

# Giving *hope*



Randy Krup, Rosecrance Properties Board Chairman, sits in front of the newly renovated Rosecrance Health Center wing at the Harrison Adult Campus. He was instrumental in the plans and construction.

## FEATURE STORY

# Service a 'fun ride' for car enthusiast Krup

If there's a light blub burned out on the porch of a Monarch House, Rosecrance Health Network Board Member Randy Krup likely knows about it.

Before the sun sets again, Krup will have contacted the agency's facilities department about the problem. Or, he might show up on the porch with a step ladder and a bulb.

Krup is a hands-on guy, something he's proven again and again over 35 years on the board. As chairman of the Rosecrance Properties Board, he makes sure the organization's facilities are well maintained and that Rosecrance is always a good neighbor. He regularly drives by Rosecrance buildings to make sure everything is shipshape.

"I'll bet Phil Eaton will tell you that many times he comes in in the morning and the

first message on his answering machine is from me," Krup said.

It's true, said Eaton, Rosecrance's president and CEO. Eaton appreciates Krup's dedication.

"Randy has been an inspiration and an invaluable mentor to me as the organization has grown over the last nearly four decades," Eaton said. "He has been part and parcel of every important organizational decision made on behalf of Rosecrance. I value his friendship and leadership."

Krup counts Rosecrance among the passions of his life—not quite at the level of wife Carol, their two children and two grandchildren, but somewhere in the vicinity of his zest for foreign roadsters, which he's been collecting for 40 years.

His meticulous nature carries over to the business he owns, Krup Electric. He runs the business without the aid of a computer, accomplishing all the billing and buying by hand or on an old typewriter in the office of his shop on Railroad Avenue in Rockford.

"If it has my name on it, it's going to be done correctly," he said. "I hope that's what I've done for Rosecrance."

His passion for Rosecrance goes back to the early 1970s, when he was involved

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## Fundraising focus is charity care



Every day, I see something at Rosecrance that reminds me of the immense importance of this agency's work.

Let me tell you about the baby. I recently toured the HomeBase building, Rosecrance's licensed recovery home for single adult women and women with children. Program Coordinator Jo Lazzerini took me into an apartment on the ground floor. The young mother who lives there was giving her 4-month-old baby girl a bath.

I learned that this adorable baby was born drug-free because her mother entered treatment through Project SAFE well before the end of her pregnancy. The program, which Rosecrance offers in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, helps women regain or retain custody of their children if they address their addiction issues and become good parents.

Looking at that baby as she kicked her chubby little legs and smiled at me, I thought about what might have happened to her without Rosecrance and HomeBase. If her mother had not sought treatment, this baby might be homeless. She would have had daunting hurdles to overcome from her very first breath. Now, I thought, the world is hers to conquer, especially if her mom embraces recovery and gains the skills and confidence to become self-sufficient.

It won't be easy, but Rosecrance will help this young mother find her way.

Meanwhile, our staff members have been concerned about the future of HomeBase, which largely is paid for by the State of Illinois. Funds for substance abuse treatment will be reduced again this year.

Those cuts will affect the most vulnerable people. The budget crisis is a challenge to the Development Department staff to increase our efforts to raise money to help people who want treatment but don't have insurance or personal resources.

Your gifts to support The Kinley Charity Care Fund, while always appreciated, are particularly needed now. Donations to the Fund help the most vulnerable members of our society, including people like the HomeBase mom and her baby. That program changed—and maybe saved—their lives.

Thank you for caring about them and for helping Rosecrance be there when they needed us. ■

Judy Emerson  
Director of Development



Adolescents at the Griffin Williamson Campus express themselves on percussion instruments during one of the weekly music sessions.

#### FOUNDATION PROJECTS

## Music program helps kids beat addiction

Rosecrance launched a new music education program at the adolescent campus this August through a unique collaboration with the Music Academy of Rockford College.

Foundation Board Members Gregory Franchini and Lisa Lindman, both of whom support community arts and cultural activities, took a particular interest in raising funds for the music program.

Franchini said he and his wife, Laurel, are honored to support the program.

“We believe that art and music should play an important role in the lives of our young people, especially those who are

dealing with the challenge of drug and alcohol addiction,” Franchini said. “Art and music lift the human spirit, encourage a positive outlook and make us believe that all things are possible.”

Lindman hosted a tea for friends and arts supporters at the Griffin Williamson Adolescent Campus in May to tell them about the new venture.

“Making music is a positive way for young people to express themselves,” Lindman said. “Simply put, art improves life.”

The funds they helped raise were used to purchase a digital piano, drums and percussion instruments, as well as to pay for a year of instruction for weekly music groups. ■

#### ROSECRANCE SALUTES



### Bob Wimmer

Rosecrance Health Network  
Board of Directors

When it comes to community service, the man in the front office of Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc. leads by example.

Bob Wimmer, President and CEO for the water and wastewater treatment system manufacturer, has been a Rosecrance Board member since 2001. He also serves on the Rockford Bank & Trust Board. Over the years, he has lent his business and management expertise to many local non-profit organizations.

Likewise, he encourages Aqua-Aerobic managers and employees to get involved in the community according to their own interests and passions.

Wimmer’s heart is with kids who need help. Every year, Aqua-Aerobic’s gift to the Rosecrance Foundation Annual Benefit allows teen girls living in the Monarch Homes to attend the event.

“They need to come to the Benefit to see how much support they have,” he said of the Monarch girls. “I got involved with Rosecrance for the kids. If we can help with the adolescent program, it will help with the adult program, as well.”

#### Bob Wimmer

- Board member since 2001; serves on the Executive Board
- President and CEO, Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc.
- Wife is Ingrid. They have four adult children.

**“Thank you so much for saving our daughter. If it weren’t for you, I don’t know where she would be. Thank God for Rosecrance and all the people involved with it.”**

**– A grateful parent**

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## SHARING

# New Serenity Circles enhance healing garden

The Rosecrance Healing Garden continues to evolve as a place where broken spirits are mended and hope blooms.

Hoichi Kurisu, a noted Japanese landscape artist who designed the garden, created and installed four new serenity circles within the garden in May.

Each area features a bench made of California redwood and is landscaped with ancient boulders and natural materials. The benches offer different perspectives of the garden, pond and waterfall, providing serene places for solitary meditation or quiet conversation.

The circles also provide a new opportunity for donors to help support the healing environment of the garden. The Healing Garden is an integral part of the holistic treatment program used with the 78 teens in treatment at the adolescent campus.

Through a horticulture curriculum created specifically for Rosecrance, staff at the Griffin Williamson Adolescent Campus use the garden as a classroom to teach recovery values and to help young patients find life lessons in the natural world.



Gary and Sally Jouris enjoy the relaxing feel of the "Whispering Woods Serenity Circle" that is the result of the generosity of The Jouris Family Foundation.

Teens use the garden almost every day, for exercise and fresh air in the winter and for group sessions and relaxation in nice weather.

The seven-acre garden was entirely funded with gifts from generous donors who believe that a natural environment is therapeutic.

Youth in treatment agree. "Whenever I feel weak in recovery, I look out at the garden and I realize that I couldn't enjoy all the beauty of the world under the influence," one teen girl said. "It reminds me of how much I want recovery."

For information about naming opportunities for serenity benches or making a gift to support the garden, please call Lynne Vass, Senior VP of Development, 815.387.5602. ■

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with a fundraiser sponsored by the Blackhawk Valley Sports Car Club of America to benefit the agency. Phil Eaton had just joined Rosecrance, and the two became friends. Soon, Krup agreed to join the Network board.

"I don't think there's a family that hasn't gone through alcoholism or drugs or a youth problem," Krup said. "Knowing there is a place to go locally to get help is so important."

When he joined the board, Rosecrance was a small operation exclusively serving children with behavioral disorders.

"Back in those days, paying the milk bill was a challenge," he said. "There were times that payroll checks had to be held because we didn't have the money. It was a fun ride over the next 25 years, seeing the organization take off."

At times during his board tenure, Krup has attended as many as six Rosecrance meetings in a week. He is still deeply involved in all matters involving buildings and properties.

"I think we can always say we've been good neighbors," he said. "Then, the neighbors become believers."

He and Rosecrance Director of Properties Brad Carlson talk at least twice each week by telephone or in person.

In the end, Krup said, his volunteer role at Rosecrance is all about creating environments that offer patients the best opportunity for lasting recovery.

"To see it work is a pretty big deal," he said. "It makes all those meetings and all the time we put in worthwhile." ■

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#### IN-KIND DONATIONS

## Fitness gear helps women sprint toward lasting recovery

The women of Rosecrance's HomeBase program have improved their minds and bodies, thanks to a donation of workout clothes.

The clothing was a gift from Annie's Locker, a local organization dedicated to collecting and distributing women's athletic apparel.

HomeBase Coordinator Jo Lazzarini said the donation came at the perfect time. With the recent completion of a newly renovated fitness center at the Harrison Adult Campus, HomeBase women have been assigned set times to use the facilities. The adult campus is right across the street from HomeBase.

"Having access to the fitness center, as well as appropriate clothing, has really helped to motivate the women," Jo says.



Women at HomeBase Recovery Home received tennis shoes as well as other athletic apparel to enhance their exercise regimen.

"Exercise is a large part of finding balance, which is one of our biggest priorities at HomeBase. The clothing donations were truly the icing on the cake for our program."

Rosecrance is grateful to Annie's Locker for this generous donation. ■