



# Countryside Support & Memory Center

415 S. Crow St., Pierre, South Dakota 57501

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## Hope, Compassion, and Community This Holiday Season

As the holidays approach, we're reminded of the true meaning of community — how compassion and support can light even the darkest days.

At Countryside, our mission is simple yet profound: to stand beside individuals and families in our community who are facing cancer, memory loss, and end-of-life needs. Each day, your generosity helps bring this mission to life — providing comfort, dignity, and hope when needed most.

This year, from January through September, your support has made an incredible difference:

- \$42,715 distributed through *Pennies for Robert* cancer travel funds
- 133 free memory screens provided
- 118 guests stayed at the *St. Benedict's Guest House* for a total of 214 nights

During this season of giving and **Countryside Holiday Appeal**, your gift isn't just a donation — it's a moment of relief, a lasting memory for a family facing uncertainty, and the reassurance that help is there for the next appointment. It's hope, wrapped in compassion.

Together, we can continue to make a difference — one person, one family, one moment of kindness at a time. Let's make this a season of giving, gratitude, and grace for everyone.

## Ways to Give

Your generosity makes our work possible. There are many ways to support Countryside's mission this holiday season:

- Give Online: Visit [www.countrysidesupport.com](http://www.countrysidesupport.com) to make a secure online donation
- By Mail or Drop Off: Use the enclosed return envelope and send your gift to *Countryside, 415 S. Crow St., Pierre, SD 57501*
- Honor or Memorial Gifts: Give in honor or memory of someone special
- Planned Giving: Include Countryside in your estate or planned giving to leave a lasting legacy of compassion in our community

Every gift, no matter the size, brings comfort, dignity, and hope to those we serve.

**Thank you for your continued support** — and for keeping the spirit of compassion alive this holiday season.



**Community programs – All groups will meet in the Countryside Community Room - 415 S. Crow Street**

Parkinson's Support Group First Wednesday of each month, at noon. Visit with others who have a Parkinson's diagnosis. Topics include medications, exercise, safety issues and day-to-day challenges. Family members are also welcome.

Memory Connection Third Thursday of each month, at 6:00 p.m. Discussion group for family members and friends caring for a loved one with dementia. An opportunity to brainstorm and share information.

OMA – Thursdays 10:30 -11:30

Opening Minds through Art (OMA) is a program that matches individuals who have memory loss with a volunteer, together they create art. For more information and/or to volunteer, call Cindy at 945-0827.

Website

[www.countrysidesupport.com](http://www.countrysidesupport.com)

Facebook

[Countryside Support – Pierre, SD](#)

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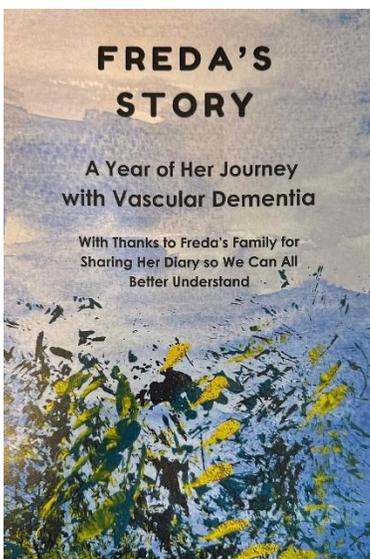
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**November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month** — a moment to honor the dedicated professionals, volunteers, and caregivers who provide comfort, dignity, and support to individuals and families. This month, we extend our gratitude to those who provide these essential services through Aver@Home services.

Aver@Home Services Include: Nursing, Social Work, Spiritual Care, Aide Services, Volunteers, Physical & Occupational Therapy, and Physician visits. They also welcome volunteers to visit patients, bake, run errands, share music or art, and help with pet therapy. To join the Hospice team, call **605-224-3218** today!

**Planned Giving** – Long time Thrift Store Volunteer, Sharon Roseland passed away in 2024 and in her will, designated a gift to Countryside Support. She enjoyed volunteering her time with many organizations. Her favorite was the Thrift Store where she enjoyed meeting new people and working with old friends.



**Freda's Story**

A year of her journey with Vascular Dementia.

This book is a gift from Freda's family in a small attempt to bring dementia into our daily conversations to help support both patients and caregivers. It was transcribed and designed by Countryside volunteers, not as a fundraiser but as an educational tool.

If you're looking for a gift for a caregiver of someone with a memory loss, copies of the book are available at Countryside office at 415 S. Crow St. Pierre, SD. You can also find it on Amazon on Kindle or paperback for your family, church libraries, waiting rooms, etc. Speakers are available to present to groups and organizations by calling Countryside at 605-945-0827.

This is not a traditional fundraiser for Countryside, but donations are welcome so we can print additional copies. If dementia is part of your personal or professional life, we think you will find Freda's story helpful - there is so much to learn.

## Preparing for the holidays for family members with memory loss

If a family member is living with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia, the holidays can bring special challenges. Extra people, changes in routine, and festive lights or decorations may increase confusion, anxiety, or mood changes.

You can help by simplifying plans and being flexible. Consider moving large gatherings elsewhere, sharing responsibilities, or downsizing events. A potluck may ease stress for someone with early memory loss. Make sure someone keeps an eye on your loved one—if they become anxious, it may be time for a break or for guests to leave.

Prepare visiting relatives so they know what to expect. Avoid flashing lights or noisy decorations, keep the space calm and uncluttered, and stick to familiar routines with rest breaks. Most importantly, include your loved one in songs, stories, and traditions. A little planning can make the holidays more enjoyable for everyone.



## November is National Caregivers Month

We want to recognize the caregivers among us and pause to honor the caregivers in our community—those who give their time, energy, and love to care for family, friends, and neighbors.

Caregivers are everyday heroes who provide comfort, strength, and compassion, often while balancing their own busy lives. Their quiet dedication reminds us of the power of kindness and the importance of looking out for one another.

To every caregiver: **thank you** for all that you do. Your care makes our community stronger and more compassionate every day.



**“They may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel.”**

~ Carl W. Buechner

## We Care – Dakotamart

Countryside participates in the We Care program sponsored by Dakotamart. For every \$10,000 in grocery receipts that we collect, Dakotamart donates \$100 to Countryside. The receipts add up quickly and can include groceries and clothing and anything else you can find in the store. Please remember us when you are wondering what to do with your receipts. Receipts can be dropped off at the Countryside office or the Thrift Store.

## Countryside Thrift Store

We are very **thankful** for the generous donations from our community and for every customer who visits, to discover a great deal or that one-of-a-kind find. Your support helps us continue giving back and keeping our community strong!



# 45 Years of Caring

As her dear friends, we wanted to thank you for the beautiful place of **St. Benedict's Guest House** you have for folks to stay at while getting treatments in Pierre. Being two hours away from home, it was comforting to know that she was safe and felt like home during her extended stays for radiation. The family is very thankful you have this opportunity for central SD. Please use this donation so families can be a little bit closer to home with such caring staff.

You have gone above and beyond to help us through an every changing time with our mother's memory loss. Your patience with all our questions, has gotten us on a good foot forward. We are so thankful that there is a **screening** opportunity like your program. The **support group** has also helped connect with and hear other ideas. Please accept this donation to the **Memory Center**. What a great program for our loved ones.

Dear Countryside Support – Thank you for the funds you provided us through **Pennies for Robert**, to help cover travel expenses for cancer treatment trips. The blessing of your support and generosity is appreciated greatly.

We are thankful for **OMA** each week that provides an opportunity for our mom to participate in a group painting activity, with great volunteers. It brings a smile to her each time.

To the **Thrift Store**, Thank you for helping my family with our PARS voucher for clothing and household items to help us get back on our feet. Your kindness and help in finding items was appreciated.

While I won't miss the circumstances that brought us to **St. Benedict's Guest House**, I will miss the your hospitality and the house that dad and I called home and the time we shared together.

Our staff recognizes all the amazing things your center does, such as the **Thrift Store and Memory Walk/Run**. We hope this donation will help some of our local citizens through your efforts.

Please tell the **board of directors** Thank You for their support and thoughtfulness to staff and volunteers year-round, allowing us to be heard and acknowledged in a

Dear Countryside staff, volunteers and board, thank you for the travel assistance to get to appointments. I greatly appreciate your help. Signed a Loyal Thrift Store and **Pennies for Robert** fan!!

## IN MEMORY OF...

Loni Rae Norman  
by  
Blake & Randi Norman  
Tina & William Van Camp  
Clifford & Christine Reuer  
Frank & Shirley Halligan  
Carrie Norman  
Jeff Mortenson  
Richard Siedschlaw &  
Family  
Gary & Connie Palmer

Loni Rae Norman  
Lynette James  
Charles Poches Jr.  
Rick Ludemann  
by  
Norm & Joann Weaver

JoAnn Sanders  
Ron Schreiner  
Rev Don Gaarder  
by  
Karen Zakahi

Charles Poches Jr.  
Mike Ferris  
Loni Rae Norman  
Rick Ludemann  
Carol Klinger  
Duane Hunsley  
Mary Jo Johnson  
Kenny Williams  
Rob Rousel  
Hazel Rathbun  
by  
Susan & Mike Smith

JoAnn Sanders  
Correne Petersen  
Mike Ferris  
Florence Corcoran  
Lynette James  
by  
Janice Deis

Jill Wellhouse  
by  
Mike & Jean Denton

Marjorie Gallimore  
by  
Donald & Donna  
Gallimore

## IN MEMORY OF...

Ruth Sterrett

by  
John & Char Nickolas

Bill Fischer

Mike Ferris  
by  
Juanita McKeever

Mike Ferris

by  
Dale & Donna Gohl

Correne Petersen

by  
Uncle Matt

Bill Fisher

Melanie Bauer  
Nancy Kirkpatrick  
Alice Claggett  
by  
Cathy Sonnenchein

Dorance "Nail" Langley

by  
Linda Johnson family  
Dave & Mary Sowerby  
Tom & Vivian Asmussen  
Montey & Keleey Shorter  
Jackie & Kelly Cross  
Laurie Sheffield & Family  
Sherry & Delvine Langley  
Betty Morford  
Dori & Jim Meier  
Frank & Carol Newcomb

Bob & Gaytha Ten Eyck

by  
Alta Otterness

Dorothy Lamb

Rob Case  
by  
Sondra Russell

JoAnn Sanders

Mike Ferris  
by  
Eldon & Betty Lindquist

Mike Ferris

by  
Larry & Gerri Cass

Nadine Haskins

by  
Becki Potrzeba  
Don and Shirley Sandal  
Alice Wright

Correne Petersen

Marge Perry  
JoAnn Sanders  
Alice Claggett  
Terry Holmes  
by  
Patti Petersen

Fred & Linda Robertson

Johnson  
Chuck (Charles) Robertson  
Joyce (Robertson) Nielsen  
by  
Gwen Candee

Kevin Tveidt

Ron Schreiner  
Eva Hageman  
by  
Sally Christenson

Crow Harford

Nadine Haskins  
Florence Corcoran  
Loni Rae Norman  
Ron Schreiner  
by  
Paul & Dawn Marso

Florence Corcoran

Loni Rae Norman  
Lynette James  
by  
Dale & Donna Gohl

Ron Schreiner

Ruth Sterrett  
by  
Tam & Char Gatje

Florence Corcoran

Jeff Nelson  
Don Bourk  
Mike Kropuenske  
Lee DeJabet  
Pat Harding  
by

Cindy Arch

Mike Kropuenske  
by  
Jeffery & Kathy Eisenbeisz

Ruth Sterrett

by  
Dennis & Jeanne Unkenholz

Leon & Nadine Haskins

Pat Swartz  
by  
Denette Becker

Florence Corcoran

by  
Terry & Mary Ness

Pat Harding

by  
Seb & Carol Axtman

Gene Grossenberg

by  
Herb & Arlene Pitan

Dana Sindelar

by  
Doris Powell

Terry Holmes

Melanie Bauer

Pat Harding

Bill Fischer  
Dick Clark  
Kathy Kraft  
Nadine Haskins  
Patricia Swartz  
Don Gaarder  
Mike Ferris  
by

Ray & Mo Shepherd

Deloris Baumgart

Mike Ferris  
Terry Holmes  
Don Gaarder  
Chris Gage  
by  
Roger & Marla Fuller

Loni Rae Norman

Mike Ferris  
Lynette James  
Charles Poches Jr.  
by  
Lynell Asher

Lynette James

by  
Dwane & Lois Russell

Evelyn Murphy

by  
Betty McDorman  
Kristi Berheim

Anita Fahey

Crow Harford  
by  
Deb Fahey

Loni Rae Norman

by  
Jay & Beverly Mickelson

Florence Corcoran

by  
Eldon & Betty Lindquist

Anita Fahey

Charles Poches Jr.  
by  
Bonny Schroyer

JoAnn Sanders

by  
Fee Jacobsen

Ruth Sterrett

Ron Schreiner  
by  
Larry & Barb Joy

JoAnn Sanders

by  
Mathew & Karen Michels  
Marilyn Kinsman  
Bonnie Bjork  
Sanders Family

Loni Rae Norman

by  
Linda & Gary Batsell

Lynette James

Rick Ludemann  
by  
Nancy Bloom

Troy Thomas

by  
Nanette & John Kuhl

Loni Rae Norman

Lynette James  
Dorenda Anderson  
by  
John & Margaret Ellefson

**IN HONOR/MEMORY OF...**

In Memory of  
**Sister Evelyn's**  
Birthday  
Bonny Schroyer

In Memory of  
**Dana Sindelar**  
Tom & Karen Sindelar

In Memory of  
My Mother  
**Willie May "Billie" Busse**  
Ed Rodgers

In Memory of  
My Brother  
**Monte Putzier**  
Alan & Patsy Winters

In Memory of  
**Leonard Powell**  
November 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Doris Powell & Family

In Memory of  
**Mike Ferris**  
Cash & Julie Hogen

In Memory of  
**Dalton Williams**  
Happy Thanksgiving in Heaven  
Dalton  
Forever missed but never forgotten  
Love Mom & Dad, Cole, Shyanne,  
Kenya & Taya

In Memory of  
**Sonny**  
God's plan brought us together and  
will bring us together again. Until  
then remember how much I love you.  
Charlene

In Memory of  
Our Grandson  
**Dalton Williams**  
Happy Thanksgiving Dalton  
We love and miss you  
Love Grandma Jody & Grandpa  
Cody

In Memory of  
**Evelyn Riehle**  
November 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Sharon Taft, Laurie Allison, Morris  
Riehle

In Memory of  
**Lyle E Sutton**  
You left us 8 years ago on  
November 12<sup>th</sup>  
We think of you every day!  
Love and miss you  
Deanna Sutton & Family

In Memory of  
**Eileen Kusser**  
On Her Birthday  
October 20, 1932  
Love, Cindy

**IN MEMORY OF...**

Charles Poches Jr.  
by  
The Poches Family  
Shirley Gross  
Monica Scott  
Joe & Jayne Waggoner  
Gary & Grace Schmitgen  
Steve & Dee Livermore  
Harney & Ruth Hohrman  
Dale & Kathy Hundley  
Bob & Eileen Kramer  
John & Diane Noyes  
Lonis Wendt  
Myra Christiansen  
Ron Catlin  
Shirley Becker  
Marge Miller  
Pat Jesso  
Don and Shirley Sandal  
Robert & Jean Ricketts  
Nanette & John Kuhl  
Brad & Dawn Stover  
Gonzalo & Tiffany Sanchez  
Jean Morris

Anita Fahey  
Charles Poches Jr.  
by  
Gary & Sally Marrone  
  
Nadine Haskins  
Gaytha Ten Eyck  
Crow Harford  
by  
Lois Bryum  
  
Charles Poches Jr.  
Duane Hunsley  
by  
Robert & Roxann Thielen  
  
Troy Thomas  
Steve Stier  
Nadine Haskins  
Ruth Sterrett  
Michael Coyle  
by  
Kent & Crystal Kinkler

Loni Rae Norman  
by  
Curt & Kim Mortenson

Lynette James  
Loni Rae Norman  
Dorothy Lamb  
Nadine Haskins  
Shirley Marley  
Pat Harding  
Don Bourk  
Don Gaarder  
Marge Perry  
Raymond Henderson  
Ron Schreiner  
by  
Nadine Henderson

Anita Fahey  
by  
Paul & Dawn Marso

Duane Hunsley  
by  
Doug & Julie Osnes

Evelyn R. Murphy  
by  
Carol J. Hageman

Mike Ferris  
Crow Harford  
Ron Schreiner  
JoAnn Sanders  
Patricia Harding  
Carol Klinger  
Mary Jo Johnson  
Cecil Bassett  
Leon & Nadine Haskins  
Pete Witte  
Don Bourk  
John Pohlman  
by  
Michael Oakland

**IN HONOR OF...**

Holly Hoing  
by  
Charles Poches Jr. Family



## 2025 Tree of Lights – Holiday Appeal

### Celebrate the Season of Love and Remembrance

This holiday season, we invite you to share in a beautiful tradition at the Countryside. For every donation, memorial, birthday, or holiday wish we receive, we will lovingly attach a name to an ornament and place it on the Tree of Lights.

What begins as a simple tree will soon sparkle with bright lights, colorful ornaments, and—most importantly—the heartfelt memories of those we hold dear. Each ornament represents a story, a smile, and a lasting bond that continues to shine through the season.

Come visit our tree, we'll add your loved ones' names, and fill it with joy, remembrance, and the true spirit of the holidays.

**Thank you for your support!**

#### THIS GIFT IS FROM:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

#### PLEASE USE MY GIFT FOR:

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> As needed  | <input type="checkbox"/> Avera @ Home Hospice  | <input type="checkbox"/> Memory Center                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pennies for Robert<br>(Travel funds for cancer patients) | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Benedict's Guest House<br>(Lodging for cancer patients) | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freda's Story (booklet)                                  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> OMA (Opening Minds through Art) |

<i>In Memory /honor of</i>	<i>Please notify (address if possible)</i>
Memory/honor _____	_____
<p><i>I would like to charge my gift to my credit card:</i>    <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard    <input type="checkbox"/> Visa    <input type="checkbox"/> Discover    <input type="checkbox"/> American Express</p> <p>Card Number _____ Expiration Date: _____ CVV: _____ (3 digit code on back of card)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Zip Code: : _____ (or 4 digit code on front of AMEX)</p> <p><i>(If the above name and address is not the same as your credit card billing, please provide the information from the card you are using.) Thank you!</i></p> <p><b>All memorials will be placed on the Tree of Lights and will be in our December 2025 and January 2026 newsletters.</b></p> <p><i>This newsletter contains donations processed through November 1st. The approximate cutoff for December newsletter will be December 1st.</i></p>	

Credit card donations may also be made on our website: [www.countrysidesupport.com](http://www.countrysidesupport.com)

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**Volunteer Holiday Potluck** – We are celebrating our Volunteers, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 12:00pm at First United Methodist Church.

All volunteers (board members, newsletter, thrift store, fundraisers, OMA, etc. are invited to attend the holiday potluck in celebration of YOU, our volunteers.

**Please bring a salad or dessert** and we will provide the beverages, main dish and door prizes.

**Wish List**

Countryside is powered by donations. If you are looking to donate this holiday season, you can find a wish list of items on our Amazon Wish List for Countryside office, St. Benedict's Guest House and OMA at <https://a.co/0hIxes5>. Simply select the items you are wanting to purchase for donation, and they ship directly to Countryside.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

*Happy Holidays from Countryside!*



*Countryside Volunteer*  
**HOLIDAY POTLUCK**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025  
AT 12:00 PM  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH