



Dear Friend of Evenglow,

November 2018

Candles often represent the light of Christ's presence with us. In the Advent season, a time of waiting for Jesus's birth, many churches light one candle each week, circled in a wreath, to mark the time. The candles symbolize four common things we celebrate while anticipating Christ's arrival: hope, love, joy and peace. As I await Christ's miraculous birth once again, I am taking time to reflect on how the hope, love, joy and peace of God have been present at Evenglow this year.

Hope: When moving to Evenglow, residents may leave the place they have called home for many years. Yet here they remain able to make active choices about their daily activities and care. Here some parts of life may change but hope comes as residents discover a new "family of friends." And we share God's hope regularly through worship at Evenglow including chapel, mass, vespers, rosary, prayer and Bible studies.

Love: At Evenglow we seek to show love in caring for everyone, whether they are here for short-term rehab, staying just for the winter months, or making Evenglow their new permanent home. Yet Evenglow not only welcomes people in with love...we also send that love out into our wider Pontiac community. One example is our Meals on Wheels program which serves over 560 meals per month, 365 days per year, to people in the local community.

Joy: Residents and staff at Evenglow understand our goal to provide "all the comforts of home." We take steps to enable residents to remain as independent as possible for as long as possible. We also take joy in our everyday life together. Residents enjoy a variety of opportunities for coffee and conversation, shopping trips, Wii bowling, games, crafts and exercise. Activities staff routinely visit residents who are unable to join group events – averaging over 70 one-on-one visits per week – bringing joy and a sense of community to *all* of Evenglow's residents.

Peace: Scripture promises the peace of God that surpasses all understanding when we lift up our prayers and gratitude to God (Philippians 4:6-7). At Evenglow we seek every day to discover and celebrate the peace of Christ with one another. Here peace of mind means that residents know they can receive whatever care they need right here at Evenglow...be it independent living, short-term rehab after surgery, long-term care or memory care. And we offer flexibility: residents can choose their services such as meals, laundry or medication and pay only for what is needed. Most importantly Evenglow residents are never asked to leave if they encounter a financial shortfall. Resident fees cover most of our day-to-day operating expenses, but your generosity makes it possible for us to ensure *all* our residents have a safe and loving home for as long as they need.

I invite you to share in our ministry to the elderly by making a gift this year. (If you have already made your gift and our letters crossed in the mail, thank you!) Attached to this letter is a list of opportunities and ways to give, including giving online, monthly giving, and an exciting matching gift opportunity for Giving Tuesday on November 27th. Please accept our warmest wishes for a blessed Advent season and thank you again for your support of Evenglow Lodge.

Mark Hovren
President & CEO



Special Evenglow Holiday Giving 2018 Opportunities

Annual Gift

Evenglow's mission is to offer a continuum of retirement choices and services in a Christian environment. Your gift, no matter what the size, has an enormous impact on improving health, offering cultural and educational enrichment, and providing the very best nursing care for Evenglow residents. Gifts can be made by mail using the enclosed remittance envelope or online (go to our website at EvenglowLodge.org and click the **donate** button). To leverage your gift even further, please consider giving on Giving Tuesday for up to a 1:1 match for your donation. Or, consider joining our monthly giving program.

#GivingTuesday Nov. 27th

Thanks to generous donors, **the first \$1,000 in gifts made to Evenglow for Giving Tuesday will receive a 1:1 match.** For example, a \$60 gift will be matched 1:1 for a total of \$120 to Evenglow. As you probably know, #GivingTuesday is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. It follows "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday," the biggest shopping days of the year. This year, Giving Tuesday occurs on **November 27**. It gives us the chance to pause and reflect on how we might share our abundance with others. This is the third year Evenglow has offered this alternative, and gifts to Evenglow have steadily increased each year. Watch Evenglow's Facebook page for more information, and please consider making a small online gift to Evenglow, either your first gift, or a gift over and above your usual annual gift.

To give by credit card, visit our website (EvenglowLodge.org) on **Tuesday, November 27, 2018** and click on the **donate** button. If you choose to send a check by mail on this day, please mark it "Giving Tuesday."

Monthly Giving Program - Twelve for Tomorrow

You are invited to join the growing number of donors enrolled in our monthly giving program, "Twelve for Tomorrow." Monthly giving is an especially easy and flexible way to support Evenglow's ministry by spreading your gift over a period of time. These gifts play a vital role in Evenglow's continuing success. You will receive an annual giving summary for tax purposes and can change or suspend your donation at any time.

Easy Monthly Giving Options:

1. Giving by credit card – Online gifts to Evenglow using your credit card may be made by clicking on the **donate** button on Evenglow's website (EvenglowLodge.org).
2. Giving by automatic deduction from a checking or savings account – Online gifts to Evenglow from your bank account may be made by clicking on the **donate** button on Evenglow's website. Our giving form provides the highest level of security to guarantee your safety. And there is no fee for using it. * **OR** * You may complete the form on the reverse side of this page, and return it in the envelope provided. Evenglow will process your secure gift payment on the last business day of each month.

Other giving options include gifts through cash or check, gifts of stock, bequests, life insurance, charitable gift annuities, IRA charitable rollovers, retirement plans, and gifts through charitable trusts. It is important that you contact your financial or legal advisor for information specific to your individual situation.

For more information about giving to Evenglow, please contact Charlotte Hoffmann, Director of Development, at choffmann@evenglowlodge.org or 815-844-6131 ext. 248.



Authorization Agreement for Monthly Gifts to Evenglow via Automatic Deductions from a Checking or Savings Account

Donor Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Gift is in memory of / in honor of _____

If you are a member of a church or are giving as a church organization, please list your church's name:

I (we) hereby authorize Evenglow Lodge to initiate debit entries to the account identified below and authorize the bank or other financial institution named to post such credits to my (our) listed account.

Adjusting entries to correct errors are also authorized. It is agreed that these withdrawals and adjustments will be made electronically and under the Rules of the Mid-America Payment Exchange Automated Clearing House Association (MPX) and National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA). This authorization will remain in effect until written notice of termination is given to Evenglow. I (we) acknowledge receipt of a completed copy of the Authorization.

Name(s) of Individual(s) or Company from whose bank account gifts will be made:

Name of Bank or other Depository Financial Institution (DFI):

Address of Bank or other DFI: _____

Please indicate: Checking Account, or Savings Account

Account Number _____

DFI-s Routing & Transit/ABA No. (*This number is located at the bottom of each check, to the left of the account number. Call your financial institution if you have questions.*) _____

Donor's (bank customer's) Address _____

Donor's (bank customer's) City, State, Zip _____

Amount to be deducted on the last business day of each month U.S. \$ _____

Signature of Authorizing Party _____

Signature of Authorizing Party _____

Date: ____/____/____

Please attach a voided check to this authorization, and send both to Evenglow at 215 E. Washington, Pontiac IL 61764.

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