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Activities Anonymous Marilys Carter In Memory of: Loretta Alppenspach Brenda Mayer Doug & Addle Mitchell Marvin & Mary Mitchell

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Naming Private Room

Peggy Widmer Brenna Yokomi Stephanie Zeise Bill Zupin in-Kind Gifts Alghans Jody Lawrence Alce Reuther Cindy Wold Books Irone Finck Family Melvin & Cindy Lien Pam Szarkowski Marge Thompson Christmas Cards Wonne Wilbstad Christmas Decorations Irone Finck Family Alma Lulay Deann Ulmer Christmas Gifts Anonymous Ensure & Powerade Madelyn Hoffer Farm Implement Magazines Elmo-& Ardina Bentz Hearing Aid Batteries Laurel Gusans Jeans: Laurel Gusaas **Jewelry** Carol Gacide Lift Chair Trinty Lutheran Church Magazines Dennis Kenther Nativity Set Tim & Carol Kachel Newsprint Paper Jamestown Sun Pointsettias Kathy Fischer Polar los Machine **Gioria Braasch** Portable Oxygen Concentrator Irene Gerding Family Prayer Shawls St. James Basilica Shawl Ladies Puppline Laurie Mosolf Hidegarde Sodawasser Shirley Stoller Wonne Wibstad Quits Hida Gumke Resarties **Tvonne Wibstad** Toenal Cloper Linda Nygoard Tom & Jerry Mix CM's Place Women's Clothing Bernice Schauer Hour Club Sponsors Jodi Bunde

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ND legislature affects long term care

In health care it seems like finances are always a concern, whether you're paying the bill for the care of yourself or your loved one(s), or on the opposite side of the fence, trying to operate a facility. Ave Maria Village has an annual budget of about

\$12 million, of which approximately 70% goes toward wages, salaries, and employee benefits. We have over 200 full- and part-time employees.

Life got a whole lot harder in 2016, because of a state budget crisis, the North Dakota Department of Human Services made cuts to the nursing home payment system. In simple terms, about 45% of our residents pay their own bill, and another 45% depend all or partly upon Medicaid to pay for their care. The private pay and Medicaid rates must be the same by North Dakota law. This means that if the rates paid by North Dakota Medicaid are cut, the rates charged to private paying individuals must also be reduced. This is what has happened the past few years.

An interesting side note is that Medicaid is funded 50% by the State and 50% by the federal government, on a dollar-fordollar matching basis. What this means is when the State cuts one dollar of funding for nursing homes, we lose the federal matching dollar as well, and it costs our facilities two dollars. This makes budget reductions doubly painful.

The 2017 North Dakota legislature restored a part of the cuts, but not the annual inflation factor. Since 2016, that factor has been zero. That means that nursing homes are now paid based on what it cost us to operate last year, not allowing anything extra to account for the rising cost of food and supplies, or to give even modest pay raises to our staff. North Dakota nursing facilities have requested a 3% inflator from the legislature, starting June 1, 2019, and for calendar years 2020 and 2021.

As of this writing, it appears that the North Dakota House of Representatives and Senate have agreed to a 2% inflation factor for 2020, and 2.5% for 2021. They have also agreed to a couple other positive "tweaks" in the system to help us. We're very appreciative for the efforts of our state legislators to help find the money to at least partially relieve our financial challenges for the next two years. After that, who knows? It seems that everything hinges on the price of oil and agricultural commodities, and neither are very stable.

Our Jamestown legislators are extremely supportive, and I thank them very much for that. We are accustomed to a high quality of care and life in North Dakota facilities. Unless properly funded, that high standard is in danger. Adequate funding is the key to the future of Ave Maria Village and the other 79 skilled nursing facilities in the state.