



#### **CORPORATE ANNUAL SUMMARY**

For the year ended December 31, 2020

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### Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you.

-Deuteronomy 31:6

#### Dear Friends of Lyngblomsten,

The women who founded Lyngblomsten 115 years ago might never have imagined all that their work would survive and grow into. Lyngblomsten has endured this nation's depressions, recessions, wars, and expansions, showing resiliency and resolve at every stage. Blessed by strong leaders, a committed work force, and the support of church and local communities, Lyngblomsten has become a center for innovation and creativity, helping people to age with dignity, comfort, and purpose.

Congregate living facilities and care centers were hit especially hard this past year with sickness, mortality, and financial issues. The response of Lyngblomsten's staff in the face of this pandemic has been nothing less than heroic. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their amazing work and commitment to the mission. With high numbers of staff and residents now vaccinated, we believe we have weathered the worst of this pandemic.

On other fronts, remodeling of the care center was completed in the fall with lovely new spaces inside and out. We resumed work on our second campus in Lino Lakes. The initial financing for this project is coming together, and we anticipate groundbreaking later this year.

And just as we have seen new creativity and adaptation in providing residential services during the pandemic, Lyngblomsten has also shown innovation, creativity, and resilience in its community outreach programming for older adults and informal caregivers in the east metro. eRespite care is a program with great potential developed in response to the pandemic and our desire to continue supporting at-home caregivers and their loved ones living with memory loss. Online offerings continue to bring many community elders together for learning, connection, and mutual support.

Finally, as Lyngblomsten moves into a new future, it finds conversations and efforts repeatedly turning to questions of diversity. How can we attract, train, and retain the best, brightest, most diverse frontline staff, administrative staff, and board and committee members possible? How do we better reflect the diverse community around us? These conversations are essential for bolstering all of our core ministries.

2020 presented us with unprecedented challenges. It was met with amazing responsiveness and resolve. We are forever strengthened by the experience. 2021 begins with hope and optimism and continuing resolve. Thank you to all who continue to make Lyngblomsten a special, incredible organization.

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In Christ,

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**Pastor Martin Ericson** Board Chair

Jeffrey Heinecke President & CEO

## OVID-19 TIMELINE

A SUMMARY FROM 2020

Mar. 6: The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) announces the first case of COVID-19 in Minnesota.

Mar. 10: Following guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Lyngblomsten Care Center restricts visitors. Also, all staff begin undergoing a health screening when they arrive for work.

Mar. 11: The World Health Organization (WHO) delares the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.

Mar. 16: By March 16, Lyngblomsten Community Services suspends all in-person programs offered through 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten.

Mar. 19: Following guidance from MDH, the Lyngblomsten Apartments and The Heritage at Lyngblomsten implement limited visitation guidelines for their buildings.

Apr. 1: The first COVID-19 test sample is collected from a symptomatic care center resident. Results are negative (i.e., not a case of COVID-19).

Apr. 25: The first case of COVID-19 is identified in a Lyngblomsten employee.

Apr. 28: The first case of COVID-19 is identified in a care center resident.

Apr. 30: The first Lyngblomsten Care Center resident dies due to complications from COVID-19.

May 4: The Lyngblomsten Apartments collects its first COVID-19 test sample from a symptomatic tenant. Results are negative.

May 14: Care center conducts its first house-wide testing of residents after securing enough test kits.

May 18: Lyngblomsten conducts its first house-wide testing of care center staff who have direct interaction with residents. By the week of June 1, all Lyngblomsten staff are being tested weekly.

June 12: The Heritage at Lyngblomsten collects its first COVID-19 test sample from a symptomatic tenant. Results are negative.

June 23: The care center has zero active resident cases of the virus. Between late April and mid-June, the care center experienced a significant outbreak of the virus among residents and staff, reaching a height of around 90 cases at one time.

June 24: The care center community is treated to a special family parade, held outside at the main parking lot.

July 20: Lyngblomsten Community Services hosts its first online Group eRespite session for adults living at home with dementia and their informal (e.g., family) caregivers.

Aug. 26: After weeks of preparation, the Lyngblomsten Apartments and The Heritage at Lyngblomsten begin hosting essential caregiver visits for tenants. The care center begins hosting them the next week on September 1.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1: After pausing in-person programming for five months, 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten holds its first virtual offering using Zoom, an online video conference platform. Monthly opportunities continue through 2020.

Early Nov.: The first cases of COVID-19 are identified in two tenants from the Lyngblomsten Apartments the week of November 9.

**Nov. 16:** House-wide testing of apartment tenants is conducted after two cases were identified the week before. Weekly testing of tenants continues through early March 2021.

Nov. 24: A tenant from the Lyngblomsten Apartments dies due to complications from COVID-19.

Dec. 26: The care center has zero active cases of the virus among residents, following another significant outbreak from mid-October through December.

Dec. 28: The care center begins offering indoor visits in the Newman-Benson Chapel for residents and their loved ones.

Dec. 29–30: The care center hosts its first vaccine clinic for residents, employees, and essential caregivers, with follow-up clinics held in early 2021. By late March 2021, the Lyngblomsten Apartments and The Heritage at Lyngblomsten have each hosted three vaccine clinics.

DECEMBER

NOVEMBER

# · 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

#### **Residential Services**

- In response to the pandemic, the Lyngblomsten Care Center, the Lyngblomsten Apartments, and The Heritage at Lyngblomsten implemented limited visitation guidelines in accord with guidance from federal and state health agencies. As COVID-19 evolved, campus policies related to visitation, testing, communications, and activities adjusted multiple times as agencies issued new guidance.
- With families, friends, and volunteers not able to visit in-person, staff took on new responsibilities to cover those roles—such as delivering packages, assisting at mealtimes, and leading conversation groups.
- After much preparation, Lyngblomsten became a participating organization in two Institutional Special Needs Plans, or I-SNPs, offered by Medica and UCare. Each I-SNP provides health insurance for coordinated medical care to those needing nursing services on our campus.
- The Lyngblomsten Care Center completed its three-year, \$10 million renovation that brought major modifications to resident rooms, bathrooms, and shared living spaces—both indoor and outdoor.





#### **Community Services**

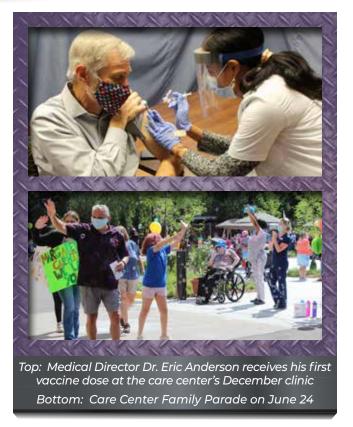
NOTE: "2nd Half with Lyngblomsten" and "Lyngblomsten Community Services" are used interchangeably.

- 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten in-person programs (including The Gathering) were suspended in mid-March due to the pandemic. In response, Lyngblomsten Community Services staff shifted to providing support to participants remotely (i.e., over the phone and via email).
- In July, Lyngblomsten Community Services launched an online Group eRespite program for adults experiencing early- to mid-stage memory loss and their informal (e.g., family) caregivers.
   The program provides participants with one hour of engaging activities and a much-needed break for their caregivers.
- Two sessions of Giving Care to YOU!, a video education and support series for informal caregivers, were held virtually in the fall. The series provided caregivers with new strategies for implementing self-care practices.
- After a five-month hiatus, 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten began hosting social and educational opportunities in September virtually using Zoom (an online video conference platform). The quarterly print catalog was converted to a monthly electronic bulletin.
- Lyngblomsten Community Services completed its three-year funding grant to develop the Care Ministry Network, an online training platform for church volunteers in caring ministries.

#### **Community Involvement**

- Due to COVID-19 visitor restrictions, only 7,143
  volunteer hours were logged in 2020—a decrease
  from 32,584 hours in 2019. Still, more than 550
  volunteers (ongoing and one-time) served in
  the first quarter of 2020, as did a handful who
  assisted in the summer with hosting outdoor
  visits for care center residents.
- The Lyngblomsten Foundation held its firstever virtual Spring Gala fundraiser on April 24, surpassing its fundraising goal by \$6,000. More than 100 households tuned in to learn how their generosity supports older adults in the community through 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten.
- Dr. Maynard and Elaine Jacobson were presented with the Anna Quale Fergstad Award for Distinguished Service in recognition of their generous sharing of time and treasure with Lyngblomsten. The award was presented during the President's Virtual Social Hour (a change from hosting the in-person President's Dinner).
- Collaboration began between the Lyngblomsten Foundation and Lyngblomsten Community Services to create a sustainability plan for 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten. The process includes studying program costs and funding streams, with the goal of serving more people, smoothing out the peaks and valleys of fundraising, and building capacity to fund new initiatives.
- The Lyngblomsten Foundation wrapped up the Our Turn in History capital campaign, raising more than \$1 million for care center renovations.





#### Other

- Lyngblomsten's Lifelong Learning & the
  Arts department collaborated with staff and
  community arts organizations to provide a variety
  of pandemic-modified activities for residents,
  tenants, and community participants. Activities
  included individual art projects, weekly podcasts
  with the Minnesota Opera, and a virtual cabaret
  performance featuring housing tenants.
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual Mid-Summer Festival scheduled for July 31 was cancelled—the first time in more than 100 years.
- In response to senior living communities needing to limit the number of persons gathered together, eMenuCHOICE® developed and launched a reservations feature that allows communities to assign capacity limits to dining rooms and take meal reservations.
- After hosting two information sessions in February 2020 for a proposed continuum-of-care senior living campus in Lino Lakes, Lyngblomsten cancelled additional sessions due to the pandemic and paused the building project till early 2021.

# LYNGBLOMSTEN CORPORATE

#### People Served

January-December 2020

#### 622 persons

Community Services (2nd Half with Lyngblomsten)

#### 135 persons

Home Health Services

#### 537 persons

Lyngblomsten Care Center

#### 114 persons

Lyngblomsten Apartments

#### 70 persons

The Heritage at Lyngblomsten

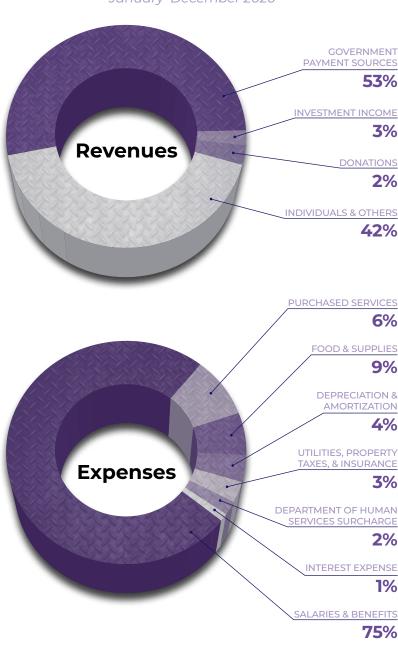
#### **50,585** persons

eMenuCHOICE®

Note: Number of people served is less than a typical year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

#### **Financials**

January-December 2020



Note: Lyngblomsten received funds from the federal CARES Act of 2020.

## O COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT O

#### **Fundraising Statistics**

January-December 2020

\$685,825

Total Gifts Received

704

1,422

Total # of Donors

Total # of Gifts

#### **Memberships**

Heritage Society

**42 Households** 

Persons who have chosen to help ensure the future capacity of Lyngblomsten by providing financial support through a charitable gift annuity, naming Lyngblomsten in their will or life insurance beneficiary, or establishing an endowment of \$10,000 or more.

#### President's Club

#### 63 Households

Annual membership granted to donors giving \$1,000 or more during the fundraising year.

### Sources of Donations

January-December 2020



#### Volunteer & Corporate Engagement Statistics

January-December 2020

**557**\*

Total # of Volunteers

Includes 475 ongoing volunteers and 82 one-time volunteers

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# of Volunteer
Groups

Includes corporate, civic, church, and school volunteers 7,143\*

Total # of Hours Volunteered

2

# of \$1,000 Youth Volunteer Scholarships Awarded

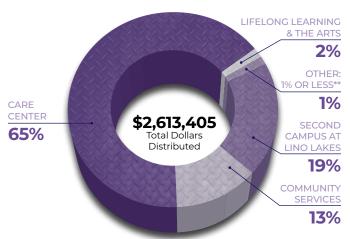
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# of Corporate Sponsors

\*Note: Volunteerism in 2020 was substantially lower than typical due to COVID-19 restrictions.

## Lyngblomsten Foundation Distribution to Lyngblomsten Programs

January–December 2020



\*\*Spiritual Care, Lyngblomsten Apartments, Good Samaritan Fund, and Annuity Interest

### Lyngblomsten's Member Congregations

The year indicates when the church became a member.

Amazing Grace Lutheran Inver Grove Heights, 2007

Augustana Lutheran West St. Paul, 2002

Bethlehem Lutheran in the Midway

St. Paul, 1962

Centennial United Methodist Roseville, 2000

Christ on Capitol Hill St. Paul, 1961

Community of Grace Lutheran White Bear Lake, 1998

Como Park Lutheran

St. Paul, 1960

Falcon Heights United Church of Christ

Falcon Heights, 1999

Gloria Dei Lutheran St. Paul. 1985

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran St. Paul, 1988

Pete Keely

Holy Childhood Catholic St. Paul, 1991

Immanuel Lutheran St. Paul, 1960 Incarnation Lutheran Shoreview. 1990

Jehovah Lutheran St. Paul. 1995

**Lakeview Lutheran** *St. Paul, 1960* 

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer St. Paul, 1998

North Heights Lutheran Roseville/Arden Hills, 1975

Prince of Peace Lutheran Roseville. 1961

Redeemer Lutheran White Bear Lake, 1960

Roseville Lutheran Roseville. 1975

St. Andrew's Lutheran Mahtomedi, 1991

**St. Anthony Park Lutheran** *St. Paul, 1960* 

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**St. Mark Lutheran** *St. Paul, 1962* 

**St. Timothy Lutheran** *St. Paul, 1961* 

Salem Lutheran West St. Paul, 1965

#### **Our Mission**

Influenced by Christ, Lyngblomsten provides a ministry of compassionate care and innovative services to older adults in order to preserve and enhance their quality of life.

#### **Our Guiding Principles**

For our **participants**, Lyngblomsten promotes dignity through informed choices for living options, respecting individuality, and orchestrating the best life possible.

For our participants' **families**, Lyngblomsten supports their needs through careful listening, traveling alongside them as they walk the journey with their loved ones.

For our **employees**, Lyngblomsten strives to foster an environment that encourages compassionate caregiving, innovative thinking, problem-solving, and opportunity seeking.

Through our **community** of donors, volunteers, corporate congregations, and socially responsible corporations, Lyngblomsten encourages the individual to live one's personal ministry by enhancing the lives of older adults.

#### **Lyngblomsten Board of Directors**

2020-2021

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#### **Our Pillars**

Influenced by Christ
Innovation & Leadership
Resources & Support

Person-Centered & Dignity-Enhancing Experiences

Engaged Lifestyle (Author Your Life)



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