

good vibrations

music has healing power. it has the ability to take people out of themselves for a few hours. -- ELTON JOHN

Kemmerer Village is singing the praises of our Therapeutic Recreation! The Music Program is sending good vibrations into the world. What started out with a couple of guitars and a piano has evolved into a full music room with keyboards, drums, guitars, ukuleles, piano, and the most recent addition, recorders.

Kemmerer children are encouraged to listen, play, and even write their own music. Each activity has increased positive effects. Music engages practically every area of the brain at once, helping to improve fine motor skills and problem solving along with cognitive, emotional and memory functions. The vibrations felt while playing an instrument can literally change your mood. We have observed many children having a "bad day" are

pulled out of it by focusing on their music. Playing music boosts self-esteem, helps to overcome anxiety, demands concentration and promotes cooperation & teamwork.



Some of our kids recently performed in our Kemmerer Village Talent Show. Kemmerer Staff enjoyed listening to a 12-year-old boy play the piano and a 14-year-old play the ukulele. We were treated to two original songs. One girl sang & played the guitar, and then was joined by two others as the trio performed together with ukuleles,

guitar, and their beautiful voices. It is amazing to see how these children support and encourage each other. The pride on their faces proves this program is so important to these kids. Thank you for making it possible.



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‘I wondered why somebody didn’t do something, and then I realized that I was somebody’

This quote has been attributed to the actors Don Adams, and later Lilly Tomlin. A dear family friend, Stuart, reminded me that this quote hung in my family’s kitchen when he recently spoke at my father’s memorial service. Throughout my childhood, Stuart was a constant in my life as one of my brother’s closest friends. As I grew up, I learned that Stuart’s own home life was not great, and that my parents were pleased to have him join our family events to provide him with stability and fun. Apparently, Stuart was paying attention. More than forty years later, this message, reminding us of our responsibility to strive to improve our world, is critical for Stuart, for me, and I hope for all of you.



Kemmerer Village provides vital services to the most vulnerable and at-risk children and families in our communities. We serve over 200 children every month through our Residential and Foster Care Programs. Our committed staff members’ daily efforts enhance our children’s self-esteem, provide them with stable home environments and guide them toward enduring, loving family lives.

Like almost all employers in 2021, Kemmerer Village is working hard to attract and retain effective staff. We need your help to ensure the success of these efforts. As you read this, you may be asking ‘what could I do?’ You may be thinking that you are not personally a candidate to work in one of our Residential Treatment Cottages, or to work in our Foster Care Department.

As a ‘somebody’, you can do ‘something’. Every time you reference the wonderful Kemmerer Village program which operates in Assumption, Illinois, you are planting a seed for a future applicant. Each opportunity you take to encourage others to pursue a career in our field, enhances our applicant pool. You can pass along our website or Facebook job information links and encourage others to apply or pass along this contact information as well. Your direct financial support to Kemmerer Village, Inc allows us to continue to serve vulnerable children through maintaining competitive salaries and benefits. The struggle to recruit workers today has increased to astonishing proportions. We need your support to maintain our amazing services through our dedicated staff.

‘I wondered why somebody didn’t do something, and then I realized that I was somebody’

Every day, the somebodies of Kemmerer Village are giving their best efforts to the children and families we serve. We need more somebodies – I am hoping you can help.

**Schäles Nagle
Executive Director**

HAVE YOU EVER FELT LEFT OUT OR EXCLUDED?

Have you ever felt left out or excluded? Did it make you feel sad or lonely? It's natural to feel that way. We are a creation intended to be social and connect with each other and the world around us. The children of Kemmerer Village come from histories where that connection was broken. Wouldn't it be great if those children were never excluded? If every athlete had a spot on the court, every musician had an enthusiastic audience, and every child had a caring home.

Your support of Kemmerer Village helps accomplish those goals. Our donors are a paramount part of The Village. Your partnership is meeting the needs and so much more for 220 children through Kemmerer Village. Every joyful update in these newsletters is possible because of people like you!

How You Can Make A Difference:
The number of children and families who turn to Kemmerer Village for care continues to grow. With your help Kemmerer Village continues to answer the call, helping these youth find their way by moving on to a better and healthier life. We are looking for staff, volunteers, and families to help.

Here are a few other ways you can choose to help make this mission possible:

- ◆ Send a check
- ◆ Donate online
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- ◆ Matching Gift from Your Employer



I would love to talk to you if you are interested in leaving Kemmerer Village in your estate plans and hear all about your vision!

Autumn Warren
Director of Financial Development & PR



Introducing: 
Little Miss Maddie
Born ~ April 27, 2020
Adopted by Kemmerer Village ~ July 30, 2021
WEIGHT ~ 532LBS
PASTURE MATE ~ BUDDY
Loves ~ balloons, bananas & shoulder scratches

P.S.

I am so excited to introduce my new friend Little Miss Maddie! Maddie is the newest member of our Equestrian therapy team. She is loving, affectionate and brings a smile to everyone's face. Maddie is going to help so many children and families over the years. A special thank you to The Chocolate Horse Farm for this gorgeous Gypsy Vanner Horse.



Kemmerer Village Holds Dedication for Marie and Bob McNabb Lodge

July 25th a dedication ceremony was held to honor Marie and Bob McNabb's years of service and generosity to the children and families served at Kemmerer Village. As seen in the photo, Kemmerer Village was proud to dedicate the Marie and Bob McNabb Lodge. It was a special day for Bob and his children, family members, friends, Kemmerer Village Board of Directors and staff.

Bob shared a memory of his first connection to Kemmerer Village, during Christmas of 1945. As part of their service to the Tuscola Presbyterian Church, Bob's father volunteered to deliver Christmas gifts and food for the children at Kemmerer Orphanage. Bob was only 9 years old, but remembered being impressed with the home and history of caring for so many children. He felt that Mr. Philip Kemmerer's foresight and compassion to donate his house and farm for such a worthy purpose was inspiring.

Marie McNabb was the Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois from 1991-2006. She was first elected to the Kemmerer Village Board of Directors in 1996, serving until 2016, the rest of her life. During her time on the Kemmerer Board of Directors, Marie served as President of the Board, participated in the planning, fundraising, and dedication of the new Margaret Dick Campus Center. In her early years with Kemmerer Village, Marie also



Bob McNabb, son Bill McNabb, daughter Kathy McNabb Price and son John McNabb. Bob McNabb holds a picture of Marie McNabb close to his heart.

served on the Kemmerer Village Auxiliary.

Bob McNabb joined the Kemmerer Village Board of Directors in 2009 and is currently serving as President. He also served on the Finance Committee, Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Chair of the Audit Committee, Treasurer and Vice President. Bob stated "that serving as President for the Kemmerer Village Board of Directors has been an experience that I will never forget. I have become better acquainted with more staff and Board members and can truthfully state that they are a very dedicated group of Christian individuals serving the best organization of its kind anywhere!"

The Marie and Bob McNabb Lodge

will continue to serve as a home like environment with several bedrooms for families to stay while visiting with their child in care. Family involvement is encouraged while a child is in care and a comfortable place to stay is important. It has also served as living quarters for several volunteers in mission, for staff during inclement weather, for mission groups who are here to help with campus work projects and interns. The building was in need of many updates and repairs. Fitted with all new windows, flooring, newly painted walls and updated bathrooms, the Marie and Bob McNabb Lodge is ready for visitors!

We feel honored and blessed to have the McNabb family as members of our Village! Thank you!



Therapeutic Recreation's Kickapoo Adventure

On August 17th, Kemmerer's Therapeutic Recreation took six children to Kickapoo Adventures in Oakwood, IL. Kickapoo Adventures is located in the Kickapoo State Recreation Park along the Vermillion River. They have many outdoor activities to such as canoeing, tubing, and biking. The children really enjoyed tubing on the river. "It's a lot like the lazy river at an Amusement Park, but instead you are on a current of a natural river." The youth were able to enjoy the outdoors and be in nature while learning the importance of teamwork to have a successful float. The current does not always take you exactly where you want to go, but together we can make it. The world often provides great life lessons. This was a fun, exciting experience that these children will remember for years to come.



Therapeutic Recreation's Summer Olympics



Kemmerer held our annual Summer Olympics. Events included a basketball hot shot contest, watermelon eating contest, and a water balloon toss. This event is always a favorite creating some healthy and fun competition among the children of Kemmerer. It was an afternoon of laughter, fun, and encouragement. These opportunities for positive wholesome time to be children are cherished. None of these moments would be possible without support from people like you!



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**We are the
 Village - Brett**

Brett Beck is one of the people at Kemmerer who finds himself “wearing a lot of hats” because he steps up and gets the jobs done. Brett currently serves as Director of Campus Support Operations. Moments after the tornado caused so much damage, Brett and our two maintenance staff were patching roofs and clearing debris. Brett takes care of so many people caring for these children, from making sure our Home Services can provide the children with meals, to making sure our case workers have cars and lap tops they need.

Brett earned a Bachelor of Art degree in Psychology from SIU Carbondale. He has been with Kemmerer Village since 1995. During that time, he worked as a Residential Counselor, Therapeutic Recreation Specialist Shift Supervisor, Quality Assurance Assistant, as well as Director of Quality Assurance, and Residential Admissions, in addition to being a backup to the Maintenance and IT directors.

In Honor & Memory of Those We Love

June 11th - September 23rd, 2021

There are occasions of joy & sorrow in the lives of our family & friends that call for a response from us. A Memorial Gift or an Honor Gift to Kemmerer Village is a way to express love & 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, & Christian ministry.

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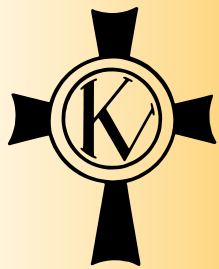
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Our children love receiving mail!
Please consider sending a birthday card
& a prayer for the following kids:

Girls:

Katelyn M..... 1/17/08

Grace S 2/23/05

Boys:

Oliver F..... 11/15/07

Jeremy M 12/03/08

Timothy S..... 1/25/05

Along with many children in care who's
names we can not share:

July - 22 Children

Aug. - 21 Children

Sept. - 12 Children