

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home Newsletter



And the Winner Is....

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home is proud to have been voted number one for the Best of the Blue Water Area for the 2023 Community Choice Awards!! We are truly honored to have won this award and grateful to all of those that voted for us.

Each year, the Best of the Blue Water Area Community's Choice Awards recognizes more than 300 businesses and organizations. The awards program starts with public nominations, and then the top five nominees in each category are presented to the community for voting. The voting round then selects the three finalists and determines the winners. An awards gala was held on July 19th and was attended by Sanborn Board President, Nora Arnold, Blue Water Developmental Housing Executive Director Lisa Beedon, Community Services Division Director Kathy Baker, Sanborn Home Manager Betty Guigar and Sanborn Assistant Home Manager Bill Johnson.

Sanborn was voted number one under the category of Home and Home Services and the sub category of Assisted/Senior Living. We are truly

humbled by the community support and the we couldn't be the great facility that we are without the great staff at Sanborn and our wonderful residents!

Pictured: Nora Arnold, Lisa Beedon, Bill Johnson, Betty Guigar and Kathy Baker.



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Best of the Blue Water Area Gala pictures:



2024 Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home Dueling Pianos Fundraiser



Friday, March 8, 2024
Alexanders Banquet Facility
6pm - 9pm
Tickets Available at a Later Date
Mark Your Calendars!!

Correction

Last month we featured an article, From Homeless to a Home, and we listed the position of Jenny Posey as being with the Council on Aging which was incorrect. Jenny Posey is with the Commission on Aging. We apologize for this error.



Annual Picnic!!

Thank you to everyone that came to our annual picnic! We were so happy to see everyone and get the chance to visit and enjoy the good food and the great entertainment! We couldn't have asked for a better day! Thank you to all of the Sanborn staff that made this picnic possible. There is so much that goes on in the planning process and we have the best team to get the job done! We are already looking forward to next years picnic!





*Employee of the
Year for 2022*



TRINA BERGMAN



Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home is proud to announce that Trina Bergman was voted the Employee of the Year for 2022 and awarded her certificate at an all staff meeting in July. Trina was nominated by a coworker who had this to say about her:

"Trina is very versatile and has the ability to work in any job position at Sanborn.

She is accurate in her documentation and efficient in helping her coworkers.

Trina's communication skills are professional with all of the many vendors and public personnel Sanborn has communication with. Trina is cooperative and helpful when completing her daily tasks. She has a positive attitude when cooking or caregiving. Her enthusiasm is contagious while she and her coworkers have their dinner time dance parties. Trina is dependable and can be counted on for extra duties. Her knowledge of Sanborn policies and procedures allows her to assist in training new and current employees."

Congratulations Trina!!

Musical Fun!!

On July 20th twelve members of the Pine River Legacy Band, directed by Barb Birdsley, filed into Sanborn with their assortment of instruments, large and small. With 2 hammer dulcimers, 4 guitars, banjo, mandolin, 3 violins/fiddles, double bass, small drum, and penny whistle, an afternoon treat of musical entertainment was produced by these talented friends! A wide variety of folk music, both Celtic and American, as well as old favorite hymns had the audience tapping their toes, swaying, and humming along. The 1925 hit *Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue* and John Denver's *Country Roads* inspired singing, as well as *In the Garden* and *I'll Fly Away*. Fast paced, *The Irish Washer Woman*, had fingers flying on the instruments and everyone clapping fast! Then the music slowed with *Danny Boy* and concluded with *Ashokan Farewell*.

This group was initiated in the 1980's by Ron Borowski, who plays the guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, and several other strings. Although members have changed over the years, they happily gather and enjoy playing at senior complexes and area events.

The Auxiliary invites you to join the Sanborn family at 2:00 Tuesday, August 22 to listen to local favorite Joe DeHenau, husband of Jeanne, SGMH Auxiliary president. Joe plays acoustic and electric guitars, fiddle, harmonica, and mandolin, singing and entertaining with songs across many eras and genre.



About Us

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home, Inc. provides residential assisted living for the elderly with a mission to serve lower income seniors who are semi-independent and seeking a secure and affordable residence. We are located near beautiful Lake Huron in Port Huron, Michigan in St. Clair County. Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home, Inc. is the only "licensed home for the aged" in St. Clair County and the only senior residence with a mission to serve lower income individuals.

Our expanded circa 1890 Victorian style house is comfortable designed for ambulatory individuals and we are licensed to provide care for up to 32 residents age 55 and older. Paraprofessional staff provide 24 hour compassionate care for residents including personal services, laundry, bathing and medication administration. Please see our Activities & Services page for more information.

Mission

It is the mission of Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home, Inc. to provide an affordable, comfortable, safe, assisted living home to the aging community while striving to maintain a high quality of life for our residents through social activities and family involvement.

Do you know about Kroger Community Rewards? If you shop at Kroger, you can link your shopper's reward card to earn money for our organization at no cost to you and this will not affect your gas points! This program is designed so that Kroger donates back a percentage of your shopping total to the organization you designate and link to your shopper's reward card. Just go to Kroger.com and scroll to the bottom of the page where it says Community. Click on Community Rewards and follow the instructions to sign up!



Be sure to follow us on social media!
Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn!



Do you do a lot of shopping online? Want to know how you can help Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home while you shop online? Go to iGive.com and sign up for an account. It is a free service where shopping at any of over 2000 stores like Walmart, Travelocity, Chewy, Overstock and more will mean a percent of your purchase will get donated back to Sanborn at no additional cost to you!! Sign up for your free account today and start earning for Sanborn!



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Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home has been an affiliated organization with United Way of St. Clair County for many years, enabling you to direct your gift to Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home. Sanborn Gratiot Memorial would like to encourage you to give generously to the United Way of St. Clair County to support its efforts to provide assistance to many deserving community agencies. Take some time to check out the United Way of St. Clair County's website to view current activities, fundraisers, newsletter and information about their current campaign.

Donations to the United Way of St. Clair County can also be made on their website or feel free to call 810-985-8169 to see how you can be an "everyday hero".

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial home is always accepting donations for our residents. Some of the items that we currently need are: Kleenex, Body Wash, Shampoo, Craft Supplies, Comforters and prizes for Bingo. **We currently have a big wish list item; Asphalt to fill the end of our driveway/parking lot. We are in need to have this done and would love it if someone wanted to donate this service!**

If you or someone you know would like to donate these wish list items, please feel free to contact Betty Guigar at 810-985-5631 or email her at Sanborn@bwdh.org.

Make a Difference!
DONATE

Endowment Fund

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home is proud to partner with the Community Foundation of St Clair County.

The organization has established an endowment fund with the Community Foundation. This fund supports Sanborn Home by helping cover the costs of resident activities, furniture, supplies, and other operating costs that enhance the lives of seniors living in the home.

If you are interested in learning more about the Sanborn Endowment Fund or making a donation please go to:

www.stclairfoundation.org/fund/the-sanborn-gratiot-memorial-home-endowment