

# Your support makes a difference every day

## Dear Friend of Thorne Crest,

At the heart of Thorne Crest Senior Living Community are the many staff members who support and care for residents and families each and every day. The care and attention to detail they bring to everything they do make the daily differences that truly empower people and families, giving them the choices that enrich body, mind and spirit. These people and many others, make Thorne Crest and all American Baptist Homes of the Midwest (ABHM) communities unique.



I would like to share a story about a dedicated ABHM staff member who is an example of the many extraordinary people that truly make a difference every day.

Renee has worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant for almost 20 years, and during that time she found that helping people was truly her calling. A community resident Renee cares for, Millie, is one such person. Each night Millie likes to be tucked in tight like a cocoon. She wants three pillows under her head, one under her arm, and a body pillow to embrace, and Renee is the one who makes sure Millie is “tucked in.” “I treat my residents like the Queen of Sheba. Everybody should get that kind of treatment!” Renee says confidently, “all the residents are special to me,” she offers. “They are just as interested in my life as I am in theirs. I can’t help but think about certain people all the time.” Renee confides that Millie especially likes to hold her five-month old grandson when she brings him to the community after work. For Millie, holding that five-month old brings back fond memories.

The story of Renee and Millie is just one example of many that take place every day at Thorne Crest, which is why the Harold W. Kleinpaste Nursing Scholarship Fund was created in 2013. The Fund provides financial assistance to staff members as they pursue an education in the field of nursing.

To-date we have raised over \$300,000 toward the Kleinpaste Scholarship Fund and with your donation we are able to ensure the Scholarship Fund will continue to grow and make a difference in the lives of Thorne Crest staff and residents.

Today we ask you to show your support and appreciation for the many staff members, like Renee, who help make our community a home. Please make your donation today to **Thorne Crest Harold W. Kleinpaste Nursing Scholarship Fund** by mailing your gift using the enclosed envelope or by donating online at [www.ThorneCrest.net/scholarship-fund](http://www.ThorneCrest.net/scholarship-fund)

Thank you for your support,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Schulz".

Chris Schulz,  
Administrator, Thorne Crest Senior Living Community

