From the desk of DAN OLSON

Dear Friend,

As a family member of a Courtyards resident who recently passed away, I would like to share a bit about my experience with Luther Manor. When my sister, brother and I visited Mom at The Courtyards, we liked to accompany her to activities that she enjoyed. We would walk to one of the common areas for ice cream, listen to the musicians performing at all different times and places, sit outside and look/listen for birds — and visit the on-campus salon.

For Mom, "getting your hair done" was about much more than just looking nice. It was an activity and a chance for enrichment, and I appreciated that. It's great to hear that Luther Manor continues to enhance experiences for older adults by updating spaces like The Salon at The Courtyards.

Not all senior communities provide the same kind of care, focused on the whole person. I know this first-hand — we moved Mom from another long-term care community which didn't address her needs in the same compassionate way.

Although Mom passed away in March 2024, we stay connected to the Luther Manor community through the foundation's monthly e-newsletters and fundraising campaigns. The Salon project resonates with me in a special way because visits to it were something Mom loved. It was a no-brainer to say "yes" to Luther Manor Foundation's request for financial support.

My mom got much more out of her time at Luther Manor than Luther Manor received from her. Giving to the foundation is my way of paying some of that back. I hope you will join me in giving to make a difference in the lives of older adults at Luther Manor.

Sincerely, and on behalf of the Olson children,

Dan Olson

Son of the late Joan Olson and Luther Manor Foundation supporter