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Luke Rogers, Patty Rogers, Ray Rogers, Sr. and Ray Rogers

LET'S OPEN SOME DOORS

"I may have limitations, but I don't let it limit my life."

Ray Rogers, Jr., a resident and service consumer at ASI's Pine Grove Apartments in Duluth, Minnesota, made this statement as part of "I'm Finally Home," ASI's 2014 video produced for its annual mission support luncheon.

Ray is energetic, involved and active in his community. Besides working part-time at the local Best Buy in Duluth, Ray enjoys power soccer, wall climbing and connecting on Facebook. He has been a resident at one of ASI's Duluth locations since 2006 and an ASI resident since 1993. Ray previously

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lived at ASI's Winston Courts Apartments in Hibbing, Minnesota.

On October 9, 2014 Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) held its fourth annual Let's Open Some Doors mission support luncheon at Town & Country Club in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Over 170 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.

Brock Peterson, U.S. Bank Relationship Manager and ASI Fund Development Advisory Committee Member, served as emcee. Other speakers included Mark Hamel, Chair of ASI's Board of Directors; Stephen Vander Schaaf, President/CEO of ASI; and Ken Berry, ASI's Director of Property Management.

Scott Barsuhn, Fund Development Advisory Committee member, introduced Ray Rogers, Jr. who in turn introduced ASI's new video which premiered at the luncheon. "I'm Finally Home" features four ASI residents and an ASI Service Coordinator. The video can be viewed at ASI's website, **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 this fundraising event. A big "Thank You" to the sponsors of the event: the Maguire Agency, SFM Insurance Company and U.S. Bank. Over \$90,000 was raised through the kind contributions of the luncheon's guests to support the mission of Accessible Space, Inc.



Mark Hamel, ASI's Board of Directors Chair; and Stephen Vander Schaaf, ASI's President/CEO speak with guests.



Scott and Shelly Barsuhn



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ASI NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Since the Spring 2014 issue of **News to Friends of Accessible Space, Inc.**, a 100% accessible, affordable apartment building in Illinois has been completed. Four developments are under construction in Colorado and Nevada.

Rolling Prairie Apartments in Freeport, Illinois was completed on September 30, 2014 and began construction on October 2, 2013. This 25 unit accessible, affordable apartment building for very low-income adults with physical disabilities is ASI's seventh development in Illinois. Rolling Prairie Apartments received significant support from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 811 Program; the Illinois Housing Development Authority; and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago/BMO Harris Bank. ASI would like to extend a big thank you to Over The Rainbow Association (OTR) for their assistance during the initial application process. OTR is serving as the property manager for this building. Rolling Prairie Apartments is adjacent to ASI's Dirck Drive Apartments, a 23 unit accessible, affordable apartment building design for very low-income seniors.

Four buildings are also under construction in Colorado and Nevada.

Chinook Wind Apartments in Greeley, Colorado began construction on January 8, 2014.



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Chinook Wind Apartments is an independent living senior housing community for adults 55 and older including seniors with physical disabilities. Of the total 60 units, 12 resident units will be fully wheelchair accessible.

ASI would like to thank the Greeley/Weld County Housing Authority (GWhA) for their commitment of 20 Project Based Housing Choice Vouchers and corresponding property tax exemption; the City of Greeley Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) for their commitment of HOME Program funds; and the Colorado Housing and Finance Agency for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) award.

Chinook Wind Apartments is adjacent to the recently opened Poudre Valley Emergency Medical Center and to the future University of Colorado

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Health/Poudre Valley Health Systems Medical Complex which is currently under development. Adjacent on the east side of Chinook Wind Apartments is ASI's Twin Rivers Apartments with an adjoining drive, sidewalk and walking path connection to the City of Greeley Trail System. The building will also be 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. Chinook Wind Apartments should be completed in mid-January 2015.

Bonnie Lane Apartments in Las Vegas, Nevada began construction on April 23, 2014. Bonnie Lane Apartments received Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) from the Nevada Division of Housing. Bonnie Lane Apartments will be an independent living senior housing community for adults 55 and better including the frail elderly with physical disabilities. Of the total 66 units, 14 resident units have been designed to be 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 Division of Housing. A special thank you is also extended to our LIHTC consultants, Eric Novak and Dr. Hilary Lopez of Praxis Consulting Group, LLC.

Bonnie Lane Apartments will be 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 will be



Bonnie Lane Apartments in Las Vegas, Nevada began construction on April 23, 2014.

near social services, shopping, pharmacies, restaurants, banks, churches and a library. Bonnie Lane Apartments will also include a solar system that will provide approximately 36% of the total energy demand for all common areas of the building.

Bonnie Lane Apartments joins 16 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). Bonnie Lane Apartments is scheduled for completion in June 2015.

Casa Oliva is a nine unit, accessible, affordable group home designed for adults with acquired and traumatic brain injuries. Construction began on October 6, 2014 with completion scheduled for September 2015. Casa Oliva is located across the street from ASI's recently completed Mojave Cedar Apartments. Assistance with personal services will be provided on a 24/7/365 basis to the residents of Casa Oliva.

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.

Agate Avenue Apartments at the intersection of West Agate Avenue near South Las Vegas Boulevard in Las Vegas began Phase I of construction on February 18, 2014. This first phase has 182 one- and two-bedroom units. Agate Avenue Apartments is scheduled for completion in August 2015.

Russell Senior Apartments Phase II is scheduled to begin construction in February 2015. This second phase will have 75 one- and two-bedroom



Agate Avenue Apartments Phase I will have 182 one- and two-bedroom units of affordable housing for seniors age 55 and better.

units of affordable housing for seniors age 55 and better. Russell Senior Apartments has received Clark County HOME Program funds and has been awarded Nevada LIHTC funds. Construction completion is anticipated to be in February 2016.

Agate Avenue Apartments Phase II will have 195 one- and two-bedroom units of affordable housing for seniors age 55 and better. Agate Avenue Apartments received funding from Nevada in 4% Bond funds; Clark County HOME Program funds; and Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco Affordable Housing Program funds with the assistance of Bank of America. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in May 2015 with completion in May 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.

31 YEARS OF NEWS TO FRIENDS OF ACCESSIBLE SPACE, INC.

Since its first newsletter in January 1983 Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) has printed and distributed a newsletter at least twice a year to its supporters and residents. Future issues of News to Friends of Accessible Space, Inc. will be available in an online version.

Recent issues of the newsletter are also available on our web site: www.accessiblespace.org. In addition, ASI's newly completed 2011-2013 Triennial Report is available on our web site.



Tribute Commons in Hudson, Wisconsin

RICHARD BLAKELY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

On June 12, 2014 Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) received the **Wisconsin Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) "Richard Blakely Achievement Award"** under "community inclusion and architecture."

The Richard Blakely Achievement award "Recognizes an organization whose policies, programs and services have decreased attitudinal and architectural barriers confronting people with disabilities." This award recognizes ASI's work at Tribute Commons in Hudson, Wisconsin which opened in 2012.

There was strong support locally and from Wisconsin for Tribute Commons, ASI's 15 unit, 100% accessible, affordable apartment building for very low-income adults with physical disabilities. Tribute Commons opened in Hudson, Wisconsin in June of 2012. ASI's Director of Property Management, Ken Berry, thanked all of those supporters, as well as Wisconsin's GCPD, at the June 12, 2014 award ceremony in Madison, Wisconsin.

Ramsey Lee, member of the Wisconsin Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities, has been a strong supporter and vocal advocate of ASI and the two Hudson, Wisconsin developments long before we began building Tribute Commons and Heirloom Court Apartments. Mr. Lee nominated ASI and its building in Hudson, Wisconsin for this distinguished award.

KENOSHA DRIVE FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Rochester, Minnesota, June 26, 2014

On Thursday, June 26, 2014 a flag raising ceremony was held at ASI's Kenosha Drive Apartments in Rochester, Minnesota. The flag pole was newly installed and the ceremony was held to officially raise the first flag. A local news station came out and interviewed two residents of Kenosha Drive Apartments who are veterans.



Lindsey Curtis with FOX 5 Vegas (upper left) and Brazyl's mother, Tiffany Ward.

BRAZYL WARD

NCEP Rehabilitation Consumer

Over the past several months, the story of Brazyl Ward has been featured on a local news channel (KTNV) in Las Vegas, Nevada.

On Halloween night 2013, a hit-and-run driver left the seven-year-old for dead. The driver has not been identified.

Brazyl suffered a broken leg and a brain injury. She has been receiving rehabilitation services including physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy from the team of therapists at ASI's Nevada Community Enrichment Program (NCEP).

Since beginning her rehabilitation in May 2014, Brazyl has made terrific progress with her walking, gross and fine motor, speech, language and cognitive skills.

She is always excited to show off all the progress she's making.

[Editor's Note: To view Brazyl's progress go to:
<http://www.jrn.com/ktnv/news/Brazyl-Ward-continues-her-miraculous-recovery-in-rehab-265629191.html>]



WE RAISED SOME FUN AT A TASTE FOR SPACE

ART, MUSIC, A FOOD TRUCK AND BEER!

We had it all at our 3rd annual A Taste for Space at Harriet Brewing in Minneapolis on June 18, 2014. A raffle for prizes added to the fun. ASI's Fund Development Committee hosted this great event to raise awareness of our mission to provide accessible, affordable, "housing with care" for people with disabilities and for seniors.

A big thank you to Harriet Brewing for opening their doors and promoting our event; to our raffle donors, Matt Clysdale, Maguire Agency; Bob Baker, Hinrichs & Associates; US Bank; Scott & Shelly Barsuhn; Canterbury Park; Guthrie Theater; Water Street Inn; the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra; Stephen Vander Schaaf; Jacque Rooney; and to our committee members and volunteers.

Please join us as we plan for next year's A Taste for Space.

Contact Jacque Rooney, ASI Fund Development, at 1-800-466-7722 or 651-645-7271, ext. 252; or via email at jrooney@accessiblespace.org to learn how you can help.

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. 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

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

Patton Ridge Apartments in Hoover, Alabama is an 18 unit accessible, affordable apartment building that opened in 2006. Patton Ridge Apartments was awarded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the City of Hoover for replacement of windows and siding. Renovations were completed in October 2014.

Leah's Apartments and West Apartments have received several funding awards for substantial renovations to these two buildings in Burnsville, Minnesota. These two apartment buildings have 41 accessible, affordable units. Funds for this vital work will be provided by the Dakota County Community Development Agency HOPE Program; the Carl and Eloise Pohlad Family Foundation; The Saint Paul Foundation; the F. R. Bigelow Foundation; and the Otto Bremer Foundation.

In addition to replacement of the windows at West Apartments, both buildings require

renovations that include replacement of roofs, entry doors, exterior concrete work and exterior painting.

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. This work should be completed in Spring 2015.

Landscaping improvements at 28th Street, Camden, Chicago, Iglehart and Selby Houses (ASI Homes) in Minneapolis and Saint Paul, Minnesota were completed in September 2014.

Raised garden boxes for use by the residents at Quarry Heights Apartments in St. Cloud, Minnesota were built and installed by the building's caretaker, Roman Henkel. Artwork was also donated for the walls of the lounge area outside the laundry room on second floor.

Arlington Gardens Apartments in Saint Paul, Minnesota has an extensive garden area for its residents. Earlier this Spring, ASI staff installed a paved path to the garden and a water faucet adjacent to the garden so residents no longer need to carry buckets of water from the outside tap on the building.



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Arlington Gardens Apartments in Saint Paul, Minnesota has an extensive garden area for its residents. Earlier this Spring, ASI staff installed a paved path to the garden as well as installing a water faucet adjacent to the garden so resident no longer needed to carry buckets of water from the outside tap on the building.



New air conditioners at West Apartments (Burnsville, Minnesota)



New dropped ceilings at Leah's Apartments (Burnsville, Minnesota)

US BANK CLEANS UP PESCH PLACE YARD



U.S. Bank's Twin Cities Nonprofit Group assisted with Spring clean-up along with support from ASI Property Management staff Susan Baker and Barb Henry.

On May 21, 2014 a crew of seven U.S. Bank staff from the Twin Cities Nonprofit Group completed a lawn clean-up project at ASI's Pesch Place in Golden Valley, Minnesota. From left to right team members were: Susan Baker, Ed Surko, Brock Peterson, Blair Madsen, Hemal Gundecha, Andy Grey, Sanjeev Shah, Bryan Ljung and Barb Henry.

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 five months.

Leah's Apartments and West Apartments in Burnsville, Minnesota have received awards from several organizations. Both buildings are in need of capital improvements including new roofs, new windows, concrete work, heating/cooling systems and exterior doors. In July 2014 the **Dakota County Community Development Agency** increased capital improvement funding for these developments through the use of its **HOPE Program** and **Tax Increment Financing (TIF)**. Additional awards were made by the **Carl and Eloise Pohlad Family Foundation**; **The Saint Paul Foundation**; the **F.R. Bigelow Foundation**; and the **Otto Bremer Foundation**.

Also in July 2014 the **MGM Resorts Foundation** awarded funds for the Nevada Supportive Housing Services (NSHS) Project. The **Greater Twin Cities United Way** also extended its Supporting Health & Independence funding through the end of 2015.

In August 2014 the **Fred C. & Katherine B. Andersen Foundation** provided funds to Heirloom Court Apartments and Tribute Commons in Hudson, Wisconsin for automatic door openers for resident apartments.

In October 2014 the family of a resident of Quarry Heights Apartments donated artwork for the second floor lounge room. **Bill and Kathy White** previously donated furniture for this community space near the laundry room.

In June 2014 the **Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco's Affordable Housing Program** awarded funds for the development of Agate Avenue Apartments Phase II in Las Vegas, Nevada. Agate Avenue Apartments Phase II is being constructed using 4% Bond funds. In July 2014 the **Clark County, Nevada HOME/LIHTC Program** awarded funds to Russell Senior Apartments Phase II. ASI is serving as the nonprofit partner with Ovation

Development Corporation for these developments. [Note: See pages 4 and 5 for more information on Phase I and II of these two developments.]

In June 2014 the **Dorsey & Whitney Foundation** provided general operating support to ASI. In September 2014 general operating support was received via an Economic Opportunity Grants from **US Bancorp Foundation** for ASI's endeavors in the Twin Cities. In October 2014 the **Target Foundation** awarded general operating support.

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.

On behalf of ASI's Board of Directors, residents and staff, 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.



STEVE WIGGINS HONORED

Steve Wiggins, one of the founders of Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI), was honored by the Board of Trustees of Macalester College on October 2, 2014.

Steve received the Board of Trustees Award for Meritorious and Distinguished Service. Steve was a member of the Class of 1978 at Macalester College.

Previous recipients include Kofi Annan, former United Nations Secretary General; and Walter Mondale, former U.S. Vice President and Minnesota U.S. Senator.

Congratulations, Steve, on your well-deserved honor!



Steve Wiggins (left and above), Stephen Vander Schaaf, ASI's President/CEO in the foreground.



Steve Wiggins children: Matt, Rosie and Charlie



Stephen Vander Schaaf, Mike Bjerkesett and Steve Wiggins at the opening of Wiggins Apartments in Champlin, Minnesota



MIKE BJERKESETT RETIRES

Michael J. Bjerkesett, Founder and President/CEO of National Handicap Housing Institute, Inc. (NHHI), retired on September 30, 2014. At ASI's recent mission support luncheon, Mike's partnership with ASI was recognized by a



plaque given to Mike ("Bjerk") by Stephen Vander Schaaf, ASI's President/CEO.

ASI and NHHI have partnered on 11 accessible, affordable apartment buildings totaling 238 units. In addition, Mike and NHHI provided extensive consulting work in the progress of ASI's early housing developments. Bjerk's impressive 40 year tenure at NHHI has resulted in over 1,500 units of accessible, affordable housing were generated in 49 developments in 17 states.

Mike has handed over the reins to Mike Semesch who has been with NHHI since 2008.

E-NEWSLETTERS

In an effort to cut down on costs and save some trees, we will no longer be sending ASI newsletters by U.S. Mail. We will be sending out e-newsletters hereby known as the **ASI Scroller**. If you're interested in receiving the **ASI Scroller**, please visit our website, www.accessiblespace.org

and click "join our e-mail list" option at the top of the screen. The **ASI Scroller** will provide updates on the organization and include a link to the traditional newsletter located on our website. We hope you'll help us as we make this transition; we want to keep you up-to-date with all the latest news on our "housing with care" mission. Thank you for your support!

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS



Denise Olson and Mary Easter

Denise Olson is ASI's new **Director of Program Services** and oversees Program Services Staff. Denise began working for ASI in July 2014 and replaces Kristy Schutt.

Denise graduated with an associate degree in Marketing & Ethnic Studies and a Bachelor degree in Long Term Care – Nursing Home Administration from the University of Wisconsin Madison.

Denise has varied volunteer interests including board member of the National Alzheimer's Association, Polk County Community Mobilizing Action through Partnership & Planning (MAAP) Association, a chair member for the Polk County Humane Society, and Vice President of Courage Adult Day Development Center in St. Croix County, Wisconsin.

Denise and her husband live in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin and their "family" includes two horses, three dogs and a cat.

Mary Easter has been with ASI for 24 years and now has a new position as **Case Manager** in ASI's administrative office.

Mary began working for ASI as a part-time Personal Care Attendant (PCA) at the Montreal Hi-Rise service site in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Mary knew right away that this was what she really wanted to do so she quit her other job and began working full-time for ASI.

In 1994, Mary and her family moved to Grand Rapids, Minnesota for her new position of Site Supervisor for Moses Residence. When Pine Grove Apartments in Duluth opened in December 1996, Mary served as that location's first Site Supervisor in addition to her duties at Moses Residence.

When Evergreen Apartments in Brooklyn Park opened in June 1998 Mary returned to the Twin Cities to become its Site Supervisor. Mary was at Evergreen Apartments until June 2012 when she transferred to supervise Montreal Hi-Rise, the site where she began working for ASI in 1990!

In April 2014 Mary began her new position as Case Manager in ASI's Program Services Department.

Mary enjoys spending time with friends and family. Her greatest joys are her two grandchildren, Bentley, age 3; and Arianna 8 months.

ASI'S 2011-2013 TRIENNIAL REPORT

Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) is proud to present its 2011-2013 Triennial Report, "Building Communities, Choosing Independence." Focusing on the organization's history, current activities and growth over the last three years, the report tells the stories of people and organizations who have worked with ASI to develop accessible, affordable housing and supportive care services. ASI's web site also describes current services/programs and provides a list of ASI's housing and service sites.

ASI's 2011-2013 Triennial Report can be found via ASI's web site, www.accessiblespace.org. At the top of the page, click on "See ASI's 2011-2013 Triennial Report."

ASI wishes to extend its appreciation to Barsuhn (designer) and Josh Stokes (photography) from Minneapolis, Minnesota for contributing a portion of their excellent services to ASI's 2011-2013 Triennial Report.



Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) participates in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), a voluntary workplace giving campaign for all federal employees. Please contribute to ASI through your local CFC organization using Accessible Space or our code #93164 to donate online. The annual campaign began in Fall 2014.



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IN MEMORIAM

ASI is saddened by the passing of 28 residents over the past six months. We will miss our friends and the spirit they brought to ASI.

Billie Borders	7/4/1962-8/28/2014
John Butterworth Estates, Reno, Nevada	
Gail Cardinal	5/29/1952-6/19/2014
Hillcrest Apartments, Stillwater, Minnesota	
Alice Clayton	4/27/1944-7/12/2014
Summer Wood Apartments, Bozeman, Montana	
Billi Cooke	3/5/1925-6/27/2014
Heritage Court Apartments, Cheyenne, Wyoming	
Elizabeth Duncan	7/25/1919-7/16/2014
Heritage Court Apartments, Cheyenne, Wyoming	
Michael Habersang	2/29/1960-5/30/2014
Oak Forest Heights, San Antonio, Texas	
Yo'Nash Harper	3/21/1969-10/5/2014
Welsh Manor, Memphis, Tennessee	
Cara Healy	8/27/1959-8/5/2014
Neill Mid-Rise, Saint Paul, Minnesota	
Norbert Heike	7/13/1952-5/10/2014
Sandy Robinson Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada	
Gary Hill	9/10/1945-9/9/2014
Van Ee Apartments, Kalispell, Montana	
Myrtle Hunt	6/9/1936-6/9/2014
Becerra Plaza, Davis, California	
Rudy Ildefonso	4/7/1951-6/4/2014
Major Avenue Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada	
Kari Kile	4/23/1976-5/14/2014
Superior View Apartments, Duluth, Minnesota	
Marcella Lewis	1/19/1921-9/11/2014
Heirloom Court Apartments, Hudson, Wisconsin	
Cindy Mayo	12/13/1951-9/30/2014
John Chambers Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada	
Jerry Merrill	12/25/1941-6/2/2014
Washington Avenue Apartments, Albert Lea, Minnesota	
Marilyn Nelson	9/26/1953-5/31/2014
Sky Forest Acres, South Lake Tahoe, California	
Marilyn Nelson	4/20/1946-9/12/2014
Accessible Space Apartments, Minot, North Dakota	
Loretta Peebles	10/17/1956-5/15/2014
Sandy Robinson Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada	
Elizabeth Ringle	2/24/1942-9/27/2014
Aspen Village Apartments, Helena, Montana	
Brett Robertson	12/16/1959-9/5/2014
Iglehart House, Saint Paul, Minnesota	
Dianna Salazar	9/3/1960-6/2/2014
Park Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada	

Delbert Schwindle	3/21/1943-8/11/2014
David F. Day Apartments, Sartell, Minnesota	
Ken Sherman	1/5/1947-6/5/2014
28th Street House, Minneapolis, Minnesota	
John Thomas	4/25/1937-5/24/2014
Aspen Village Apartments, Helena, Montana	
Kathleen Thompson	8/31/1955-8/16/2014
Iglehart House, Saint Paul, Minnesota	
Angelo Travioni	3/12/1951-8/12/2014
Shelbourne Avenue Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada	
Milton Weaver	12/3/1945-8/23/2014
Tangle Brush Villa, The Woodlands, Texas	



Charlie Priest with Jean Fisher and Andy Anderson

CHARLES (CHARLIE) PRIEST

ASI mourns the passing of Charles (Charlie) Priest, Executive Director of the Alabama Head Injury Foundation for almost 25 years. Charlie partnered with ASI on three accessible, affordable apartment buildings in Alabama: Anderson-Fischer Apartments (20 units) in Mobile, Dogwood Terrace (20 units) in Florence and Patton Ridge Apartments (18 units) in Hoover.

During his years of dedicated service to individuals with traumatic brain injury (TBI) and their families, Charlie helped establish a respite care program, recreational opportunities and accessible housing for individuals with TBI. Charlie also actively supported numerous legislative initiatives such as the Alabama Impaired Drivers Trust Fund, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Sports Concussion Bill.

Most recently, Charlie assisted ASI in obtaining funding from the City of Hoover, Alabama for the purchase of replacement siding on Patton Ridge Apartments. [Note: More information can be found in the "Capital Improvements" article on page 10.]

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE THINGS TO DO?

Maybe you appreciate the outdoors so you hunt, or fish, or run marathons. Maybe you love sports and play fantasy football. Maybe you love reading a book on a rainy afternoon. Ray's favorite things are his friends and family, playing power soccer, exercising, rock climbing and working at his local Best Buy store two days a week.

Ray was born prematurely and has cerebral palsy. His struggle with his disability has not kept him from doing his favorite things. Like Ray says, "I may have limitations, but I don't let it limit my life." Ray lives independently at Accessible Space, Inc. in Duluth, Minnesota, in an accessible, affordable apartment with care available as he needs it.

Every year we invite our friends to make a gift to Accessible Space, Inc. so we are able to provide accessible, affordable "housing with care" to people like Ray. We open doors for people with disabilities and seniors in 141 locations in 31 states. More than 3,000 special needs individuals receive our "housing with care."

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