

# CONCORDIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The newsletter of the Community Foundation at  
Concordia Life Plan Community.



## Welcome to Concordia Community Foundation

Welcome to the summer edition of the Concordia Community Foundation Newsletter! We invite you to join us on this exciting new journey and can't wait to see what God has in store for us.

This quarterly newsletter will serve as an update on our progress of the foundation's initiatives and the Kamman Chapel expansion project. This will also provide opportunities to hear from our leaders on future plans and upcoming events. Between quarterly issues, we encourage you to visit [www.concordiaseniorliving.com/StrongerTogetherCampaign](http://www.concordiaseniorliving.com/StrongerTogetherCampaign) for the latest news!

We know that when we join hands and hearts and come together to build God's Kingdom, we will be blessed for our faithful support. We know we are Stronger Together and are so thankful you are joining us on this incredible journey!



# FIRST LOOK: NEW RENDERINGS REVEALED FOR KAMMAN CHAPEL EXPANSION.





# GET TO KNOW YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

**Name: Sandra (Sandy) Over**

**Family:** My husband, John and I have one daughter, one son, a daughter-in-law and one grandson.

**Church:** We are members of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Edmond.

**Education & Career:** I grew up in Broken Arrow, OK and graduated from Broken Arrow High School. I earned a BS in Speech Language Pathology/Audiology from Oklahoma State University, an MS in Audiology from the University of Oklahoma and a clinical doctorate in Audiology from Salus University in Pennsylvania. I worked as a clinical audiologist in Oklahoma, Virginia, and Ohio until retirement in 2018.

**Hobbies & Volunteerism:** I enjoy painting, reading, walks with my husband, volunteering at the Children's Hospital at OU Medical Center, and time with family. In addition, I serve as a member of Lutheran Senior Citizens, Inc. Board of Directors for Concordia, and Vice President of Concordia Community Foundation Board of Directors.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** I love reading scripture, and especially love Jesus' words. Although, admittedly, bible verse memorization has never been a strong point for me. One of my favorite verses, which I memorized as "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me" is based on Matthew 25:40. It always comes to mind and compels me to pull out my billfold and give what I can to a stranger.

**Philanthropy:** All charitable organizations appeal to the heart in their fundraising campaigns thereby making it difficult to decide where our charitable donations could best be used! I give to causes which provide for the most basic needs of individuals followed by charities in my community that I feel are contributing locally.



## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church gives \$50,000 for Kamman Chapel Expansion

The congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC) in Duncan, Oklahoma recently blessed Concordia Community Foundation with a ministry-advancing donation in memory of Ernst (Ernie) and Eva Gras, two long-time members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Ernst passed away on March 30, 1999, with Eva preceding him. Upon his passing, Ernie bequeathed some funds to his church, and this gift was a blessing to the small congregation, as the church has made modest improvements to their church building and facilities over the years.

In memory of Ernie and Eva Gras, and in recognition of Rev. Harold Kamman and his many years of pastoral leadership at Good Shepherd in Duncan, the congregation approved a \$50,000.00 donation to the Kamman Chapel Expansion Fund, from the remaining Gras funds. "For those who knew and remember Ernie and Eva Gras, we felt it would be a fitting use of their bequest, and would please them," said David L. Taylor, GSLC Council President.

"Rev. Harold W. Kamman was a beloved pastor here at Good Shepherd in Duncan, Oklahoma from 1975 to 1991, and we are pleased to be able to offer this gift towards the Kamman Chapel expansion. May the positive attitude and joyful spirit of Rev. Kamman continue to be reflected in the worship space at Concordia, and in the ongoing mission to preach the Good Word to God's people," said Taylor.

"Pastor Kamman was a humble, gentle man of God and longtime Concordia resident. He served on the Concordia Board of Directors for decades, and envisioned a larger chapel for Concordia one day, speaking of it often prior to his passing. I think he would be so pleased to see the plans for this new chapel," said Paige Mills-Haag, Development Director, Concordia Community Foundation.

Lois Kamman Buesser, the daughter of the late Rev. Harold and Thelma Kamman said, "Oh, we loved the Gras family! The Gras family and my mom and dad go way back, and I have many fond memories of times spent with Ernie and Eva. This gift is so meaningful and will make a positive impact on Concordia residents for decades to come."

Pastor Heitner of Good Shepherd shared his thoughts, "God has entrusted us to be stewards of the resources for the church, and we pray that this would be a blessing to Concordia Life Plan Community, and would continue to promote God's joy and love."

# Giving Stocks and Mutual Funds

Article submitted by Thrivent Financial Advisors Daryl Osmus 405-359-7283 and Scott Schaefer 405-348-2371

## It's an easy and potentially tax-efficient way for you to support causes you care about.

The benefits of giving stocks and mutual funds

Giving long-term appreciated securities to a donor-advised fund at Thrivent has a number of benefits:

**Possible tax savings.** When you give long-term appreciated securities, you may bypass capital gains taxes on the appreciated value.

**Potentially greater tax deduction.** You may benefit from a larger immediate charitable deduction.

**More support to charities.** Your donor-advised fund benefits from a larger initial gift that can support multiple charities.

Long-term appreciated securities, whether they're stocks or mutual funds, may provide a tax deduction for up to 30% of an individual's adjusted gross income in the year that the gift is made. Any unused portion of the deduction exceeding this threshold may be carried forward for an additional five tax years. The result is often an even larger charitable gift than may have been expected.

## Selling vs Giving

### Scenario #1



Donor



Donor-advised fund



Outcome

The donor sells securities, pays tax on gain and gives proceeds to Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing™ to support favorite charities and causes through a donor-advised fund.

Fair market value of stock: \$50,000  
Long-term capital gains tax paid (\$25,000 unrealized gains x 15% tax rate) = \$3,750

Value of charitable gift after paying tax = \$46,250

### Scenario #2



Donor



Donor-advised fund



Outcome

The donor gives securities directly to Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing to support favorite charities and causes through a donor-advised fund. Thrivent sells securities tax-free and invests proceeds in donor-advised fund.

Fair market value of stock: \$50,000  
Long-term capital gains tax paid = \$0

Value of charitable gift = \$50,000  
\$3,750 more to donor-advised fund

Information for gifts of stock to Concordia Community Foundation. Please call Paige at (405) 219-2927 to provide notification of gift.

DTC  
Clearing  
Number:

SEI Private Trust Company  
DTCC Participant # 2663  
FFC Concordia Community  
Foundation Acct #TR1005811

## Shop with Scrip

Concordia Community Foundation is excited to launch our on-going fundraiser through Shop with Scrip to continually raise money for the Good Samaritan Fund to provide benevolent care for Concordia residents. Through this gift card purchasing program, you can buy gift cards from your favorite brands to use on your daily purchases. There are hundreds of gift card options at places you shop or frequent; grocery stores, restaurants, convenience stores, gas stations, online stores, etc. It's never been easier to support our Concordia residents! Simply create an account on the RaiseRight Fundraising app or at ShopWithScrip.com ("Join a Program") using our organization's enrollment code. Contact Paige Mills-Haag at (405) 219-2927 or [phaag@concordiaseniorliving.com](mailto:phaag@concordiaseniorliving.com) if you have any questions.

**Enrollment Code: 327569EA83L45**

# Letter from the President

by David Seaman

## Healing, Hope, Joy and Faith - From Isolation to Community



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

God has big plans for Concordia and each of you are part of those plans! Whether you live at Concordia, serve as an employee of Concordia, pray for Concordia, partner with Concordia, volunteer at Concordia, or have a loved one, friend or church member living at our retirement community...YOU play a key role in the physical and spiritual care and growth of our ministries to the aging! As we work together to accomplish some big goals, we are reminded that we are stronger together and it takes everyone to build and nurture that sense of family and shared community that is so vital to the daily care of Concordia residents.

This past year of the pandemic, we've all been witness to the unpredictability of life - some of you may have experienced great loss, isolation, and loneliness due to circumstances beyond your control, while some of you have found comfort in solitude, discovered new hobbies, healed from an illness, reprioritized your life, drawn closer to God and found a renewed sense of purpose and hope. It's a reminder that God will never leave us or forsake us, and will give us strength to face each day, if we continue to trust in Him. Yes, there is Joy in Jesus! Our faith is based on things not seen, but felt with our heart and mind, in relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus. God is constant, even when life is not!

As we continue to come together as a Community, our focus remains clear - God is directing our efforts to raise \$3.5M to build a new Kamman Chapel at Concordia, which serves as "the heart" and spiritual center of our little community. Our existing chapel only seats about 45 people at full capacity, and we serve nearly 200 residents in all levels of care at Concordia, and 100+ residents in Independent Living alone, making it necessary to raise funds to build a chapel that will accommodate all our residents. Let's pray together and envision a beautiful new chapel that will grow our ministry offerings at Concordia in ways that we may not even be able to imagine now, while trusting in God's plan for our Concordia Community and the foundation! Please enjoy this newsletter and campaign updates, and pray earnestly and contribute joyfully with the resources that God has blessed you with as we continue this journey together to build a new chapel and raise funds for benevolent care. Thank you for your support!

In His Service,

David Seaman, President  
Concordia Community Foundation

Concordia Community Foundation (CCF) exists for the sole purpose of supporting Concordia's programs and ministries, and we want to make it easy for you to support our efforts! CCF raises funds for two major causes; 1) Concordia's Benevolent Fund, called the Good Samaritan Fund, helps Concordia Life Care residents in their time of need to stay in their home at Concordia should they be blessed with more years than available funds, and 2) to raise \$3.5M to build a new Kamman Chapel at Concordia to accommodate up to 100 residents for worship services and activities. To give to these worthwhile causes, please make your check payable to "Concordia Community Foundation" and mail to: Concordia Community Foundation, 7707 W. Britton Road, OKC, OK 73132. Donations accepted by credit or debit card via our secure website at <https://www.concordiaseniorliving.com>. The foundation also accepts gifts of stock, bequests from a will or trust, charitable gift annuities, IRA, retirement plan, and insurance plan beneficiary designations, and real estate or tangible personal property.



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