

CIVIL MONEY PENALTY (CMP) FUNDED PROJECT

FINAL REPORT

Grantee

**Lutheran Homes of Oshkosk, Inc.
225 North Eagle Street
Oshkosh, WI 54902**

Project Title

Noah's Landing Program

Award Amount

\$58,300

Grant Period

November 1, 2017 - January 31, 2018

Additional Information and Resources

**Noah's Landing Program Manual
Videos**



**Department of Health Services / Division of Quality Assurance
Quality Assurance and Improvement Committee**

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GRANT AGREEMENT

This grant agreement is entered into for the period of February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018, by and between the State of Wisconsin represented by its Department of Health Services on behalf of the Division of Quality Assurance (DQA), whose principal address is 1 West Wilson Street, Room 450, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, hereinafter referred to as GRANTOR, and Lutheran Homes of Oshkosh, Inc. whose principal business address is 225 North Eagle Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54902-4125, hereinafter referred to as GRANTEE.

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT FOURTH QUARTER AND FINAL REPORT

Noah's Landing Program
Lutheran Homes of Oshkosh
November 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018

Program Goal

To enhance the lives of persons living in skilled nursing centers by adding dogs and cats to resident life at Bethel Home and develop a video and program manual detailing lessons learned and including a manual for program replication in other skilled nursing centers across the State of Wisconsin.

4th Quarter Deliverables

Ms. Eve Hewitt, Program Coordinator, developed manual for program replication.

Therapy Dog skills classes were held in November over four consecutive weeks. Lysie Bernier of Ideal Dog taught owners and their dogs new commands and manners needed to visit residents in skilled nursing.

We identified another dog for Bethel Home. Nala was adopted in November and spends four or five days a week with residents.

Videos are complete.

Final Report

Miravida Living implemented Noah's Landing over the course of the last year. Keys to success included the following:

- Team member's interest in enlivening nursing home life and offering extraordinary experiences for our residents.

- Partnering with a Certified Professional Dog Training who is also an approved AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluator and member of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers, The Pet Professional Guild and Force Free Trainers of Wisconsin.
- With the exception of the misstep of adopting two young male cats, all other adoptions introduced amazing dogs into life at Bethel Home.
- The greater community's interest in making the program successful including the partnership between the animal behaviorist and the Humane Society identifying potential pets, the veterinarian who volunteered to provide care, Nashville Pet Products who provides food and a reduced cost for pet supplies, Eagle Scout who built equipment for the dog run, etc.

The shift in strategy from having dogs and cats live full-time at Bethel Home to having dogs and cats regularly visit was unexpected yet, very successful. Miravida Living would recommend this strategy to facilities considering the Noah's Landing program.

There have been some fits and starts with reliably having dogs available for therapy. The interest of the resident which is generally favorable, the timing of the therapy and availability of a dog complicate the consistency of this strategy. The Rehab Director is now bringing her dog to work to provide expanded opportunities for pet therapy as rehabilitation.

Miravida Living is looking forward to better weather, dedicating the dog park and offering opportunities for residents to be outside enjoying the dogs at play.

Noah's Landing is a perfect complement to the Namaste Care program with dogs and cats regularly visiting the residents in Namaste. *(Namaste Care has expanded to two locations within Bethel Home.)*

Staff members have embraced the program and many bring their dogs to work with them. Loved ones and volunteers also bring their pets.

Daisy, Porter, Murfee, Sophie, Molly, Bella, Bear, Zach, Nala, Jacks, Buddy, Chance, George, Gordy, Izzy, Kylo Ren, Poppy, Ramen, Sammy, Pickles, five foster kittens, Hope, Midnight, Hobbs, Tina, Hazel, Maisie, Sasha, Cali, Bambi, Alfie and all visiting pets who are not registered after hours and on weekends, have added enormously to the quality of life for our residents, their loved ones and our team.

Not only did the program unfold in ways not anticipated at the outset, with the exception of the Program Coordinator's salary, expenses were not incurred as budgeted.

The animal behaviorist billed for actual classes. Assistance with selecting dogs and cats and providing counsel for successful training and care were not billed. Grant funds budgeted were \$7,500. We spent \$1,455 leaving a remainder of \$6,045.

Salary and benefits for a part-time limited term Program Coordinator were budgeted at \$16,000. All funds were expended.

Early on, there were expectations to purchase pure bred dogs and cats. We adopted dogs and cats from the Humane Society significantly reducing the costs. Budgeted for \$3,600, spent \$1,868.12 and leaving a remainder of \$1,731.88.

Revised dog run budget to \$20,000, spent \$19,100.58, leaving a remainder of \$899.42. Dog equipment was not purchased. An Eagle Scout designed equipment, raised funds for materials, and built/installed the equipment as his Eagle Scout project.

Veterinary care was budgeted at \$1,200. We worked with a veterinarian who offered his services for free and supplies for cost also significantly reducing expenses and leaving a remainder of \$969.

Video and program manual were budgeted at \$10,000. Expenses within the grant period totaled \$8,000. Additional expenses of \$2,000 were incurred beyond the expiration of the grant.

Grant expenditures are detailed in the table below:

	Budgeted	Spent	Requested	Remaining
Contract with Animal Behaviorist	\$7,500.00	\$1,455.00	\$560.00	\$6,045.00
Salary and benefits p-t limited term Program Coordinator	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$5,648.40	\$0.00
Purchase of up to 3 dogs and 3 cats / related supplies	\$3,600.00	\$1,868.12	\$73.00	\$1,731.88
Purchase of materials for dog run	\$20,000.00	\$19,100.58	\$0.00	\$899.42
Purchase of veterinary care	\$1,200.00	\$231.00	\$0.00	\$969.00
Creation of a video, program manual and toolkit	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$2,000.00
Total	\$58,300.00	\$46,654.70	\$14,281.40	\$11,645.30

The 4th Quarter invoice requests \$14,281.40. Remaining grant funds total \$11,645.30.

This is our first grant where the funding allocation was not completely exhausted. Please advise as to whether the funds are forfeited or if, a budget for the remainder should be developed and submitted.