



Countryside Support & Memory Center

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

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May 2026

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the incredible generosity of our donors. Your support has made it possible for Countryside to continue offering meaningful programs that bring people together, foster growth, and strengthen our community. Because of you, we have been able to provide financial support and create lasting impact in ways that truly matter. Thank you for believing in our mission and for being such an essential part of everything we accomplish.

- Program information from April 2025 – March 2026 fiscal year -

Countryside Memory Center – \$202,720

117 new patients and 65 returning patients completed a total of 181 free screenings. The memory screen is a very comprehensive evaluation for anyone with memory concerns – **2146 screens** have been completed **since 2011**. Over 70 caregivers participated in the Memory Connect Support Group this past year. Our caring, compassionate staff provide free memory screenings with continued support for patients and their families.

OMA

Opening Minds through Art (OMA) is an award-winning, evidence-based intergenerational art program designed for those with moderate to severe memory loss. It uses a strengths-based approach, pairing participants (artists) with trained volunteers who emphasize creativity and imagination rather than memory. **Since 2021**, the program has made a meaningful impact. Sessions are held weekly and can host up to 12 artists. **31** local artists have participated, generating over **4,464** hours of creative engagement with the help of **45** dedicated volunteers over the years. The program also supports caregivers, offering weekly respite opportunities for personal time, helping reduce stress and improving overall well-being.



Volunteer Hours – 418,808 hours

These hours represent far more than just time—they symbolize the heart and soul poured into the meaningful work all our volunteers do. Our 80+ volunteers are the backbone of Countryside, providing not only vital services, but also a sense of belonging and unity. Every act of kindness, big or small, helps weave a tapestry of support and compassion enriching the lives of community members. Thank you to each volunteer, for being the heart of Countryside and for making such a difference every day.

St Benedict's Guest House – 101 guests / 203 nights

Patients traveling to Pierre for cancer treatments have an opportunity to stay at the guest house, free of charge, made possible from a variety of donations during the year. Since 2011 we've had **756** patients & caregivers for a total of **2,095** nights.

Pennies for Robert – \$54,560

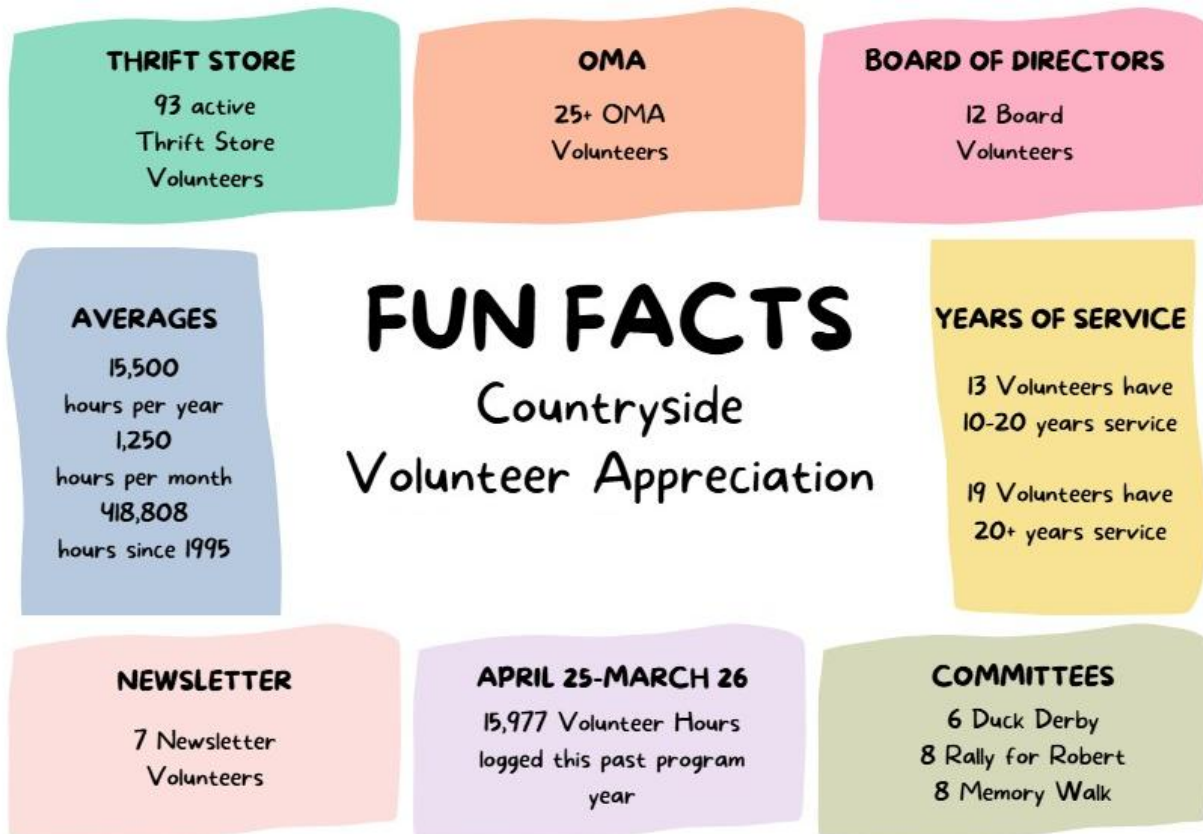
This fund provides stipends for cancer patients traveling to and from the Pierre area for appointments. Once again, you have made the miles a little easier for **539** trips. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Pennies for Robert program. **Since 2004** total Pennies for Robert funds distributed is **\$1,213,543**.

Avera @ Home Hospice – \$76,627

Countryside donates to Avera@Home each month, along with memorial donations designated for hospice care. These funds can provide extra equipment, supplies, ambulance transfers, nursing and home health aide care beyond what insurance & Medicare benefits cover.

Thrift Store

When it comes to numbers you just can't beat the thrift store – thousands of items come in, thousands go out and thousands of dollars go directly back into the community. Thankful for community donations, great staff and dedicated volunteers. The Thrift Store filled **\$4,627** community vouchers assisting PARS and Missouri Shores clients.



Countryside Programs

Pennies for Robert | Memory Center | St. Benedict's Guest House | Hospice Support

Countryside Community Groups

Meet in the Countryside Community Room | 415 S. Crow Street, Pierre, SD

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 offer support 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 605-945-0827.

Call 605-945-0827 for more information about our support groups.

FIND US

Website
www.countrysidesupport.com

Facebook
Countryside Support – Pierre, SD

Instagram
[countryside_support_pierre](https://www.instagram.com/countryside_support_pierre)



COUNTRYSIDE SUPPORT DUCK DERBY

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026 @ 11:30AM
OAHÉ DAYS - STEAMBOAT PARK CAUSEWAY

Fun for the whole family!



LAST DUCK AUCTION

Adopt the Last Duck
Saturday at 11:00 am

LOCATIONS

Adopt A Duck at

- Countryside Thrift Store
- Countryside Support Office
- Listed Businesses online at www.countrysidesupport.com
- scan QR code

Adopt A Duck

4,000 race ducks

\$5 each

Quack Pack
(5 ducks) = \$20
Quaker's Dozen
(13 ducks) = \$60



PRIZES

- 1st Duck - \$2,500
- 2nd Duck - \$1,000
- 3rd Duck - \$750
- 250th - \$250
- Last Duck - \$100



KIDS POND

All day Saturday,
June 20th, kids of all ages
can pick a duck and win a
prize.

DUCK HUNT

Watch Facebook LIVE for your
chance to WIN a Derby Duck:
May 4 & 18 June 1 & 15

**In case of winds
and/or lightning;
winners will be chosen
live by computerized
spinning wheel.*

- PROCEEDS FROM EVENT SUPPORT COUNTRYSIDE PROGRAMS -
COUNTRYSIDE - 415 S. CROW ST. PIERRE, SD (605)945-0827

Thank You to Our COUNTRYSIDE DUCK DERBY SPONSORS



Countryside Duck Derby Activities

There are so many fun, family-friendly ways to be a part of the 23rd annual Duck Derby!

Coloring Contest: Open to all K-12 students in Pierre & Ft. Pierre schools. Turn your masterpiece into Countryside Thrift Store by June 15th to be entered into a drawing to win a Derby T-shirt.

Derby T-Shirts: The Derby Store is now OPEN to purchase your event t-shirt. Store closes May 27th at noon, so get your duck gear today. <https://countrysideduckderby2026.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Duck Hunt: This is your chance to win a FREE entry for the big race on June 20th. Duck Hunt days are May 4, May 18, June 1, June 15. Find the hidden duck around Pierre or Ft. Pierre from the set of provided clues. Find the duck, share on social media and return the duck to Countryside office, 415 S. Crow Street, Pierre.

Vote for A Duck: Participating businesses have decorated a duck to vote on. The duck with the most votes will win! A list of decorated ducks are on our website. Stop into those businesses to vote. \$1 = 1 Vote.

Volunteers Needed: Check out the areas needed for race day on June 20th. From setup to tear down, all hands-on deck for this event. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA4A822A7F94-55650233-countryside#/>

Kids Pond: Pick A Duck and Win a Prize! A game for all ages. \$1 gives you 1 pick. The pond will be open from 10am – 5pm on race day, June 20th.

Last Duck Auction: The last duck to be adopted will be up for Auction the day of the race, right before the boat leaves the dock to drop 4,000 ducks on the racecourse. Auction starts at 11:00 am for the last chance to get in the race.

EVERYTHING DUCK DERBY IS AT:
www.countrysidesupport.com

SAVE THE DATE



Rally for Robert Dice Run – Is scheduled for **September 12th**. This 136 mile dice run is open to automobiles and motorcycles. You can view highlights from 2025 and this year's poster information on our website. Mark your calendars for the annual drive and ride to support Pennies for Robert cancer travel funds program.



Memory Walk/Run – Mark your calendars for **October 3rd**, to walk/run in honor, memory and support of everyone with memory loss and in celebration of all caregivers. Tell your fellow walkers and running group to plan for this event, being held in Pierre. Proceeds help support the Memory Center to provide free memory screens and support.

Countryside Thrift Store is participating as a **Foster Friendly Business** that supports foster families in our area. It's just one more way that the thrift store can partner with other agencies to support each other in our mission of care. Foster families can call ahead and/or show their Kids Belong phone app for their new placement discount. For more information on foster care, go to South Dakota Kids Belong at <https://americaskidsbelong.org/states/sd/foster-friendly-communities-south-dakota/foster-friendly-business-south-dakota/>



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Donation Options to Countryside while your Shop – At both Amazon and Walmart you can view a Countryside Wish List and add items to your cart that help support Countryside programs. Scan the QR Codes below or go to:

Amazon Wish List https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lz/2MNXFBXMIESIE?ref_=abls_nvfly_yl

Walmart Wish List <https://www.walmart.com/registry/RR/fd896506-69b9-4e0d-b06f-4e012ba2240d>

(note: Walmart Pierre does not have a delivery option of wish list items. Drop off wish list items at Countryside office, 415 S. Crow St. Pierre, SD)

Thank you for your continued support with donations to Countryside.

Amazon Wish List



Walmart Wish List



IN MEMORY OF...

Celine "Bunny" Zerr
Marval Ann Fairbanks
Kathy Olson
by
Mike & Mary Ann
Eicheleberg

Beverly Jennings
by
Chuck & Jenelle Busse
Leonard & Janice Deal
Monte & Pat Kramer

Renee Baade
Beverly Jennings
by
Nancy Bloom

Lynn Moran
by
Dave & Elaine Konechne

Crayton Bouchie
Janice Hardy
John (Fireman John)
Beougher
Harlan VanMeeteren
Chuck Humphrey
by
Margaret & John Ellefson

Kenny VanZee
Mike McQuistion
by
Robert & Roxann Thielen

Lynn Moran
by
Dave & Elaine Konechne

Roy Ramser
by
Tom & Roxy Osborn

Crayton Bouchie
by
Paul & Dawn Marso
Carol Nelson

Patricia Diedrich
by
Misti Ramser

Sr. Sandra Meek
by
Karen & Bill Gallagher

Judy Harvey
Joyce Burnett Barker
by
Deb Fahey

Virgil Stickler
by
Family & Friends

Kent Murtland
by
Gayle VanCamp

Chuck Humphrey
by
Richard & Sharon McEntaffer
Betty Lindquist

Elaine Yackley
by
Nancy Bloom
Kay & Terry Moore

Charles Kuxhaus
by
Kuxhaus Family

Kendra Droppers Paulson
Hazel Baumberger
Karen Day
Troy Thomas
by
Lois Byrum

Kent Murtland
Sylvia Moisan
Brenda Bak
Beverly Jennings
by
Mark & Ruth Smith

Monte Pullman
Beverly Jennings
Darren Chase
by
Lynell Asher

George Hales
by
Susan Woodmansey

Monte Pullman
Elaine Yackley
by
Scott & Brenda Currier

Ellen Fiechtner
Kent Adney
by
Dale & Donna Gohl

Marj Gallimore
by
Don & Donna Gallimore

Darren Chase
Sylvia Moisan
Melinda Darland
Chuck Humphrey
by
Norm & Joann Weaver

Chuck Humphrey
Ruth Schmidt
Clinton Schimkat
William "Bill" Van Camp
Duane Hunsley
Ron Knecht
by
Cathy Sonnenschein

Judy Harvey
Chuck Humphrey
by
Kristi Berheim
Betty McDorman

Elmer Goosen
Floyd Eliason
Elaine Yackley
Lorraine Miller
Crayton Bouchie
Dorthy Lamb
Monty Pullman
by
Pete & Patty McGee

Judy Harvey
Bev Jennings
Chuck Humphrey
Rose Marrington
Duane (Sub) Sommer
by
Janice Deis

In Memory of
Thomas Corcoran Jr.
Hey Papa – Grandpa, we missed you on St. Patty’s Day & will miss you on what would have been your 99th Birthday at the end of April. Enjoy it up there with Mom & friends. You have been gone 10 ½ years, we all still miss you & love yah!

-Carmen & Josh Schwartzkopf & the Corcoran’s

In Memory of
Sonny
When we married, you were the one I chose to share my life with forever. You were my partner and closest friend and always will be.
I love you.

-Charlene

In Memory of
Special Mothers in My Life
Luella Canode
Eileen Kusser
Vaudis Ivey
Freda Lawhon

-Cindy

In Memory of
Leon Friend
Happy Heavenly Birthday on May 3rd.
-Nancy Friend

In Memory of
Milme Jibben
One of the best school Secretaries ever!
-Susan Burgard

In Memory of
Colleen Brashear
My dear Sister-In-Law
-Shirley Whitney

In Honor of
Mother’s Day Memories
Mary Catherine Canode
Still missing you after all these years.
-Cindy

In Memory of
Eldon Lindquist
Happy Birthday on May 13th.
We love and miss you every day.
-Betty Lindquist & Family

In Memory of
Dean Haney
Happy Heavenly Birthday Dean.
We love and miss you so much.
-Kristi, Sammi, Derek, & Kelin Haney

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OMA: Lindsey Suedkamp Griffith

Freda's Story: Community Donor

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