

The History of Resthove Home



Established - 1961

Philosophy

Resthave Nursing and Retirement home participates in Christian witness – a healing ministry of justice, love, peace and service. We affirm our commitment to serve our community, especially the needy, ill and the disabled. In our works, we affirm the dignity and value of each person. We dedicate our efforts to aid all persons in their striving for human wholeness – physically, spiritually, socially and intellectually.

We acknowledge health as a basic human value and commit our efforts to promote, preserve, protect, and restore wellness wherever we are able. We embrace the opportunity to extend compassionate service to the suffering and lonely. We acknowledge sickness, suffering, and death as an integral aspect of human life. In these moments, we strive to offer hope, healing, and peace.

We pledge ourselves to those values and beliefs: we commit ourselves to continually seek out ways of embody them in our services, actions and activities.

Mission Statement

The mission of Resthave Home is to provide quality nursing care of the chronically ill and elderly, in a home like atmosphere.

The Beginning of Resthave

On January 15, 1955 a meeting was held in the Emanuel Reformed Church in Morrison, Illinois to begin a study for a proposed “Home for the Aged.” The Reformed Church Classis of Illinois had adapted this committee. Those selected were from Morrison and Fulton Reformed Churches.

At the April 22, 1955 meeting, a motion was made to include all Reformed and Christian Reformed Churches in Whiteside County in this new project.

After monthly meetings and much study and discussion, a motion was made at the September 13, 1955 meeting to vote on whether or not to proceed in establishing a “Home for the Aged.” This motion was unanimously approved and another motion was made to elect ten men, one from each of the following churches, to take steps to form a corporation for this “Home.”

First Reformed Church - Fulton Illinois

Bethel Reformed Church - Sterling , Illinois

Second Reformed Church - Fulton Illinois

Newton Zion Reformed Church - Erie, Illinois

Trinity Reformed Church - Morrison Illinois

Christian Reformed Church - Morrison, Illinois

First Christian Reformed Church - Fulton Illinois

Ebenezer Reformed Church - Morrison, Illinois

Spring Valley Reformed Church - Morrison, Illinois

Bethesda Lutheran Church - Morrison, Illinois

Studies were made on existing buildings in the area to be renovated. However, the State of Illinois discouraged this because structures being considered had too many code violations to be dealt with thus probably becoming too costly.

The committee began searching building sites and found the area most practical to be the approximately five acres at the east end of Wall Street in Morrison, Illinois. The committee agreed to pick up an option on this property and talk to an attorney about Articles of Incorporation.

Resthave Timeline

January 21, 1957 - Fulton Churches become less interested in the Morrison site and suggested further studies be made on other sites.

February 28, 1957 - Interest becomes apparent of possibly establishing a "Home" in Morrison and one in Fulton.

March 25, 1957 - Members from First Reformed, Second Reformed and Christian Reformed Churches of Fulton, Illinois, report they would not go along with the program if considering the Morrison site.

Up to this time, this project was identified as "Home for the Aged." As of 5/20/57 The project is referred to as "Resthave Home." It seems requests went out to interested churches and the new name was chosen.

At this meeting it was voted to purchase the site at the east end of Wall Street, Morrison, Illinois.

September 30, 1957 - Minutes report to have each church of the county elect their own member to the Board of Trustees.

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February 26, 1958 - Eight trustees were drawn for terms of service for one year, two years, three years, four years but no notes as to how the change came about. A motion was made to arrange for an architect to submit tentative plans for a retirement home for the aged.

March 23, 1959 - Discussion of soliciting bonds. Most of the 1959 minutes noted funding, bonds, etc. – Mowing the hay – good crop – and selling it.

February 15, 1960 - Motion made to proceed with working plans for a twenty-five bed retirement Home, not to exceed \$100,000.

May 24, 1960- Special meeting held which notes the February 15, 1960 motion for \$100,000 cost to be rescinded and a new motion made to extend construction indebtedness to \$140,000.

September 26, 1960 - A motion to contact Fulton churches once again to meet with the Board to discuss possibilities of cooperation in the work of Resthave Home.

January 9, 1961 - Board met in the newly constructed Resthave Home and the building committee to turn the Home over to the care of the Board of Trustees. Minutes note letters from Fulton churches – but no note of contents and that is the last minutes that Fulton churches are mentioned. The minutes note that all of the residents of the Home were approved or disapproved by the Board of Trustees.

May 8, 1961 - Local Garden Club takes on the landscaping project.

May 22, 1961 - Looking into possibilities for a service drive to the rear of the property.

November 23, 1964 - Purchased the McLennan property for a service drive.

May 22, 1965 – Discuss the potential of adding a nursing unit to existing building.

August 23, 1965 – Discuss architects blueprints for nursing wing.

September 27, 1965 – Review blueprints for nursing wing. Motion carried to build nursing wing.

September 28, 1965 – Motion to visit all churches in the community to try to get interest in nursing wing.

September 26, 1966 – By-laws revised. Discuss new nursing wing. Construction to begin in the spring of 1967.

February 17\18, 1969 – Dedication service.

March 31, 1969 – Open house for new wing scheduled for April 19 and 20, 1969.

September 9, 1969 – Report forty-three beds occupied in nursing wing and twenty five in retirement wing.

November 1982 - Activity wing addition completed.

Spring 2011 – An interest from the board to pursue Medicare certification. Market study to be completed to determine need for expansion due to Resthave's current waiting list.

Fall 2011 – Review of designs for new nursing addition and renovation of old nursing wing to become assisted living. Decision for project to be completed in three phases with a 70 bed nursing unit and 37 assisted living units. It was decided that a chapel, new kitchen and two dining rooms be added to accommodate census growth.

August 2012 – Phase 1 of expansion \ renovation project begins with assisted living units.

January 2013 – Phase 2 of expansion \ renovation project begins on new nursing addition.

November 2013 - Assisted Living wing opens.

February \ March 2015- Move into new nursing building occurs. Welcome of Four Season's residents and families due to closing of Four Season's nursing facility.

September 2014 - Phase 3 - renovation of old nursing wing begins.

June 2015 - Phase 3 – completed. Entire project complete.

August 7, 2015 – Ribbon cutting and grand opening to celebrate the new building and renovation project's completion.

The Opening of Resthave

February 17, 1961 was the official open house celebration for the Resthave Home for Senior Citizens, a work of Faith on the part of several members making up this corporation. Dreams and efforts were started in 1955 for the Home which was to be known as the Resthave Home of Whiteside County.

Morrison is a community of many churches, a fine school system and a good hospital. We feel our senior citizens are deserving of a good place to go when circumstances necessitate finding fellowship and proper care later in life.

The six-acre property was purchased for \$6,500.00; the original building cost \$153,693.00; kitchen equipment, furniture and draperies cost \$15,390.00; for a total overall cost of approximately of \$175,583.00.

A word of appreciation to those involved in bringing Resthave to life: to the several contractors for their co-operation and fine workmanship; to those who made substantial gifts and memorials; to the Resthave Women's auxiliary for their untiring efforts to raise money for those extras; to those who brought bonds and by their influence in word and in deed made this dream become a reality. THANK YOU everyone.

We sincerely trust that Resthave Home may be a place of dignity and peace for those who have reached the sunset years of their life and that they may know the deep joy of Christian fellowship and the security of compassionate care. This home has been built to serve the entire community and a cordial welcome is extended to ALL.

Funding and Donations – Resthave is a non-for-profit home. The board has established a long range planning fund. This is for anyone wishing to donate money now, or to remember us in the future with a memorial gift. Donations are tax deductible. Anyone wishing to contribute to projects should contact the Resthave administrator.

Resthave Board Members

The Resthave Home board consists of volunteers from twelve local churches and meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in a closed session. They are:

- ◆ Ebenezer Reformed
- ◆ Emmanuel Reformed
- ◆ Christian Reformed
- ◆ Morrison United Methodist
- ◆ Fenton United Methodist
- ◆ First Presbyterian
- ◆ St. Peter's Lutheran
- ◆ St. Ann's Episcopal
- ◆ Newton Zion Reformed
- ◆ St. Mary's Catholic
- ◆ Bethesda Lutheran
- ◆ First Baptist



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