SPRING VALLEY HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTER

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Community Member and Friends of Spring Valley Health and Rehabilitation Center,

Spring Valley Health and Rehabilitation Center (nursing home) has been experiencing financial challenges for over a year; this has become more serious in the last 6 months. The primary factors contributing to these challenges are:

- Low occupancy
- Higher than expected health insurance costs
- Lower than expected Medicaid reimbursement

We are currently developing short and long term strategies to address these factors. We have had our senior leadership staff identify cost cutting measures that will yield immediate results. It is clear to us we will not be able to continue serving our community without a new long term strategy. The strategy includes: hiring a consultant and asking for support from local and extended community. We have also requested state representative involvement to assure they understand the current realities for skilled nursing home facilities.

A national report comparing state by state costs incurred by facilities caring for the elderly identifies Wisconsin's Medicaid reimbursement system as the worst in the nation. Follow this link to learn more about the current status of Medicaid reimbursement.
http://www.whcawical.org/files/2016/05/5.16.16-Medicaid-Loss-Report-PR.pdf

We have a consultant that is willing to work with us over the next 18 months. They would assist us with identifying ways to increase occupancy and work toward maximum payment from the state of Wisconsin's ever-changing reimbursement system.

Recently, we met with more than a dozen members of our local community to brainstorm ideas for keeping skilled nursing services viable and independent in our community. During this meeting it was suggested we also reach out to the larger community of SVHRC and ask for your help. We are looking for individuals who have expertise, energy, and willingness to assist with securing grants and/or fundraising activities. We would also appreciate tax deductible financial assistance for SVHRC (a 501c3 non-profit organization). Donations can be sent to Spring Valley Health and Rehabilitation Center, S830 Westland Drive, Spring Valley, WI 54767. Please contact any of the individuals below if you have questions or would like to help.

Far too many rural skilled nursing facilities are closing throughout the state due to the factors listed above. We feel confident with your help we can put together a plan to increase occupancy and generate new avenues of financial stability which will allow SVHRC to continue to be a positive asset for the community of Spring Valley.

Respectfully,

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