



Sheridan Senior Center

"Quality of Life...Later in Life"



Operation
Independence

June 16, 2010

Dear Friend,

Since 1973, the Senior Center has provided services and support to thousands of people in the communities of Sheridan County. We have been able to accomplish this through generous donations from people like you. Last year, contributions to the Center's Operation Independence Campaign helped us to serve people like Annabelle.

Annabelle, 90 years of age, and a life-long Sheridan resident had an independent personality. Annabelle utilized Senior Center services for nearly 20 years, including congregate meals, home delivered meals, the Mini Bus, and Day Break when her husband needed more care than she could provide. Annabelle's greatest desire was to live in her own home. In her later years she became very ill and was falling a lot. She had to call 911 several times. It turned out that Annabelle was going blind and had developed cancer. She was in a lot of pain, but she knew what she wanted. She wanted to stay at home. The Center's In-Home Services program had been helping Annabelle complete household chores for several years, and as her health failed, Annabelle requested additional help taking care of herself. She knew that the Center was there for her.

Despite her independent nature, Annabelle was very open to receiving assistance; staying in her home was very important. It turns out the Center was able to make Annabelle's wishes come true as she lived at home to the end, as she had wanted. Annabelle passed away this spring and she is greatly missed.

This year, our goal is to raise \$20,000 through the Operation Independence Campaign, and as we celebrate our country's independence, we are asking for your support. Without your generosity, the people of Sheridan would not have the community-based services that helped Annabelle live the quality of life she chose.

We would like to invite you to join with us to make a financial contribution so that our programs continue for the betterment of seniors in Sheridan County. Your gift is so vital.

All my best,

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Executive Director

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