



# Morning Light

Life with care and dignity



*Enjoying the outdoors at  
the Abbie Hunt Bryce Home*

## 2014 Annual Report

Abbie Hunt Bryce Home | Pennwood Place

**2,114** days of free care provided at the Abbie Hunt Bryce Home.

**12,488** days of safe and affordable housing at Pennwood Place Apartments for low-income seniors.

**\$10,000** given for charity care for homecare patients.

## **Morning Light's Mission**

Morning Light, Inc., fosters non-profit community programs in Indiana for the terminally ill, seniors, and families of limited means in need of health, wellness or end of life care.

## A RESIDENT'S STORY

Annette is sitting in her wheelchair, colorful bandana covering her head, a smile on her face, and a pint of her favorite ice cream in her lap. She is enjoying spending time with her Aunt Ruth and long-time friend DeeDee who have come to visit. Sitting next to her is her favorite fleece tie-blanket. Annette truly looks at home.

Living at the Abbie Hunt Bryce Home, residents really do feel a sense of comfort and peace; a feeling of being home.

"I came from another facility and it was nothing like this," remembers Annette. "It had that smell, that hospital smell. When I walked into the Abbie Hunt Bryce Home, I realized that it just smells like a house." Aunt Ruth and DeeDee nod in agreement. "The staff here are wonderful. They are empathetic and caring and friendly," continues Annette.

"They really are," Aunt Ruth said. "We visit Annette once a week and we have always had a good experience here. It's just comfortable and friendly."

Annette has been living at the Home for a month and says she has enjoyed it. "I wouldn't change a thing," she said. "But if I had to change something, I know I could add my own pictures to the wall or decorations to my room."

Truly unique, the residents can personalize their private rooms with anything that makes them feel more comfortable or at home.

Annette doesn't say anything about her health or her diagnosis. It doesn't seem to be what she is focused on. For now, she is enjoying her day with her aunt and friend, savoring her ice cream and living in what has now become her home.





## A LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

In May 2011, community stakeholders made the bold decision to allow Morning Light, then the VNS Foundation, to fly solo as it parted from its renowned parent organization. A generous Franciscan Alliance grant gave the fledgling organization some initial resources to make necessary in-flight adjustments.

Pardon the pun, but time has just flown by! Morning Light now directly supervises one of the premier hospice resident programs in the nation, the Abbie Hunt Bryce Home. Staff has been bolstered by a newly created Operations Manager position to facilitate relationships with residents, referral sources, and of course, the compassionate employees who are on the front line 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. The Home remains the only Indiana residence that provides free accommodations for not only hospice patients of limited means, but also for respite care and post-surgery recovery for the homeless.

The Morning Light Vision states that this organization aspires to be “...a recognized leader in operating and supporting select health and wellness services for the underserved population of central Indiana.” Pennwood Place Apartments for low-income seniors is proof that Morning Light is pursuing that goal. From a starting point of zero activity hours as late as March of 2013, Pennwood now boasts 500 or so participants annually. Computer classes, wellness presentations, financial tips, field trips and exercise have all become part of the quality of life mix for more than three dozen residents.

Morning Light is also proud to support home care patients who experience the unexpected in the form of sudden medication, utility, or equipment needs. Each year, our organization spends \$10,000 for these purposes.

As Chair, I am proud to be on board as Morning Light soars into a future that fulfills the organization’s Core Values of *Compassion, Commitment, and Collaboration*. I trust this annual report will give you the information you need to join me in this unique and vital mission.

Sincerely,  
Scott Ringold  
Board Chair



# 2014 HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

Morning Light prepared to assume direct management of the Abbie Hunt Bryce Home and its employees starting in January 2015.

The Abbie Hunt Bryce Home served 41 residents and provided 2,114 days of free care for its residents.

Attendance at all Pennwood Place activities increased by 40%, totaling 563 (duplicated) individuals.

Morning Light provided almost \$10,000 in charity care for homecare patients which includes utilities, medical equipment and staff training.

More than \$80,000 in contributions were received from the community in support of Morning Light and its programs.

Morning Light received grants from Fall Creek Conservation, Hoover Family Foundation, The Saltsburg Fund and Blackbaud to help support conservation landscaping, furniture, and general operating expenses.

The parking lot project at the 4701 N. Keystone Ave. office building was completed.

The Beach Ball increased its net revenue by 15%, raising just under \$40,000 for the Abbie Hunt Bryce Home.

Morning Light expanded its vendor partnerships, transferring all accounting services to Alerding CPA Group.

Morning Light received \$450,000 in operational support from the Franciscan Alliance.

The Board of Directors completed the Morning Light branding process under the guidance of Aspen Impact.

# MORNING LIGHT FINANCIAL REPORT 2014

Year Ended December 31, 2014

## REVENUE AND SUPPORT

Contributions	\$205,238
Interest and dividend income	\$300,149
Rental income	\$938,629
Other income	\$43,265

**TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT** **\$1,487,281**

## EXPENSES

Grants and other programs	\$344,932
Building operations	\$1,030,159
Management and General	\$477,159
Fundraising	\$36,112

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$1,888,601**

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS  
FROM OPERATIONS** **\$(401,320)**

**OTHER GAINS (LOSSES)** **\$213,893**

**INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS** **\$(187,427)**

## NET ASSETS

Beginning of Year	\$10,102,936
End of Year	\$9,914,969



## PENNWOOD PLACE APARTMENTS 'A COMMUNITY GEM'

After spending the majority of her life working as a hospital unit secretary, Alice Myers was ready to retire and enjoy her relaxing golden years.

Alice knew that once she retired, she would not be able to afford her current apartment, so she began looking for a new place to live. She searched throughout Indianapolis but found that the places she could afford were either not desirable or not safe enough for her to live in alone. When a friend told her that she had heard of a new senior apartment complex being built in the central part of the city, Alice knew that she had to take a look.

Thus, she discovered Pennwood Place. Alice was the second tenant to arrive at Pennwood when it opened in 2011, and she's been living there ever since.

When asked what Alice's favorite part about Pennwood is, she didn't skip a beat when she said security and peace of mind. "I love how secure I feel at Pennwood Place. I have my key card so I don't have to worry about people breaking locks to get into the building. I don't have to sleep with one eye open."

For Alice and many other Pennwood residents, the knowledge that they have somewhere safe and affordable to live is invaluable. Programs that increase each resident's quality of life are also important.

"I really enjoy playing Bingo in the Community Room," Alice said. "The prizes are great!" Alice also expressed how much she appreciates having an on-site exercise room to use during the day. "It keeps me feeling healthy and keeps my brain active."

For Alice and the other residents in the 35-unit apartment complex, Pennwood Place has become a home. Alice summed it up best when she said, "I've been here for almost five years, and I plan to be here for as long as I can!"

THE COMMITMENT CIRCLE  
AT  
THE ABBIE HUNT BRYCE HOME

The Commitment Circle honors generous individuals who contribute \$1,000 or more to Morning Light and its programs.

Founded in 2013, the Commitment Circle encourages others to join in the life-changing mission and organization that is the Abbie Hunt Bryce Home.

This list represents gifts received from  
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## 11th ANNUAL BEACH BALL

Joined by co-hosts Lori Wilson of WISH-TV and Dean Metcalf of the Bob & Tom Show, the 11th Annual Beach Ball was another huge success. The event raised two month's worth of operating expenses for the Abbie Hunt Bryce Home, netting just under \$40,000.

This event was such a success due in no small part to the sponsors of the annual Beach Ball.

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