

Spring Valley Seniors Staying Put

Caring ~ Connecting ~ Contributing



Coordinating volunteers to help seniors and adults with disabilities to maintain their independence

Welcome 2021

By Rich O'Connell, President



For *Staying Put*, and our community, 2020 has left an indelible mark in our memories. Looking forward, and as we advance into 2021, our challenge becomes taking on new projects to continue serving our seniors and adults with disabilities. Our donors have been generous, our volunteers have stepped up, and our Board of Directors has dug in to develop a strategy to help alleviate the challenges created in 2020. All of these people working together will help make 2021 a better year to remember.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Kathy Nyeggen

Administration Director:

Diane Huebel

Reflection ~ Remembrance ~ Renewal

By Kathy Nyeggen, Volunteer Director



2020 was an unordinary year which historians will study for a very, very long time. It was one so unlike any other ... yet every now and again throughout the ages, a time like this occurs - a year that changes the course of history and redirects humanity itself.

As we embrace the new year, we reflect on the trials of the old year, what they have taught us and how in some ways they have left us better.

With sadness, we remember the losses of those lives that touched our own. With a sense of renewal we strive for meaningful new ways in which to serve the seniors and disabled in our community. Through support and encouragement, we contemplate how our services can expand, reach farther, accomplish more.

Though the calendar has turned over, challenge, limitation & boundaries persist. Yet, kindness is without boundary, the heart's capacity for it - limitless. With little control over a great deal in our world today, we individually possess the power to help redirect humanity through kindness alone. May the year ahead be gentler, kinder, and more hopeful.

Staying Put— Reflection

2020 Staying Put Statistics

Volunteers
114
Clients
110
Rides & Services
4057
Volunteer Miles
16,683
Volunteer Hours
1,393



January, 2020—
Monthly Craft Circle
gathering.



Meals on Wheels, (MOW) sponsored by
Pierce County ADRC, continued serving hot
nutritious meals, delivered by our volunteer
drivers.

Walking—one on one



Errands—Volunteer
drivers delivered grocer-
ies, RX, and supplies.



Friendly Calls – Routine calls are being made by a group of volun-
teers to over 25 seniors. This activity will continue to expand.

March—May - We received a Grant in partnership with St. Croix Valley
Foundation and Sneakers Pub & Eatery to purchase meals delivered by
our volunteer drivers.

Memory Café – Janice Ottman continues to man-
age with Rosalie Sowatzke, Paula Lugar, Amy Lu-
ther/ADRC, via tele-conference until in-person can
resume. This summer they held a few sessions out-
side at St. Johns Church.



Resource Connections – We assisted with referrals to outside services;
ADRC, other agencies, Assisted Living facilities, snowplowing, house-
cleaning, and other services as required.

Staying Put - Reflection (continued)



Patio Singing & Visiting— at Valley Villas with Lily and AnnaMarie .

Letters & Cards – Our youth volunteers are currently active with letter-writing and sending cards as available.



Intervention—Processes are in place with proper agencies to assure safe environments for our clients.

Transportation – Local transportation in normal times has always been one of our most requested services.



December—Dozens of cookies, made by Gordy Behling, were delivered to our clients by volunteer drivers.

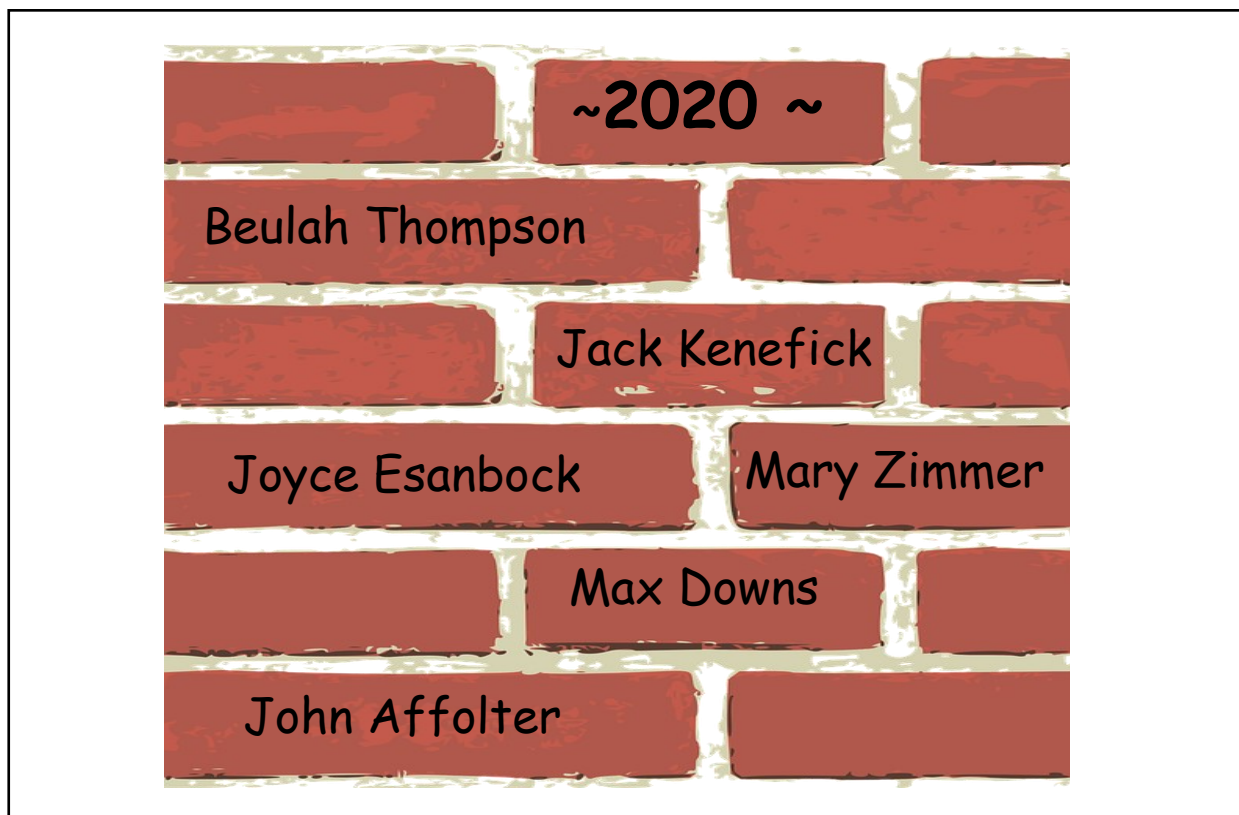


Homemade Gifts—Local families and kids (i.e. Connors Kids) created seasonal crafts, ornaments, pot pourri, pine cone bird seed, and written messages; a few of our drivers provided seasonal vegetables, and a client made ornaments and personal cards, all delivered to our MOW clients.

Staying Put - Remembrance

Remembering those we lost....

Rising from a firm foundation, stands a structure of bricks & mortar,
from which souls departed and present, are bound in spirit, near and far.



Renewal - 2021

Our hope is to safely offer the same array of services
and activities as prior to the pandemic, plus expansion
initiatives.

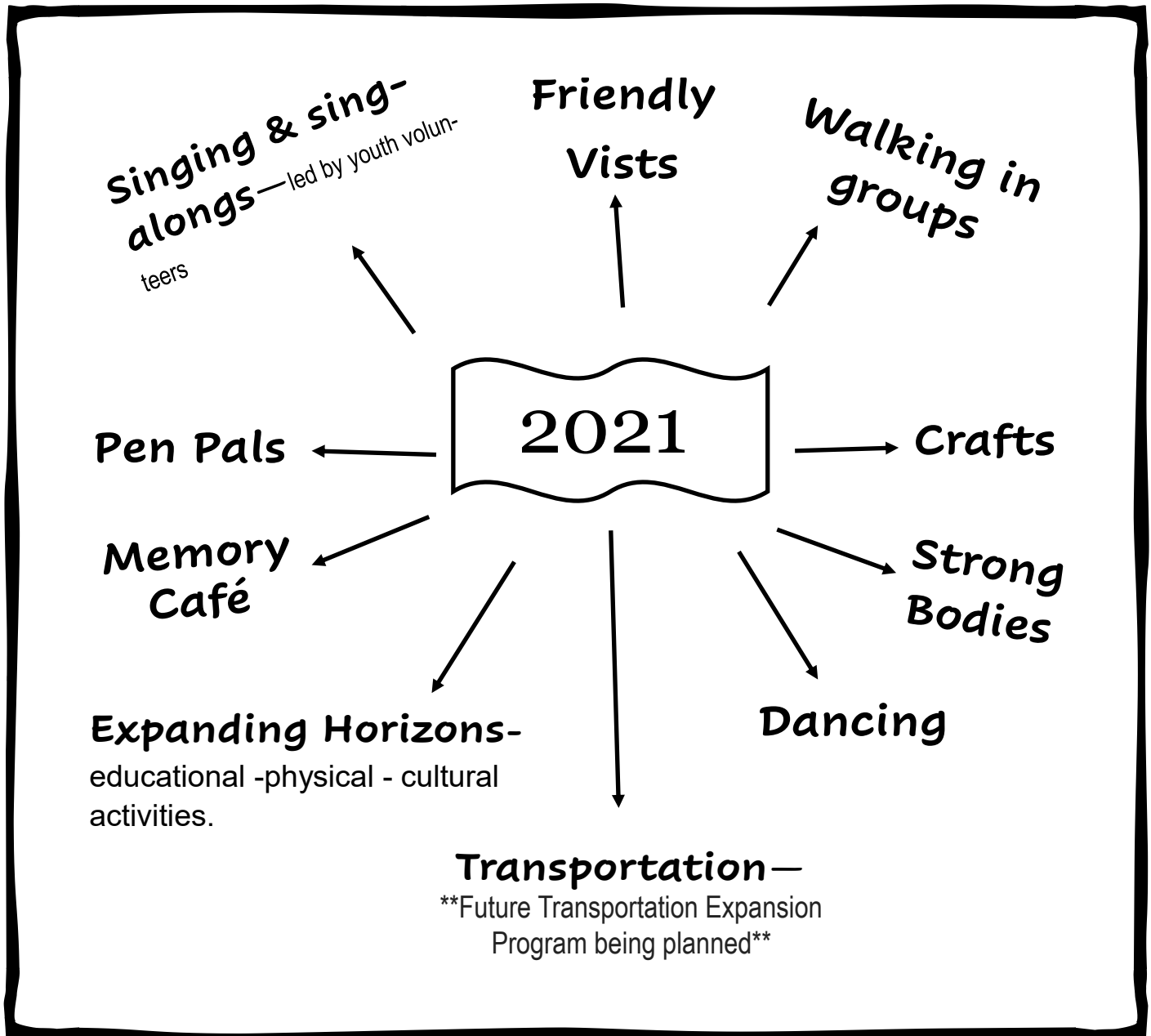
Office—We look forward to
 re-opening our doors
to welcome volunteers
and clients.

Home Assistance – We look
forward to coming back to your
homes to assist with light house-
keeping & yard maintenance.

Staying Put - Renewal (Continued)

Renewal - 2021

Activites—In person for regularly scheduled activities....



Staying Put Founders Feature-Jan Hatling



Jan Hatling

When my friend Margy Balwierz asked me to help her start *Spring Valley Seniors Staying Put*, I was reluctant at first because I'm not a joiner and tend toward shyness. I knew it was a great idea, however, because I had worked at a neighborhood nurse/volunteer organization in the past called, The Healthy Seniors Project, and had seen firsthand how a little bit of support can make a big difference in

the health and well-being of seniors. But what did I know about starting a program? Nothing! But I sure did learn, along with a dedicated group of volunteers.

On the *Staying Put* Board my first job was the Treasurer. I had to learn about payroll and taxes which is funny because I've never balanced my own checkbook! Later I worked with Margy writing grants and I ended my term as President. I learned many new skills and I met and worked with a lot of really nice people.

As a senior myself now I feel grateful that Spring Valley has this organization. *Staying Put* with the help of volunteers and community support will be there to lend a helping hand as we age in our own homes and community. I'm very proud to have been a part to help get it started.



Thank you Jan, for being with *Staying Put* from day one and strengthening our organization through your skills and dedication.



To read the full history of how Staying Put began check out the website,

<http://www.springvalleystayingputorg/home.html>

Staying Put— Welcome

New Board Member—Sue Christopher



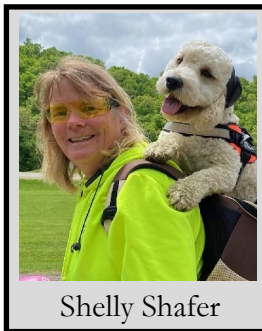
Sue is Co-Owner and Co-Manager, along with her husband Mark, of Maple Leaf Orchard. She is retired from 3M as Raw Material Coordinator. Both Sue and Mark have dealt with aging parents and friends, so they really admire SVSSP's assistance to help keep local people independent as long as possible. Sue is looking forward to working with this dedicated group!

New Staff Member—Diane Huebel

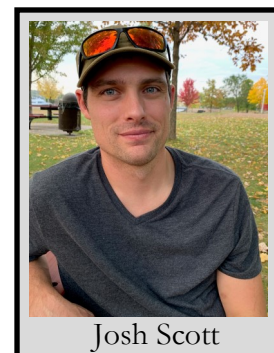
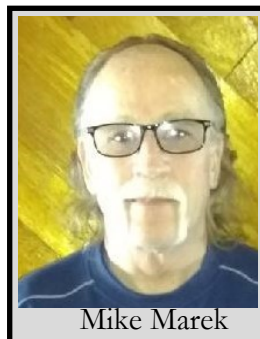


Diane joined our office staff in June of 2020, as Administrative Director. She works with the Volunteer Director to administer the increasing demand of our administrative operations, as a result of our growth. Diane has been a volunteer since the inception of Staying Put and served as a Board Member and Officer for three years.

New Volunteers—since June



Thank you for stepping up, especially during this challenging time.



Staying Put



The **Meals on Wheels** program through the **Pierce County ADRC**, continues to operate. To inquire about this program, contact the **Pierce County ADRC** with questions: (715) 273-6780.

For those enrolled in the Meals on Wheels program in Spring Valley, *Staying Put* volunteers will deliver your hot and nutritious meal Tuesday—Friday.

Office Hours

Our office is temporarily closed during the pandemic. Please call the office and we will get back to you within 24 hours.

715-778-5800



Blessed In Aging

~Esther Mary Walker (HOME INSTEAD)

Blessed are they who understand
My faltering step and shaking hand
Blessed, who know my ears today
Must strain to hear the things they say.
Blessed are those who seem to know
My eyes are dim and my mind is slow
Blessed are those who look away
When I spilled tea that weary day.
Blessed are they who, with cheery smile
Stopped to chat for a little while
Blessed are they who know the way
To bring back memories of yesterday.
Blessed are those who never say
“ You’ve told that story twice today”
Blessed are they who make it known
That I am loved, respected and not alone.
And blessed are they who will ease the days
Of my journey home, in loving ways.

Thank You!

Donations received from Oct. 1, 2020 — Jan. 15, 2021

INDIVIDUALS

Joe & Betsy Bacon
Tom & Kathy Birkel
Don & Donna Blegen
Al Brown
Anna Brown
Shirley & Tim Colbenson
John & Nancy Ellingson
Luann & Bill Emerson
Dale & Marilyn Finke
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deberge
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BUSINESSES & FOUNDATIONS

Pierce County ADRC
Spring Valley Lions Club
St. Croix Electric Coop
The Henkel Foundation, Inc.
St. Croix Valley Foundation

IN-KIND

Yvonne DeGross
Brian Kirby
Gordy Behling
Dan Connors Family
Margaret Hanson
Mary Lansing
Ron Thompson
Gary Fingstuen
Brenda Haack
Bank of Baldwin
St. John's Church

IN HONOR OF

Families with COVID Losses

Margy & Gary Balwierz

IN MEMORY OF

Beulah Thompson

Don and Donna Blegen
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Beverly Lueth

Richard Schaffner

Mary Kay & Jim Schaffner

Carolyn Sorenson

Dennis Sorenson

Una and Ellsworth Pierce

Margaret & Rick Thorne

Dale Wells

Greg and Sherry Wells

Ruth Friberg

Jeannie Place & Blaze Cunningham



Your Legacy

Planned giving is a way you can help shape Spring Valley Seniors Staying Put into tomorrow. A way to assure yourself a place among those who can truly say: "I was here; my life was important; and I made a difference". If you want to know more about legacy planning please contact your professional advisor.



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(we are located in the First Bank of Baldwin building)



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