



Felician Village

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### Pen pal program for Felician Village residents and local school groups

MANITOWOC, Wis. (May 24, 2017) - Over the past school year, with the help of Tim Lindloff, Felician Village Volunteer Coordinator, the teachers from Jackson Elementary school and the Kiwanis Club, Felician Village residents became pen pals with Jackson Elementary school students from the K-Kids group.

The first letters were written in October and continued to be sent back and forth over the past months. Recently residents and students gathered at Felician Village to meet in person. One student said, "I liked getting letters from my pen pal and learning about her childhood and how it was so different than mine." Fran, a Gardens resident said, "Meeting today for the first time affected me emotionally. I will keep my pen pals photo forever."

Another pen pal project was also coordinated with 19 fourth grade students from Saint Francis of Assisi School and 20 Gardens residents. They had been writing monthly letters to one another since December. The pen pals recently met for the first time and gathered for an ice cream social at The Gardens. Agnes, Gardens resident said, "As a little girl I always had a pen pal. I prefer to write letters versus call people because I like to read the letters over and over again, so I really enjoyed this project." Bradin, Agnes's pen pal, said, "I like writing, and it was fun to get a letter every month from Agnes."

**Photo caption 1:** (left to right) Agnes, Felician Village resident, and Bradin, St. Francis of Assisi student, were pen pals since December and enjoyed meeting for the first time.

**Photo caption 2:** (left to right) Gardens residents, Jim and Anna Mae Marlborough, met their pen pals Hannah and Kaylie during a recent social at Felician Village.

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### About Felician Village

Felician Village, a continuing care campus, has been providing housing and services for seniors through rehabilitation, independent living, assisted living

and long-term care for more than 125 years. Felician Village is a Catholic organization that welcomes people from all faiths.

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