

Chaplaincy care

Chaplaincy care is a component of the Disciples Benevolent Services (DBS) Senior Care Ministries program. Its mission is to ensure that all residents of eleven facilities previously owned and operated by the National Benevolent Association (NBA), and their local communities, are given the opportunity to receive chaplaincy services.



Introduction

During NBA's decades of ministry, care for senior citizens was a strong expression of its mission statement, "What We Do Best Is Care." The eleven retirement communities, where NBA provided care to seniors, were ultimately sold.

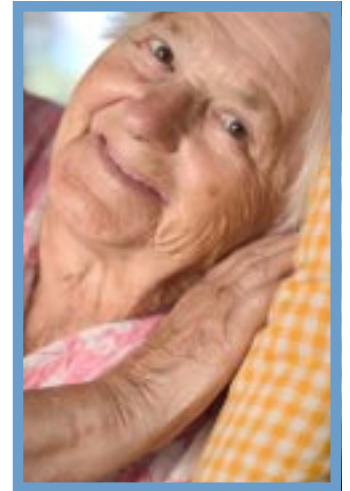


Nevertheless, Disciple Benevolent Services (DBS) staff have maintained contact with many residents of those retirement communities. While several concerns have been expressed, one seems to be more common throughout the facilities – the need for chaplaincy services.

Program

DBS, in partnership with the Upper Midwest Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), now offers chaplaincy services to the residents of Ramsey Village, as well as to their families, the staff and administrators. This is provided at no cost or liability to the facility or to the persons choosing to receive services.

DBS' Chaplaincy care program in Des Moines is staffed by a licensed minister who provides pastoral care, weekly worship services and Bible study tailored to the needs of the individuals. Individuals also have the option of requesting personal visits by the chaplain. The chaplain is available to provide pastoral care for persons of different religious needs or for those who profess no faith.



Individuals requesting DBS Chaplaincy care may be assured that

- they will be treated with compassion and sensitivity
- they will be allowed to express their fears, anxieties, hurts and anger without judgement
- any information shared will be held in confidence
- they will never be charged for the services
- the Chaplain is trained to recognize when additional help is needed
- the Chaplaincy care program is part of the care plan at Ramsey Village

**To speak with the Des Moines area DBS Chaplain, please call
Rev. Linda Lighthall 515-441-1949.**

"There are so many people who have no family or friends and they need to know that someone cares and someone will be with them when they ask."

DBS Chaplaincy Care supporter and retirement facility resident

"I'm excited about expanding the responsibilities of the (Chaplain's) position throughout the greater Des Moines community...perhaps throughout the Region."

Rev. Don Hiscox
Associate Regional Minister
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of the Upper Midwest

Mission Statement

*In the loving and caring spirit of Christ,
Disciples Benevolent Services will partner
with Regions, congregations and others
to develop ministries of care
in response to the needs of their communities.*

Disciples Benevolent Services (National Benevolent Association) is the 121 year-old social and health services general unit of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). During 2007, Disciples Benevolent Services was privileged to serve more than 500 people through its residential and community-based programs for children, youth and families, people with disabilities and older adults.

In addition, Disciples Benevolent Services sponsors 53 US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) housing facilities for older adults and people with disabilities. These HUD facilities serve more than 4,700 people.

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