

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home Newsletter

January 2023



Welcome 2023!!

It was a long year but we are finally in 2023!! We have so many great things planned for this year already! To start off right, we started the year with appreciation of our Sanborn Staff!

On January 6th, the staff of Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home and Blue Water Developmental Housing were honored with an all staff in-service meeting at the Blue Water Convention Center in Port Huron. At this meeting the staff were recognized with their length of service awards and we celebrated them and all they do for those we serve with food and pampering. Students from Paul Mitchell came to pamper the staff with manicures, hair braiding and styling.

In addition to the pampering, a presentation was made on self care as a reminder to our staff to take care of themselves so they don't get burned out taking care of others. Ways to recognize compassion fatigue were given and ideas on how to take care of themselves first were also given. It was a great way to start a great year!



Pictured: Students from Paul Mitchell (left)
Staff from Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home (middle & right)



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New Generator for Sanborn

Nobody likes losing power. Ever. But thankfully Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home doesn't have to worry about that anymore! Thanks to funds from the American Rescue Plan from the county, Sanborn was able to get a generator! Plan funds from the county were sponsored by county commissioner Jorja Baldwin. This generator will allow the home to continue to operate as usual should there be a power outage. We are grateful to Mrs. Baldwin and the commissioners for appropriating funds for this project and for Ainsworth Electric for the installation.



Pictured:
Generator
installation day
by Ainsworth
Electric.



"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." — Maya Angelou



A Very Heartfelt Thank You

We are always very grateful for any and all donations that are received for Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home. Sometimes when we receive a donation, we also get some very kind words. We received a very generous donation in December from Sarabeth Turnbull Samaray and her husband in her mother's memory. Olive Turnbull was a resident of Sanborn from August 22, 2018 until her passing on October 1, 2022.

Sarabeth included a note with her donation that said, "Mom really loved Sanborn; the staff, her 'neighbors', it all. She was well cared for and very happy while there. We are very grateful for all the staff; their dedication, cheerfulness and kindness. We cannot say enough good things about this facility. We wish you all the very best going forward."

Thank you Sarabeth for the kind words, the generous donation and for allowing us the honor of caring for your mother, Olive.



Christmas at Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home

Christmas season at Sanborn was in full swing in December! Residents enjoyed decorating all around the home including the trees and even had a day of decorating Christmas cookies. There was an Ugly Sweater Contest with the winner of that contest being Robert! Robert looked especially festive in his Christmas Cow Sweater!! Congratulations Robert!!



Pictured above: Ugly Sweater winner; Robert



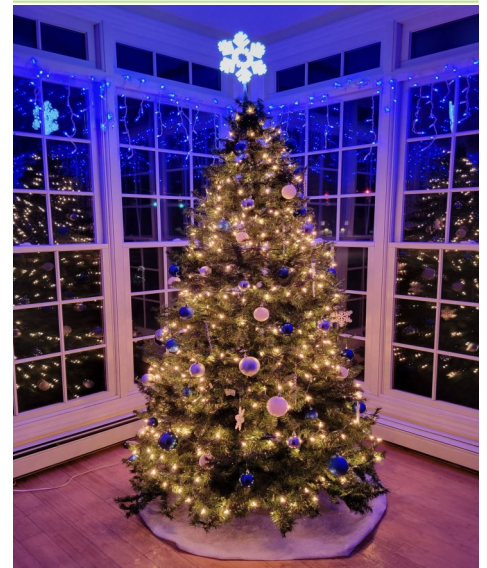
Residents pictured decorating for the holidays.



Also pictured are the yummy cookies that were made and the residents enjoying the fruits of their labor and snacking on cookies and milk.



Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home would like to thank all of those that made a donation in 2022. We can't be successful in serving those in our home without the kindness of others! Thank you for any and all donations you sent! We look forward to 2023!



Resident Birthdays

January 3

John

January 20

David

January 28





Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home residents received some very lovely Christmas bags from St. Mary's Church in Port Huron

and the Knights of Columbus #11756. They took the time to gather wish lists for the residents and bought resident specific items that were needed such as bedding, personal care items and more. We would like to thank them for their generosity and for thinking of our residents during the holiday. The residents really enjoyed their gifts!

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Our expanded circa 1890 Victorian style house is comfortably designed for ambulatory individuals and we are licensed to provide care for up to 30 residents age 55 and older. Paraprofessional staff provide 24 hour compassionate care for residents including personal services, laundry, bathing and medication administration.

If you know of anyone that is in need and would like more information or a tour of the facility, please contact Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home for more information.

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You Are Cordially Invited to Attend a Night Of

Dueling Pianos

A Benefit Fundraiser for Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home

Friday, March 3, 2023

6 o'clock in the Evening

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Elks Lodge
3292 Beach Road
Port Huron, MI 48060



Tickets Are On Sale Now!

\$100 each or \$180 for two

Don't Delay! Seating is limited.

Nacho/Taco Buffet Dinner, Cash Bar,
Silent Auction, Raffles, 50/50 and
so much FUN!

To register or if you have any questions, please contact
Kathy Baker at (810) 388-1200, via email at
baker@bwdh.org or online at sanborngratiot.org.

Proceeds from this event will benefit Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home, its Capital Campaign Fund and/or Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home's endowment fund.



"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." — Winston Churchill

**St. Clair County Commission on Aging
Continues Funding for Homeless Seniors**



Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home feels fortunate to obtain a renewal of St. Clair County Senior Citizens' Millage grant funds from the Commission on Aging to continue to provide 4 beds for short-term emergency housing for resident seniors 60 and older who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or are in unsafe situations. Referrals come from a variety of sources, the public guardian, Adult Protective Services, the HARA, McClaren Hospital, Safe Horizons and other sources that provide services to seniors. If you know someone who may need this service contact Betty Guigar at 810-985-5631.



Christmas Trolley Fun!!

A fun and festive outing was enjoyed by staff and residents on December 21st with a holiday trolley ride around Port Huron. About 15 residents and 2 staff members from Sanborn were able to enjoy the Christmas sights from the trolley and learn a little bit about the history of Port Huron from local historian, Andrew Kercher from the Port Huron Museum. The night started with the Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home Auxiliary providing hot soups from Jimmy's Frozen Custard. After soup, the ride lasted about an hour and a half and was then followed up with hot chocolate and cookies back at Sanborn.



Mexican Fiesta!

Last month we talked about The Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home Auxiliary and their history of providing items needed for the residents of Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home since 1959. The Auxiliary has also provided meals for the residents many times and that is just what they did last week. They provided a Mexican feast for the residents by bringing in food from Duenez's Mexican Restaurant. Many of the residents were able to enjoy chicken enchilada's, beef taco's, nachos and chips and salsa. The residents loved the Fiesta!

The pandemic put a twist on how the Auxiliary was able to provide food and entertainment for the residents but they are working diligently now to come up with ways they can treat the residents now that they are able to provide some in person activities. We would like to give a great big thank you to the Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home Auxiliary for all they have done and continue to do for the residents. You truly are a blessing for these residents!



Residents enjoying the Mexican Fiesta!



Endowment Fund

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home is proud to partner with the Community Foundation of St Clair County.

The organization has established an endowment fund with the Community Foundation. This fund supports Sanborn Home by helping cover the costs of resident activities, furniture, supplies, and other operating costs that enhance the lives of seniors living in the home.

If you are interested in learning more about the Sanborn Endowment Fund or making a donation please go to:
<https://www.stclairfoundation.org/fund/the-sanborn-gratiot-memorial-home-endowment>

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Wishlist Items

Sanborn Gratiot is always accepting donations for our residents and sometimes, we actually have some items in mind that we need. Our current list of items needed for our residents is:

Kleenex
Body Wash
Shampoo
Twin Sheets
Comforters
Prizes for Bingo

If you or someone you know would like to donate these or any items you think our residents could use, please feel free to contact Betty Guigar at 810-985-5631 or email at Sanborn@bwdh.org to arrange for drop off of donation items.



Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home is an affiliated organization with United Way of St. Clair County, enabling you to direct your gift to Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home. Sanborn Gratiot Memorial would like to encourage you to give generously to the United Way of St. Clair County to support its efforts to provide assistance to many deserving community agencies. Take some time to check out the [United Way of St. Clair County's website](#) to view current activities, fund raisers, newsletter and information about their current campaign. Donations to the United Way of St.

Clair County can also be made on their website or feel free to call 810-985-5631 to see how you can be an "everyday hero".



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About Us

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Mission

It is the mission of Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home, Inc. to provide an affordable, comfortable, safe, assisted living home to the aging community while striving to maintain a high quality of life for our residents through social activities and family involvement.