Staff Spotlight: Becci Schroeder, Concierge



Since joining Kennybrook Village in September 2026, she has brought a special story and deeply personal connection to our community. For her, Kennybrook is more than a workplace — it is a place filled with cherished memories of her mom, Lorna Schroeder, who lived in assisted living here for nine years.

Originally from a farm in Alta, Iowa, she moved to Des Moines at age 20 and has called the area home ever since. She has built an impressive 27-year career as a business analyst, working with organizations such as Wells Fargo, Principal, and Farm Bureau. She currently contracts with Athene.

When asked what she is most proud of, she shared her ability to find peace and contentment through life's ups and downs. She values the friendships that provide support during difficult times and make life's happiest moments even more meaningful.

Outside of work, golf is one of her greatest passions! She has played most of her life and joined LPGA Amateurs about 10 years ago, where she has enjoyed tournament play and built wonderful friendships with fellow golfers across the country. She also loves hosting Christmas dinner parties for her girlfriends, a tradition that has continued for nearly 20 years!

Her connection to Kennybrook began long before she joined our team. She visited her mom almost every day and developed close relationships with the staff and residents who became an important part of their lives. Today, walking through the halls brings back treasured memories, and hearing team members share stories about her mom continues to fill her heart.

One especially sweet memory involves Grace, her mom's beloved dog. When COVID restrictions were lifted, they traveled to Iowa City to look at puppies, and her mom picked Grace, who rode on her lap all the way home. To this day, Grace still runs down to Room 137 and waits by the door for her Lorna. Now, bringing Grace to work is a special joy and another reminder that Kennybrook Village feels like home.

Her story reminds us that the relationships, memories, and love created at Kennybrook Village last far beyond the time we spend together.







Happy Birthday!

Brooke Johnson, CNA - November 1
Stanley Kolie, CNA - November 10
Maria Wilson, Life Services Coordinator - November 11
Regan Petry, CNA- November 13
Araceli Chacon, LPN - November 15
Lilian Kebenei, Care Partner - November 19
Amor Doherty, RN - November 21
Tayla Farrell, Maggie's Place Director - November 22
Emma Bettis, CNA - November 27





Happy Anniversary!

Amor Doherty, RN - 12 Years
Randy Cole, Plant Ops Director - 7 Years
Brynn Weydert, CNA - 4 Years
Grace Mason, CMA - 4 Years
Khadiga Agbna, CMA - 4 Years
Noemi Curiel, Life Services Coordinator - 4 Years
Kim Gahan, RN - 4 Years
Bura Taoh, Cook - 3 Years
Josephine Lewis, Care Partner - 2 Years
Emma Eischen, Culinary Aide - 2 Years
Mel Matiyabo, CNA - 1 Year
Matt Shannon, Business Office Manager - 1 Year
Juanita Mejia, Culinary Director - 1 Year

The Villager

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Celebrating 15 Years of Purpose, Passion, & Joy in Life!





For 15 years, Kennybrook Village has been a place where friendships grow, memories are made, and life is celebrated every day. Since opening our doors in 2011, we have been honored to welcome residents, support families, and build a community that feels like home.

Over the years, Kennybrook Village has grown and changed, but one thing has remained the same: our commitment to helping residents find purpose, experience passion, and enjoy joy in life. From everyday moments shared with friends to special celebrations that bring everyone together, it's the people who make Kennybrook Village such a special place.

This milestone is about more than celebrating 15 years in Grimes. It's about recognizing the residents who have made this community their home, the families who have trusted us with their loved ones, and the team members who bring care, compassion, and dedication to their work each day.

As we look back on the memories that have shaped our first 15 years, we're also excited for everything still to come. Thank you to everyone who has been part of our story and helped make Kennybrook Village what it is today.

Here's to 15 years of laughter, friendship, and unforgettable moments — and to many more years of living life to the fullest!

Kennybrook Village: 15 Years Never Looked So Bright!

Events

HC Fall Scenic Drive
November 4

Music with Bob Staley
November 6

Prairie Meadows Casino Outing
November 9

Veteran's Day Service
November 11

Alzheimer's Support Group
November 11

Pumpkin Bars & Cider Social
November 13

Maggie's Place Family Thanksgiving
November 17

Main Campus Family Thanksgiving
November 19

Music with Bryan Church
November 20

Happy Thanksgiving!
November 26

HC Mini Pie Bar Social
November 28

Senior Spotlight: Wavley Dalton



When welcoming new residents to Kennybrook, sometimes we discover that we aren't just getting one wonderful new friend—we're getting two! Such is the case with Wavley Dalton and her adorable companion, Missy, a little white Shih Tzu who has already stolen the hearts of just about everyone she meets. Wavley has graciously shared Missy with our community, and both have quickly become favorites!

Behind that sweet little pup is a woman with a wonderful life story, a deep love for her family, and a heart full of treasured memories.

Wavley grew up in Fairmont, Minnesota, but fate had other plans. Her aunt introduced her to Ralph, who was from Madrid, Iowa. Before long, they fell in love and married, beginning a life filled with family, hard work, and special memories.

Ralph worked for Firestone for 30 years, while Wavley built her career as a bookkeeper and title clerk at several Des Moines-area automobile dealerships.

Wavley is the proud mother of five children, and raising them remains one of her greatest accomplishments. Family was always at the center of her life. She loved spending time with her children, gathering around the table, and welcoming their friends into her home. Sunday dinners were especially meaningful, bringing everyone together to enjoy time with one another.

Today, her family has grown to include 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren—a wonderful legacy spanning generations.

After Ralph retired, the couple moved to Florida, where they spent 22 years enjoying the Sunshine State. Following Ralph's passing, Wavley eventually returned to the Des Moines area, where a very special companion joined her life: Missy.

Through every chapter, Wavley has held onto an important belief: support the people you love, recognize that everyone has their own reasons for what they do, and remember that being there for one another matters most.

We are delighted that Wavley has made Kennybrook her home—and that Missy has joined our community, too!







