

Evenglow Legacy Foundation
IMPACT REPORT
FISCAL YEAR **2022**




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A Legacy of Care

I am immensely grateful to be writing to you at the end of a rewarding, historic year for Evenglow Senior Living. Thanks to community support through the *Growing Evenglow Campaign*, we opened The Lodge at Evenglow, a new Assisted Living community for local seniors in need of expanded care.

Reaching this milestone took **years of thoughtful planning, months of construction, and an outpouring of generosity**. Our Lodge residents are completely settled in their new apartments, enjoying a fresh and beautiful space—with the same exceptional services and hospitality for which Evenglow is known.

As we poured our hearts into the campaign over the past year, I am proud to share that we never lost sight of the other important work that deserved our attention.

We financially assisted residents through our Secure Living Fund, empowered the ongoing education of our caregivers with scholarships, enhanced our services and amenities, and so much more.

Our staff, volunteers, and philanthropic partners truly make it all possible: expediting our growth, fueling progress, and believing in our mission to serve families across our beloved community. **And in the future, as more and more seniors look to Evenglow as the next chapter in their journey, your continued support will help us welcome them home.**

On behalf of our entire team and everyone we serve, thank you for being such an important part of our Evenglow family of friends.

Cindy Wegner

President & CEO
Evenglow Senior Living



The Precious Gift of Home

Sometimes, no matter how financially prepared our residents are when they move to Evenglow, unexpected situations may occur that swiftly deplete their resources. Others may simply surpass the lifespan of their assets. Since our earliest days, Evenglow has been committed to secure living—also known as benevolent care.

Our Secure Living Fund helps support our existing families that experience financial hardship, so they can stay in the home they love.

Since 2018, we have provided nearly \$1 million to residents in need; \$253,000 was given in 2022 alone. We are grateful to the many donors who choose to support this meaningful cause, year after year. Their generosity makes a difference for residents like Keiko, whose family depended on the Secure Living Fund to get her the exceptional memory care and accommodations she needed at Evenglow.

Keiko's son, James, was initially very concerned about how to afford his mother's care. "Quality care can often come with a significant financial burden, and your commitment to making it accessible to families like ours is truly commendable," he says. "We are immensely grateful for the Secure Living Program at Evenglow for helping our mother."

If you are interested in making a gift to our Secure Living Fund, please visit www.evenglow.org/donate or call Grace Spires, Director of Development, at 815-844-6131.



Planting the Seed for Nursing Education

It is with sadness that we lost our dear friend, Virgil Sancken, whose roots in the Evenglow community were deep and strong. Virgil was a man of the land, a lover of farming, gardening, and the outdoors. It came as no surprise, when he and his wife Irma Jean chose to establish their nursing education endowment at Evenglow, that **their hope was to “plant the seed” to help others grow and thrive in the future.**

Virgil served on Evenglow’s Board of Trustees for nearly 30 years and was instrumental in projects like the construction of the Evenglow Inn. He and Irma Jean always believed in the power of education to improve lives—they had an affinity for the nursing profession and its significance at Evenglow.

Their 20-year history of giving culminated in the creation of The Virgil and Irma Jean Sancken Endowed Nursing Education Fund. To date, the endowed fund has provided over \$35,000 to 35 scholars, supporting their professional development and commitment to caring for our residents. In 2022, the year of Virgil’s passing, three nurses—Jennifer Wilfong, Dylana Rodgers, and Valerie Hurt—were awarded their scholarships, **carrying on the legacy of a beautiful soul with a**



passion for serving others. Virgil will be missed greatly and remembered fondly.

Join us in carrying on Virgil’s legacy of empowering aspiring nurses to create a lasting impact on the lives of our residents and, in his famous words, **“to be a good cheer!”** You can make a gift at www.evenglow.org/donate or call Grace Spires, Director of Development, at 815-844-6131 for assistance. Your generous support will help nurture the future of compassionate and dedicated nursing professionals.

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THE VIRGIL AND IRMA JEAN SANCKEN ENDOWED NURSING EDUCATION FUND

Introducing **The Lodge at Evenglow**

We were thrilled to reconnect with our community and donors to the *Growing Evenglow Campaign* by inviting them to tour the Lodge at Evenglow, our new Assisted Living community.

In March, we welcomed hundreds of Evenglow friends and supporters for a celebration and tours, with Pastor Rick Newell joining us to bless the space with a special prayer.

All residents were completely moved into their new home by the end of May, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, hosted in partnership with the Pontiac Area Chamber, in mid-July. At the ceremony, guests enjoyed refreshments, piano music by Lorraine Harms, and a prayer from Pastor Newell.

The Lodge offers 76 apartments—both studios and one-bedroom spaces—and is a unique, comforting setting where our residents can grow both in fellowship and companionship. Our incredible caregivers help each person live a full and rewarding life, with all the support needed to thrive.

We invite you to tour our facility to meet our welcoming staff and learn more about what makes Evenglow a family of neighbors. Please call Amy Eppel at 815-844-6131 for tour availability.



the lodge at
EVENGLOW

We're grateful to our generous corporate sponsors for helping us commemorate this monumental event in Evenglow's history:

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Recognizing Our Volunteers

Evenglow is blessed with a group of dedicated volunteers who support our work in so many important ways. They visit our residents, read to them, help them with daily tasks, deliver their mail, and so much more.

Every year, our volunteers put together exciting events for our seniors and their families to enjoy. Susan Hazlett, a family member of a resident, has volunteered with Evenglow for many years. She is a party planner extraordinaire, known and loved for bringing fun and memorable gatherings to life!

Last December, she hosted the inaugural Evenglow Christkindlmarket to spread joy during the holiday season. “I enjoy the residents’ company and hope I can bring a smile to their day,” Susan says. She is also an amazing writer and has pitched in to help our Marketing and Development teams with many tasks throughout the years.

A special thank you to Susan and all 40 of our volunteers from 2022, whose talent and time—a collective total of 963 hours last year—are irreplaceable, generous gifts to our Evenglow family.

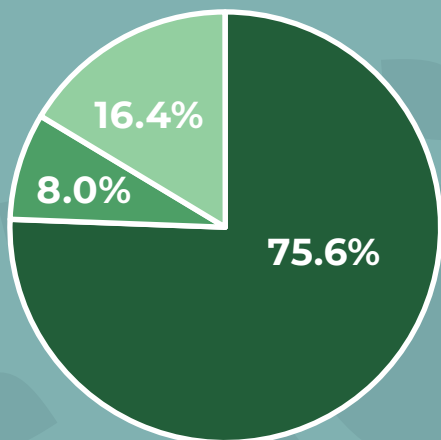


963 Volunteer Hours Donated in 2022

Statement of Activity

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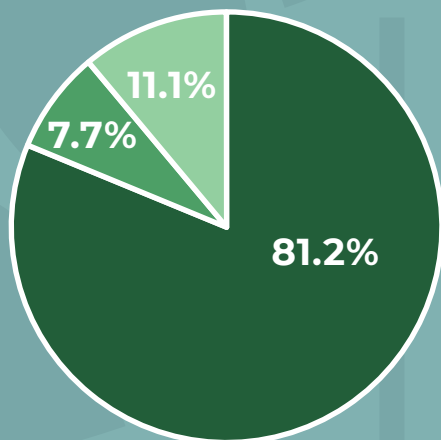
FY 2021



Sources of Revenue

Private & Government Revenue	\$8,955,549.37
Contributions	\$951,029.07
Other / Non-Operating	\$1,939,182.76

FY 2022



Sources of Revenue

Private & Government Revenue	\$8,467,698.46
Contributions	\$800,514.19
Other / Non-Operating	\$1,155,658.55

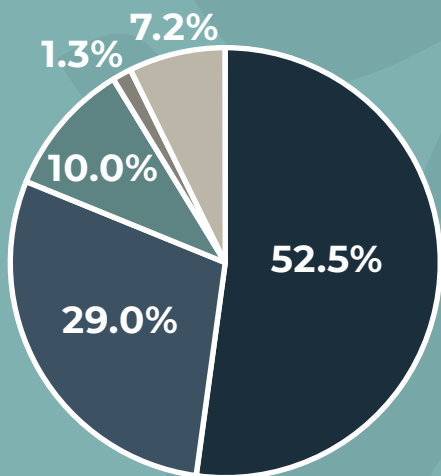
FY 2022 by the numbers

2,218 meals served through Meals on Wheels

\$253,890 distributed to residents in need through the Secure Living Fund

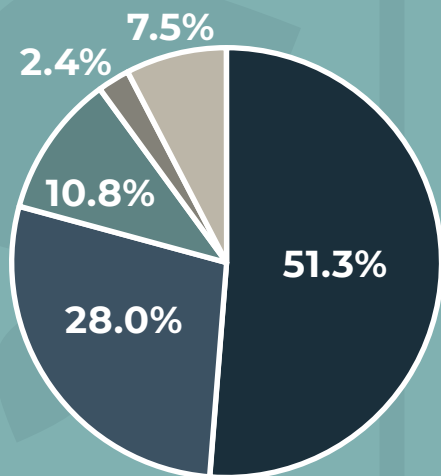
325 hours volunteered by Evenglow employees in the local community

\$10,270 generously donated by Evenglow employees



Sources of Expense

Nursing, Social & Dietary	\$5,238,837.59
Admin & Insurance	\$2,911,942.41
Environmental & Laundry	\$1,016,842.35
Other	\$145,125.99
Depreciation	\$729,238.47



Sources of Expense

Nursing, Social & Dietary	\$5,526,137.90
Admin & Insurance	\$3,014,752.60
Environmental & Laundry	\$1,159,009.21
Other	\$259,926.45
Depreciation	\$821,160.03

Mark your
calendar
to join us
for the



2023 Gala

FRIDAY • NOVEMBER 3rd • 2023
Pontiac Elk's Lodge • 5:30pm
459 Elks Club Road • Pontiac, Illinois

Enjoy dinner, drinks, a silent auction,
and live music to benefit Evenglow
Senior Living's Secure Living Fund.

Tickets • \$100 per person • \$600 for a table of 8
Please RSVP by calling 815-844-6131
no later than Monday, October 16th.

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