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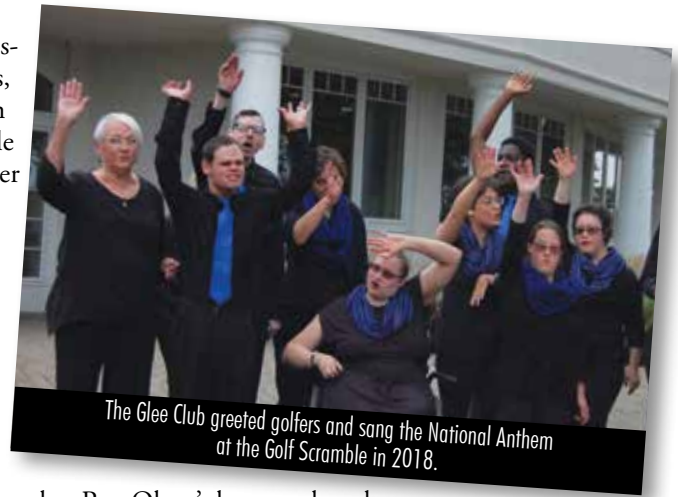
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Golf Scramble Celebrates 30 Years \$2+ Million Raised to Support Rolling Acres

The Mount Olivet Rolling Acres Golf Scramble celebrates 30 years of golfing for a great cause! It is one of the longest running golf fundraising events in the Twin Cities, raising more than \$2 million to enhance the lives of people with developmental and other disabilities. From a modest fundraiser earning \$4000 with a handful of golfers to one that nets more than \$100,000 annually, the golf scramble is worthy of celebrating.



The Glee Club greeted golfers and sang the National Anthem at the Golf Scramble in 2018.

It all started at a Mount Olivet Lutheran Church “Fireside Chat” at member Roy Olson’s house, where he and Wayne Larson, then executive director of Mount Olivet Rolling Acres, and Gary Wert, another Mount Olivet member, discussed the possibility of a golf tournament to

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2019 Mount Olivet Vision Partners Event Explores Vikings

The 2019 Mount Olivet Vision Partners event will be held the evening of Monday, June 10, at the American Swedish Institute. Anyone who has remembered



Mount Olivet Rolling Acres in their estate plan is a Mount Olivet Vision Partner. If you have a gift in your estate plan and have not told us, please let us know of your kind gesture. Invitations will be mailed. If you have any questions, please contact Mari Carlson, mcarlson@mtolivethomes.org or 612.821.3150.

KUDOS TO:

Mount Olivet Homes’ Auxiliary for their generous gift of \$27,000

Nearly 200 generous donors who contributed more than \$100,000 at the end of 2018

Engelsma Family Foundation for a \$10,000 grant for Sherwood Home serving people with mental illness

Brenden Mann Foundation for a \$6,000 grant for the Glee Club

Jerome & Linda Carlson for a \$30,000 gift supporting VocalEssence annual concerts



From the President

In January, I had the opportunity to attend the Lutheran Services in America CEO Conference. Pastor Mark Huber, conference pastor, shared an amazing message of being the light and salt in the world. A single candle can illuminate a whole room and a pinch of salt amplifies the flavor of any dish. His message was simple but profound: Rather than trying to change the whole world, what if each of us were called to be the light and salt in our own world?

His message got me thinking: This is exactly what we do at MORA! We are the salt and the light for the people we support, their families, and each other. Every day we find ways to bring joy, care, and connection to daily activities. Whether it's brushing teeth, an outing to Burger King, or sitting with someone in the hospital as they undergo tests, our staff makes each day shine a little brighter and be a touch more fulfilling.

We are celebrating the light of spring after a tough winter. Due to the Polar Vortex and 30-plus inches of snow in February, we had to cancel many recreation activities, church, and other events. However, our staff went above and beyond to make sure everyone was safe, warm, and still enjoying the indoor aspects of winter. Adult Day Services staff filled in at homes when many were snowbound. A small but mighty group danced and sang the afternoon away at the Togetherness Celebration (see page 7), and we were the Minnesota Wild's Charity of the Month in March.

Our presence added salt/ flavor to Disability Services Day at the Capitol—a day to advocate for the people we support and their staff. We met with over ten legislators, and our clients and staff shared their stories and made their voices heard. The pictures here on the right show our staff and clients on that day.

Wondering how you can be the salt and the light? Be sure to follow us on Instagram and Facebook. You can also get updates on programs, training, and our wish list on our website, <https://mtolivetrollingacres.org>.

Thank you for all you do to be the salt and light in our world!

Tracy Murphy
Tracy Murphy, President

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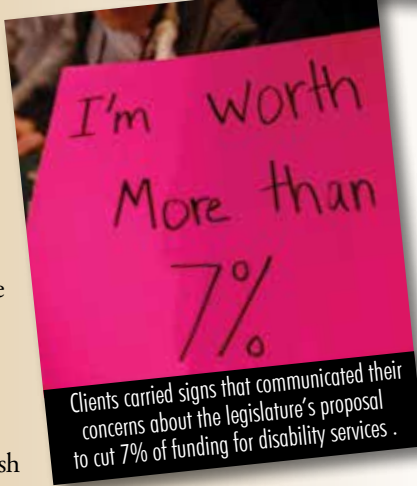
Mount Olivet Rolling Acres congratulates staff members who have celebrated significant anniversaries of service. With the rest of their colleagues, they are dedicated to providing the highest quality care for the people we serve. Our staff of over 450 is well-educated, dedicated, respected, experienced, and diverse.



Our clients sent a strong message at Disability Services Day at the Capitol.



Rolling Acres staff and clients met with legislators and senators to discuss further just how meaningful and selfless this field is.



Clients carried signs that communicated their concerns about the legislature's proposal to cut 7% of funding for disability services.

Welcome, Hope!!

In 2018 we said a heartfelt goodbye to our CFO of over ten years, Peter LeNeau, who retired at the end of December. Hope Schang joined MORA as our new CFO in September 2018, allowing a few months of overlap and crossover. She has over 20 years of experience in the accounting field, including 15 years working with programs that serve people with developmental disabilities. Hope holds both Certified Public Accountant and Chartered Global Managerial Accountant certifications.



Hope brings knowledge in the Medicaid field along with experience in business operations and budgeting. As CFO, she leads both the Finance and Information Technology teams.

We are so thrilled to have Hope on our team!

25, 30, and 35 Years of Service!

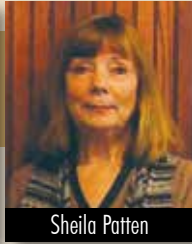
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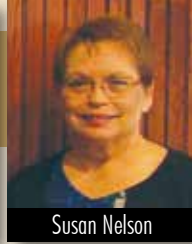
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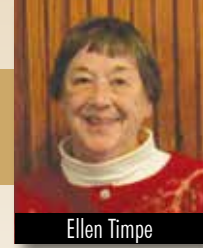


Jayson Della Paolera

30 YEARS

Rose Ahrndt
(not pictured)

◀ 35
YEARS



Ellen Timpe

“To have supportive people with you is absolutely essential to be able to stay. And I think we are all very fortunate that we do have that.”

ELLEN TIMPE

Abundance and Gratitude

by Tracy Murphy

At Mount Olivet Rolling Acres, we are so grateful for the support we receive from the community. In fact, it makes us want to give more—more of our time, more of our treasure, and more of our talents.

In the spirit of celebrating the abundance of spring, we looked at all we do with a grateful heart:

- Thanks to generous donations from the Larson family, we can offer travel scholarships for the adventurous people we support through the Becky Larson Travel Fund.
- In its 10th year, Kevin McLaughlin (residential supervisor and proud veteran) has planned, organized, and facilitated five veterans' weekends at our McGregor Cabins each summer. These weekends are a time for veterans and their families to reconnect in a gorgeous nature setting. We host these weekends as a thank-you for their service and sacrifice.
- If you drive Highway 169, you'll see our Adopt a Highway sign! Twice a year we organize a team outing and clean up the highway near our New Hope home. It's always fun to compare notes on the most "interesting"

item found—one year it was a senior picture from 1960!

- We were proud to be an active sponsor in this year's SuperFest event. SuperFest is an integrated football and cheerleading clinic for kids with disabilities that corresponds with the Super Bowl. Not only did we help plan the event, we also ran the parking shuttle and coordinated the photographer for the event. Knowing that abundance is contagious, we want to share some opportunities for you to participate in our grateful hearts:
- We are looking to partner with Heart of America Foundation and Paul's Pals for a full gym makeover. Our gym was built in the early 1980s and needs a facelift. We hope to secure gifts/grants that will allow us to redo the walls and floors, and bring in new recreational equipment. If you are interested in helping us or work for an organization that could help, please contact Stephanie Kohl (skohl@mtolivet-mora.org or at 952.401.4872).



- The Andover Youth Support Home has a pole barn. We have BIG dreams that this could become an indoor play space. However, in order to fully utilize it, we'll need to pour concrete and run electricity. If you would like to be a part of this "barn raising," contact Nikki Storebo (nstorebo@mtolivet-mora.org or at 952.401.4859).
- Our Adult Day Services is a busy group! Not only do they run a daily bus service for the people that attend our day program, they also take the buses out on recreational outings. In fact, we use our buses so much that we need a new bus! If you feel driven to get involved, contact Wayne Whelan (wwhelan@mtolivet-mora.org or at 952.767.4839).

With gratitude!

30th Anniversary of Golf Scramble, continued from page 1



Roy Olson, first chair



Gary Wert, second chair



Aaron Youngdahl, current chair



Wayne Larson, former executive director

benefit Mount Olivet Rolling Acres. Roy, who served as the first chair of the Golf Scramble Committee for 10 years, says, “Wayne got busy, and that fall we had our first tournament with about 44 golfers.”

From its inception, the Golf Scramble has been held at the Minneapolis Golf Club. Wayne remembers how important it was to secure such a prestigious setting for the Golf Scramble. He says, “Mount Olivet member David Haberle was head golf pro there and Curt Pearson, whose son was a Rolling Acres resident, was president of the club.” Those contacts enabled the Golf Scramble to be held at such a beautiful course. “The Minneapolis Golf Club is really a premier course, and they do a great job hosting us. And the third Monday in August has always been a beautiful day,” says Aaron Youngdahl, current chair of the Golf Scramble Committee, serving in that capacity for the last 10 years.

During the second year, Wayne recalls, Kraus-Anderson came on as the first benefactor. “Lloyd Engelsma, CEO of Kraus-Anderson, was on the board of Mount Olivet Rolling Acres,” explained Wayne. “Lloyd wasn’t a golfer himself, but he immediately said ‘Fine,’ because he was committed to the mission. Lloyd asked his staff to help, and they have been an important leader since that time. Our intent from the beginning was to extend it beyond the members of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church itself.”

Gary Wert, who was part of that first conversation and then served as second chair for 10 years, talks about the importance of the planning committee in attracting and inviting new participants and sponsors. “Every committee member has brought something new to the event and added participants. For example, Data Center Systems became a benefactor as a result of Aaron’s connections.”

A volunteer committee puts in many hours planning the event. Roy emphasizes how important volunteers are to the success of the event. He says that “we have a wonderful base of people who support us year after year. Our philosophy is to get a lot of people involved, so it’s not so much work for each person.” With a big grin, he adds, “It is, frankly, a lot of fun. Volunteers help with



Kraus-Anderson has been a long-time benefactor of the Golf Scramble, and Bruce Engelsma a prime mover in getting the event off the ground. Here Golf Scramble Chair Aaron Youngdahl poses with (l-r) Kraus-Anderson CEO Bruce Engelsma, Mount Olivet Rolling Acres Board Chair David Lose, and the rest of the 2018 Kraus-Anderson team: Peter Diessner, Doug Jandro & Doug Jaeger.

events on holes, greet people, do the putting contest—it’s been a beautiful effort.”

Thirty years later, Aaron remembers those early tournaments: “I played with my dad, Pastor Paul Youngdahl, and continued to play throughout the years,” he says. “I have seen it grow, how much fun everyone has, and how important the cause is.” And that is what all of those involved in the Golf Scramble emphasize—supporting the people Rolling Acres serves. Aaron adds, “The whole premise is to raise extra funds to help Rolling Acres go above and beyond what the budget allows to serve wonderful, beautiful people.”

Each committee chair has been personally involved with Rolling Acres in one way or another, and that has spurred their involvement in the Golf Scramble and their commitment to Rolling Acres. Roy was on the board for over 20 years. Gary’s involvement goes back to hole-in-one contests at Rolling Acres in 1975 and 1976. Aaron recalls being a part of the Mount Olivet Lutheran Church buddy program when he was in high school and riding a bus to



Geritom CEO Tom Smith (r) and Geritom staff member John Feickert (l) have been benefactor supporters.



The Minneapolis Golf Course is a beautiful setting for the Gold Scramble.



Mallory sends out golfers with a high-five.

Rolling Acres each Monday to spend an hour with his buddy, Mark, there. "It was a defining activity in my life," he says.

"Our goal has been to let people know what Rolling Acres is all about," explains Aaron. "Once people hear that, they come back and bring others. The work that Rolling Acres does speaks to peoples' hearts. It isn't just that it is a fun event—although we do have a lot of fun—it is the stories of the people served that keep bringing people back." Aaron adds, "And, we salute our generous benefactors, Kraus-Anderson Construction, Data Center Systems, and Geritom, for their loyal support."



Data Center Systems has been a long-time benefactor. In 2018, the Data Center Systems Team included (l-r): Brett Geving, Eric Ollerman, Andrea Janssen & Scott Hook.



JOIN US AUGUST 26!

Sponsor, Player,
and Donor Form

Complete this form to support and register. You may access an online form by scanning the QR code below or by visiting mtolivetrollingacres.org/get-involved/golf-scramble.

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Andover Youth Support Home Launches New Metro Program

In October 2018, in partnership with the seven metro counties, Mount Olivet Rolling Acres opened the Andover Youth Support Home, a program serving children who have mental health issues.

To date, we have served six children, ranging in age from 6 to 16. Our goal is to offer a caring and stable home environment where children—and their families—can focus on coping skills and work toward a successful transition home.

The children learn life skills, like diffusing an argument with a simple, “OK, thank you,” alongside therapeutic play and movie nights. Our staff members are trained in positive behavior language and programming, with a focus on helping the entire family find stable ground in the face of mental health challenges. During placement, the youths’ parents/guardians and support team meet every two weeks, with updates on successes, challenges, and support plans, to give the youth the best possible chance for a successful transition back home.

Nikki Storebo, program director, and Albert Greene, on-site program supervisor, are creating a safe and developmentally appropriate space for the children.



The Andover Youth Support Home program is designed to help clients transition home.



The Show Stoppers were a highlight of the evening.

Togetherness Celebration

The Togetherness Celebration was held at the Medina Event Center in February 2019, with the Glee Club and Show Stoppers performing. Family members gathered with residents and staff for a fun afternoon.



The Glee Club was enthusiastically applauded at the event!



Daniel looked out over the gathering.



(l-r) Steven, Keith & Nancy Schmiege enjoyed the event.



(l-r) Judy, Jim & Christopher Strommen celebrated with staff member Claudia Eng.



Matthew Eng & Shane joined the event.

Homes with Heart

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Homes with Heart is published three times a year for family, friends, and supporters of Mount Olivet Rolling Acres.

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From the Director of Development

Dear Friend and Supporter,

We are so very grateful for the great support received at the end of 2018. More than 200 donors contributed \$107,500 to our year-end campaign. **We are most appreciative!** That amount includes \$27,000 given by our dedicated volunteers in the Mount Olivet Homes' Auxiliary.

They had a very successful Garage Sale and Gala in 2018, making it a record fundraising year. And the Engelsma Family Foundation's \$10,000 grant for Sherwood Home will be put to good use. **We are most appreciative!**

Mount Olivet's West Campus sanctuary was packed for the annual VocalEssence holiday concert last December. The Brenden Mann Foundation provided support for that special event which is a highlight for our Rolling Acres family. **We are most appreciative!** This year the Brenden Mann Foundation has already granted \$6000 for the Glee Club. **We are most appreciative!**

Last January, Jerome Carlson, the originator of the VocalEssence holiday concert, and his wife Linda provided a gift of \$30,000 to fund the next five years of concerts. **We are most appreciative!** Sadly, Jerome passed away in April. He touched the lives of our Rolling Acres family in a multitude of ways as a parent, as a loyal supporter and strong advocate, and as a musician. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy lives on in our hearts and now in our programming.

I hope you will consider "leaving your legacy" for Rolling Acres. If you have made any kind of gift for Rolling Acres in your estate plan, you are a Mount Olivet Vision Partner. **We are most appreciative!** Legacy gifts include a bequest in your will or trust, a beneficiary designation on insurance proceeds or IRA funds, a charitable gift annuity, a charitable trust, a real estate gift, or any other kind of estate gift.

Please let us know of your intentions, because on Monday, June 10, Mount Olivet Vision Partners are invited for dinner and a tour of the new exhibit "The Vikings Begin" at the American Swedish Institute. For more information, please give me a call. Hope to see you there. Happy spring!

With appreciation and gratitude,

Mari Carlson

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Nearly 300 people attended the VocalEssence holiday concert last December.

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