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Celebrating 105 years









Everything at Kemmerer Village is possible because of our friends and supporters, which is why we love when you are able to visit on campus. Every five years, Kemmerer Village opens our campus to the public to celebrate all the good work happening here. Celebrating our 105th anniversary, our Open House on October 6th was nothing short of a success. The weather cooperated making it a great day to walk around the campus. For those who were unable to attend all the festivities, there were incredible musical performances from our children with guitar and ukulele playing and some very talented vocalists. Our indoor riding arena was full of guests riding horses and listening to equine therapy presentations. The Kemmerer Village Ladies Auxiliary made numerous deliciously baked goods and sandwiches. Some wonderful gift baskets provided by volunteers were auctioned off to our visitors. The entire campus was abuzz with activity and smiling faces. If you missed out on this opportunity and don't want to wait another five years, we would be happy to schedule a tour for you and your group.

Visiting Kemmerer Village not only gives you the opportunity to see the homes and rooms of our children, their classrooms, gymnasium, and equestrian arena but it also gives you a chance to meet the faces behind it all. From the insightful therapist, to the hard-working childcare staff, even the horses are all here for one purpose and that is the children. Coming to Kemmerer Village provides you with an opportunity to meet a child being cared for thanks to your continued support.





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From the Director's Desk

Every five years the Kemmerer Village Board of Directors and staff develop a new Long-Range Plan. In September of this year the 2020-2025 Long-Range Plan was completed. The process of developing this Plan helps us align the mission of Kemmerer Village with a forward vision of future service needs of children and families in Illinois. It is an assessment of likely changes to the environment affecting child welfare services over the next five years and planning how the agency can best respond to those changes.

While we will continue to provide Residential Treatment and Foster Care programs, the 2020-2025 Plan focuses on where Kemmerer Village might best fill gaps in needed services to children and families in the community. Some areas that were identified:

- Crisis Nursery Care providing emergency care for children birth through ages six at risk of abuse or neglect. To promote the overall well-being of children and families by giving parenting breaks, promoting stress reduction, offering family stabilization services and teaching parenting skills.
- Emergency Shelter Care providing temporary respite care for youth in foster care when there is a disruption to their current foster home placement. The goal is to stabilize the factors leading to the disruption and return the youth back to that same foster home.
- Out-Patient Mental Health Services to provide affordable clinical assessment, therapy and counseling services; currently there is a significant lack of these types of services in our community.

The Long Range Plan also includes multiple elements that could impact the services Kemmerer Village can provide, such as: the ability to adapt current program services to future needs, the impact of new state and federal laws on operations, hiring and retaining sufficient qualified staff, determining the physical plant and equipment needed, and of course, what financial resources will be needed to achieve the Plan's recommendations.

I would like to thank the members of the Long-Range Planning Committee who met for several day long sessions from March 2019 – September 2019. The many long hours they put into the discussion and thoughtful deliberation of this Plan will serve Kemmerer Village well over the next five years.



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Through the Years

One hundred and five years and still going strong! How have we continued to provide quality care for children and families for over a century? We know the answer: it's an easy one. Thousands of individuals, congregations, organizations and volunteers have witnessed this mission of the Synod of Lincoln Trails and chose to make it their personal mission.

It may have been that your parents or grandparents were supporters of Kemmerer Village and you have chosen to carry on that tradition. Those decisions have been vitally important for the preservation of Kemmerer Village.

In the early years of Kemmerer Orphan's Home an entire family of brothers and sisters would arrive in need of a home and caring adults. Many of these children were adopted, placed in Foster Care or continued to live at Kemmerer. Sometimes a parent, family member or relative would return to reunite the children.

We heard numerous stories at our Open House on October 6 from children who are now adults. Their ages vary. Some are in their 20's while some are in their 80's. We enjoy hearing their comments, such as "Kemmerer Village was the turning point in my life" or "I received good care at Kemmerer when I needed it most."

These are the reasons Kemmerer Village is still going strong for over 100 years. This is why Philip and Sarah Kemmerer chose this mission and why many others have made that same choice. The problems children had in 1914 may have been different from the problems children are experiencing in 2019 but they are solved the same way, with caring, concern and open hearts.

Thank you for opening your heart!

Michael (A. Havera
Director of Financial Development and Fundraising





Everyone Wins in Equine Therapy!

Thank you all for helping Kemmerer Village win another Facebook contest! We are so thankful for all of our supporters who voted. Kemmerer Village came in second place with a whopping 8,952 votes! Our supporters are AMAZING! The generosity of LexLin Gypsy Ranch has brought 7 horses to benefit equine therapy programs at Kemmerer Village; now we have won some very useful tact. The new saddle and equipment are going to make an incredible impact on so many children. Thank you for all of your support, and please continue to watch for more excitement on https://www. facebook.com/KemmererVillage/.

Illinois State University Lady Redbird Soccer **Inspires Kemmerer Village Youth**

Kemmerer Village Knights Soccer was honored at The Illinois State Lady Redbirds NCAA Soccer Game on Friday night September 6th. Our players were recognized prior to the National Anthem at Adelaide Field in Normal, IL for their outstanding sportsmanship and dedication. Our youth had quite a bit of time to interact with Coach Silvey and his players before the game. During the game each of our athletes managed the sidelines and endlines along with Event Staff where they made sure the ISU and NIU athletes quickly received a soccer ball when the ball went out of play. The Kemmerer Village players were inspired by the kindness and hospitality that the Illinois State Lady Redbirds showed them. All of our kids were overjoyed by the experience and spoke about wanting to get a scholarship and attend college and several even shared dreams of being a college athlete.















Annual Tea Party

The young ladies of Kemmerer hosted their annual tea party with Parisian flair! They worked hard transforming their home into a beautiful work of art that was as awe inspiring as their manners and cooking. The girls learned all about the work and etiquette of hosting a party and everyone had an amazing time. This was just one of the incredible activities that were part of this years Summer Enrichment program. Thank you to all the donors who have made these activities possible.

LIVE FOREVER: LEAVE A LEGACY

One sentence in your will can make a lifetime of difference.

To leave Kemmerer Village a gift in your will which will help children



for generations to come, simply share this sentence with your attorney or financial planner: "I bequeath \$_____ or ____ % of my estate to Kemmerer Village, 941 N. 2500 East Road, Assumption, Illinois 62510

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Kemmerer Village **26th Annual**Charity Golf Classic

was a success thanks to all of our sponsors, golfers and volunteers! The money raised from this event is used to help meet the needs of our children. Mark your calendars now to make next year even better, September 11, 2020.





The Box Tops for Education program is changing! This could be a great opportunity for a youth group or someone to step up and make a huge difference with only a little effort. Instead of clipping, you can scan your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team has worked hard to build a user-friendly Box Tops mobile app (available now on the App Store and Google Play) that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to Kemmerer Village earnings online.

If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to send them to Kemmerer as soon as possible. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, you can "double dip" during the packaging transition by clipping traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.

Thanks for helping our school get what it needs!



Hear about the great things that are happening at Kemmerer Village by scheduling a speaker! We would love to speak to your congregation or group! Call 217-226-2131 for availability.



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End of the Year gift ideas to Kemmerer Village.

Giving Online

You can easily make your gift online at kemmerervillage.org with your credit card. You will need to enter your name as it is on your card, your account number and the security code from the back of your card. The online giving system reduces paperwork and eliminates postage. The transaction process is encrypted, so you can safely and securely make your donation.

By Phone

You can call the Financial Development Office at (217)226-2130 and provide your credit card information.

Matching Gifts

Does your employer have a matching gift program?

Your gifts to Kemmerer Village can go even further if your employer participates in a matching gift program. Companies we currently receive matching gifts from: State Farm, Boeing, Prudential, B P Foundation, Illinois Toolworks. We are always ready to help you through this process.

Donor Advised Funds

We also welcome gifts from Donor Advised Funds such as Fidelity and VanGuard, also gifts from Community Foundations.

Qualified charitable distributions start with an IRA

Qualified Charitable Distributions are available to any taxpayer who is more than 70.5 years of age and has funds in an individual retirement account (IRA). Distributions from the IRA are paid directly to a public charity of the owner's choice (there are exceptions). Qualified Charitable Distributions cannot exceed \$100,000 per taxpayer per year. The QCD counts toward the taxpayer's required minimum distribution (RMD) amount in any given year. We always suggest that you check with your financial advisor.

Kemmerer Village Ladies Auxiliary Ouilt Raffle

1 ticket for \$1, 6 tickets for \$5!!



Filled with bright colors and fun patterns, this quilt would be a fantastic addition to any family room or bedroom. It measures 67" by 78", perfect for a twin bed or a festive coverlet on a queen bed. Buy a chance to win and help a child in the process!

This quilt was generously donated by Ladies Auxiliary member Linda Parkinson

All proceeds will be donated to help the children of Kemmerer Village

Remembering A Good Friend Helen E. Hays Baulos Kemmerer Village Auxiliary Member

Helen E. Hays Baulos, 102 of Decatur, IL passed away on Saturday, July 27, 2019. Helen was a member of the Kemmerer Village Auxiliary, also a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church Decatur, IL. Helen enjoyed being a member of the Kemmerer Village Auxiliary. During most of the Auxiliary meetings there is an opportunity to hear from one or a group of our youth who are always eager to talk about their interest and achievements. Helen was always listening intently and congratulatory to the youth in regard to their efforts. We would like to convey our sympathies to her family and friends.

In Memory & Honor of Those We Love

June 8, 2019 to October 15, 2019

There are occasions of joy and sorrow in the lives of our family and friends that call for a response from us. A Memorial Gift or an Honor Gift to Kemmerer Village is a way to express love and respect at appropriate times.

Your gift, large or small, is an investment in the lives of troubled children. These gifts help to provide for their day to day care: food, clothing, medical care, educational needs, and Christian ministry.

The name of the deceased or honored is in bold type; the donor names are listed below in regular type. Please notify us of any errors.

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Christmas is an amazing time at Kemmerer Village! Everyone works so hard to provide magic memories for our children. If you would like to help share the love of Christ by purchasing a gift, here is a list of items found frequently on individual lists. You can also call Development to get a specific list of a child in need

Christmas Wish List

Gift Cards- Amazon, Walmart, Target

Model Cars • Twin Bedding

Diamond Art • Craft Kits • Sweat Pants

Hoodies • Adult Coloring Books • Flat Iron

Modeling Clay • Basketball

Did you know there is also a wish list on Amazon where you can send a gift straight to Kemmerer Village? And as always remember amazonsmile.com before any Amazon purchase and they will make a donation to us!



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