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# Views from the Village

Boise Christian Retirement Village Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

The Boise Christian Retirement Village family extends heartfelt wishes for a year filled with God's abundant blessings, joy, and peace. Proverbs 3:5-6 encourages us with these words: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." This verse serves as a guiding light, reminding us to place our trust in God's unfailing love and to seek His direction in all that we do.

As we embark on the journey of 2024, let us hold onto this powerful truth, trusting that God's plans for us are filled with purpose, hope, and fulfillment. Let our community be a testament to the strength that comes from shared faith and the support we offer one another. We ask you to support us as well in any way you can. Whether through your prayers, volunteering your time, or contributing financially, your support plays a vital role in helping us maintain a vibrant and loving community for our residents.

In the spirit of unity and generosity, let us join hands and make 2024 a year of shared purpose, shared blessings, and shared love. Together, we can create a haven where faith flourishes and is shared with the next generation. Wishing you a year ahead that is rich in God's grace and overflowing with His love.

May God bless us all in the new year!

## **Resident Spotlight - Tom Hutchison**

The first time I met Tom Hutchinson he had come as a guest for lunch with a friend. Both of them had been seated at the table where I sat (we had assigned seats then). He was quiet and it was apparent that he had something wrong with his mouth which was keeping him from easy conversation.

From his one syllable responses to questions the story unfolded of his calf-wrestling/help-a-friend event which had earned him a swift kick to the mouth. (The calf didn't want to participate.) The friend who brought him to lunch was introducing him to the Village as a place to live.



Fast forward to 2023 and Tom, now Hutch to friends and neighbors, is a happy resident. The care and kindness which is the blessing freely given here has nursed him through cancer treatment and recovery, a replaced hip and last, but not least, a marriage. He no longer wrestles calves nor seeks shelter. He shares the wealth of stories gathered from a life of rodeoing and real estate and happily contributes his skill in the art of lawn care by mowing grass without throwing it places that mown grass should never be found. As for his marriage, he and his wife are seen holding hands each day as they walk to the dining room for meals. I think we could agree that his friend could not have imagined the results of his original act of bringing him to the Village. When we act in good faith, God is good. All the time.

Written by Tom's wife, Karolynn Hutchison

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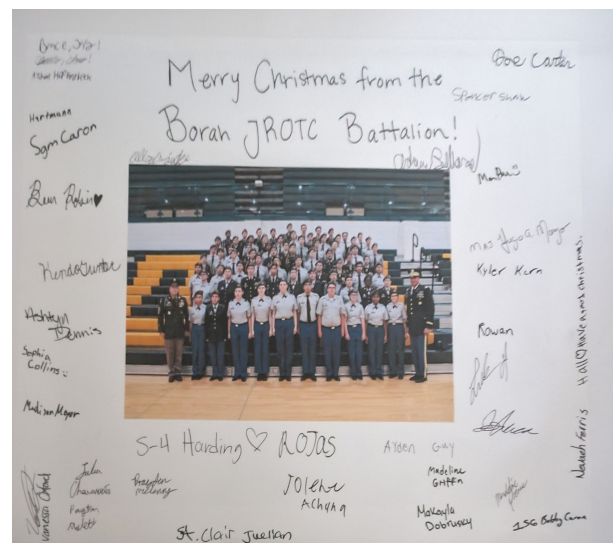
## Special Thanks to JROTC

We'd like to dedicate this page to expressing our heartfelt gratitude to the Borah High School JROTC program. On Veterans Day, their cadets demonstrated immense kindness by dedicating their time to rake leaves and spend quality moments with our veterans and residents. We were so blessed to have them here and not just grateful for the hundreds of pounds of leaves they removed! Their time spent honoring the veterans that are a part of the retirement village inspired awe.

The spirit of service did not end there – a couple of representatives from the JROTC program revisited us with a beautiful, signed frame with a picture of the whole battalion. This thoughtful gesture touched our hearts deeply, and we've proudly displayed the frame in our dining hall as a token of appreciation.

Your commitment to community service and the genuine connections formed with our residents exemplify the values we cherish at Boise Christian Retirement Village. We are immensely grateful for the Borah High School JROTC program's continued support, embodying the true spirit of honoring and respecting our veterans.

May this new year bring forth even more opportunities for collaboration, shared moments, and the strengthening of our community bonds. Thank you for all you have done for us.



## Meet a Board Member

Nolan Hunt joined the board in June of 2023. Nolan, his wife, Elizabeth, along with Eden (6) and Ezra (2) are part (partners) of Hill City Church. It was through visiting BCH for Christmas caroling that Nolan and his family became acquainted with BCH. Nolan has always had a strong connection with older people as his best friend growing up was 80 years older than he.



After growing up in a Chicago suburb, Nolan attended St. Olaf College where he sang in the choir, played tuba in the band and orchestra and graduated with a B.A in Family Studies. After working in Ethiopia and Korea for a year, Nolan attended Fuller Seminary completing a certificate in Christian Studies with an emphasis on Intercultural Studies. While living in Los Angeles, he was on the leadership team for two church plants and is currently serving on the board for a third. Nolan has worked in senior living communities in California and Idaho, and currently works in risk assessment. Having also worked with youth and adults in recovery, the dual mission of BCH is a very natural and meaningful fit for his experience and groups for which he cares deeply.

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## Partner with Us

You can join our community in many ways:

- Set up a recurring donation through our website or your bank.
- Set up a large one-time gift for the village.
- Send a donation by check or drop one off and visit with us.
- Come visit with residents or serve on a volunteer basis.
- Organize a group to come out and serve.
  - There's always raking, snow removal, beautifying, etc.
- Pray for us.