

Staff Spotlight: Luke Feyrer, Culinary Aide

This month, we’re shining the spotlight on Luke Feyrer, one of our Culinary Aides, who has been part of the Kennybrook Village team for 1 and a half years!

Luke moved to Iowa from San Antonio, Texas, in 2019 when he was in sixth grade. Moving to a completely new state and community was a big adjustment, but Luke has since built friendships, found things he loves about Iowa—including all four seasons—and grown into a more responsible and goal-oriented young man. One of the best parts of his story? His very first day at his new school was a field trip day!

Family is very important to Luke. He lives with his girlfriend, Madi, and her family, giving him plenty of family time. He also enjoys spending time with his parents, siblings, and his niece, Evie, and nephews, Jax and Jasper. And, of course, there’s Glizzy, his dachshund who Luke describes as being both “cute and annoying” at the same time! Luke loves showing our residents pictures of Glizzy and sharing stories about his four-legged family member.

When he’s not working, Luke enjoys hanging out with friends, fishing, playing basketball, skateboarding, and watching UFC (ultimate fighting championship) . He also loves spending time with family and making sure everyone gets a little bit of his time.

Christmas is Luke’s favorite tradition. He loves the snowy weather and especially enjoys celebrating with family and extended family. He also appreciates Christmas at Kennybrook Village because it’s an opportunity to show our residents how much they are cared for and to bring a little extra happiness to their holiday season.

So, what does Luke love most about working at KBV? The people! He enjoys coming to work each day and appreciates that everyone is friendly, easygoing, helpful, and approachable. He says he never feels intimidated to ask questions and appreciates the strong work ethic of the team. Most importantly, the people at KBV are typically in a good mood and easy to talk to—which makes coming to work something he looks forward to.

Thank you, Luke, for being part of the KBV family! We appreciate the energy, kindness, and positive attitude you bring to our team and our residents. We’re glad you chose KBV!



Happy Birthday!

Kim Gahan, RN - September 8

Grace Mason, CMA - September 9

Abigail Fisher, Cook - September 12

Alyssa Poland, Marketing Director - September 15

Molly Kilcollins, CMA - September 19

Leah Vandenbosch, CNA- September 19

Sabina Husic, Laundry - September 20

Delilah Bonner, Concierge- September 21

Lori House, Life Services Coordinator- September 23

Rochelle Noble, Activities Assistant - September 25

Christina Purscell, Care Partner - September 26

Happy Anniversary!

Dee Enderson, CMA - 12 Years

Carrie Reiling, Director of Nursing - 11 Years

Amos Boway, CNA - 4 Years

Zara Bejarno, CNA - 3 Years

Alexis Hubert, Culinary Aide - 3 Years

Avery Julius, Culinary Aide - 3 Years

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A Place to Belong



Home is more than four walls. It's the people who know your name, the familiar faces you see each day, the conversations that turn into friendships and the little routines that make a place feel like your own.

At Kennybrook Village, we believe belonging is an important part of living well. It's sharing a laugh with a neighbor, sitting down for a meal together, joining an activity just because it sounds fun, or having someone notice when you haven't been around.

It's also about the relationships that grow between residents, families and our team. Over time, familiar faces become more than familiar—they become part of the Kennybrook family.

Every day brings opportunities to connect, create memories and make someone else's day a little brighter. Sometimes it's through a big celebration or special event. Other times, it's simply saying hello in the hallway or stopping to catch up with a friend.

Thank you for being part of what makes Kennybrook Village more than a place to live. You are what makes it a place to belong.

Events

VA Benefits Presentation
September 1

Music with Neil Hewitt
September 4

Alzheimer's Support
Group Meeting
September 9

Presentation by Sue
Barns (Author)
September 11

ISU vs Iowa Tailgate Party
September 12

National Assisted
Living & National
Healthcare
Environmental Services
Week
September 13-19

National Rehabilitation
Awareness Week
September 14-20

Sip & Paint (AL)
September 14

S'mores & Songs (AL)
September 15

Fishing Outing
September 17

Beanbag Baseball Fall
Seasons Starts
September 23

Beanbag Baseball: DCG
Football Team vs KBV
Kernels
September 24

Senior Spotlight: Barry Metzger

If there is one phrase that seems to describe Barry Metzger perfectly, it might be “always on the go.” From his years in the Army and his lifelong career in printing, to sailing, golfing, bowling, dancing, fishing, hunting and spending time with family, Barry has never been one to sit still for long.

Born and raised in the Urbandale and Clive area, Barry has always called central Iowa home. After marrying his wife DeeDee, he proudly served in the US Army in Korea. Barry and DeeDee shared 50 years of marriage and built a wonderful family, together raising three sons and eventually welcoming grandchildren.

After returning home from Korea, Barry began what would become a lifelong career in printing. He worked at Wallace’s Farmer as a printer, setting type and mastering the craft he loved. Printing became more than just a job- it was part of who Barry was. He even taught his sons how to set type and he ran a small printing business in the evenings, creating wedding announcements and other special projects for the community.

But Barry’s interest went far beyond the printing press. He loved the outdoors and spent countless hours hunting and fishing with his sons. He enjoyed football and baseball and played sports himself in high school. He loved bowling, golf, and pool- and he can proudly claim that he scored a hole-in-one! He loved sailing and boating across Iowa lakes.

Even in his 90’s he was water exercising, and walking five or six miles a day, And when he isn’t busy you will find him doodling or simply enjoying a good conversation

Family has always been at the center of Barry’s life. His favorite tradition was Christmas- not just because of the festive decorations his wife would put out, but because Christmas meant having family gathered all around him.

Barry has also carried a simple philosophy throughout life: “If you don’t have the money to buy it, don’t buy it.” Practical, straightforward and sensible, just like Barry.

Today, Barry enjoys life at Maggie’s Place, where he has something around him he always appreciated: people! Barry continues to remind us that life is meant to be lived- and that there is always time for one more conversation, one more adventure and one more thing to do.

