OUR PROMISE

of Purpose, Privacy & Dignity



VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLIMITED

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

There is promise in every new dawn. Promise of a new start, new chances, new opportunities, and new hope. Always remember the promise.

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A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

I take this opportunity to express my undying gratitude for this amazing organization known as Village Northwest Unlimited. Founded on the eternal values of love for one's neighbor and charity for those in need, it has been blessed many times over and has become "home" for scores of individuals who would be unable to attain any sort of Purpose, Privacy, and Dignity on their own. Thank you to all of you who have invested your lives and your talents into building the Village into what it has become; and know that we, the families of those being served, salute you. Thank You.

As you are aware, the Village has been in the process, over the last several years, of reinventing how we provide Purpose, Privacy, and Dignity to those we serve. Village 2.0 is now a reality and having gone through the growing pains of redevelopment; a solid foundation has been laid for the vision that has been cast for the future. We are ready to build on this foundation and we as a board along with the employees of this organization, pray that you, our



Joel Orthmann CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD

community of support, will embrace this vision and join us in building the future of Village Northwest Unlimited. Thank You.

BOARD AND CABINET MEMBERS

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

Since the Village's founding in 1975, we have remained committed to delivering on the promise of providing "Purpose, Privacy and Dignity" to those we serve. This promise is the bedrock of the Village Mission and provides the firm foundation for how we guide the Village. In 2015, with an eye on the future, we began the process of replacing several of our outdated campus homes. Since then, we have constructed four new homes specially designed to better meet the environmental and social needs of those living in each home. The positive responses from the residents, their families and our staff were indicators that we needed to continue this process, so in 2018 we embarked on the "Building Our Promise Campaign." It is so uplifting to see how many of you have come along side us to support the campaign, and ultimately the Village promise. As we have visited with many of you, countless stories have been shared about how the Village is making a significant impact in the lives of your loved ones who call the Village "home." When someone moves to the Village, our promise extends to not only the resident, but also to their family.

"We are delivering on our promise by fully engaging our residents and encouraging them to explore their interests and potential."

BARRY W. WHITSELL

The building of the new, attractive, functional, "homey", ICF level of care homes that will result from the capital campaign, will serve as the purpose in our promise, but that is only one facet of the promise. We also promise to continue to provide other services that meet individual needs such as therapy services (PT,OT, and Speech); community-integrated social programs; a variety of other day programs; and vocational training and community placement options that challenge individuals to expand their vocational potentials.

As you will see in the 2019 Annual Report, we are delivering on our promise by fully engaging our residents and encouraging them to explore their interests and



Barry W. Whitsell PRESIDENT & CEO

potentials. Take a moment to not only read the stories, but also look closely at the faces of the people in the pictures. The many smiles on faces reflect pride, happiness, fulfillment, excitement, contentment, and so many other positive emotions. This is what "Building on the Promise" is all about. It is not about buildings, though we need them to deliver high quality care, but it is about enriching the lives of the wonderful people we serve on a daily basis. As we look to 2020, we will be wrapping up the capital campaign and starting construction on two new ICF homes. We want to thank our donors for your commitment to building on the promise. I also want to thank our incredible staff. The Village has a caring and dedicated staff who EVERY DAY challenge themselves to bring our mission to life. This dedication is awe inspiring to watch. So, to all our staff, thank you for your commitment and for sharing yourselves with your Village family.

To everyone who is a part of the Village family, we hope that when you are done reading this annual report, you will have a feeling of pride within you that says, "I've had a part in the success of 'Building on the Promise," and in making a difference in the lives of the people at the Village. What a wonderful feeling!

IT DOES TAKE A VILLAGE!!!



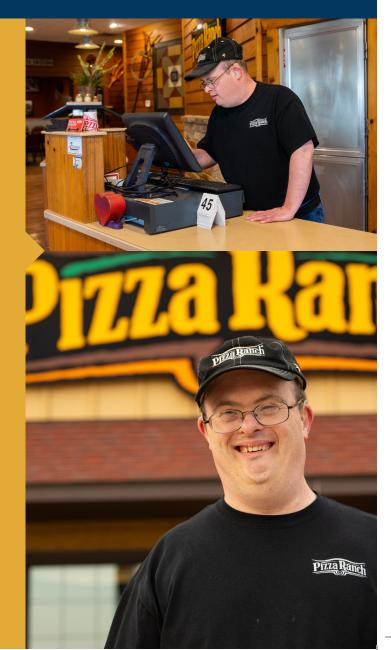
HAIL TO THE CHIEFS FAN BUILDING ON OUR VALUE OF ENRICHING RESIDENT'S LIVES

Typically at VNU you hear a lot of Minnesota Vikings SKOL chants echoing throughout campus. That is absolutely not what you will hear coming from Eric's room. In fact, quite the opposite for someone who just might be the biggest Chiefs fan at VNU (if not the greater Sheldon area). Recently, Eric finished a very creative sand art project in the Wansink Center's Imagine Art Room. (To nobody's surprise, it was Chiefs themed). We thought something like that should be shared with the Chief's organization. After sending the organization a picture of Eric's work, he received a return gift (sunglasses) along with a handwritten note from the Chiefs. This fall, Eric is also getting the chance to finally go to a real live Chief's game. We are proud of you Eric (even those of us who are Vikings fans).

GOING FOR GOLD *BUILDING ON OUR MISSION BY PROVIDING A PURPOSE FOR EVERYONE*

This June, one of VNU's residents had the honor of receiving Pizza Ranch's Gold Star Award. The award has three levels that must be achieved in order: first bronze, then silver, and finally gold. The award was designed to recognize those that provide service from the heart throughout the duration of their shift, and Chris' dedication and work ethic hasn't gone unnoticed. Kirsten Poage, Chris's supervisor at Pizza Ranch, commented, "We absolutely love having Chris here. Just having him in the dining room makes a huge difference. We have had guests comment that when he's not here, it's just not quite the same... he can turn any day around just by being here." Nic Wielenga, Chris' Service Coordinator, shared Chris' secret to success: "He always puts his work first. He tells me almost weekly that he loves the work he's doing out there." According to Chris, his job is wonderful! He feels comfortable at work, and he really enjoys the work that he does. Chris' favorite part is the work itself! He commented, "I really like bussing tables, and I love wiping them down!"

Congratulations Chris, we are proud of you – keep up the good work!



LEARNING TO LEAD THROUGH SERVICE

BUILDING ON OUR VALUE OF UNITY BY SUPPORTING AND NURTURING EACH OTHER AT VNU AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Everyone has heard the famous admonition that in order to understand how someone feels, you have to walk a mile in their shoes. But what if that person doesn't have a pair? This is the case for 1.2 billion people - 400 million children - that are living in extreme poverty. These families are living on less than \$1.25 each day. In this financial condition, adequate footwear is considered a luxury, not a necessity. For many children around the world, a pair of shoes is required to be able to attend school. If they don't have a pair of shoes, they risk falling behind and may be unable to continue their education. In many developing countries, walking is the main mode of transportation; people will walk miles each day for food, water and other resources - without shoes. Roads are dirty and can be covered with garbage broken glass, and sewage. This leaves individuals susceptible to the dangers of cuts, fungus, contaminated soil and insect bites that can lead to infection, disease, amputation or death.

In 2006, a group of shoe executives and philanthropists decided to take this need head-on and created the non-profit organization Soles4Souls (S4S). The organization strives to disrupt the cycle of poverty through the short and long-term solutions by providing free shoes and creating micro-enterprises that provide sustainable employment opportunities. Since its creation, S4S has distributed 35 million pairs of shoes in 127 different countries. As the organization grew and continued to experience success, opportunities for partnership showed up on VNU's radar.

In 2009, VNU partnered with S4S as a donation reception and processing center. All S4S donations that are received in the central US are sent to VNU to be processed. Through this partnership, VNU residents have been presented with a volunteer opportunity in the donation reception processing center pairing, banding and sorting donations based on the current condition. The donations are then sent on to distribution facilities in New Jersey or Alabama, where they are sent to the end user. In the last decade, VNU has processed over 1.8 million pairs of shoes, or an average of 3,498 pairs each week.

In April 2019, Sheldon High School's Student Leadership Team (SLT) reached out to VNU's CEO, Barry Whitsell, and Director of Development, Ryan Haack, about exploring opportunities for a service project. Haack and Whitsell suggested a S4S shoe drive, and



the students immediately latched on to the idea. The group created a district-wide donation competition, with prizes for the building that collected the most shoes. The group also created a competition between the high school homerooms with food as a prize for the winners. Three turn-in days were designated throughout the month of April, with donation centers located in each school. Drop-off locations were also located throughout town so outside community members could get involved as well. The goal for the drive was to collect 1,500 pairs of shoes- a goal that was shattered with a staggering grand total of 4,008 pairs of shoes! Here are some dollar equivalents to put this into perspective:

- In Haiti, this would provide 20,040 meals or one year of shelter for 200 people.
- In Honduras, this would provide one year of schooling for 134 students.

Hannah Van Meeteren, one of the members of SLT that led the project, commented on the success of their efforts: "My favorite part was seeing how the whole school district really stepped it up and responded to the goal and challenge we set. Something that so many of us have an abundance of and take for granted can make a huge difference in someone else's life. This project allowed me to see another way I can help others, and the difference we can make if we find a way to work together and encourage one another."

The products of VNU's partnerships with S4S and SLT has impacted lives locally and internationally. VNU's residents have had an opportunity to volunteer processing donations; students at Sheldon High School had an opportunity to make a difference in their world; and the shoes that were donated will provide individuals around the world with opportunities that would otherwise be unattainable. Van Meeteren was correct- the impact that we can have when we work together is an incredible one. With the help of our partners and our community, VNU has been able to continue to build on our vision of providing choices and opportunities both within and beyond our borders.

FINANCIAL

Statement of activities of Village Northwest Unlimited and VNU Foundation for the period ending June 30, 2019.

REVENUE

| Program Service Revenue | \$ 13,871,114 | 79.1% |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------|
| Business Ventures | 856,795 | 4.9% |
| Other Operating Income | 63,197 | 0.3% |
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| Total Operating Revenue | \$ 14,791,106 | |
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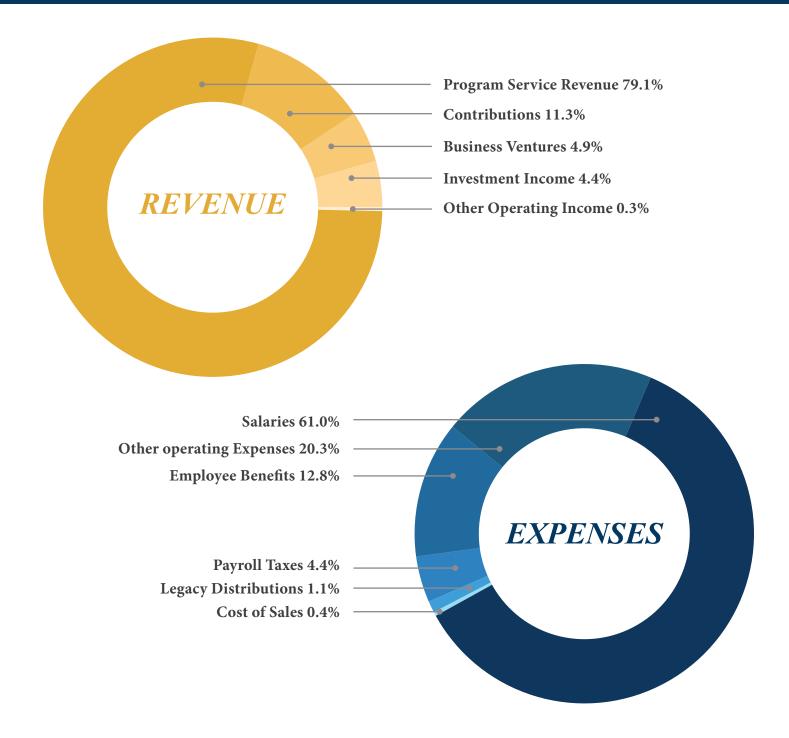
EXPENSES

| Salaries | \$ 8,693,422 | 61.0% |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------|
| Employee Benefits | 1,820,837 | 12.8% |
| Legacy Distributions | 152,783 | 1.1% |
| Payroll Taxes | 626,502 | 4.4% |
| Cost of Sales | 54,542 | 0.4% |
| All other | 2,892,158 | 20.3% |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$ 14,240,244 | |
| Operating Income | \$ 550,862 | |

OTHER INCOME

| Contributions Investment Income | \$ 1,984,449 762,261 | 11.3% 4.4% |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Total Operating Income | \$ 2,746,710 | |
| REVENUES IN EXCESS OF EXPENSES | \$ 3,297,572 | |

REPORT



The information presented above is a summary of our Audited Financial Statements. A copy of the actual Audited Financial Statements are available upon request. 7

TAKING FLIGHT

BUILDING ON OUR VISION BY PROVIDING UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

Dr. Steve Maraboli said, "Although time seems to fly by, it never travels faster than one day at a time. Each day is a new opportunity to live your life to the fullest." Staff at VNU's Summit building do not take this wisdom for granted. Well before the day-hab program re-design, the Creative Arts Team, or CAT, has been striving to come up with new ways that VNU can provide opportunities and choices for residents here at the Village, beyond what we already do. CAT serves as a brainstorming outlet for Summit staff to voice ideas about opportunities, events, and outings for the residents. Staff recommend ideas or outings related to something that they enjoy or would like to try themselves. Then, these ideas are filtered, refined, and offered to residents via CAT classes.

The CAT classes are fundamentally different from the daily curriculums that are offered to residents. Daily curriculums are designed to offer structured daily activities with specific learning goals in mind. The curriculums are written by the Summit staff person that will be administering the program, and the course offerings are changed on a monthly basis. CAT classes, on the other hand, are created quarterly and are intended to provide "one-time, once-in-a-lifetime" experiences. Mag Vander Wilt, one of the Summit's supervisors, commented: "At the Summit, we have our daily curriculum, and then we have our CAT classes. We try to give individuals as many opportunities and choices as we can... We're trying to offer CAT classes that are like a bucket list."

One of the most recent opportunities was not one for the faint of heart – an aerial tour of Northwest Iowa! When the idea was first presented, it was met with equal parts excitement and apprehension. Although this was a great opportunity for residents, there are always safety concerns to be addressed and prepared for before every outing. This particular outing – which was the first ever outing to be airborne – lent itself to unique concerns that required special attention and consideration. Summit staff thoughtfully weighed the pros and cons, but eventually decided to move forward with the class and sought the blessing of parents and legal guardians. Mag reflected on the decision, commenting, "We just figured that some of those things are risks that we need to take.









The guys that we serve should have those same opportunities that we do. Not everyone is going to want to do this, but for those guys that do, it's a really big deal.... Their families were really excited for them." The preparations for the CAT Flight were officially off the ground.

On a beautiful June day, Roger, Brad, and Brady had the opportunity to check one thing off their bucket list: to get a bird's-eye-view of Northwest Iowa! After lunch, the guys and a staff member, Dawn Cermak, left VNU and headed to the Sioux Center Regional Airport. There, the group was given a tour of the facility where they learned about and saw different models of planes and the unique safety precautions that each aircraft required. After the tour, the guys boarded a Piperlance single-engine six-seat airplane and prepared for takeoff.

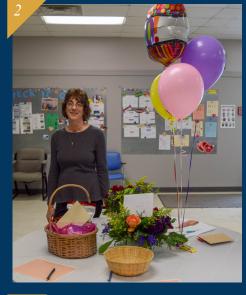
The aircraft circled over VNU's campus and travelled all over Northwest Iowa at altitudes over 5,000 feet and speeds up to 180 mph. They flew over the guys' hometowns, the areas surrounding Sheldon, and the Iowa Great Lakes. The guys were even able to find their childhood homes from the air!

On the way back to the airport, Pilot Andrew Schreier presented the residents with an offer they couldn't refuse: a chance to fly the plane themselves! Given Schreier's history as a professional flight instructor, he had no qualms about letting the guys take the wheel: "Any time I'm taking people on a flight, I always offer. If I can let them have the controls for a while, I always do. It doesn't bother me at all, and I know that many people will only have this opportunity once in their lives." After the 50-minute flight, the group came back down to Earth, safe and sound.

The success of the June's flight has the group considering the possibility of another chartered flight, as well as playing with the idea of taking an adventurous group zip-lining! Mag and the rest of the CAT team are excited for the next quarter's set of events and outings as they continue to build on VNU's vision of providing opportunities for our residents to live life to the fullest.

YEAR IN PICTURES

































A Year in Pictures...

- 1. Keith enjoying break time.
- 2. Sharon Koerselman celebrated 40 years at the Village!
- 3. Todd and staff splashing through the Miracle League at CNOS Field.
- 4. 2018 Staff Person of the Year- Bob Riemersma.
- 5. An outing to the Iowa State Fair!
- 6. We're #1!! Softball team gets first place at state!
- 7. Alex caught a trophy sized fish!
- 8. Harvey cheering everyone on at the Run, Walk & Roll.
- 9. Winning the Men's Division of the snack sprint with swagger at our Independence Day Celebration.
- 10. Margaret creating artwork in the Imagine room.
- 11. Justin and Ali celebrate a huge win at Panthers in the Park.
- 12. The next generation of volunteers touring the greenhouse.
- 13. Annual employee Christmas party- tacky dress encouraged!
- 14. Justina blasting off on the slip and slide during our Water Fun Day.
- 15. Nelva joking with staff at her house.
- 16. Connie making light work of her puzzle.
- 17. Christina enjoying a hug from Reba the golden retriever.
- 18. Chad showing off another terrific work of art.
- 19. Tim and Jared talking a little trash about their Fantasy Football teams.









2018-2019 Special **Olympics Village Athletes**

NICOLE ARENS - Volleyball, Bowling, Basketball Skills, Athletics, Soccer Skills and Softball Skills ZACH ARRICK - Volleyball AARON ARMER - Bowling BONNIE BARKLEY - Softball Skills, Bowling ALEXIS BROWN - Athletics, Volleyball AUSTIN BUURMAN - Volleyball, Basketball Skills, Athletics, Soccer Skills and Softball Skills CODY CELUS - Basketball, Athletics, Softball Skills DAN DEBOER - Volleyball, Basketball, Athletics, Softball, Bocce Ball JERRY DELIER - Bowling, Basketball Skills, Athletics, Softball Skills LEAH DYKSHORN - Bowling JEFF ENGELKES - Volleyball, Basketball, Athletics, Softball ALLIE ERNST - Athletics, Softball, Volleyball, Bocce Ball, Basketball **TODD ELLIS** - Athletics **IENNIFER FREED** - Athletics BRAD FRIEDLAND - Basketball Skills, Bowling, Athletics, Soccer Skills, Softball Skills JUSTIN GROEN - Volleyball, Bowling, Basketball Skills, Soccer Skills, Athletics, Softball JANET GROOTERS - Bowling, Basketball Skills, Athletics, Softball Skills LADEL HEIMAN - Bowling TRAVIS KLEIN - Basketball Skills, Soccer Skills, Athletics SHANNA KORTHUIS - Bowling MATT KRAMER - Volleyball, Basketball, Athletics, Bocce Ball, Softball MIKE KRAMER - Volleyball, Basketball, Athletics, Softball KEITH KRUMM - Volleyball, Bowling, Basketball Skills Athletics, Softball Skills, Soccer Skills JOHN LIST - Volleyball, Basketball, Athletics, Softball JORDAN MAGARIL - Bowling, Athletics, Softball Skills MALEAH ORTHMANN - Basketball Skills, Athletics DIANA PERRY - Softball, Bowling, Volleyball MATT PETERSEN - Volleyball, Basketball, Athletics, Softball JUSTIN RIEKS - Athletics TIM STEFFENS - Volleyball, Bowling MATT STOLL - Bowling, Athletics, Soccer Skills, Softball Skills **PEGGY SWEENEY** - Bowling CHRIS SWOYER - Bowling, Basketball Skills, Athletics, Soccer Skills MARY SWOYER - Bowling, Basketball Skills, Athletics SHAWN TODD - Volleyball, Basketball, Athletics, Softball TERI VANDER HAMM - Bowling CHAD WASSENAAR - Volleyball, Bowling, Basketball Skills, Athletics, Soccer Skills JESSICA WEBB - Volleyball, Basketball Skills, Athletics, Soccer Skills, Softball Skills **SCOTT WHEELER** - Volleyball, Bowling, Basketball, Athletics, Bocce Ball, Softball

COACHES – Deb Middle & Sara Wolthuizen







Special Olympics Summary

Special Olympics Event Summary

The Village Panthers Special Olympics team had an active year with scrimmages and competitions during each season. There were 40 athletes participating throughout the year and the teams are coached by Deb Middle and Sara Wolthuizen.

Basketball Scrimmage Events:

- Sheldon High School half time of girls' varsity game
- Sheldon High School half time of boys' varsity game
- Sheldon scrimmage vs. Sioux Falls' Special Olympics
- Dordt College half time scrimmage
- Northwestern College half time scrimmage
- Morningside College half time scrimmage vs. Sioux City Knights

Volleyball Scrimmage Events:

- Scrimmage vs. Sioux Falls Special Olympics
- Scrimmage vs. Glenwood Resource Center

District Competitions:

- Basketball Skills Sioux Center, IA
- Track & Field Sioux Center, IA
- Softball Skills Manning, IA
- Softball Team Tournament Sioux City, IA
- Bowling Sanborn, IA

State Competitions:

- Track & Field, Bocce Ball and Soccer Skills Ames, IA
- Basketball Skills and Basketball Team Tournament Iowa City, IA
- Softball Skills and Softball Team Tournament Ankeny, IA
- Volleyball Ames, IA
- Bowling Council Bluffs, IA

Other:

- Panthers in the Park Sheldon High School
- NAIA Basketball Clinic Sioux City, IA
- Bocce Ball demo with Special Olympics Iowa Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, IA



SUMMER OF SERVICE

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is what are we doing for others?"

MARTIN LUTHER KING

For a handful of young people in Sheldon and the surrounding communities, the answer to Dr. King's questions is this: taking the time to build friendships with VNU's residents through the Summer of Service (SoS) program. Although this program existed in the past, this was the first year it has resurfaced since its pause during the day-hab redesign. Mag Vander Wilt, one of the program supervisors, noted the great success that the program has had this summer, saying, "We're finding that it's a great program. We have a lot of kids that are here and it's a great environment. The kids have been wonderful."

SoS was created with the intention of recruiting the area's younger population. Vander Wilt stated, "There's so many kids that don't have many opportunities for jobs in the summer because they're so young. If you don't have a job, what do you do with all your time? You sit out at the pool, watch TV, and play video games all day long. This is a great opportunity to show people in the community what we do here at the Village, and we thought volunteering was a good way to do that." The program was advertised to the children of current staff that are in 6th grade or older. The interested volunteers were asked to fill out an interest survey, and then they were placed into service areas based on those interests. For example, one volunteer is very athletic and has an interest in sports; so, he works with the Exercise and Sports curriculum. A couple of girls are interested in crafts, so they work with the curriculums based on crafting.

It did not take long before friendships began to blossom between the volunteers and the residents. A couple of the volunteers commented that their favorite parts of the summer have been getting to go on outings with the residents. That friendship is not put on pause with the volunteers leave for the day, either. Vander Wilt recounted a story of a group of clients that spend Friday afternoons in the summer visiting area pools on a rotating schedule. One Friday afternoon at the Sheldon pool, the residents ran into some SoS volunteers. It was like they had run into an old friend – they were able to talk, hang out, and spend time together outside of VNU. Vander Wilt continued, saying, "They're making friends. They're building relationships and seeing those people in the community."



Not only are these kids making a difference now, but they may continue to do so in the future. Vander Wilt stated: "These kids are potential employees when they grow up. What an opportunity we have now to give them exposure to the Village at their age. We have employees that were in the Summer of Service program when we had it in the past. Now that they're old enough to have jobs, they're part of our summer staff. We gave them an opportunity to learn and grow when they were young so they could come and be employees when they were old enough."

Given the success of the first year of the re-surfacing of the program, (an incredible 430 volunteer hours logged by through August) Vander Wilt is excited about possibilities in the future. "It's definitely a program that can grow," she stated, as she mentioned the possibility of opening the program to area schools and churches. The SoS program provides opportunities for residents to interact with the outside community. But, it also does so much more than that – it is a valuable learning experience for the young people in our community through exposure to those that are different from themselves. We have the opportunity to teach our young volunteers about the Village values in hopes that someday, those lessons will come full circle and these young people will help us continue to build on our vision in the generations to come.



MAKING NEW FRIENDS

BUILDING ON OUR VALUE OF RESPECT BY APPRECIATING EACH OTHER AND OUR RELATIONSHIPS

Not every mission starts with a vision – as was the case with the new elementary student volunteer program. At the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year, Deb Haning, one of Sheldon's second grade teachers, contacted VNU about volunteer opportunities for her students. The second-grade teachers were in search of a way to drive home a theme about the spirit of a volunteer – an attitude of doing things for others. The Village was, of course, more than happy to integrate these young volunteers into their daily programming.

When the program began, there was no objective or learning goal in place for VNU's clients. Instead, the staff considered it to be a 'trial period', sitting back to observe how the situation and interactions would play out. Without a specific goal in mind for the program, the bar for success was not set very high. However, nobody could have foreseen the overwhelming success that this program would have, for students and residents alike.

Beginning in October and continuing through December, a rotating group of approximately thirty second-graders came each Friday to spend an afternoon with VNU clients. Students were paired up with one or two residents to play games in the gym, play UNO in the cyber classroom, or complete cooking or crafting projects in the LEAP classroom. With all this quality-time, it did not take long for the students and residents to start developing friendships. Residents looked forward to the students visiting, and their disappointment when the second-graders were unable to come was obvious. VNU staff also noted a shift in the way the students spoke to and about residents, using more connecting and relational terms. A program that started as a volunteer opportunity had manifested itself into an opportunity for growth and friendship.

The program continued when the second-graders returned to school after Christmas break, but with slightly altered arrangements. Throughout January, February, and March, a group of clients from the Summit went to East Elementary, rather than students coming to VNU's campus. Although the students enjoyed the opportunity to interact with a different group of residents, the kids missed the friends they had made before Christmas – they requested to start coming back to VNU!

Staff and residents were flattered by the request, and secondgraders were welcomed back with open arms. From April until the end of the school year, the students resumed the Friday trips to the Wansink Center to spend time with their newfound friends.



This program served as an opportunity for the second-graders to be pushed out of their comfort zones – to learn how to connect with individuals that are different from themselves, and specifically with those that have disabilities. Ken Ven Huizen, one of the leaders of the program at VNU, commented on the impact the kids had on the residents: "For residents, any time you bring in a child, they're different. They just smile more."

Although the school year came to an end in May, the overwhelming success of the program's trial period – for both students and clients – has proven that the elementary volunteer program will not end with it. Although concrete plans have yet to be made, there have been a handful of discussions about what the future of the program will look like. Ven Huizen noted that in the future, "We want to focus on what we really want the residents to get out of it."

Typically, a mission is formed as a pathway to fulfilling a vision, but in this case the program's vision has grown and developed alongside the program itself. Although there is still come uncertainty regarding the specifics of the future of the program, there is one thing that we can be certain of: our unwavering devotion to VNU's vision of "Building successful lives through Opportunities and Choices."

OUR BUSINESSES SUPPORT VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLIMITED



Fantasia

Fantasia's Gift Shop and Coffee Bar is an experience worth remembering. We carry home & seasonal décor, candles, flowers, baby products, jewelry, kitchen gadgets, whole coffee beans, Nordic Ware Baking and Grilling Pans, Caren Lotion, a variety of gourmet foods. We also offer a bridal registry. While shopping enjoy a gourmet cup of coffee or an espresso drink. We have ice cream sundaes, real fruit smoothies and fresh muffins daily.

HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:30 am - 5:00 pm Saturday 9:30 am - 4:00 pm Mondays in November & December: 9:30 am - 7:00 pm



The Village Treasure Chest

The Village Treasure Chest offers a variety of quality, clean and gently used clothing for the whole family. We also offer shoes, books, greeting cards, jewelry, home décor, small appliances, furniture, one of a kind items, vintage and so much more.

HOURS

Monday – Thursday Friday – Saturday

9:00 am - 6:00 pm 9:00 am - 4:00 pm



Northwest Produce

Northwest Produce operates a 15,200 square foot greenhouse growing 2,800 tomato plants. Vine-ripened chemical free tomatoes are sold and marketed through area grocery stores and restaurants during the months of April through November. Look for the Northwest Produce sticker in the produce aisle of your grocery store.

Volunteers

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In large part. Village Northwest's present endowment has been built from generous gifts from the estates of its benefactors.

- Bequest by will, irrevocable trust, or revocable trust
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Get Involved

Volunteer

Village Northwest Unlimited has a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. Options include working in the Treasure Chest, volunteering with the Soles4Souls shoe collection, assisting maintenance or helping in one of the many program areas. Donation of your time and talents directly impacts the lives of the individuals we serve.

Give Shoes

Shoes donated to Soles4Soles provides a work opportunity for residents of Village Northwest Unlimited. They sort footwear into specific categories and prepare shoes for shipment to Soles4Souls' global outreach distribution center. This partnership allows the individuals that we serve to give back to society by being able to provide shoes to those less fortunate around the world, and to be a part of improving another human being's life. You can deliver shoes to our processing center at: 105 N 18th Avenue Sheldon, IA 51201

Donate Items to the Treasure Chest

The Village Treasure Chest is thrift store that relies on donations of clothes, furniture, home décor and more from the general public. Items are sold in the store, which is run primarily by volunteers, and proceeds are used to help fund the services we provide. Donations can be dropped off at 1979 Park Street in Sheldon, IA.

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The Village has three for-profit businesses: Northwest Produce, Fantasia and Village Treasure Chest. Proceeds from these businesses are used to fund the services VNU provides. You can enjoy coffee and shop for home décor, kitchen supplies and accessories at Fantasia; explore the endless variety of merchandise available at the Treasure Chest and purchase delicious, locally grown Norwest Produce tomatoes at area grocery stores all while supporting the Village mission.

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Unlimited in our desire to provide Purpose, Privacy and Dignity for all people.

OUR VISION

Building successful lives through opportunities and choices.

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