



Residents thriving with enhanced care and generosity

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ELEVATING RESIDENT CARE WITH DONOR SUPPORT

Staffing shortages of professional caregivers has been a challenge, especially in communities outside of metro areas. Now, through an innovative partnership with Workforce Hope and funding from the New Americans Long-Term Care Workforce grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services, we're addressing this challenge by welcoming new Americans into the senior care workforce.

Two new American citizens joined Ecumen as Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) trainees. They received CNA training, mentorship, and vital community resources. One has already passed the certification exam, and we're helping the second prepare for success. We're not just hiring—we're helping them thrive. Each receives essentials and a local cultural and community center membership. We also provide cultural sensitivity training to create a welcoming environment for all.

Thanks to this funding, these caregivers are now part of our community and ready to deliver the compassionate care our residents deserve. **Your support strengthens communities for both residents and caregivers.** Thank you for making a difference!



Wayne's creativity shines because of you!

EMPOWERING CREATIVITY AT EVERY AGE

Enriching activities are essential to living life to the fullest - just ask Wayne, a resident and therapy client who needed encouragement to reignite his creativity.

Wayne's passion for art is undeniable. Years ago, he was inspired by painter Bob Ross to give painting a try and even took a class in his local community. But with growing physical difficulties due to Parkinson's, he grappled with self-doubt about his skills and stopped painting.

While seeking therapy at Ecumen, team members encouraged Wayne's artistic side, gifted him new supplies, and displayed his past work – reminding him of his talent.

With support from his wife Corene and Ecumen team members, Wayne picked up his brush again. Now, he's back at his easel – even sharing his skills with others!

When you give, you help people like Wayne age with purpose and pride. You affirm dignity. You create confidence. You empower.

Learn more about Wayne's story!

March 5, 2025 | Video: *Wayne – The Artist (Detroit Lakes, MN)*



LIFTING CARE TO NEW HEIGHTS

In 2024, with support from Fairview Partners and others, Ecumen North Branch replaced one patient-lifting machine—improving safety and comfort for both residents and caregivers. Now, we're excited to share that **because of additional**

funding from Fairview Partners, we're replacing two more lifts! Serving more than 300 older adults each year, many of whom rely on lifts for mobility and transfers, we remain committed to providing the highest quality of care.

Your generosity makes this possible. Thank you for being a part of this life-changing work.



THANK YOU TO OUR 2025 SPONSORS!

In early 2025, Ecumen launched a new annual sponsorship opportunity for organizations close to our mission to provide support for the communities and people we serve. Their incredible generosity will allow us to enhance the quality of life for older adults across the state! This includes making crucial upgrades to our communities, acquiring state-of-the-art equipment, expanding programming and therapy options, and more. Join us – **together, we can change lives.**

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We are honored to once again show our support of the LGBTQ+ community at the Twin Cities Pride Festival. Whether you work here or live here, we think you'll find Ecumen is a place where you belong. Our communities are always looking for new residents and compassionate and caring team members. **Come see us at booth 94 to learn more!**

HELP EMPOWER OLDER ADULTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Your ongoing support empowers individuals and families to confidently navigate aging so that it is a purposeful journey filled with dignity.

As the demand for our work continues to grow and government funding declines, we are grateful for the contributions of people like you. Your generosity amplifies the voices of older adults, ensuring their needs are heard and met.

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