

Staff Spotlight: Leah Vanden Bosch, CNA

This month, we are excited to shine the spotlight on Leah Vanden Bosch, CNA, and celebrate the dedication, compassion, and positive energy she brings to Kennybrook Village!

Leah has been part of the KBV team for five months and has quickly become a valued member of our community. Outside of work, Leah enjoys spending time with her two beloved fur babies — Kato, her 14-year-old Siberian Husky, and Gus, her 13-year-old cat. Leah and her pets enjoy trips to Raccoon River Park, walks outdoors, and relaxing on the patio at home.



When she's not caring for others, Leah enjoys running, spending time outside, reading a variety of genres (often juggling two books at once!), and making memories with her partner, Steve, as well as friends and family. She is also busy working toward her goal of becoming a Registered Nurse by completing prerequisites through DMACC.

Leah's career journey is one that reflects her passion for helping others. After years working at Wells Fargo as a Remediation Lead and later serving as an Executive Director for a nonprofit organization, Leah decided to pursue a new path in healthcare. She wanted to find another way to make a difference in people's lives. Leah believes starting as a CNA and gaining hands-on experience is the best way to learn, grow, and build the foundation for her future nursing career.

One of Leah's favorite traditions is making Lefsa every year with her mom and sister. This special tradition began with her grandmother, and Leah is proud to continue the memories and family connection that come along with it.

When asked what she loves most about working at KBV, Leah shared that it's the people — both the amazing team members and the residents who make each day special.

Thank you, Leah, for your dedication, compassion, and commitment to caring for our residents. We are grateful to have you as part of the KBV family!

Happy Anniversary!

Maria Vega, Care Partner - 8 Years

Kim Deskin, Concierge - 7 Years

Derika Andrus, CMA - 4 Years

Amanda Lee, Life Services Coordinator - 4 Years

Shannon Danburg, QA/Infection Control Nurse - 3 Years

Riley Wiederholt, CNA - 3 Years

Delilah Bonner, Concierge - 1 Year

Lori House, Life Services Coordinator - 1 Year

Rita Kroteh, Life Services Coordinator - 1 Year

Rosalia Fitzpatrick, CNA - 1 Year



Happy Birthday!

Kathy Blythe, Activities Assistant - July 1

Etta Fish, CNA - July 4

Sabera Bicic, Housekeeping - July 4

Brynn Weydert, CNA - July 6

Simon Mutai, Life Services Coordinator - July 12

Riley Wiederholt, CNA - July 19

Matt Shannon, Business Office Manager - July 20

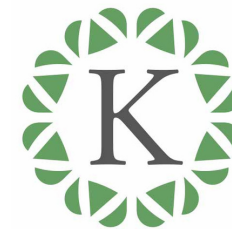
Khadiga Agbna, CMA - July 21

Nermina Husic, CNA - July 27

Spencer VanSickel, Administrator in Training, - July 27



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Soaking Up Summer



Summer has arrived, bringing sunshine, longer days, and countless opportunities to enjoy the season. At Kennybrook Village, we believe summer is a wonderful time to focus on wellness, stay active, and connect with the people and activities that bring meaning to our lives.

The warmer months invite us to spend more time outdoors, participate in community events, and enjoy simple pleasures like visiting with friends on the patio, taking a walk, or sharing a meal with neighbors. These everyday moments not only create lasting memories but also support overall physical and emotional well-being.

Staying active and engaged plays an important role in healthy aging. Whether it's attending a fitness class, participating in an activity, trying something new, or enjoying time with family, small daily choices can have a positive impact on our health and happiness. Equally important is staying connected. Meaningful conversations, shared experiences, and time spent with loved ones help foster a sense of belonging and purpose.

At Kennybrook Village, our goal is to create opportunities for residents to thrive in every season. Throughout the summer, you'll find plenty of ways to stay involved, build relationships, and enjoy all that community life has to offer.

As we embrace the months ahead, we encourage everyone to soak up the sunshine, make new memories, and continue finding Purpose, Passion, and Joy in Life.

Events

Fishing Outing

July 2

Happy 4th of July

July 4

Alzheimer's Support
Group Meeting

July 8

Kitten visits from
Rescue, Rehab, Rehome

July 9

Line Dancing with
Aimee

July 10

Maggie's 6 Year
Anniversary: Music with
Josh & Sweet Swirls Ice
Cream Truck

July 14

Booze & Tattoos

July 17

Ice Cream Bar for
National Ice Cream Day

July 19

Piano Music with Ruth

July 20

Social Drumming

July 24

Zoo Outing

July 30

Senior Spotlight: Mary Anne Schuling

This month, we're delighted to shine the spotlight on Mary Anne Schuling, a radiant new member of the Kennybrook family. Mary Anne is one of those people who instantly brightens the room with her smile and kind heart. She grew up in Des Moines, where she met her lifetime love, Ralph, at East High School. They were married in Cheyenne, Wyoming, before Ralph went abroad to serve in the Air Force. After his faithful service, the couple returned home and carried on a legacy -- The Schuling Hitch Company, a Des Moines staple since 1939.

Together, Mary Anne and Ralph raised four children- Michael, Cindy, Douglas and Julie- and their family has grown into 15 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. The Schuling Hitch Company is now into its fourth generation of family ownership. Mary Anne truly believes that raising your children in a faith-based environment is the best thing you can do for your family and community.

Mary Anne was a pillar of the business, juggling everything from late-night meals to bookkeeping, ensuring the family legacy thrived. Beyond business, she poured herself into the community- leading PTA efforts, volunteering in schools, and guiding teens at church events. Christmas was always a grand affair- filled with love, laughter, and a bit of joyful chaos.

Today, Mary Anne is a vibrant presence here at Kennybrook. She loves activities, cherishes friendships, and believes the community here is just perfect. Her kindness, faith and enduring love for her family and others are an inspiration to us all.



roasted hog for Luau

