



Caring for those who first cared for us

Spring 2022

From the Director's Desk

Much has happened since our last newsletter in October 2020!

P.J. Bolstridge decided to leave Breath of Life to take a position with the Lakes Area Pregnancy Support Agency. God blessed us with Scarlett Langenfeld who took over the Program Director's position in January 2022. Linda Wolvert decided to retire and move to Iowa to be closer to her family. Maxine Fromm decided to return to Breath of Life as a program aide two days a week. Billie Jo Jaeche was called to our ministry as a program aide three days a week. Warren Davison is celebrating his 15th year and Jenny Jensen is celebrating her fourth year at Breath of Life. Karen Bruce, LaVerle Courts and Ambrea Hegberg work tirelessly behind the scenes. We have also been blessed with a dozen volunteers that share their love and kindness with our participants every day of the week.

Our new staffing levels and volunteers have allowed us to serve more participants each day. Our goal is to have 10-12 participants attend our program every day and we are well on our way to achieve this goal in 2022. Please let me know if you know anyone who has a kind and loving heart and might be interested in working at Breath of Life. I would love to talk to them about becoming an employee or volunteer.

Since October 2020, Breath of Life has received many, many donations from individuals, government grants and private industry grants. We now have a strong financial base that we hope will sustain our operation through 2022 and beyond. We have learned that at any moment we may be forced to temporarily close our doors due to the COVID-19 pandemic or severe weather. Breath of Life loses approximately \$1000 per day when we have to temporarily close our program.

Paul Welch
Executive Director



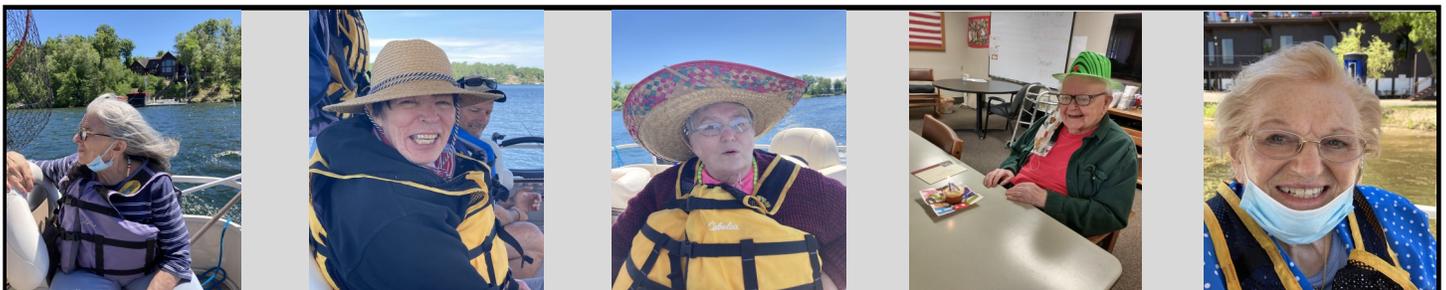
Meet Scarlett Langenfeld New Program Director

Outgoing Program Director, P.J. Bolstridge, handpicked Scarlett as her replacement as she believed Scarlett was the perfect fit for the job. Scarlett was born in Edina, MN, and grew up in Crosby MN, where she attended high school. She was raised by a single mom supported by Scarlett's grandparents. Scarlett spent a lot of time with her grandparents at a young age and credits her hard work ethic and good values to them. She attended college at CLC and had planned on becoming a surgical nurse, but God had other plans in store. Scarlett married her husband Brandon in July, 2015 and they live in Nisswa where she is able to enjoy her passion and love of horses. She is an 8-year veteran of the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol.

Scarlett previously worked at CRMC for 10+ years as a Dietary Aide, CNA, and Activities Aide. She then took a position as a Program Coordinator at Central MN Senior Care. After Scarlett interviewed with Paul and met the participants, she did a lot of praying before accepting the position as she wanted to be sure it was the right fit for her and for the program. She is so thankful to work in a place that is so supportive and truly wants to see you succeed while giving you the time and opportunity to learn. "It's wonderful to come to work where your faith is *encouraged* not *discouraged*", said Scarlett.

She enjoys the staff responsibilities, especially being a leader to our amazing team that genuinely pour their hearts into each participant every single day. She truly believes God masterfully picked each staff member at Breath of Life to use their individual talents to create the best team. She started a 1:1 monthly rounding with each staff member to ensure they have the tools and training to do their jobs well and to identify any potential problems or safety concerns before they occur.

Scarlett affirms that when we call Breath of Life "one big family" we truly mean it! **Welcome Scarlett!**



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20th

Anniversary Celebration

In August 2021, Breath of Life celebrated its 20th anniversary of operation with a beautiful program and banquet at Arrowwood Lodge in Baxter, MN. Bob Schricker, the founder of Breath of Life, was the master of ceremonies and 120 guests enjoyed a short presentation, video and testimonials from participants and caregivers. Breath of Life would like to thank every one of our participants, their caregivers, our Board of Directors, employees, donors and volunteers for their commitment to our program. We are blessed to have such a broad base of support over the past 20+ years.



The day after our anniversary celebration we received the following note:

To Breath of Life

Thank you for the joy and hope you give to our communities and that you gave me at last night's banquet. In what seems a hopeless world, we were given an oasis of hope and joy in the testimonials, seeing how so many are impacted through your ministry. I loved the beautiful video. Thank you.

Congratulations on 20 years. God's blessings going forward for another 20 + years!

Del and Barbara

Pints for a Purpose Jack Pine Brewery

Breath of Life Adult Day Service's "Pints for a Purpose" is planned for Jack Pine Brewery on Wednesday November 16, 2022 5-8 p.m.



Please join the Breath of Life staff, volunteers, participants, caregivers, supporters and donors for an evening of comradery and fellowship.

At the 2019 Pints for a Purpose event we raised more than \$1500 in donations in one evening.

Thank You Donors

We would like to thank our generous donors who have made our success possible:

LeadingAge Minnesota
Walmart
Mille Lacs Ventures
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Baxter Lions Club
Brainerd Lions Club
Brainerd Area Sertoma
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CRMC Foundation
Lakes Area United Way
Sourcewell
*...and many, many other supporters
who wish to remain anonymous.*

Prayer Requests

Prayers for opportunities to speak with local companies and organizations that serve people who would benefit from our services and to raise awareness about Breath of Life.

Prayers for continued donor generosity to sustain and increase our offerings at Breath of Life and thanking those who have provided generously, especially over these past two years.

Thank You Volunteers

We would like to thank our wonderful volunteers who have made our success possible:

John, Bob, Karen, Pat, Ken (2), Barb (2), Robert, Jeanne, Joy, Cate, Michele, Reed, Ann, Nicole, Ammy, Cherry, Harold, Steve, Marlene, Richard, Ellen, Ray, Todd, Deb, Jim, Marcus, Vicki, Lon, Suzanne, Kathy and the many, many more volunteers who have served at Breath of Life over the years.



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