



A Loving Legacy

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Sheridan Senior Center Endowment Fund

Visions of Home

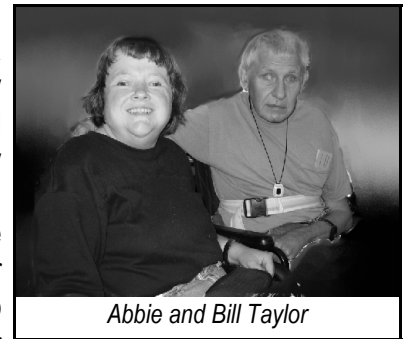
Bill and Abby Taylor are both visually impaired, Abby since birth and Bill for over 40 years. They credit the Senior Center with their ability to live together in the Sheridan community.

Bill and Abby had an unusual courtship. They met through an Internet service for the visually impaired called "Newsreel". Bill was a resident of Valor, Colorado and Abby a local Sheridanite. Bill had operated a computer store for a long time until his loss of sight made it too difficult to continue. Abby had a computer question and Bill was able to assist Abby. They began corresponding by email.

After a year of continuous email, Bill and Abby met in person in 2004. In 2005, Abby received a letter from Bill asking her to marry him. A few months later, Bill came to Sheridan to propose again in person; Abby accepted. The two decided to live in

Sheridan because of the support services available. At this time, the service that was so important to them was the Senior Center's Mini Bus.

Shortly after Bill and Abby were married, Bill had a disabling stroke and became a resident of Sheridan Manor. Bill worked very hard in physical therapy to get stronger and regain some use of his left side. After many meetings involving Bill and Abby, the nursing home staff and the Senior Center, plans were made for Bill to return home. The Senior Center staff worked extensively with Abby to assist her in finding a home accessible for Bill's wheelchair and to help him prepare for services. Finally, the day arrived for Bill to come home. He discharged from Sheridan Manor one year and one day after the couple's first anniversary.



Abbie and Bill Taylor

Bill and Abby receive assistance from the In-Home Services program to help maintain their home environment and their yard. Bill also receives assistance on a daily basis, from a home health aide, with his personal care. Bill says that the staff are really nice and he appreciates their assistance very much. He reflects on the difference the help has made in his life, every night, when he gets to lie in his own bed. Abby is honest in her feelings, that without the assistance from In-Home Services, Bill would not be able to be at home as she is unable to meet all of his needs on her own. The couple believes that the In-Home Services program has been instrumental in helping their dream of living together become a reality!

Your Community...Your Contribution

There are a variety of ways you may help endow this or any of our other programs. We are happy to work with you and your financial advisors. Consider the following:

Monetary Gifts & Pledges: You may make a one time gift or pledge. A pledge enables you as a donor, to contribute a larger gift if it is spread over a period of time.

Gifts Made Through Your Will: While current gifts are needed, you are not limited to this form of giving. By making a bequest in your Will, you can help secure the future of services for senior citizens in Sheridan County.

Stocks and Bonds: Stocks, bonds or other forms of securities may have specific tax advantages.

Life Insurance: Life insurance policies that are no longer needed for family members can be assigned to the Senior Center and may be a way to easily make a sizeable contribution.

Other Forms of Giving: Includes personal items that can be converted to cash, life income plans and trusts, real estate, family business gifts and memorial or commemorative gifts.



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