Countryside Support & Memory Center

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September 2026

Celebrating 46 Years of Countryside

I am incredibly **grateful for the amazing people who make the work of Countryside possible each and every day**. From our office, memory center and thrift store teams to our dedicated volunteers, we have a remarkable group of people who bring their time, talents, compassion and creativity to Countryside. They are the ones who keep the mission moving forward — welcoming people through our doors, creating connections, finding solutions and making sure that those who need support know they are not alone.

As I enter my second year as Executive Director of Countryside, I am reminded that this work is about so much more than programs and plans. It is about people. Each day brings another heartfelt story — someone who needs help, someone looking for connection, someone who wants to give, and someone searching for a way to make a difference. I am honored to work alongside such an incredible office and thrift store team and more than 100+ volunteers who continue to give so generously of themselves. Together, **we are building upon the strong foundation** created over the past 46 years and creating new chapters for the generations to come.

What makes Countryside special is **the common ground we find between those who need assistance and those who want to help**. We connect people to people, generosity to need, and compassion to action. I am grateful to be part of this journey and excited to see where the next chapter takes us. With the continued dedication of our team, volunteers, supporters and community, I believe the best of Countryside is still ahead.

Kim Leiferman – Executive Director

Each season of Generosity

This summer was yet another beautiful reminder of the incredible generosity surrounding Countryside. Each year, community businesses, organizations, groups, families, and individuals of all ages find unique and meaningful ways to support the work we do — and this summer was no exception!

From children hosting **lemonade stands** and choosing to donate their earnings, to businesses and organizations selecting Countryside as the recipient of a donation supporting **Pennies for Robert, Countryside Memory Center, and hospice support**, every gift tells a story of compassion and community.

There are countless individuals who donate to the **Countryside Thrift Store**. This summer alone, more than **120,000 items** were generously donated. Those donations have a powerful ripple effect — what may be an item no longer needed in one home becomes a resource that helps fund Countryside programs and services for individuals and families in our community.

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We are humbled by the generosity of this community. **Thank you for thinking of Countryside, believing in our mission, and helping us make a difference** — one gift, one donation, and one act of kindness at a time.

D&C Auctions – Coin assessments/sale

Riddles Jewelry – Jewelry assessments

Teton River Traders – Sporting Goods assessments

Stella Bunco Babes – Donations for over 13 years

First United Methodist Church – Donation

SD DSS Charitable Contributions Groups

Dakotamart We Care – Donation of Receipts

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 at Helmsley Center in the Bistro Conference Room, 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.

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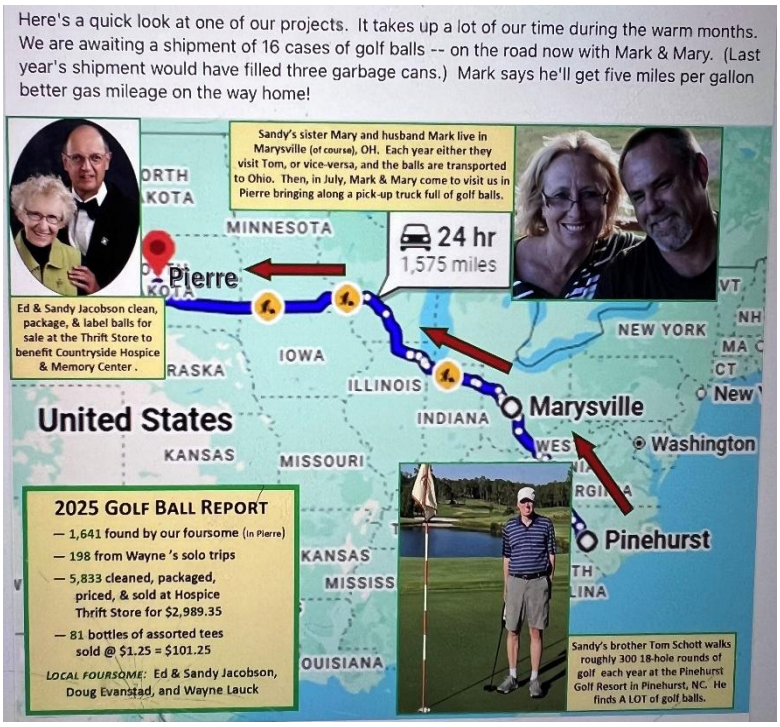
There is still time to register and participate in the 5th Annual Countryside 5K Memory Walk/Run on October 3rd. All proceeds support the Memory Center in providing free screenings, caregiver support, resources and OMA. Register on-line at www.countrysidesupport.com or in person at Countryside Office at 415 S. Crow St. See you there!



Countryside is powered by the dedication of more than 100+ volunteers who help keep the Thrift Store and special events running smoothly. Volunteers help in the areas of linens, books, greeting cards, bicycles, floral items, crafts, jewelry, kitchenware, puzzles, Christmas lights, shoes, and serving as cashiers, baggers, and greeters.

When Ed and Sandy Jacobson aren't enjoying a round of golf, they and their fellow thrifting partners spend the year collecting used golf balls. Those golf balls are then donated to the Countryside Thrift Store, where they quickly find their way into the hands of local golfers. This is last year's final golf ball report.

Every donation and purchase helps support Countryside programs that help individuals facing cancer, memory loss, and hospice needs.

From Your Home to Ours — And Back to Our Community

Maybe you're moving and can't take everything with you. Perhaps you are clearing out the garage or the kid's closet, downsizing, preparing for a garage sale, or lovingly sorting through the household treasures for a loved one. Whatever the reason, your donation has a story—and at Countryside, that story doesn't end when it leaves your home.

Our full-time and part-time thrift store employees, along with our dedicated volunteers, work behind the scenes to prepare and sell the items generously donated by our community. But what makes Countryside Thrift Store different is what happens next.

100% of the proceeds are reinvested right here in our community. Your donated items help provide cancer travel stipends, free memory screenings and hospice support for individuals and families facing some of life's most difficult moments. Every purchase, your donation continues its journey—creating support, hope and help for someone in our community who needs it.

Countryside Thrift Store is more than a place to donate and shop. We are part of a local cycle of giving, recycling and reinvesting—keeping usable items in our local economy while turning generosity into meaningful support for our family, friends and neighbors.

From your home to ours.
From our store to your home.
And from our community, back into our community.
That's the Countryside difference.

Everything Countryside Thrift Store can be found on our website at www.countrysidesupport.com/thrift-store

Donations Hours	**Store Hours**
Monday – Friday	Tuesday – Friday
8:30am – 4:00pm	10:00am – 5:00pm
Saturdays	Saturdays
8:30am – 3:30pm	10:00am – 3:00pm
Sundays	Sundays & Mondays
No donations	Closed

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF...

In Memory of
Dylan Fulton
On that tragic day you left us,
September 12, 2018.
We love & miss you still.

-Grandpa & Granma Wyly

In Memory of Our Daughter
Drew Miller
Who passed away April 28, 2026
A memorial gift to Pennies for Robert was made in her name.
Robert Disburg and Drew would have been close to the same age.

-Kirk & Judy Wegner Miller

In Memory
Sonny
September 11th is our 50th wedding anniversary. I love you as much today as the day we were married.

-Love, Charlene

In Memory of
Linda Foster

-Robert Foster & Family

In Memory of
Bud & Dona King
Happy Birthday
Bud – Sept. 6th & Dona – Sept. 16th

-Gary & Helen Anderson

In Memory of
Robert Disburg
Happy Heavenly Sept. 19th Birthday
Robert (my birthday twin)!

-Julia & Scott Jones

Darrel Renke
Bertha Tobias
by
Mark & Ruth Smith

Bertha Tobias
Darrel Renke
Keith Garber
Linda Brooks
Bruce Nelson
Steve Thompson
by
Paul & Dawn Marso

Darrel Renke
by
Randall & Alice Wright
Gary & Grace Schmitgen

Evelyn Bradley
by
Richard & Kristine Bradley

Dr. Shannon Moran
by
Todd & Kim Leiferman

John Kerby
by
Kristi Berheim
Betty McDorman

In Memory of
Tom Disburg Sr.
Sept. 18th, 1950 – July 29th, 2026

-Martha Nystrom

Gary Jackson
by
Charlene Reed

Linda Brooks
Harvey Wald
by
Vicki & Chuck Nafus

Galen Theobald
by
Linda Theobald & Family

Harvey Wald
Bruce Nelson
Mike Maskovich
Mel Hottman
by
Joel & Carol Gengler

Bertha Tobias
Jim Uhrig
by
Dale & Joyce Tipton

Melinda Darland
by
Kathi Mueller

Nila Hall
by
Jerre Willis
Nancy Bloom
Les & Bob Patrick

Barbara Vermundson
by
Norm & Joann Weaver

Bertha Tobias
by
Todd Wilkinson
Alan & Mary Todd

Linda Brooks
by
Carol & Seb Axtman

Harvey Wald
by
Jon & Nancy Gonsor

Ardis Larson DePoy
Linda Brooks
Paul Nelson
Tyler Wilcox
by
Karen Wyly

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Donations: Express Collections, Julie Willoughby, We Care-Dakotamart, Pizza Ranch, Jim Premus, Uncle Matt **OMA:** Mike Oakland
Pennies for Robert: Church & Evans Street Lemonade Stand **Memory Center:** Carla Sahr **Memberships:** Carla Sahr

THIS GIFT IS FROM:

Name _____

Address _____

FOR:

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

In memory/honor of: _____ Notify: _____

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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.