Countryside Support & Memory Center

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October 2026

A Season of Gratitude and Connection

As we move into fall, we are reminded of how much Countryside is truly a community effort. Our programs are made possible because of generous people who give their time, talents, resources and support to help us continue our mission of serving individuals and families facing cancer, memory loss and end-of-life.

Throughout the year, we are blessed by the many ways our community comes together to support Countryside. Attending events and fundraisers, volunteering time and talents, donating and shopping at Countryside Thrift Store, sharing our message, or simply encouraging us along the way, every act of support makes a difference. Together, these contributions help create opportunities through Opening Minds through Art, support for the Memory Center, and makes programs such as Pennies for Robert and St. Benedict's Guest House possible.

Fall is also a wonderful time to slow down, reconnect and focus on what matters most. Enjoy time with the people you love, spend time outdoors, establish healthy habits and make wellness a priority. Caring for ourselves and staying connected to others are important parts of overall well-being at every age and stage of life. We are truly thankful for the continued support of our community and for everyone who helps Countryside carry out its mission.

At Countryside, we are grateful to be part of a community that understands the importance of caring for one another. Your generosity, compassion and involvement help make our work possible, and we are deeply thankful for every person who continues to walk alongside us.

As the seasons change, we look forward with gratitude for all that has been accomplished together—and with hope for all that we can continue to do for our community.

Kim Leiferman – Executive Director

9th Annual Rally for Robert Dice Run Grows by the Wheels each Year.

Beautiful weather, an amazing group of drivers and riders, and incredible community support for the Rally for Robert Dice Run in memory of Robert Disburg, who passed away from cancer at the age of 12 in 2003. The Pennies for Robert cancer travel fund was created to help individuals and families travel to cancer appointments. Each year, Rally for Robert is a wonderful reminder that Robert's legacy continues to make a difference with a running total of 1.2 million dollars in travel funds since 2004.

A heartfelt **thank you to the Rally for Robert Committee and Volunteers** for the countless hours spent planning, selling raffle tickets, preparing the route, completing pre-trip safety checks, and being all hands-on deck throughout the event. Your dedication and hard work make this event possible year after year.

And thank you to **every rider, passenger, volunteer, sponsor, donor, and supporter** who helped make the 9th Annual Rally for Robert a success. Your generosity helps keep Robert's legacy alive and provides meaningful support to those facing the challenges of cancer.

Here's to 9 years of riding, remembering, and giving back in Robert's honor. **Join us for the 10th Rally for Robert next year September 11, 2027.**

Rally Sponsors: Beck Motors, Capital City Ford Lincoln Toyota, Chase Auto, Fine Line Auto, Wegner Auto Company, Rays Garage, Prairie ATV & Cycle, Les Schwab Tires.

Rally Dice Stop Hosts: Dakota Sky RV Park-Spring Creek, Mugs Bar & Grill-Gettysburg, The Corner-Onida, 1 Stop Travel Plaza-Pierre, The Fieldhouse Sports & Spirits-Pierre, Cactus Jacks Lounge-Pierre.

Dice Run Winners: 1st Place – Cole Krandall / 2nd Place – Jeff XX / 3rd Place – Cal Russel / Low – Sissy Horsley / Wild – Christopher Dean, Bug Bullseye – Nicky Klinger

Raffle Donations: Sick Breed MC and Carol Evans and our Rally Sponsors above.

Raffle Prize Winners: Motorcycle – Travis Vallery | $250 Cash & $250 Runnings Card – Kristi Ostercamp | Beef Bucks – Mary Weinheimer | Pork Bucks – Justin Tostenson | Quilt – Trent Withers

Rally Committee: Brad Morris, Jayson Klinger, Jim Geuther and Peggy O'Bryan.

Event Day Helpers: Memory Center staff, Countryside board members, Plooster Photography, Sick Breed MC members, Beck Motors location helpers.

42 Bikes|16 Cars|3 Trucks
97 Participants

Plooster Photography LINK for more event photos.

Celebrating 5 Years of the Countryside Memory Walk/Run

What began with community members wanting to remember loved ones with Alzheimer's has grown into a meaningful annual tradition. **Carol Gengler and Mary Turner co-founded the Countryside Memory Walk/Run** to honor those memories, raise awareness about memory loss, and remind families that they are not alone—Countryside Support & Memory Center is here to help.

Every step represents someone remembered, someone cared for, and the caregivers. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who participated in the event to help make this milestone event so special. Proceeds from the event help provide **free memory screenings, caregiver support, educational resources, and programs like Opening Minds through Art (OMA).** This year we raised $4,225 for Countryside Memory Center.

Five years of memories. Five years of community. Five years of walking together – so no one walks alone.

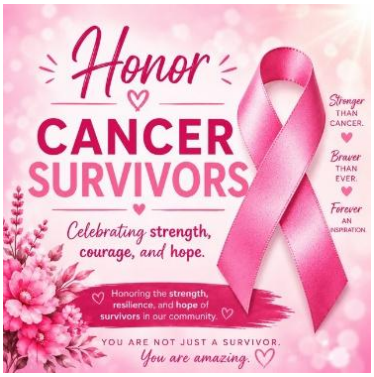
Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the day so meaningful! We are already planning for the 6th anniversary of the memory walk/run in 2027.

Committee Members & Volunteers: Carol Gengler, Mary Turner, Kara Hughes, Wendy Smith along with their spouses, Countryside board members and Govs to Govs students.

Event Sponsors: A Cut In Style, Bridget M Photography, Cathy Sonnenschein Properties, Chandlers Auto Glass, Dakota Butcher, Sallie Doty Financial – Raymond James, Edward Jones - Carol Gengler, First National Bank, Mary & Randy Turner, Nagel Agency, Rice & Associates, Riter Rogers LLP, River City Chiropractic, Stulken Petersen, LLP, Wendy Smith - Fischer Rounds Real Estate

Race & Walk Winners:
First place and final place participants enjoyed the beautiful morning of healthy brain activity, a little trophy and treat to wrap up the morning fun.

Memory Walk/Run Co-Founders:
Carol Gengler and Mary Turner welcomed participants and shared their stories of family lost to memory loss and the support of Countryside along the journey.



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

This Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Countryside honors the strength, courage, and resilience of cancer survivors and those currently facing cancer. Each name on our Honor Wall represents a story of strength, hope and perseverance. Submit a loved one's name to the Cancer Survivor Honor Wall at www.countrysidesupport.com [link]

We stand together, we support one another and we remember—because no one fights alone.

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 | 605-945-0827

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.

Cancer Support Group – *Avera Helmsley Center* – Last Wednesday of each month from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm in the Bistro Conference Room located at Avera Helmsley Center at 801 E Sioux Ave., Pierre, SD. This support group is for individuals who have been diagnosed with cancer and are at any stage in their journey, from active treatment to remission. Participants will receive education and support as well as have an opportunity to share experiences and ask questions. For more information call Kathi Mueller at 605-224-3186 or email her at kathlene.mueller@avera.org

SAVE THE DATES

Fashion Show/Tea
February 28, 2027

Duck Derby
June 19, 2027

RALLY for ROBERT
"All Wheels Welcome"
September 11, 2027

Find Countryside Support information online at:

Website	Facebook	Instagram
www.countrysidesupport.com	Countryside Support – Pierre, SD	countryside_support_pierre

IN MEMORY OF...

Ruth Guymon
by
Kathi Mueller

Linda Brooks
by
Sheryl Hawkins

Bertha Tobias
Jaxon Jungwirth
Shannon Moran
Darrel Reinke
Linda Brooks
Keith Garber
Ron Fravel
by
Ray & Mo Shepherd

Ron Fravel
by
Janice & Leonard Deal
Herb & Arlene Pitan

Rose Stocking
by
Vivian Monroe

Dale & Todd Knott
by
Barb Poches

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by
Dale & Donna Gohl

Jim Sutton
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Cheryl Hyde
by
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Pete & Patty McGee
Scott & Brenda Currier

Steve Gregory
by
Friend/Family

Drew Miller
by
Linda Ott

Dr. Dan Park
by
Ruth & Mark Smith

Marie McIntire
by
Arvad McIntire

Bertha Tobias
by
Frieda Baker

Grandma Inga
Grandma Susan
by
Paul, Diane, & Dean
Rollie

Keith Garber
Jaclyn Stewart
Colletta Stewart
by
Les & Susan Stewart

Joshua Voigt
by
Brian & Kail Uecker
Rachael Stager

Shane Cronin
Danny Bergeson
by
Janice Bergeson

Bart Blum
by
Todda and Kim
Leiferman

Sally Reimer
by
Robert & Roxann Thielen

In Honor Of...

Ellen Ludemann
by
Brenda Thomas

Bob Jeffries
by
Janice Bergeson

In Memory of
Steve Russell

Happy Heavenly Birthday on September 29th.
It's been 36 years since you went to be with our Lord. We love you and miss you so much.

-Love, Sondra, Annika and Toby

In Memory of
My beloved parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles.

Florin & Marion Hemminger
Willis & Esther (Krull) Hoard
Folkert Krull
Floyd & Audrey Hemminger
Louis & Betty Krull
Howard & Arlene Hemminger
Ivan & Vionna Johnson

-Linda Hemminger

In Honor of
Jane Payer

Countryside Thrift Store Manager

Happy October Birthday

Thank you to our amazing leader for your unlimited knowledge and constant care and support.

-Staff & Volunteers

In Memory of
Sonny

Thank you for loving me the way I am. I will be forever grateful for your beautiful heart. Love you always.

-Charlene

In Memory of
Our Loving Brother
Lars Herseth

-Connie & Jerome Jacobs

In Memory of
To my Jacky

Happy Heavenly 85th Birthday
October 6

- Marcy Fifield

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Pennies for Robert: Sick Breed, Street Masters, Paul & Lurene Denke, Fun Time Events, Anonymous, John Morris

Memory Center: Carrie Lolley, Paul, Diane & Dean Rollie, Patrick & Jill Burger, Lynell Asher **OMA:** Rich and Catherine Ness

Memberships: Helen R Baron-Wishard, Janice & Leonard Deal, Patrick & Jill Burger, Les & Susan Stewart

THIS GIFT IS FROM:

Name _____

Address _____

FOR:

- ☐ As needed
- ☐ Pennies for Robert *(Travel funds for cancer patients)*
- ☐ Freda's Story (booklet)
- ☐ Holiday Appeal / Day of Giving
- ☐ St. Benedict's Guest House *(Lodging for cancer patients)*
- ☐ Avera @ Home Hospice
- ☐ Memory Center
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ OMA (Opening Minds through Art)
- ☐ Honor a Cancer Survivor

In memory/honor of: _____ Notify: _____

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This newsletter contains donations processed through October 1st. The approximate cutoff for the November newsletter will be November 1st.

Donations can also be made by credit card or Venmo on our website www.countrysidesupport.com, or you may call the office with your credit card information 605-945-0827.