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Loyalty

Dedicated to a person, group or cause; A feeling of very strong support for someone or something.



Fall 2016

Loyal Leadership

A message from:

Tom O'Brien

Chairman, Board of Trustees



When I was asked to join the Marbridge Foundation Board of Trustees in 2004, I could not have predicted how much it would change my life and that of my family. As I complete my second stint as Board Chair this year, I am amazed at all that has occurred in those twelve years.

Foremost is that my son, Tim, has found a second home at Marbridge for the last 11 ½ years. Having Tim live at Marbridge wasn't even in our thoughts when I joined the Board. I knew very little about Marbridge other than that it served a population to which I had a commitment, and that was enough. The more I became familiar with Marbridge, the more I was pleased with my decision. In the back of my mind, it was what I had hoped to find for Tim someday. I just didn't know that day would come so soon. A few months after I joined the Board, Tim came with me and his Mom to visit Marbridge, and afterwards you would have thought he had absolutely no interest. But, that evening we received a call from Kate, our daughter who lives in Houston, and she told us that Tim had called and told her he was going to go to college at Marbridge! And a few months later, he did!

There have been a lot of changes at Marbridge since then, including the additions of the Village, Victory Hall, the Bridges, and the Life Enrichment Center at the Villa. In 2017, we will move forward in replacing the Winters dorm with The Lodges at the Ranch.

In other areas, our population has grown, training and education programs have been improved and expanded, in Special Olympics we've added both programs and participants. The number of volunteers continues to increase, security has been enhanced with new fencing, lighting and communication systems, the number and generosity of donors has increased, and the list goes on.

These accomplishments alone are adequate reasons for me to take pride in devoting my time to a place like this. But it's not just adding buildings and growing programs that I'm most proud of. For me, it is witnessing the loyalty of so many individuals who are unified in their commitment to see Marbridge achieve excellence. It's about seeing and talking with our residents and realizing how different their lives would be, were it not for Marbridge.

We have plenty of examples among our residents whose lives changed dramatically for the better when they moved here. In most instances, we've taken isolated individuals and changed them into a member of a community that acknowledges their accomplishments, rewards them for their hard work, and provides them with relationships and social interactions that they couldn't replicate elsewhere. Now THAT'S something I can take pride in.

"Board Chair" is only a title, which means I'm responsible for running the quarterly Board meetings. Really I'm just another one of a group of Trustees that are dedicated to making Marbridge a better place. And we, the Trustees, couldn't accomplish what we do without the loyal dedication of the staff, volunteers, donors, families, and yes, our residents. It is all of us who make Marbridge what it is today, and what it will be in the future.



The O'Brien family enjoying a campus visit with Tom. (from left to right) Jackie, Tim and Tom

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Introducing New Board of Trustee Members



Linda Hatcher

has been active in the MRDD community for the past 32 years. She has served as a board member and President of the Wake County ARC (Raleigh, NC), a founding member and BOD of Hope Spring Village (a non-profit organization for residential living in the MRDD community), the founder of the Triangle Down Syndrome Society, BOD of Wake County Group Homes, and a member and chairman of numerous Wake County Public School System Special Needs committees.

Linda has worked as a medical management consultant and presently works at Raleigh Foot and Ankle Center as an insurance manager. Linda received a Bachelor of Arts in history from Duke University in 1971 and a Master of Science degree from NC State University in school curriculum/educational tests & measurements in 1981. Linda and her husband, Bob, live in Durham, NC and have two married daughters and a son, Rob, who is a resident of the Ranch.



Michael Moulton

is the N. America Finance Director for ALK Abello, a Danish pharmaceutical company focused on the prevention and treatment of allergies. He has also held the roles of CFO for ONR, Inc, Vice President of Finance for Marbridge Foundation and Vice President of Finance for Lone Star Circle of Care. Before making the career switch to healthcare and service oriented companies, he worked for over 20 years in the semiconductor industry.

Mr. Moulton actively supports other organizations in a board capacity. He has served as a Board Member for TruWest Credit Union for over a decade, and is the President-elect of the Austin Chapter of Financial Executives International. He holds a BS in Healthcare Administration and Management from Alfred University and a MBA from the Mays School of Business at Texas A&M University. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in the State of Texas.



Julia Nickerson

is an attorney who has helped hundreds of families plan ahead legally for a loved one with special needs. She has been practicing law and helping families with estate planning since 1997. Ms. Nickerson is Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Ms. Nickerson has been deeply affected witnessing the struggles her brother and sister-in-law go through raising their son who has autism. Their experiences have inspired Ms. Nickerson's passion for assisting other families with special needs.

Ms. Nickerson is the founder of Nickerson Law Group, an estate planning and asset protection law firm based in Austin, Texas. As well, Ms. Nickerson helped found the Special Needs Forum which educates families on issues relating to their special needs children and is the author of One Evolution at a Time, a Special Needs Planning Guide. Ms. Nickerson, her husband and three children live in Austin, Texas.

Loyal ROYAL

Longtime Marbridge Volunteer
Sue Royal



Sue Royal and the Marbridge softball team, getting their “game face” on before a game.

It began in 1997 as a simple phone call from her sister-in-law, asking Sue if she could help out at a Special Olympics tournament the coming weekend. “I had never worked with individuals with disabilities before and I was hesitant,” recalls Sue Royal, long time Marbridge volunteer. But hearing that help was needed, Sue agreed to travel to San Antonio that weekend, where she met the Marbridge Softball team for the first time. That day was 19 years ago, and Sue could have never imagined the impact that experience would have on her, and the love she would develop for serving this special needs population.

Today, Sue is certified to coach 14 Special Olympics sports, and she coaches and mentors Marbridge residents year-round. Currently, over 110 residents participate in 10 different Special Olympic sports at Marbridge. “Our program has grown tremendously over the years. Sue’s efforts, in addition to the efforts of other Marbridge volunteers take an enormous amount of stress off of Jennifer, Shelley and me. We could not provide the level of support and inclusion for our residents without her,” remarks Hughie Shaw, Marbridge Activity Coordinator / Coach.



Sue looks on as her team members take the field at a practice game.

Sue’s commitment goes far beyond just showing up for practices and games. “Sue will come to campus on her own time to pull uniforms, distribute schedules, communicate with other volunteers, arrange meals, and organize the resident’s gear bags to make sure they are prepared for their games,” recalls Coach Shaw.

Sue’s patience and compassion are always present. “Sue is a caring person. For many residents, she is also a mother figure. It takes a special person to do what Sue does. She is able to connect with all of the residents, regardless of their diagnosis and abilities, and does a great job managing the many personalities that are often found in this environment.”

“Each resident has a different level of skill and ability. As I get to know them, I understand their unique needs and how to coach them. It is a challenge at times and it requires patience, but the bonds I have made with our athletes are so special,” recalls Sue. “I just love going out and spending time with the residents. Each time they learn something new it’s an accomplishment for them, and it is very rewarding.”

When asked what she is most proud of, her answer is simple, “When my team gives their best effort, when they support each other and show good sportsmanship, that is when I feel the proudest,” states Sue. At the beginning of each game, Sue reminds the players of the Athlete’s Oath, “Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.” “It’s important to explain that we are not always going to win the gold medal. I want each player to feel pride in their attempt, whether they win or lose,” comments Sue. In addition to coaching, Sue is also certified to train athletes in public speaking, as part of the Athlete Leadership Program. This program gives individuals with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to speak about their experience participating in Special Olympics, and to let their voices be heard.

The loyalty and dedication that Sue has shown for over two decades to the Marbridge community has been an integral part of the success of our sports program, and in the physical, social and emotional growth of the Marbridge athletes and residents. That’s why we have named her “**Loyal Royal.**”



Loyal Friendships

Betsy Bousquet & Jane Baxter

Betsy Bousquet (left) and Jane Baxter (right). There is no denying the loyalty between these two.

Meaningful friendships and social life are an integral part of the quality of life for Marbridge residents. This is evident to anyone who spends time at Marbridge, witnessing the smiles, encouragement, and camaraderie between residents and friends as they go about their day.

When you ask anyone who lives at the Village “Who has the most loyal friendship?” you will quickly learn about the special bond between Betsy Bousquet and Jane Baxter.

Betsy and Jane are the embodiment of loyalty and friendship. While they are the first to recognize that they have differing interests and personality traits, they are also aware of how their individual strengths complement each other to build their special connection.

It didn't take long for Betsy's shyness to subside and embrace Jane's friendly personality.

When asking Betsy to describe Jane, she says, “Jane is more adventurous. She likes to welcome new residents. We like to go to Starbucks to have coffee together, but we also like different things. I like to read, color, do puzzles and go to movie art. Mostly, we just like being together because we complement each other.”

It is true that Betsy is more reserved, and perhaps a bit more cautious when meeting new people. Betsy had already lived at Marbridge for 10 years when



Jane and Betsy stick together, enjoying a stroll while on a family vacation.

Jane arrived in 2011. The seeds of a deep friendship began to grow when Jane moved into Cottage II.

They soon became suite-mates. “If something upsets Betsy, Jane is upset too. Jane watches over Betsy and is protective of her. I’ve never seen a friendship like this between anyone else at the Village,” remarks Melody Doepner, Village Resident Trainer.

JANE: “I am the strong one. I helped take care of Betsy when she was sick. When she was in the hospital I gave her flowers and I miss her if she is not here. Sometimes at night I can hear her sneezing or breathing, but I don’t care. When I can hear her, I don’t worry because I know she is okay.”

Over the years, Jane and her family have included Betsy in Jane’s birthday vacations, traveling to exciting places like Las Vegas and Disney Land. Jane’s generous spirit is matched with Betsy’s grateful heart and their commitment to each other is a wonderful example of loyalty to their peers and friends at Marbridge.

Loyal Friendships

Jerry Ladner and Doug Payne

Jerry Ladner (left) and Doug Payne (right) enjoy an afternoon visit in the Villa Life Enrichment Center.



Jerry and Doug visit friends in the hallways at the Villa.

Each day at Marbridge, we embrace the vision set forth by Ed and Marge Bridges, to provide care to individuals with a wide range of cognitive abilities. What began as a working farm in 1953 has since grown into a thriving community where more than 250 men and women now have the opportunity to learn, experience and achieve a whole new life.

Few can recall the personal stories of Marbridge's early days better than Jerry Ladner and Doug Payne. A morning interview with these two life-long friends reveals rich memories and an understanding of the deep loyalty and gratitude they hold for each other, for Ed and Marge Bridges, and the life made possible for them here.

They hadn't even taken their seats when the recollections began to flow, sharing stories and completing each other's sentences, so eager to relive those moments. *(See the edited excerpt to the right)*

As the stories began to slow, the conversations shifted to appreciation, and the keen awareness of how blessed they are to have lived at Marbridge for more than 4 decades. Both Jerry and Doug expressed heartfelt gratitude for the friendships, adventures and experiences that would not have been possible otherwise.

In the Fall of 2014, Doug Payne moved to the Villa at Marbridge to ensure the continuum of care needed for his mobility. Regular visits from Jerry (who rides his bike over to see Doug) keeps the friendship going strong.

Jerry Ladner and Doug Payne are the living example of the vision held by Ed and Marge Bridges, to create rich, meaningful lives filled with experience, special friendships, and opportunities for individuals with special needs.

Jerry: We used to go fishing down in Rockport; deep sea fishing, way out past the oil rigs. We caught a big fish, and we had it stuffed and mounted, like you would a deer head.

Doug: That's right, and I have deer horns in my room from a 13-point buck I shot right here on this ranch. Mr. Bridges started taking us hunting when we were young. Mrs. Bridges liked to hunt too; she had her own deer blind. She was real sweet to us. She made the deer meat into sausage.

Jerry: We learned how to hunt here. We used to have target practice down by the old creek bed, right at Marbridge.

Doug: One time Mr. B. fell asleep in the deer blind. The deer we were waiting for came up, so we shot it. Mr. B woke up in a hurry when he heard the gun go off. He said, "Who shot my deer?" He wasn't mad, he was glad we got it.

Doug: Back then, Marbridge was a farm; we had cows and hogs, and chickens. They taught us how to drive the tractors and we took over. We would plow, rake, and bale hay. Sometimes, there were rattlesnakes under the hay. The hay bailer would crush them, and afterwards we could see the crushed up snakes in hay bales.

Jerry: That's right. And one time we were out in the pasture, trying to bring a cow up to the barn, but she wouldn't go in. Then we saw a huge rattlesnake above the barn door.

Doug: We used to go on fire calls before they had a station out here. Marbridge had a fire truck in the old red barn, and we would get called if there was a fire. We would have to stop our work to go put out the fires.

Jerry: Mr. Bridges started Marbridge so that his son Jim would have a place to live. Mr. Bridges went to his preacher, and prayed about starting Marbridge. He talked to a lot of people to try to get it started. Back then, there were only 5 or 6 men here. Before long, more and more people heard about Marbridge and came to live here.

Doug: That's right. I came to Marbridge in 1958; Jerry came in 1973. All the men at Marbridge were like my brothers. Jerry and I were roommates for many years, until I moved to the Villa.

Loyal Villa Resident

“Be honest about what you can and cannot do.”

Sandra Grossman
Marbridge Resident



Sandra receives “Friendliest Resident” Award by Villa staff Stephanie Jones, Duncan Murray, and Alicia Taylor.

Those were the words that Sandra Grossman was raised by. When you ask her why she is so thoughtful and considerate of others, Sandra will tell you without pause, “I was raised that way! My father always tells me that in life, it is my responsibility to be honest about what I can and cannot do. When I know that I can do something to help someone else, then I feel it is my responsibility to act on it.”

Sandra credits her father, Woodrin Grossman, with instilling in her the values of being a loyal friend and citizen. The Villa residents have been the fortunate recipients of Sandra’s kindhearted nature. “Sandy is everyone’s advocate at the Villa. She looks out for the needs of others. If someone has been in the hospital, Sandy wants to send a card, and be updated on how they are doing,” reflects Alicia Taylor, LCSW, the Villa.

Sandra came to Marbridge in 2013 after living in a group home for many years. “Moving into a large community like the Villa requires an adjustment for any resident. Sandy overcame these issues and took this as an opportunity to make friends,” says Alicia. In fact, Sandra has made so many friends that she was awarded the “Friendliest Resident” award at the June, 2016 Founder’s Day celebration.

Beyond being friendly, Sandra looks for opportunities to help others. Sandra has a natural love for books and reading. True to her father’s values, Sandra recognized that she could share her gift of reading with other residents in the Villa.

Sandra now leads a weekly reading group in the Life Enrichment Center called Sandy’s Story Time, which has become a resident favorite as she reads aloud to her peers and friends. In her short time at Marbridge, Sandra has become an example of loyalty through her generosity and compassion for her fellow residents.



Above: Villa residents are all smiles as they enjoy a reading by Sandra during “Sandy’s Story Time.”



Sandra enjoys spending time outdoors at the Villa.

Loyal Employer



Goodwill Industries shares “Good Will” with Marbridge residents

Most of us know of Goodwill, those neighborhood centers where we donate items that we no longer use. We are relieved to know that there is a convenient place to take these items, and grateful to trust that they will be re-purposed for other folks who are in need.

But what we often take for granted are the dedicated individuals who work in the drop off centers. And we underestimate the herculean task it must be to sort, organize and assimilate all of these donations to prepare them for use back in the community.

This is where the “good will” comes in: meet Lawrence Wimer, ADC Manager for Goodwill Austin. Lawrence has been a Goodwill advocate for employing Marbridge residents at the drop off trailer on Bliss Spillar Road since 2007. He has worked very closely to make sure that residents are trained, and that safety measures are in place for them while they are on the job. “His professionalism is coupled

with compassion, and you can tell he really has a heart for the Marbridge employees,” said Rhonda Bonavita, Employment Coordinator.

Being able to work in the greater community is a goal for many Marbridge residents, and the benefits of employment far exceed earning a wage. Employment provides a sense of pride and accomplishment, independence, the chance to meet new people, get off campus, and enhance their life skills. “These employment opportunities are vital,

and Goodwill has been loyal in making this possible for many of our residents for many years,” says Rhonda.

“Goodwill is committed to employing individuals who just need a chance. We put people to work, help them to develop skills and overcome barriers. We feel pride in helping these individuals gain independence,” commented Lawrence. “We have a wonderful working relationship with Rhonda, and we strive to accommodate the residents’ schedules and unique needs.

We remain in close communication to report on work performance, and handle any special circumstances that might arise.”

Goodwill Industries has employed Marbridge employees in various locations for over 25 years. “Goodwill has benefited greatly by the commitment and loyalty of the Marbridge employees, and their longevity in working in the drop off hut. This has become a high volume location, and is very important for the neighboring community. We are grateful to have this rapport, and proud of the growth we have seen among the employees.”

Today, 4 residents man the Marbridge drop-off trailer on the property adjacent to Marbridge: Missy Rosen, Tommy Klar, Ken Holfus and Laura Klassen. Resident Alice Hurt celebrates 23 years of employment at a separate Goodwill location.

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Lawrence Wimer pays a work visit to Village resident Missy Rosen, who has worked at the drop-off trailer for 10 years. “I work here because I like to help customers and meet new people. I enjoy sorting the items,” says Missy.

Loyal



Marbridge Employee

Resident “Steady Steve” Schlueter, Landscaping Crew

It was May 7, 1965, just prior to his 21st birthday, when Steve Schlueter arrived at Marbridge. At that time, Marbridge was a working farm, and Steve had moved to Texas from California, hoping for a life that would provide him more opportunities. “As a child, I was classified as illiterate; I was told I would never be able to read. But I overcame that by teaching myself how to read. I have read 10 versions of the Holy Bible, and I understand them,” remarks Steve.

That was 51 years ago, and the growth and changes seen in Steve, along with the Marbridge community, are immeasurable. When asked about his loyalty to Marbridge, Steve will tell you, “Marbridge has provided me the opportunity to work and be self reliant. I have developed skills that allow me to live more independently. Even at my age now, my skills continue to sharpen.”

One of Steve’s many skills is his love of gardening and landscaping. “In the early 1970’s, I worked in the garden center. I came across the seed pod of a Catalpa tree, and I planted it. Over the years, as the tree began to grow, I took special care to make sure that no one would mow over the young seedling. I used the weed eater to carefully cut the grass around it so the tree would not be harmed,” recalls Steve.

This began Steve’s love and passion for grounds keeping at Marbridge, where Steve has been a vital employee for almost 40 years. “Steve Schlueter is one of the most important members of our landscaping team. Steve will arrive at work at 6:30am and work for 2 hours. Steve is responsible for about 90% of the entire weed eating around our buildings at Marbridge. This is an extraordinary amount of work for one person,” comments Dan Carlson, Marbridge Landscaping Supervisor.

Steve’s independence and self reliance are demonstrated daily in his work on campus. Steve sets his own daily agenda and will weed other areas of campus when he finishes working around the buildings. “As you drive up FM 1626 and notice the trimmed hillside below our amphitheater, this is because of Steve’s tenacious work ethic and self motivation,” remarks Dan.

“I am semi-retired now. As I get older, I know I will need assisted living. I don’t ever want to leave Marbridge. I tell my house mates how good it is to live at the Village, where we have friends, activities, and live comfortably,” remarks Steve. “Knowing that I can remain at Marbridge for the rest of my life is very comforting.”

The Marbridge landscaping team consists of Mike Kolb, Clay Dunnam, Dan Beckmeyer, John Hunter, and Steve Schlueter, who all work together to keep our campus looking great!



*Pictured Left to right:
Dan Carlson (Marbridge Landscaping Supervisor), Dan Beckmeyer,
Clay Dunnam, Mike Kolb, Steve Schlueter, Not pictured – John Hunter*

Legacy & Loyalty

I recently heard someone say....

“Legacy is built where Legacy is already built.”

Ed and Marge Bridges, the founders of Marbridge, along with many others, left a wonderful legacy to those of us involved in the Marbridge of today. Over the years, thousands of individuals, corporations and foundations have blessed this residential community with their amazing generosity. Our current leadership team, specifically in Development, serve as stewards of the gifts people have entrusted to our organization for the wellbeing and growth for years to come. We take our responsibility of tending to those gifts and donors very seriously by utilizing each dollar to the very fullest, ensuring the highest level and most direct benefit goes to the residents who call Marbridge home.

Organizations such as Marbridge become sustainable because of the loyalty and dedication of our supporters who have a passion for the legacy that Ed and Marge Bridges left behind. Our many Miracle Society members help ensure that Marbridge will remain sustainable for years to come. Because of this group, we can better project our budget needs and make improvements and important strategic changes where needed each year. Each Miracle Society member commits to contributing a minimum of \$1,000 a year for five years. With every new Miracle Society member gained, we keep the vision and legacy alive so that current and future Marbridge residents will continue to thrive for years to come.

With each generation of leaders and donors who invest their time, talents, and gifts with Marbridge, we strive to pass on a

legacy that is stronger and will outlive us all. I can't think of a better legacy to leave than that of a sustainable organization.

I invite you to be part of this legacy with us and support its long term health and wellbeing as a community. There are many ways to show your loyalty to the mission of Marbridge. Here are a few:

- Purchase an engraved leaf (\$150) on the Tree of Honor to honor or remember someone special
- Consider Marbridge in your Planned Giving
- Sponsor a resident that is in need of tuition assistance
- Contribute towards our current Capital Campaign, “The Lodges at The Ranch”
- Attend and/or invite someone to our monthly JAM session (see details below.)

Loyalty to anything leads to a legacy of one kind or another. Join us in this positive momentum of taking what was already created in the early forming of Marbridge and help us sustain what it has become: an exceptional residential community of more than 250 special and wonderful adults.

Warmly,
Michelle Levy

GET INVOLVED



Levels of Giving

LEARN

\$1,000/yr for 5 years

EXPERIENCE

\$10,000/yr for 5 years

ACHIEVE

\$25,000/yr for 5 years



Visit our campus on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 9:30 am. Learn about Marbridge in just one hour:

October 13 | November 10 | December 8



Loyal Premier Employees

Recognizing outstanding character traits

The Marbridge Premier Employee Program has awarded over 140 employees whose excellent work ethic and positive personal character traits has made them shining examples of Marbridge staff. Premier Employee awards are presented twice a year, first at the Annual Founders Day Celebration held the first of June, and then again at the Annual Christmas Program.

The Premier Employee Program serves both to recognize exemplary employees and to hold them up as role models for others to emulate. Employees are nominated by their supervisors, and receive a certificate of commendation and a time-off pass redeemable for eight hours off with pay. "We are extremely proud of our Premier Employees," said Scott McAvoy, VP of Operations, "and commend them once again for the invaluable contributions they make to the lives of our residents."



Daniel Cromey

Dietary Supervisor | The Ranch

Daniel's creativity is found in the wonderful and healthy meals he prepares for residents. Daniel has taken the initiative to plan meals for residents with special dietary restrictions, making sure that they do not feel singled out from others. His determination and example have been expressed in how well the other cooks have formed as a team, taking pride in serving quality meals to the residents.



Stephanie Jones

MDS Nurse | The Villa

Stephanie takes time out of every day to give heartfelt hugs and provide care to the Villa residents. Her commitment to the residents and nursing team is tremendous. She remains flexible and jumps in to assist with any task that is asked of her. She is known for her compassion and caring nature for all of the residents in the Villa.



Cheryl Lehman

Accountant | Administration

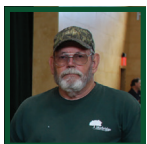
Cheryl is dependable and committed, making certain that her tasks are completed ahead of schedule. Cheryl also volunteers for events and resident needs outside of her normal work schedule. She is selfless, putting the needs of Marbridge above her own. She is kind, compassionate and pleasant to all of those she is near every day.



Jolene Osborne

CNA, Driver | The Villa

Jolene has excelled at providing direct care as a CNA, and also as a transporter. She is hard working, juggling the scheduling of the residents' doctors appointments and family communications, all while providing their care with ease. Her commitment and loyalty are felt by the residents, and they smile with relief when they see her and her team.



John Pearce

Groundskeeper | Facilities

John is an organized individual who takes every opportunity to straighten the facilities areas and ensure safety compliance. He is very helpful, willing to work in all areas to complete work orders. John is compassionate with residents and a good mentor to those who work on the landscaping team.



Javier Torres

Resident Trainer and Driver | The Village

Javier's enthusiasm is contagious, and his excitement about being at Marbridge brings joy to those around him. Through his creativity, the Village now boasts an Art Gallery to display the amazing masterpieces created in Javier's art classes. Javier has proven to be very resourceful as well, providing creative projects with very limited resources.



Dianna Dean

Licensed Vocational Nurse | The Villa

In a very short period of time, Dianna has become a great resident advocate. She has a wealth of nursing knowledge that allows her to provide resident care that is individualized, and meets the needs of each resident. She is attentive, considerate, and respectful to each resident and staff member. She is a caring nurse and true asset to Marbridge.



Haley Koop

Volunteer Coordinator | Administration

Haley is extremely resourceful in planning activities that impact our resident's happiness and help them achieve their goals. She is supportive of each resident and seeks to enrich their lives by promoting Marbridge in the community. Haley's compassion is seen in her work, and felt when she is sharing Marbridge stories at JAM sessions.



Santa Maldonado

Laundry Services | The Villa

Santa has been a dependable member of the laundry team since 2004, where she frequently goes above and beyond to complete her duties. Her hard work ethic at the Villa is to be recognized because she gives 100% to make sure the residents have the clean clothing and linens they need. With her energetic personality and flexible nature, she seeks opportunities to improve her department.



Sue Parker

RN | The Ranch

Sue is an RN who holds herself to high standards and is responsible and careful with her work. Her dependability is shown in the way she makes sure all resident medications are ordered timely and correctly. Most of all, her compassion is known by the level of care she provides each resident, and the time she takes to provide extra assistance when needed.



Alduvina "Mina" Schwab

Dietary Aide | The Village

Mina has proven to be a skillful member of the dietary team, handling every duty in the kitchen with ease. Her gentle demeanor makes those around her feel appreciated and supported, and is reflected in the calm and reassuring way that she guides and trains the resident employees. Mina will arrive early and stay late to do what it takes to get the job done, and she is known as one of the hardest working members on her team.



Rosa Zuniga

Dietary Aide | The Villa

Rosa joined the dietary department in June 2014, and has already proven her dependable and hard working values. She fills in for staff when they are short handed without complaint, and goes above and beyond what her duties require. Rosa performs her job in a calm, efficient manner, and is well liked by staff and residents.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Marbridge is a non-profit residential community that offers optional lifetime care to adults with a wide range of cognitive abilities and medical challenges—and through compassion and faith—provides them opportunities to learn, experience and achieve a whole new life.

Marbridge provides a broad spectrum of services designed to meet each individual's specific needs through three distinct communities—The Village, the Ranch and the Villa—each providing a different level of lifestyle support, guidance and supervision.

2016 Marbridge Fall Calendar and Schedule of Events

Fall 2016 Dates

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| First Day of Classes Fall Semester | September 6 |
| World of Opportunities Expo | September 24 |
| Annual Marbridge Sports Banquet | October 23 |
| Thanksgiving Break | November 23-25 |
| Christmas Program | December 16 |
| Break from Classes | December 19-Jan 6 |
| First Day of Class Spring 2017 | January 7 |



Special Olympics Regional Competitions

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| Golf | September 12 |
| Swimming | September 18 |
| Bocce | September 30 |
| Bowling | November 4-6 |
| Flag Football | November 19 |

Special Olympics State Competitions

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| Fall Classic - Bryan/College Station (Bocce/Softball/Golf/Swimming) | October 13-15 |
| State Flag Football | December 2-3 |

Learning to let go...
 September 24, 2016
 8:30am-3:00pm

Explore the emotional aspects of letting your child with special needs live their own life.

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