

Volunteer Connection



Our Mission

To continue the healing ministry of Jesus by providing compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person we serve.

Our Vision

Our vision is to lead the community in offering seniors personalized services that are life-enriching and wellness focused.

Our Values

Respect for Human Dignity
Compassion
Transformation
Solidarity with the Poor
Justice and Peace

President/CEO

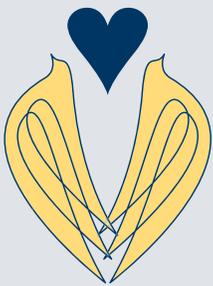
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Felician Village

2020 Felician Village Excellence in Volunteer Services Recipient Named

Harold Kimmel was named as the recipient of the 2020 Felician Village Award for Excellence in Volunteer Service at FV. This award recognizes an individual whose volunteer actions have made a significant impact on the residents and operations of Felician Village. The recipient of this award exemplifies the core values of Felician Village by living out the mission of the healing ministry of Jesus by providing compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person served. Renee Thompson, Development Officer, was one of the individuals who nominated him and said, "We are blessed to have Harold live on the FV campus... Not only has he transported the residents throughout the day and evening on campus to Mass, doctor appointments, and activities, he regularly assisted during Mass on the weekends, collected alms giving, distributed mass books, and assisted residents who needed extra help during and after mass. Furthermore, Harold's service extended beyond FV by helping others with running errands in the community. He is the legs and arms for those who can no longer use theirs."

Nominations for this award were requested in early 2020. To limit the spread of COVID-19, volunteer services on campus have been on hold since March. Harold has been a dedicated volunteer at FV since 2015 and, like all of our volunteers, he is so very appreciated and dearly missed. Congratulations Harold!



Pictured left to right: Connie Thimmig, FV Director of Enrichment Services, Harold Kimmel, award winner and Renee Thompson, FV Fund Development Officer.

Living the Values



Since mid-March we have facilitated 1,425 virtual, window and outdoor visits. This demonstrates the Felician Village value of TRANSFORMATION. "Following the Holy Spirit, we encourage open minds, hearts and discussion in fostering new ideas for continual growth and flourishing." Due to COVID restrictions, we found creative solutions to connecting family and residents. Also, we want to give a special, HUGE shout out to our Enrichment Services Staff who have helped make these visits possible. A family member recently commented, "Thanks again for making all of this happen as a way to share our love with Dad during Covid. It is VERY appreciated."

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President's Column

Happy 2021! When we started the New Year in 2020, many of us had a sense of excitement and positive anticipation. However, none of us expected we would be living through a pandemic. The organization, staff, residents, volunteers, and families have struggled through the unknown terrain that the pandemic laid in front of us. Most prominent was the fear of the virus COVID-19.



Now, at the start of a new year, a vaccine is here. This gives us new hope and a new horizon. We thank God for leading us through the dark times and giving us hope. But we need to continue to ask for strength while we are still in the midst of fighting this virus. Nursing home residents and staff started receiving the vaccine on January 7.

Based on our communication with government agencies, assisted living residents and staff will receive the vaccine next and then independent living residents. We are uncertain when or where vaccine may be available for volunteers once we reinstate the volunteer program, thus I encourage you to get the vaccine from the first source that becomes available to you.

We will continue to work diligently with our staff, volunteers, and residents to keep Felician Village the premiere senior living community on the Lakeshore as we live out our values of respect for human dignity, compassion, transformation, solidarity with the poor, and justice and peace.

Thank you for all you have done and the significant effort and achievements over the past year. Yes, we did make it through the year and we look forward to a great 2021. May the blessings of God be with you in the new year.

Peace and All Good,

Frank Soltys, President/CEO

Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering, 'It will be happier.'

Christmas Cards Bring Joy to Residents



Two very thoughtful young ladies, Kara and Nicole, made 220 Christmas cards for all of the residents at Felician Village.



Roncalli High School/Manitowoc students created one-of-a-kind Christmas Cards for our residents.



Roncalli Middle School Choir under the direction of Dan Berres gathered in the Felician Village Rosary Garden and shared their beautiful voices with our residents through a LIVE FelicianVision broadcast. FelicianVision is our new internal TV channel.