangle Brush Villa, The Woodlands, Texas

**Matthew Franklin** 6/21/1979-7/29/2015  
Oak Forest Heights, San Antonio, Texas

**Clarence Gallien** 6/19/1942-10/8/2015  
Rollingbrook Apartments, Baytown, Texas

**Cesar Gonzales** 10/6/1968-5/20/2015  
Sandy Robinson Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

**Omar Hernandez** 3/6/1955-8/9/2015  
Bob Hogan Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

**Douglas Jaeger** 7/26/1972-9/26/2015  
Moses Residence, Grand Rapids, Minnesota

**Vivian Jensen** 2/8/1925-11/25/2015  
Pheasant Run Apartments, Brookings, South Dakota

**Ron Kack** 7/15/1954-6/20/2015  
Riverwinds Apartments, Marshall, Minnesota

**Helen Lamprecht** 6/17/1947-9/16/2015  
Riverwinds Apartments, Marshall, Minnesota

**Linda Lemon** 10/09/1949-11/18/2015  
AP's Freedom Apartments, Exmore, Virginia

**Elizabeth Michlis** 12/16/1947-5/20/2015  
John Chambers Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

**Ian Miller** 6/27/1976-9/27/2015  
Becerra Plaza, Davis, California

**Star Olsen** 2/15/1939-9/15/2015  
Northern Lights Apartments, Brainerd, Minnesota

**Victor Orschel** 12/10/1949-10/4/2015  
Ray Rawson Villa, Las Vegas, Nevada

**Peggy Pridgen** 12/6/1951-8/9/2015  
Anderson Fischer Apartments, Mobile, Alabama

**Ramona Shelburn** 1/3/1953-6/12/2015  
Tim O'Brien Apartments, Springfield, Missouri

**Nabombe Silangwa** 2/7/1959-10/5/2015  
Melissa Anne Hanger Apartments, Topeka, Kansas

**Mitchell Smith** 1/18/1955-8/19/2015  
Rollingbrook Apartments, Baytown, Texas

**Rochelle Sparks** 10/17/1946-6/30/2015  
Tonopah Lamb Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada

**Lois Tveit** 5/31/1942-10/3/2015  
Autumn Trails of Rogers, Rogers, Minnesota

**Susan Velasquez** 8/30/1954-7/10/2015  
Becerra Plaza, Davis, California

## BONNIE LANE THANKSGIVING

On November 24, 2015 residents and staff of Bonnie Lane Apartments, ASI's 66 unit accessible, affordable senior housing development in Las Vegas, Nevada, celebrated Thanksgiving with a potluck lunch.



## FRANCIS, AN NCEP GRADUATE

By Dawn Zito, NCEP Rehabilitation Liaison

Francis was in a parachuting accident while in the military. He received services from the Nevada Community Enrichment Program (NCEP) for five months in 2014. This was an absolute incredible recovery, nothing short of a miracle. He needed to be at such a high level to return to his work that our team was extremely challenged to push him so there was a lot of "out of the box" thinking going on. We also received a plaque from his unit. Reportedly he is one of very few in all of the armed forces that does what he does, and it costs the government a lot of money to train these very skilled servicemen.

A description of his injuries: Client was reportedly doing an exercise for work that required a jump from approx. 4000-5000 feet from an aircraft of some sort, his parachute did not deploy properly he began to spiral out of control, it is reported that he may have lost consciousness at approximately 1000 feet before hitting the ground.

Francis wrote: "I want to express my sincerest thanks for everything you did for my recovery. You were not content with stopping the therapy at the return of basic function. You are committed to developing people who can lead successful, fulfilling lives. Stay strong and keep up the good work; you truly make a positive difference in people's lives. Thank you."



## I WANT TO SHARE AN AMAZING STORY WITH YOU TODAY.

**T**habiso sustained a severe spinal cord injury the day he fell 60 feet from a white oak tree by the Mississippi River. He was a freelance painter who was used to climbing big ladders and being on rooftops. He would "bear climb" giant trees with a hammock and then rest at the top, triumphantly. He had been climbing this particular tree for four years and would even bury banana peels or chocolate cake by its roots to give it a little treat in appreciation. He was a true tree hugger!



*Thabiso Rowan and his son, Felix*

As a result of that fall, he lost the ability to walk, he lost his job, he lost his home, he lost his car, and he lost his girl. Today, as he pieces himself back together, Thabiso says, "There are three things that I have grown to understand - respect, sacrifice and miracles. These three truths have helped me heal some very deep pain and have let the love in my heart flourish." He has found a great appreciation of life through the care and dedication of his family,

friends and community. On the waiting list at Accessible Space, Inc. for more than three years for his own accessible, affordable apartment, he now lives independently with his son, Felix. He had a door opened with donations from friends like you. You can help again.

Opening doors means many things at Accessible Space, Inc. It means building new accessible, affordable "housing with care" residences for people with spinal cord and/or brain injuries, as well as seniors; upgrading the accessibility features in existing apartment buildings allowing people to stay in their homes as their needs change, and helping provide opportunities for community engagement, giving residents the independence we all desire.

Since its inception in 1978, Accessible Space, Inc. has grown from serving 30 adults with mobility impairments in five residential settings to developing accessible, affordable housing for over 4,000 adults with disabilities and/or seniors in 157 community settings in 31 states. We continue to respond to the need for accessible, affordable housing throughout the country. Your donation will help us meet this tremendous need, as well as support the 500,000 hours of quality care we provide each year to our residents. Over 5,000 people remain on waiting lists for accessible, affordable housing at Accessible Space, Inc. The need is great.

You can help us with your donation.  
Let's open some doors.

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Please donate online at [www.accessiblespace.org](http://www.accessiblespace.org) or mail to:

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# 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 several years, benefited from funding awards in the last six months.

ASI Veterans Supportive Housing Development received three funding awards. In June the **Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco's Affordable Housing Program** awarded funds for this Las Vegas, Nevada development. In July the **Nevada Housing Division** awarded Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). In September the **Wells Fargo Housing Foundation** awarded funds from its Priority Markets Program. For more information on ASI Veterans Supportive Housing Development see page 9.

In July and August general operating support was received via an Economic Opportunity Grant from **US Bancorp Foundation** for ASI's endeavors in the Twin Cities and by the **Dorsey & Whitney Foundation** for general operating support.

In July the **Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC)** awarded funds for transportation services for several ASI sites in the Clark County area.

Also in July, the **MGM Resorts Foundation** awarded funds for the Nevada Supportive Housing Services (NSHS) Project.

In September, the **Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation** awarded general operating support to ASI.

ASI would also like to thank the **Target Foundation** for their donation of general operating support awarded in November.

In early November the **Clark County, Nevada Board of Commissioners** awarded **HOME/Low-Income Housing Tax Financing (LIHTF)** funds for additional security provisions at Casa Oliva.

In conjunction with ASI's annual Mission Support Luncheon and Year-End Giving Campaign, ASI would like to thank the **Berg Family Fund** and the **Wiggins Foundation, Inc.** for providing substantial matching funds; with a special thank you to all the **individual donors**.

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 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).



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