



*The Talahi Senior Foundation*

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Congratulations!

You are a lucky recipient of the premiere issue of **Acorn News Bits!** The first official newsletter of the Talahi Senior Foundation. The mission of the Talahi Senior Foundation is to improve the lives of seniors and handicapped within our surrounding community.

Incorporated in 1995, the Talahi Care Center Resident Council, Inc. (currently conducting business as the Talahi Senior Foundation or TSF) is a St. Cloud area non-profit corporation governed by a Board of Directors established to fill the

gap created by state and federal reductions in funding for the care of area seniors and handicapped. The Talahi Senior Foundation is a non-profit, Internal Revenue Service approved 501(c) (3) foundation.

Our vision is a community where all seniors and handicapped have access to the same living standards as the surrounding community.

Our constituents are:  
 1) Seniors and handicapped living within the Talahi community.  
 2) Family and friends of the seniors and handicapped living within the Talahi community.

3) Volunteers and employees of the Talahi Senior Campus.

4) The surrounding communities of Benton, Sherburne and Stearns counties of Minnesota.

The purposes of Acorn News Bits is to keep all of our valued donors informed of the fund raising activities of the Talahi Senior Foundation. To inform the public of our resident and client needs, which makes their lives more comfortable and rewarding. And finally to support the residents, clients, staff and volunteers of the Talahi Senior Campus in fulfilling their goals.

New Construction results in the following needs:

- Specialized Audio and Video equipment for our new resident lounges.
- Private and corporate involvement in furnishing three lounges.
- Corporate advertisers for our new public display cases.

*Veteran's Memorial Dayroom*

As we get closer to the completion of our new additions and remodeling, we also come closer to needing to furnish our resident lounges with furnishings, as well sight and hearing impaired electronic equipment. We have made several attempts to get some assistance from local veterans service organizations with little success. Our idea was to dedi-

cate one lounge as the Veterans Memorial Dayroom and decorate with a military and patriotic theme in mind. We a

Have already furnished it with a television and VHS tape player. We still believe there are some additional donors out there will step up and help us fulfill our Veterans Memorial Lounge vision. We need donations to buy ten shadow boxes

and some family members

who are willing to put together a respective shadow box for their resident veteran with military memorabilia and photos from their time in military service. Anyone interested please contact Tony Nathe at (320) 251-0120.



## From the Chairman of the Board



*The Talahi Senior Foundation Board of Directors meets quarterly on the Talahi Senior Campus.*

Many great things are happening on the Talahi Senior Campus and your Talahi Senior Foundation is just a small part of the success story!

We have added new members to our Board of Directors, rewritten our by-laws and changed our operational name.

We have appointed two main fund-raising committees, one for On-Campus Activities and one for Off-Campus activities and there is a chair for each committee.

We have attempted several new approaches to soliciting funds in order to fulfill our current residential needs on the Talahi Senior Campus, but with mixed success. See Resident Needs Below.

The Talahi Senior Campus Liaison to our Board of Directors, Tony Nathe, has increased networking with the leaders of the St. Cloud non-profit community to make all more aware of the goals of our foundation.

What we need most of all is businesses and individuals within the community to recognize the good work of our foundation and want to help us reach our fund-raising goals and continue our growth.

You can help in this endeavor by spreading the word about both the Talahi Senior Campus and the Talahi Senior Foundation. Should you wish to serve as a member of the Board, please call Tony at (320) 251-9120. Thank you!

Jim Donaghue, Chair

## 2005 Upcoming Resident Needs

**"Your sponsorship or annual giving will help us continue serving the residents of the Talahi Senior Campus"**

**For projected costs of each of the above items, please contact Tony Nathe at (320) 251-9120 or email at:**

**talahifoundation@aol.com**

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| ◆ One New Aquarium for our Rosewood Memory Loss Care Unit. | ◆ Fifty (50) movie DVD's for our Resident Library.                      | ◆ Ten (10) Memory Boxes for our Veterans Memorial Day-room (VMD).     |
| ◆ Fifty (50) large print books for our Resident Library.   | ◆ Four (4) new desktop computer stations for our Senior Surfer Program. | ◆ One set of US and MN indoor flags with staff and stand for our VMD. |
| ◆ Fifty (50) music CD's for our Resident Library.          | ◆ One new reclining Exercise Bike for Nature's Point Exercise Room.     | ◆ One Player Piano for our new Talahi Indoor Park.                    |
|  | ◆ One portable TV w/DVD player for our Nature's Point Exercise Room.    | ◆ One wheelchair swing for our new Talahi Indoor Park.                |

## *Your 2004 Support Greatly Appreciated*

Last year was the best year for both cash and in-kind donations ever received by the Talahi Senior Foundation. Between the support for our Silent Auction, our Seasonal Quilt and Bake Sales, and finally our individual and corporate donations, there are many that we need to recognize, but so often are unable to keep of all the names, especially the quilt and bake sales. Forgive us if we forgot any of your names.

Some of the following donors are to be thanked for their support and generosity during calendar year 2004.

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Thank you so much for your support and keep up the great work! If you have friends or neighbors that wish to support our Foundation, please call Tony Nathe at 251-9120, for more information or email him at:

**[talahifoundation@aol.com](mailto:talahifoundation@aol.com)**

# Volunteers & Needs for our Senior Surfers



***Developing a Senior Surfer Program for our residents, clients and volunteers.***

*Improving the Lives of Senior clients, residents and volunteers on the Talahi Senior Campus!*

Imagine if you are a family member of one of our residents or clients and you were able to talk to your loved one every day via email or in a chat room?

Further imagine on those special holidays that you are just too far away, but want to telecommunicating via the Internet with your loved one on the Talahi Senior Campus?

Our new additions and remodeling will allow for space to provide four semi-private cubicles for resident, client and employee access to a computer that gives them access to the Internet and the World Wide

Web. These spaces need to be furnished with high speed computers allowing our seniors to surf the web and email their family and friends.

Our Volunteer Coordinator will provide volunteers for one-on-one training and guidance for our Senior Surfers, giving them the knowledge and assistance to surf the web and communicate using email or chat rooms.

Private or corporate donations are needed to purchase the appropriate equipment, so that it can be installed during the final phase of our construction.

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to learn how to assist our residents and clients. We will conduct training on-site training to bring volunteers up-to-date on the use of computers, the Internet, email, chat rooms and eventually telecommunicating in order to assist our Senior Surfers.

If you are experienced or a novice, and have interest in helping make our Senior Surfer program a great success, or if you would like to purchase an entire computer system for one of these cubicles, please contact Tony Nathe.

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