



Donate!

Because of your support, Gifts for Seniors is excited to share that we have served a record 7,049 isolated older adults in 10 counties across the metro area this holiday season!

Thank you for being an integral part of our mission. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of seniors and bring them the joy they deserve.

As we begin the new year, I would like to take this opportunity to share some exciting news with you. We will be expanding our Cards for Seniors and Tech for Seniors programs to reach even more individuals in need. Our goal is to bring joy and companionship to as many older adults as possible, and with your continued support, we can make this vision a reality.

Wishing you a prosperous 2024.

With gratitude,

Carolyn Deters
Executive Director



The Sisters who received these gifts do not have family, so it was the only gift they received. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sister Linda Soler, OSB
Subprioress
St. Paul's Monastery

"My Christmas was made because of those boys scouts and their act of kindness." -Lonnie

I had another client say thank you Her Mother recently passed away and this was the only gift she received.

Renee Sitter-Booth, MS
People Incorporated

On behalf of Centro Tyrone Luzman, we would like to thank Gifts for Seniors for their generous contributions of the 100 Christmas gifts for our Wise Elders Program.

Olga Sanchez
Wise Elders Program Coordinator
Centro Tyrone Guzman



COMMUNITY

We engage retirees, corporate volunteers, families, and community partnerships.



NEED-BASED

100% of those we serve are low-income or on a fixed budget due to age.



CLIENTS

96% of our clients identify as having limited social opportunities.



VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteer fleet has breadth and depth throughout the community.



PARTNERS

We collaborate with 140+ aging services partners.



INCLUSIVE

We serve individuals from 16 cultural and ethnic communities.



INTENTIONAL

We are intentional about supporting those facing the largest equity gaps to reduce disparities.

On behalf of the grateful residents of the Villa at Osseo, we thank you very much for your generosity. How delightful it was to see the happy faces of our residents. Many expressed a sincere wonder at the thoughtfulness and the work that went into each gift.

Michael Colvin, President of the Resident Action Council
Tricia York, Past President of the Resident Action Council
And all the Residents of the Villas at Osseo

You know, I don't really have anyone. It's really nice to get a gift at Christmas. I like my flannel shirt. Thank you Gifts for Seniors.

I just want to say thank you for the cozy pink house coat. I really like it.

The cross hanger is really nice. I display it in my room.

Thank you Gifts for Seniors for remembering us. I am wearing my flowered house dress all the time.

Residents
Ebenezer Loren on Park

Happy New Year and thank you to Gifts for Seniors staff, volunteers, and donors for all the lovely gifts and cards.

Krista
Ebenezer Loren on Park



My Staff and I would like to thank Gifts for Seniors for the wonderful gifts that were given to our seniors. We distributed 60 at our Christmas Luncheon and home delivered the remaining. Our Seniors enjoyed the food and time to socialize, being able to go home with a Gift was the highlight of the luncheon. We appreciate the Staff and Volunteers at Gifts for Seniors, the love and time put in to organizing the gifts on such a short notice was phenomenal! Your work brings joy to our Seniors who often feel forgotten. Thank you, John, to you and your amazing team!

Pat Jones, Manager VOA Eder Connections



I am a new tenant to Sabathani Senior housing. I came here through MAC-V a program supporting veterans. I had one small towel and no bath towels. I was so grateful to open the gift bag and see a set of towels that included a bath towel. Thank you, Gifts for Seniors, from a World War II Veteran.

My family and I have been through a lot this year, I lost my one of my Twin sons to gun violence. I no longer felt safe in my apartment, and I moved to a community where I knew no one. When VOA Elder Connections called me and said they had a gift for me from "Gifts for Seniors" I was delighted, and I could not wait to see them. They showed up at my new apartment with a toaster that is sitting on my kitchen counter. That toaster reminds me that I am not alone or forgotten.

We got a lot of "thank yous" but one that stood out was Catherine (one of our newer clients) stated: "I haven't received a Christmas gift since my husband passed away. This means so much to me. Thank you so much!"

Thanks from us again!

Annie Mueller

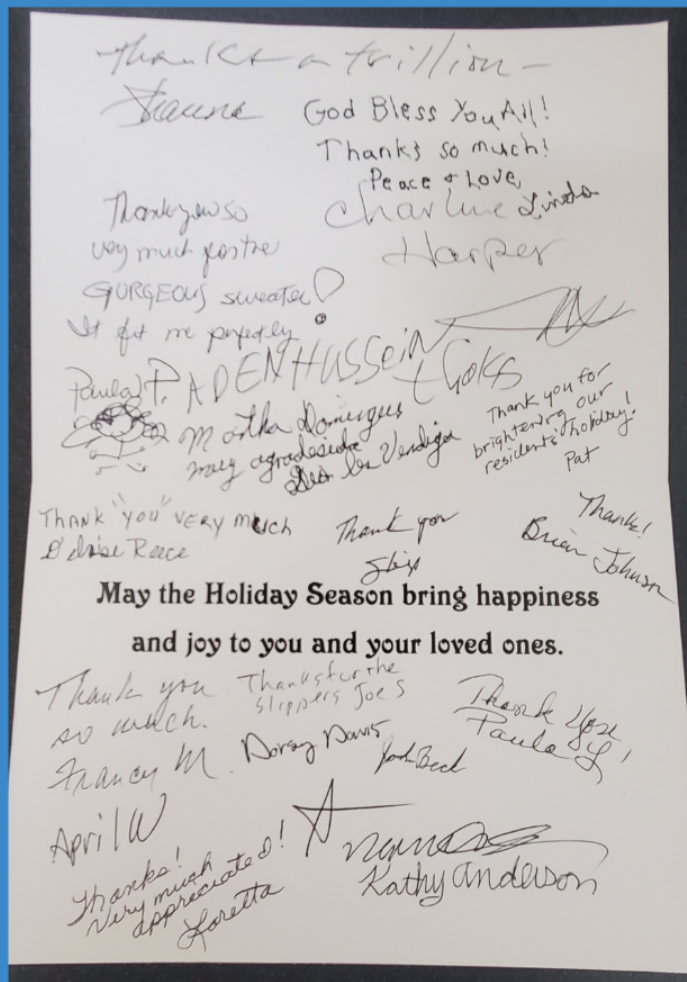
Executive Director

North End-South Como Block Nurse Program

GIFTS for Seniors

'This was such a great thing for our residents. It was heartwarming to see how much joy these gifts brought to everyone, many of whom weren't able to be with their families.'

-Elmore Assisted Living & Memory Care



Thankyou so much for the thoughtful Christmas Gifts. It definitely brightened the holiday for me.

People like you are very special!

Shawn R.

Hi John

I will begin by saying how wonderful of a job Gifts for Seniors has been. Not only do the residents appreciate your efforts, but I truly appreciate you helping us bring joy to our residents here at The Sanctuary at Brooklyn Center.

Gifts for Seniors is a wonderful program and we are so happy we are able to be a part of it. Thank You Again from all of us here at The Sanctuary at Brooklyn Center.

Thank You Again

Marty Hanson

Life Enrichment Director

GIFTS for Seniors

January 10, 2024

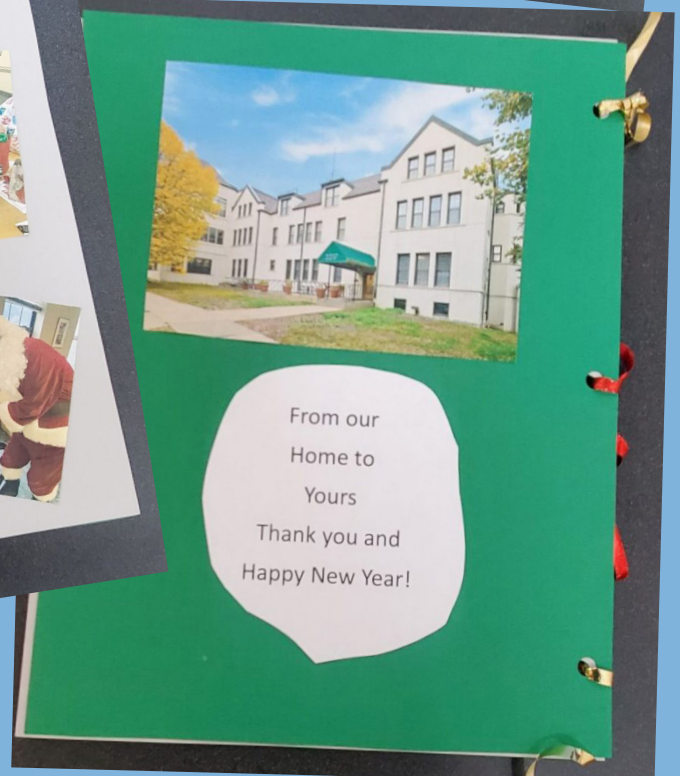
John Schleis
Holiday Program Coordinator
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Dear John,

We at St. Anthony Park Home wish to express our sincere appreciation for the wonderful outpouring of generosity that your organization showered upon our residents. The residents and their families were thrilled with the gifts that were received, but perhaps more importantly, they were very appreciative of having been remembered. Christmas is a wonderful time of the year, but for many it can be sad and lonely. Your gifts were a reminder to our residents, their families, and our staff that there are many people in our communities who do care for others. A true indicator of society is how we as a people treat and remember each other, especially the aged. We cannot say "Thank You" enough! Please thank all those who participated and gave. Enclosed in this Thank You note are a few pictures of our residents as they enjoyed opening their gifts and visiting with Santa. Please share these pictures with those who so generously gave this Christmas Season but please do not post on social media.

Sincerely,

Lisa Amsler, Director of Activities



From our
Home to
Yours
Thank you and
Happy New Year!



We are so appreciative of the Gifts for Seniors program and I on thank you for all the organizing you have done to make this such a successful program!!




GIFTS
for Seniors



Nagel residents said 'Best. Christmas. Ever.' These made a big impact on our community over the holidays and it was amazing to see the look on everyone's faces as they opened something they asked for!

Nagel Assisted Living & Memory Care

This was such a great thing for our residents. It was heartwarming to see how much joy these gifts brought to everyone, many of whom were unable to be with their families.

Elmore Assisted Living & Memory Care

GIFTS for Seniors

Meghan wants to say Thank You so much for the wonderful gift. This was completely unexpected and such a wonderful surprise.

Duane was so happy with his board/card game bundle, he came straight to me and let me know how happy he was with receiving such a useful gift this holiday season.

Thank you so much for the gifts, this reminds me of when I was a young child with all the gifts around, brings back fond memories.

This is so great, what a wonderful organization to think of all the people that are less fortunate or that are so far from family.

God Bless all these kind people, who thought of us, this is so much fun and wow the presents!

A present for me? I didn't think I would get anything, and wow, what a great surprise.

Victory Health + Rehabilitation Center Residents





Joyful

We appreciate all you do to fill the holiday season with joy.

Year-round

Programs run throughout the year.



Responsive

Community driven program initiatives.



Collaborative

140+ aging services partnerships.



Donate!