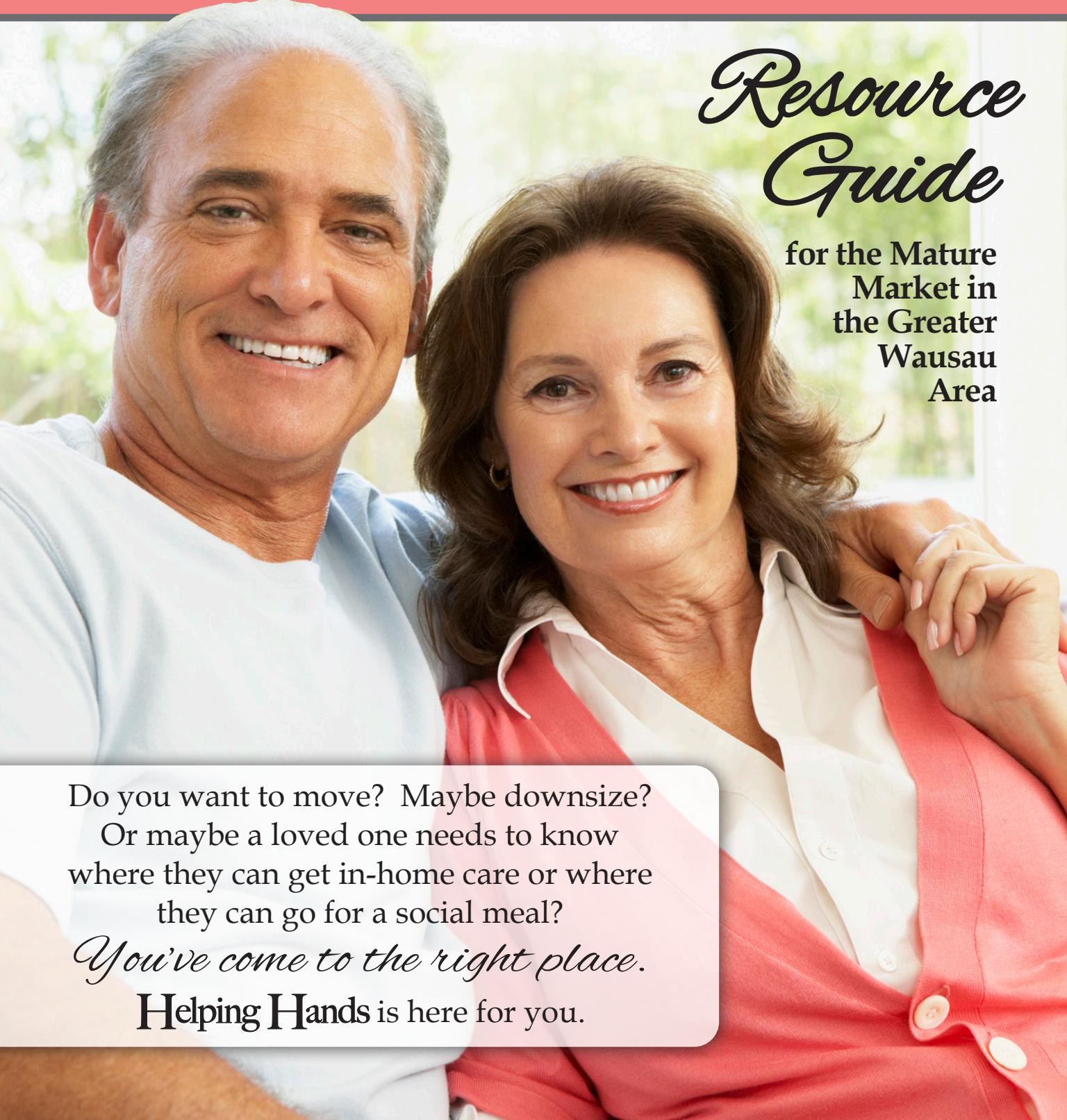


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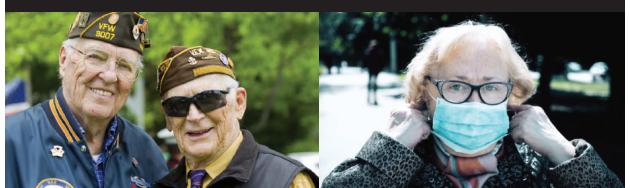
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By Josh Peterson, JTP Mobile Notary

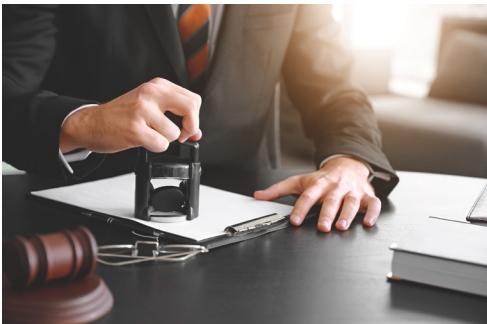
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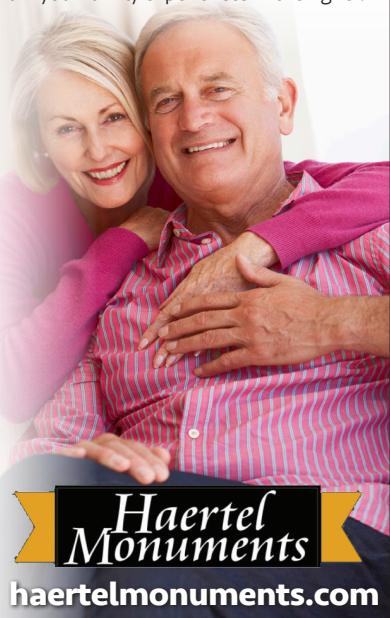
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The Absolute Gift of Hospice

by Kristi Gay, freelance writer

Before I became personally involved with Hospice and didn't know much about it, I only shuddered with dismay when I heard someone "is on Hospice" knowing it meant death was around the corner. Death and talk of death was scary and something I completely

avoided. However, that was before I BECAME OBSESSED with the angels that are part of Hospice, where now I light up like Clark Griswold's Christmas-lit-house when I hear someone GETS Hospice care. As my dad used to say, "the only certainty in this life is death" which seemed pessimistic before, but it really is true, death is just part of life. However, the road to death can be made so beautiful, peaceful, and filled with love thanks to two things: Hospice and Faith. My dad's final month was all of these things, and I've even described it as magical, which seems impossible given the circumstances.

I'll do a quick runthrough of all the things Hospice can offer that delighted us as my dad was a joyful participant of Hospice care for a month in January 2020: home visits from the nurse that included a fix for every new symptom plus giving us reassurance that everything is normal and what to expect next (this is huge!). Someone came to give him massages, someone came to sing, someone came to pray, someone came to counsel both from a faith standpoint, and someone else from a therapist standpoint. Two other options that my elderly friend took advantage of when she was in Hospice was virtual reality where someone



comes and straps on a VR headset and can choose a location that you want to explore that you hadn't had time to visit: ancient Egypt, the Grand Canyon, the Redwood Forest, or many other locations. You can have a weekly visitor, which I became

as a Hospice volunteer after finding out how awesome it is, to just visit without any special talents like these listed, but just as a friend to talk about whatever the patient wants to talk about. And finally, the thing that was really great for the family is that Hospice stays around and gives support for a YEAR after your loved one passes, offering grief counseling or check-ins. This brings a lot of comfort to the patient who is worrying about who they're leaving behind but also to the family who is in full-on caregiver mode and then feels lost and aimless when the person is gone.

When someone is given a terminal diagnosis, just like every struggle in life, there are two options: fight it or embrace the best parts of it. Hospice allows the exit from this life to be full of grace. The Hospice nurses are there for not only the patient but the family or caregivers, to help all of us and guide us. No one wants to be an expert at death, but because it is a certainty, why not take all the help, comfort, and peace that these experts have to offer! Hospice is no longer something I fear, it's the biggest benefit one can get when they are faced with the end of life on this earth.

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Our House
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Memory Care: 715-675-4440
ourhousesl.com

Pine Meadows
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Mosinee 715-693-7024
pinemeadowsal.com

Platinum Communities Assisted Living of Schofield
715-298-0218

Platinum Communities Assisted Living of Marathon
715-443-2727

Platinum Communities Memory Care of Schofield
715-355-0586

Pride TLC Assisted Living
715-298-3833
pridetc.com

Pride TLC Memory Care
715-241-8448
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Serenity Villa
262-644-1101
serenityvillaal.com

Spring Crest Residence
715-298-3101

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Mosinee: 715-693-7024

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Primrose Retirement
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Renaissance Weston
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www.rennesgroup.com

Riverview Terrace
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Terrace Court Assisted Living
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aspirus.org/ourservices

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nicoletstaffing.com

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Rothschild Apartments
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aspirus.org/ourservices

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Birchwood
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Circle of Love Haven 1-4
Weston, 715-35-2689
www.circleofloveafh.com

Eagles View
Wausau, 715-842-8700

Embers
Wausau, 715-842-8700

Everest Housing, LLC
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Wausau, 715-842-5408

Goldenrod Adult Family Home
Wausau, 715-355-5595
High Medical Needs

Hamilton House
Wausau, 715-571-2092

New Beginnings Adult Family Home
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Wausau, 715-848-0006

REM Northwestern
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Wausau, 715-845-3170
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Riverview Terrace 715-261-6687	Yes	Public	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Riverview Towers 715-261-6687	Yes-HUD	Public	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Village Cooperative of Wausau 715-675-0287	No	Public	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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Alvin O'Konski Manor 715-351-9357

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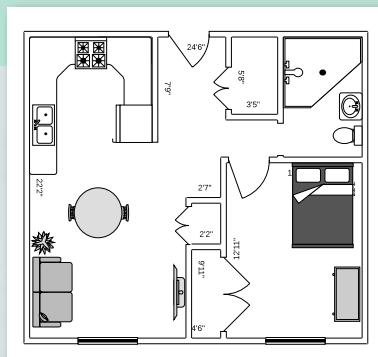
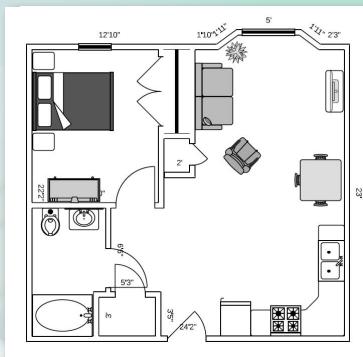
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St. Paul's Food Pantry

426 Washington Street, Wausau
715-842-3733
Food pantry available every Thursday of the month from 9 – noon for those in need of non-perishable food.

Wesley Church Food Pantry

1101 Elm Street, Wausau
715-842-3768
Food Pantry open by appointment only. Photo ID & transportation is required.

✿ Grocery Delivery

Kohlman's Inc. – Telephone Delivery Service

735 S. 3rd Ave., Wausau
715-845-4991
This grocery store offers an ordering and delivery service. Payment for groceries as well as the service fee is due when the order is delivered.

Lee's Piggly Wiggly Delivery Service

530 W. Hwy. 153, Mosinee
715-693-6700
Delivery on Tuesday and Thursday. Call during regular store hours for grocery delivery and delivery fee.

✿ Mobile Meals

ADRC-CW Meals on Wheels

888-486-9545

www.adrc-cw.org

Delivers nutritious meals & offers a well-check to persons who are 1) age 60 or older, 2) confined to their home because of illness or disability, 3) unable to prepare their own meals. Staff complete an in-home assessment. Hot meals are delivered on weekdays with service days dependent upon route availability. There may be a waiting list. Suggested contribution of \$5.00. No eligible person is excluded if unable to contribute, however contributions are a very necessary part of the budget.

Wausau Area Mobile Meals

360 Grand Ave, Ste 500, Wausau
715-848-5848

Provides hot, nutritious meals to the elderly, convalescing and/or disabled members of the greater Wausau area. Meals are planned & prepared at Aspirus Wausau Hospital & we are able to accommodate special diets as prescribed by a medical professional. Meals are delivered between 11am-1 pm, 5 days a week.

⌘ Meal Sites

ADRC-CW Senior Dining Program

(888) 486-9545

www.adrc-cw.org

Wausau new location to be determined. 715-536-0311

Suggested contribution is \$4.50 per meal. Reservations are required by noon, one day in advance, and are made by calling the ADRC-CW.

Lenten Soup Kitchen

621 N. 2nd Street, Wausau

715-845-6715

Provides noon meals of soup & bread during Lent. Eligibilities: Open to all downtown visitors, workers & to the public. Free-will offerings accepted.

Community Christmas Dinner

St Paul's United Church of Christ,
426 Washington St, Wausau

715-551-4166

Please call for date and time for our Community Christmas dinner. Take-outs are welcome if called ahead before Dec. 20th to 715-842-3733. We do not offer delivery service. For all those in need of a hot meal or companionship this holiday season, please join us!



First Presbyterian Church

Food Pantry

715-842-2116

www.firstpreswausau.org

Food is distributed on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month between 1:00 & 2:00 pm.

Friends Thanksgiving Dinner

First Presbyterian Church,
406 Grant Street, 715-302-2832

Annual FREE traditional fare for all who would be alone or hungry on Thanksgiving. Served at the church, no reservations needed (or taken). Take-out meals are delivered to those who are unable to attend. No eligibility questions are asked.

Jubilee House

225 S. 28th Avenue, Wausau

715-842-3148

Serving a free community meal every Thursday 4:30 to 6:00 pm w/exception to Holidays and Holy Thursday and when Wausau School District closes due to inclement weather. Handicapped accessible. Open to all. No calling ahead.

Sunday Community Supper

First United Methodist Church

903 N. 3rd Street, Wausau

715-842-2201

www.firstwausau.org

Serves a free weekly Sunday evening meal from 4-5 pm for all community members. Not a dine in, drive-thru only.



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By Dave Olson, Realtor®, SRES™ RE/MAX EXCEL

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	Not wanting to leave the house		Forgetting to take medication regularly
	Refusing to shower or change clothes		Getting confused when questions are asked
	Losing weight from not eating or cooking meals		Becoming Isolated from friends & family

TIPS FOR HAVING THE CONVERSATION

START EARLY

Keep it simple, choosing a comfortable time & place. Ask mainly open-ended questions to find out what is important to your loved one. Avoid acting like a parent - use words that are non-threatening.

BE UNDERSTANDING

Diagnosis of Alzheimer's or Parkinson's is scary to hear. Any resistance could be a result of fear of losing control. Put yourself in their shoes - would you want help? Also, watch for signs of depression.

BE HONEST

Express your concern without accusing. Tell them you are worried about them vs. telling them they are doing something wrong. Use examples, such as "Your medications got mixed up." Focus on behavior, not the person.

BE RESPECTFUL

It will be hard for your loved one to admit they aren't able to do everything for themselves anymore. The decision to have in-home care will ultimately be up to them. Suggest ideas to them without being pushy.

ASK FOR HELP

Meet with your loved one and his or her doctor. It will be a helpful unbiased opinion. Ask others who use in-home care, and see if they would be willing to discuss the benefits with your loved one.

Sources:
www.comfortkeepers.com/office-326/family-education-center/starting-the-conversation
www.helpguide.org/elder/senior_services_living_home.htm
www.caregiverstress.com/family-communication/40-70/communication-tips

Assisted Living

	Type (AFH, RCAC, CBRF)	Monthly Cost Range	Subsidized	Private Units	Scheduled Transportation	Alzheimer's Care	Respite Care	Call System	Diabetes Mgmt.	Rehab Services	24/7 On-Site Care
Acorn Hill 715-693-8844	RCAC	\$815 & up	Yes	Yes	Assist With	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Contract With	Yes
Azura Memory Care 715-491-0882	CBRF	\$3,925 -6,650	No	Yes	Assist With	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cedar Creek Manor 715-355-8246	CBRF	\$3,607 & Up	Yes	Yes	Assist With	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Platinum Communities Assisted Living of Schofield 715-298-0218	CBRF	\$4,350 -5,850	MCO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Platinum Communities Memory Care of Schofield 715-355-0586	CBRF	\$4,350 -5,850	MCO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Platinum Communities Assisted Living of Marathon 715-443-2727	CBRF	\$4,350 -5,850	MCO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Garden Apartments 715-845-1214	RCAC	\$3,898 & Up	Family Care	26	Social Outings	Early Stage	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Homme Home of Wittenberg 715-253-2125	CBRF	\$4,090 -6,036	Family Care	Yes	Social Outings	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pride TLC 715-298-3833	CBRF	\$3,555 & Up	Yes	Yes	Assist With	Early Stage	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stone Crest Residence 715-849-5462	CBRF	\$6,325	Family Care	16	Social Outings	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
The Renaissance Assisted Living 715-355-5858	CBRF	Call	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Skilled Nursing

Benedictine Living Community of Wausau
1821 N. 4th Ave., Wausau
715-675-9451
blcwausau.org

Mount View Care Center
2400 Marshall St., Wausau
715-848-4300
www.norcen.org

Pine Crest Nursing Home
2100 E 6th Street, Merrill
715-536-0355
pinecrestcare.com

Pride TLC Recovery and Rehab
7805 Birch Street, Weston
715-298-3833
www.pridetc.com

Rennes Health & Rehab - Weston
4810 Barbican Avenue., Weston
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rennesgroup.com

Waterfall Health of Wausau
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www.waterfallhealth.com/wausau

Wausau Manor Health Services
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715-842-0575
nshorehc.com

Rehab and Skilled Nursing

	Total Beds	Medicare	Medicaid	Daily Cost Range	Respite Care	Hospice Contract	Respiratory Care	IV Therapy	Therapy Services	Memory Care
Mount View Care Center North Central Health Care 715-848-4300	160	Yes	Yes	Call	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pine Crest Nursing Home 715-536-0355	120	Yes	Yes	Call	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pride TLC Recovery and Rehab 715-298-3833	25	Yes	Yes	Varies	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Rennes Health and Rehab 715-393-0400	84	Yes	Yes	Call for more info.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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Adult Day Care

Aurora Day Services

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Schofield
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Wausau
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Homme Heights Adult Day Center

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homme.org

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3400 Stewart Ave., Wausau
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1915 Baker Dr., Wisconsin Rapids
715-423-2370
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Norde Memorials Inc.
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715-842-3545
www.nordememorials.com

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How to Get Your Affairs in Order

By Becky Streeter

It's never too early to make a plan for your estate, finances, and end of life wishes. Though it's not something many of us enjoy thinking about, the more we have prepared now, the less we will have to do later. Also, being prepared now lets you have the ultimate amount of control over decisions, which is not necessarily guaranteed the longer you wait. Below is a guide to help you get your affairs organized.

1. Create a **will** that designates how your property, finances, dependants, pets, and funeral preferences should be taken care of.
2. Create a **living will** specifying your advanced care directives, including the extent of life-saving and preventative measures.
3. Assign a **power of attorney** to make financial and medical decisions if you become incapacitated.
4. Create a **living trust** and designate a trustee to control and distribute assets if you become unable.
5. **Give permission** to your doctor and lawyer to discuss sensitive information with your caregiver and/or loved ones should there be a need.
6. **Gather all important documents**, keep them together in ONE safe location such as a fireproof box, and tell your lawyer or someone you trust where these documents are held. Regularly review these documents and make changes as needed. The National Institute on Aging recommends the following documents:

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Full legal name
- Social Security number
- Legal residence
- Date and place of birth
- Names and addresses of spouse and children
- Certificates of birth, marriage, divorce, citizenship, and adoption
- Employers and dates of employment
- Education and military records
- Names and phone numbers of religious contacts

- Memberships in groups and awards received
- Names and phone numbers of close friends, relatives, doctors, lawyers, and financial advisors



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- Sources of income and assets (pensions, IRAs, 401(k)s, interest, etc.)
- Social Security information
- Insurance information (life, long-term care, home, car) with policy numbers and agents' names and phone numbers
- Names of your banks and account numbers (checking, savings, credit union)
- Investment income (stocks, bonds, property) and stockbrokers' names and phone numbers
- Copy of most recent income tax return
- Location of most up-to-date will with an original signature
- Liabilities, including property tax — what is owed, to whom, and when payments are due
- Mortgages and debts — how and when they are paid
- Location of original deed of trust for home
- Car title and registration
- Credit and debit card names and numbers
- Location of safe deposit box and key

HEALTH INFORMATION

- Health records
- Current prescriptions (be sure to update this regularly)
- Living will
- Durable power of attorney for health care
- Copies of medical orders or forms (i.e. DNR)
- Health insurance information with policy and phone numbers

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Make sure you talk about your preferences with your loved ones. This can be especially helpful for future medical decisions needed to be made on your behalf, including life-saving measures and potential organ donation if that is possible and desired, as well as funeral arrangements when the time comes. Having everyone on the same page helps your loved ones be prepared for your preferences and expectations.

Source: "Getting Your Affairs in Order Checklist: Documents to Prepare for the Future." National Institute on Aging. <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/advance-care-planning/getting-your-affairs-order-checklist-documents-prepare-future#important-papers>. 1 FEB 2023.

safety smarts for seniors

Create a safer living environment with these helpful tips.



SMART FURNITURE

- Furniture should be easy to lean on and strategically placed so it can be used for balance.
- Avoid buying furniture that has sharp—and potentially dangerous—corners.



EASY REACHING

- Place frequently used things in waist-high cabinets & drawers—eliminating falls from bending high or low.
- Since knobs can be hard to grip, consider switching to drawer pulls.



SAFE WALKING

- Avoid using scatter rugs.
- Tuck electrical cords behind furniture, or use cable management products, which are available in most office supply stores.



SHARPER VISION

- Create a strong contrast in color between major pieces of furniture, walls, drapes and floors.
- Make nighttime navigation easier by using nightlights and motion sensor lights.

Source: SunriseSeniorLiving.com/Design

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Kindhearted Home Care, LLC (Serving Lincoln County Only) 715-218-3772	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
North Central Health Care Adult Day Services - Wausau 715-848-4519	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Family Care	Yes	No	No	No
North Central Health Care Adult Day Services - Antigo 715-627-6694	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Family Care	Yes	No	No	No

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A1 Home Health Care 715-432-0911	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Kindhearted Home Care (Serving Lincoln County Only) 715-218-3772	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
TLC Home Care, LLC 715-355-5673	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Serene Care Solutions, Inc. 715-907-4610	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No

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Ascend Funeral Home & Cremation Care: A New, Compassionate Choice in Funeral Care

By Lucas Gajewski, Executive Director & Licensed Funeral Director

When facing the loss of a loved one, or planning ahead for your own peace of mind, choosing the right funeral home matters. At Ascend Funeral Home & Cremation Care, we believe in doing things differently: with integrity, compassion, and local heart.

We are proud to be the Wausau area's newest choice in funeral and cremation care. Ascend is a non-profit funeral home founded to bring affordable, personalized, and pressure-free funeral care back to the families who need it most. Unlike corporately owned funeral homes, Ascend is community-rooted and mission-driven; focused not on profit, but on people. What sets us apart? First, our nonprofit model means our focus is on people, not profits. That allows us to direct more energy back into the care and support of families. Many of our clients tell us they chose Ascend because of our clarity and openness. One testimonial shared: *"The care and compassion they extended to me and my entire family were beyond extraordinary."* Another added: *"From the moment we stepped into Ascend, we felt an overwhelming sense of peace and trust."* These voices reinforce our belief that our way of showing and sharing dignity and authenticity is the foundation of good care.

At Ascend, our experienced team includes Executive Director and Licensed Funeral Director, Lucas Gajewski, along with Licensed Funeral Directors Jacob Simonson and Carrie Hartleben. Families often speak about how each director brings something uniquely comforting. One testimonial reads, *"Lucas was exactly who we needed—steady, compassionate, and deeply respectful."*



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We know that seniors often carry the responsibility of planning for others or making their own arrangements in advance. That's why we emphasize clear communication, kindness, and patience. You'll never be rushed or upsold. As one family said: *"We received what we needed most... genuine kindness and support. Thank you is not enough."*

If you're planning ahead, or need help today, we invite you to visit us. At Ascend Funeral Home & Cremation Care, we are here to foster the healing and growth our community needs to navigate loss.

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- Regularly scheduled social activities
- Library/computer room with internet access
- Whirlpool spa
- Beauty and barber services
- Private family dining room
- Dietitian directed menu
- Trained professional care giving staff on duty 24/7
- Chapel
- Theater
- Assistance with medication, mobility, dressing, transportation, nutrition and more

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- ✓ Memory Care Services
- ✓ Delicious Meals & Snacks
- ✓ Engaging Activities
- ✓ Beautiful Surroundings

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