

Staff Spotlight: Julian “Jules” Lande, CNA

Jules has been part of the KBV team for four months and says she is finally getting to know the nuances of our residents and developing a deeper understanding of the people she cares for each day.

Jules moved to Iowa from Seattle about two and a half years ago. She says one of the things she loves most about Iowa is the sense of community. She enjoys the slower pace, farmers markets, and the friendliness she has found here.

Family is very important to Jules. Her dad, Jerry, and older sister, Jenae, live in Ankeny, while her mom, Jill, lives in Seattle. Jules says her sister is one of her biggest inspirations. Growing up with Jenae, who is nonverbal and has special needs, taught Jules to pay attention to nonverbal cues and understand what someone may need—not just what they say or ask for. It also taught her gratitude and the importance of looking beyond the surface.

Jules loves singing, especially anything soulful, and grew up participating in vocal and jazz choir. Her favorite song is Ain't No Sunshine. She also enjoys fishing, camping, and spending time outdoors with her roommate’s three little dogs—who she describes as having small bodies, big hearts, and big attitudes!

On Sundays, when she isn't working, Jules enjoys church, spending time with family, and grabbing lunch or doing some shopping together.

When asked why she loves working at Kennybrook, Jules simply said, “I'm in love with the residents.” Even when a resident is challenging, Jules sees it as an opportunity to figure out how to connect with them. She also loves working alongside caregivers who share the same goals and enjoys being part of a team where everyone can share ideas about what works—and what doesn't.

Jules is still exploring her new Iowa home and is always looking for fun things to do in the community. If you have a local recommendation, send it her way!



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A Tradition Worth Cheering For



Our annual beanbag baseball game with the Dallas Center-Grimes football team has become a tradition that both our residents and the players look forward to each year!

Each year, our residents take the field and face off against the football team for a little friendly competition. The players bring plenty of energy and enthusiasm, while our residents bring their own competitive spirit—and there are always plenty of laughs, cheers, and good-natured bragging rights along the way!

While the game itself is always a highlight, what makes this event so special is the connection it creates. It's an opportunity for generations to come together, get to know one another, cheer each other on, and enjoy an afternoon of fun right here in our community. Seeing our residents and the players interact, encourage one another, and share a few laughs is a reminder of how special these community connections can be.

It's become more than just a game—it's a chance to bring people together, create memories, and celebrate the community we share. We're grateful to the Dallas Center-Grimes football team for continuing to make this tradition so much fun, and we're already looking forward to next year's matchup!

Happy Anniversary!

Rosy Williamson, Housekeeper - 15 Years
Leemue Juman, Life Services Coordinator - 3 Years
Dawn Phipps, CNA - 3 Years
Johna Gallagher, Assisted Living Director - 2 Years
Mercedes Ocampo, Care Partner - 2 Years
Simon Mutai, Life Services Coordinator - 2 Years
Sydnie Maddux, CMA - 1 Year
Melissa Ross, Life Services Coordinator - 1 Year



Happy Birthday!

Mercedes Ocampo, Care Partner - October 1
Melissa Ross, Care Partner - October 4
Patricia Cash, Laundry Attendant - October 5
Mel Matiyabo, CNA - October 6
Kalandra Vanweelden, Life Services Coordinator - October 7
Sandra Hansen, CMA - October 10
Jenna Vanorny, Nursing Support Manager - October 12
Becci Schroeder, Concierge - October 14
Sheila Manning-Kempff, RN - October 15
Leah Bracelin, CNA - October 17
Caitlyn Peace, CNA - October 18
Emma Eischen, Culinary Aide, October 18
Emma Foster-Krueger, CNA - October 21



Events

KBV Walk to End Alzheimer's - Music with Jesse, Motorcycle Rides, Get Pie'd Fundraiser
October 2

Vintage Road Coffee Truck
October 5

Glowin' & Groovin'
October 6

Glow Bingo
October 7

Social Drumming
October 8

Tie Dye & Music with Josh Sinclair
October 9

Alzheimer's Support Group
October 14

Center Grove Orchard Outing
October 15

Decorate and Paint Pumpkins
October 16

Alpaca Visits
October 22

Music with Richie Lee
October 23

Halloween Party
October 30

Community Trick-or-Treat
October 31

Senior Spotlight: Steve & Sally Simpson

When Steve and Sally moved to Kennybrook Village about eight months ago, they quickly became part of the community. Their warm, easygoing personalities and natural ability to make friends have made them a joy to get to know.

Their story began years ago in the Iowa City area. Introduced by one of Sally's nursing friends, their courtship was briefly put on hold when Steve left for military service and Sally finished nursing school. Once they were both home, they picked up where they left off. On October 19, 1962, they were married in Iowa City.

Together, they built a life centered around family, hard work and making the most of every opportunity. They raised two daughters and are now proud grandparents of three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Both Steve and Sally have always been hard workers. Sally spent her career in nursing, including working in a nursing home, while Steve worked for Sears and also put his carpentry skills to work. They were always fixing, building and creating.

One of the most special things they built was their home near Lake McBride. More than a house, it became a gathering place for family. Sunday dinners around the table followed by fishing or boating created some of their favorite memories.

Travel was never a priority for Steve and Sally. Their lake home, family, church activities and simple adventures gave them everything they needed. After nearly 64 years of marriage, their advice to younger generations comes from a lifetime of experience: work hard, don't give up, find something you enjoy and keep going when things get difficult.

Today, Steve and Sally are enjoying a new chapter at Kennybrook Village. They love the people, the activities and, most of all, the opportunity to visit with others. Whether they're participating in an activity or simply stopping to chat, they have a way of making people feel welcome.

After a lifetime of working hard, raising a family and building a life together, we're so happy Steve and Sally have chosen to spend this chapter at Kennybrook!

