

ATTIC ANGEL

Community Connection

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Whistle Blower/
Corporate Compliance

It is everyone's responsibility to report compliance issues. Issues may be reported to any member of the Management Team or anonymously by calling our 24-hour hotline:

(608) 662-8880

For more information, see section 5 of the Employee Handbook.

Attic Angel Honored as a Top Workplace in Health Care

We are proud to announce that Attic Angel has been recognized as one of the Best Places to Work in the Health Care field by Energage, a leading research firm specializing in employee engagement and workplace culture.



This award is especially meaningful because it's based entirely on employee feedback gathered through Energage's confidential engagement surveys. These surveys measure key drivers of a strong workplace culture—such as alignment, connection, and employee well-being—giving an authentic voice to our team members.

Energage's Top Workplaces awards highlight organizations that prioritize their people and foster environments where employees feel valued and engaged.

We are honored to be part of this select group and remain committed to continuing our mission of delivering compassionate care while supporting the well-being of our team.

Thank you to our incredible staff—you are what makes Attic Angel a truly great place to work.

Sales & Marketing Team Roles

We wanted to share an update regarding the roles within our Sales & Marketing Department to keep everyone informed and aligned. Here's a quick overview of our team and our areas of focus:

- **Katie Gruber – Sales & Marketing Manager**

Oversees team management, ensuring alignment with organizational & census goals. Executes outreach efforts, such as attending external events and building community partnerships. Supports strategic growth initiatives, synergizing with the broader management team to ensure cross-departmental collaboration.

- **Kendra Hinzmann – Brand & Design Coordinator**

Responsible for creating and executing marketing materials, collaborating with internal teams and external vendors, and supporting sales initiatives.

- **Marci Lilly – Senior Living Consultant**

Responsible for cultivating relationships and meeting occupancy goals for primarily *Independent Living*, including Prairie Point ranch homes and Segoe Heights Apartments.

- **Becky Saliby – Senior Living Consultant**

Responsible for cultivating relationships and meeting occupancy goals for primarily *Assisted Living*, including Bryant Ridge, Haven, and Gorham Glen.

If you see us out and about conducting tours of our Community, please feel free to greet us with a cheerful hello! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about these roles or need support from our team.



Inside the Prairie Point model home

Front Desk Focus: Handicap Parking Pass

By: Attic Angel Reception Team

Did you know you can borrow a handicap parking pass from reception? If you are heading out to an appointment or general outing and would like to park conveniently close to the building when you reach your destination, stop by the front desk and we can sign out a pass for you! These are free, can be used anytime, and then returned to the desk when you are back from your outing. These can even be used for medical transports with Angels!

The front reception desk is open from 7am-9pm Monday thru Friday, and 8:00am-4:30pm Saturday and Sunday.

AAP Board Highlights

By: Kim Kundert, AAP Board Secretary

The Attic Angel Place Board met in June to discuss a variety of updates, including the annual Wisconsin Coalition for Collaborative Excellence in Assisted Living (WCCEAL) resident satisfaction survey, staffing challenges, and ongoing projects across the campus. Chair Sue Bush opened the meeting by welcoming new board members Shannon Davidson, Carolyn McKinney, Amy Nickles, and Cathy Rotter, and introduced Rebecca Beran, the new Director of Dining Services.



The meeting's education session was focused on the WCCEAL survey results, presented by Tara Bauer and Kim Blum. The survey highlighted Attic Angel's strengths, such as exceptional staff, high resident and family satisfaction, and a strong wellness program. However, it also pointed to areas for improvement, including dining services, staffing consistency, and facility accessibility. Blum shared that efforts are already underway to address these issues, particularly with a new partnership with New Horizon Foods to improve dining services.

Blum also updated the board on ongoing staffing efforts, including a task force focused on reducing the use of agency staff. This has already resulted in a \$30,000 reduction in agency costs since December. Additionally, Blum reported positive feedback on the Wellness program, which includes successful initiatives like Rock Steady Boxing for Parkinson's. There's a strong collaboration between the Wellness Department and Greenfield Rehab (our onsite partner for physical and occupational therapy). Board directors showed interest in touring the wellness and rehab facilities in the future.

Dining services were another focus. New Horizon Foods, which took over in March, has introduced a new menu in the Terrace, and Beran is working closely with residents to gather feedback. There are plans to revitalize the café space, but those plans continue to be assessed.

In terms of infrastructure, the board was briefed on updates to the call light system, which, while functioning well, still has a few minor issues being addressed. The Segoe Heights hallway refresh is also underway, focusing on painting and flooring this year, with furniture and artwork updates scheduled for next year.

During the meeting, the board reviewed and approved the consent agenda, including minutes from previous meetings, financial statements, and departmental reports.

The next AAP board meeting is scheduled for July 14, to review the upcoming audit.

Garden Gab: Garden Packages

A new pilot project at Attic Angel Prairie Point, Garden Packages, are meant to be a plug-and-play garden design solution to add more perennials into the landscape. This year residents could choose from three styles – Prairie, Cottage, or Shrubbery – or design their own Custom Garden with Lead Horticulturist Grace Huddleston. Some residents also decided to design a custom annual flower package, Color Bowl, at the Reiner's house! All in all, there were 24 garden packages ordered this year. We look forward to improving the product and would like your input during the next Grounds Forum. How did you like the garden packages? Would you be interested in a custom Color Bowl?



Grace Huddleston can be reached at (608) 662-8902 or Grace.Huddleston@atticangel.org if you have any questions.

Grief Support Group

By: Brian Baker, Community Chaplain



Interested in learning more about grief support? We try to meet the third Wednesday of the month at 2:00 in the Quiet Room or Private Dining Room. The focus of this group is to create a safe space around the table as we share whatever is on our hearts and minds.

We use this time to honor our spirits as we support each other in the culture of “loving our neighbor” by being present with each other and carrying what sometimes cannot be carried alone. There is a quote that says, “We were made for connection, care, nature, laughter, and deep presence. That’s where we belong, and that’s where we can return.” Our Grief Support

time together helps us to make these connections, recognizing there are people that care, and whether we laugh or cry; there is deep presence in knowing you’re not alone. Feel free to join us at any time if you’d like to be part of this group.

Brian’s office is located in Gorham Glen, next to Greenfield Rehab. He can be reached at (608) 662-8865 or Brian.Baker@atticangel.org

Heads Up & Reminders

To stay up to date on community events, residents may check activity calendars, Uniguest, or contact to their Life Enrichment Coordinator. Staff may check their email or Paycor.

Ice Cream Social

When: Thursday, August 14th from 1-3pm

Where: Community Room & Patio

Staff, Residents, Angels, and Families are invited!

Any school children that attend will receive a backpack with school supplies.

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Prairie Point Brat Fest

Sunday, August 24th - Community Room

4:30pm socializing, 5:30pm dinner

Meal includes brats, baked beans, pasta salad, chips, cookies, water, beer and soda
Price: \$14.50, charged to resident's monthly account

Please RSVP by August 15th to:

Audrey Braucher (608-469-6291 or acb1016@gmail.com) or to Marsha Gregg (608-354-2616 or mbgregg@tds.net)

Continuing Education

Programming will resume **next month!** Stay tuned for upcoming topics and speakers.

Share Your Moments With Us!

We're always looking for special moments to share from around the Attic Angel community — whether it's a laugh with friends, a creative project, photos from a recent activity, or any other glimpse of your daily life.

Send your photos or ideas to
SocialMediaProject@AtticAngel.org
for a chance to be featured on our social media pages!

Next Chapter Circle

We're excited to introduce Next Chapter Circle, Attic Angel's new monthly giving program. We are inviting employees to be among the first to join. By giving a small amount each pay period, you can make a lasting impact on the people & programs that make Attic Angel so special. From enriching resident experiences to extending our mission to children and seniors across Dane County, a monthly gift will further support the mission we all love.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact

Brianna Webster at Brianna.Webster@atticangel.org or 608-662-8901

2025 Signature Events

Golf Open:

Monday, August 25th

Fashion Finds Sale:

September 26th & September 27th

Holidays Galore & More Sale:

November 14th & November 15th

Prairie Point Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday, August 19th, 2025 - 11:30am

Price: \$20 (collected at door) includes tax, gratuity, and non-alcoholic beverages

Where: Dahmen's Restaurant at Hawk's Landing - 8866 Hawks Landing Circle

For reservations and to get food choices, reach out to Peggy Douma (608-712-2484 or wallyandpeggy@outlook.com) or Pat Schaff (608-833-7772 or pandjschaff2@aol.com) **by August 12th**

Attic Angel Community Happenings



~ Summertime Festivities at Attic Angel ~

Second Chance Shop, 4th of July Fun, Pride & Shine Event, Studio Paintbrush gnomes, and a family of cranes even started visiting our grounds to enjoy the beautiful landscape.

Attic Angel Community Happenings



Celebrating 20 years of SAIL! SAIL (Sharing Active Independent Lives), has been part of the Madison community since 2005, and their goal has been to help older adults in their homes as they age. Attic Angel helped initiate this program and we are so glad to be part of their legacy.



Residents, Staff, and Angels can pick beautiful flowers from our cutting garden! Located near our employee parking lot, right outside the Terrace/Garden Room.

Community Connection

Community Connection is a monthly newsletter for Attic Angel Community residents, family/friends, and staff. Published at the start of each month, it is posted on the resident portals and distributed by email to staff. Submissions are due by the 15th of each month for the following month's publication. Submit notices, news, and interesting stories electronically to

**NewsletterSubmissions@
atticangel.org**

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