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'BRIDGING the GAP' FUNDRAISER

You are invited to Eaton Senior Communities Foundation's **Bridging the Gap Fundraiser on Saturday, April 28th**. The evening begins with a Silent Auction and Wine Cellar Sale during the Social Hour, followed by Dinner and a Live Auction.

Tickets are \$100 - individual - and \$800 for a table for eight. **Thank you to our sponsors:** Gold Level - **ANB Bank & Anonymous**, Silver Level - **FirstBank & Wipfli/Bauerle**, and Wine Cellar Sponsor - **FIS Group, LLC**.

For sponsor information or to reserve tickets, contact Liz Grieser at 303-937-3088 or lgrieser@eatonsenior.org.



FOCUS ON FRIENDSHIP - Orma & Jane

Orma Johnson was born in Point, Texas, the oldest child, with seven brothers and one sister. She married at 16 and had her first baby at 17, with three more children to follow. At the age of 26, Orma and her children moved to Denver to be near her aunt and uncle. She now has 42 grandchildren and great-grandchildren and said that she "would need a paper and pencil to determine how many of each!"



Orma's first job, at the age of 15, was serving as a masseuse at the famous Baker Hotel in Mineral Wells, Texas. Hotel guests came for the healing qualities of the mineral springs and she was trained on the job. Orma vividly describes the various treatments that brought relief for arthritis sufferers and says, "the tips were real good!" In Denver, Orma worked a variety of jobs, including serving as "the hostess with the most-est" for the Top of the Rockies restaurant. She moved into Eaton's Residences in July 2010.

Jane Wilson was born in Gilbert, West Virginia and she was the "baby" of her family, with only one sister. Her father was the superintendent of schools and her mother was a schoolteacher. Jane says that her home was "24-hour school" where children with problems would seek refuge and guidance. After her father's death, Jane's family moved to Youngstown, Ohio to be near her mother's sister.

At 21, she joined the army and met her husband at West Point where he was a baker. After they were discharged, they followed her husband's bakery jobs from Georgia to Virginia to Wisconsin to Missouri to Pennsylvania and finally retired in Tennessee. Then, Jane and her husband opened a donut shop and deli and the hours "nearly killed her." After eight more years of hard work, they truly retired in Arizona. When her husband was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, they moved to Denver to be near one of their three daughters. Jane found her new home at Eaton in June 2010.

Jane and her friend, Millie, first met Orma when she joined them in Eaton's smoking area. When Jane and Millie noticed that Orma was ordering her meals to go and eating alone in her apartment, they invited her to eat with them in the dining room. Millie died the next year and Jane and Orma's friendship continued to grow into a "joy to behold." Today, their family holiday celebrations always include both Jane and Orma. When Jane fell in her apartment last year, it was Orma who found her and called for help.

They love to walk around Eaton and keep busy with various adventures. Jane is grateful for the support that Kate, Eaton's Resident Services Coordinator, and Jeanne, Eaton's Resident Advocate, offered during her recovery from the fall. Now Jane and Orma have plans to return to Eaton's Fitness Center with Jane on the bicycle and Orma on the treadmill. They have also agreed to try acupuncture and take a ride on the trishaw.

While aging often brings loss, Orma and Jane have found friendship and are able to share their joy with others in Eaton's community.

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Eaton's Assisted Living is Being Transformed

As you may have heard, we have made the difficult decision to close Assisted Living at Eaton Senior Communities on July 1st for financial reasons. After renovation, this community will reopen in 2019 with independent apartments for low- to moderate-income seniors. Like the current residents of The Residences at ESC, these new residents will have access to our large array of supportive programs and services that enable many to age in place.

Eaton Senior Communities Foundation will continue to subsidize these programs and services. In addition, the Foundation will raise money for designated funds for Resident and Employee Emergency Assistance, Eaton's Mission and Ministry Program, special community projects and capital projects/purchases, when identified.

For more details on this change, read our latest blog at www.eatonsenior.org.

Colorado Garden Foundation Funds Trees

Eaton Senior Communities Foundation was awarded a \$5,000 grant to replace five mature trees that were removed by Xcel Energy. These trees shaded the Dining Room and Centrum but were near utility lines and exceeded the height restrictions.



Environmental Designs, Inc., Eaton's landscaping contractor, has chosen smaller trees that will be planted in May. Residents and Staff will welcome the return of shade trees!

Communion Outreach at West Alameda Community Baptist Church

West Alameda Community Baptist Church founded Eaton Senior Communities in response to a community-wide survey that identified a need for affordable senior housing in Jefferson County. Church members gave up their church building and land to open The Residences in 1980. Since that time, church services have been held in the Centrum at the community, and today, the congregation comprises mostly Eaton residents who have maintained the strong tradition of helping others in need.



Communion is offered on the first Sunday of every month and is followed by the Communion Outreach offering. Since January 2015, \$3,400 from this fund has been distributed to a large variety of groups, including Friendship Bridge, Our Daily Bread Ministries, Free Wheelchair Mission, Cycling Without Age, Camp Courage, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Hurricane Harvey Flood Relief and Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief.

The church also sponsors several food drives during the year and in 2017, Eaton residents and staff donated over 3,200 pounds of food to Community Ministry Pantry. Eaton was the third largest community contributor to this organization.

We thank our founders and honor them with our giving.

If you would like to make a donation to Eaton Senior Communities Foundation, go to www.eatonsenior.org and click on the green Donate Now button.
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