



Foss Home and Village

Spring 2023



## A New Beginning

Every year at Foss we look forward to the renewal of color and light which Spring brings to our grounds. Mature trees blend with new plantings to create fresh beautiful scenes for our Residents to enjoy. This year we have some colorful changes indoors as well.

Recently a local artist, Henry Von Voast, gifted Foss two large murals with vivid depictions of landscapes. When asked why he wanted to donate his works to our facility he said, "I was visiting a friend at Foss and thought that the Residents might appreciate receiving some of my pieces." Art and the creative process have helped Henry through challenging times and he wanted to share his paintings to encourage others.

Mr. Von Voast was born in Maine but moved to Seattle in early adulthood. He studied Art at college but mental illness and drug addiction took him away from his passion. Unhappy with his life he made a conscious decision to change and start a new chapter. Support from the community as well as programs such as the Union Gospel Mission Art from the Streets brought him back. Painting brings him peace and a sense of purpose. He strives to continue to improve his skills and tell his story as an inspiration to others. "It's still a beautiful world out there".



This artist's inspiring story connects with Foss Home and Village's desire to give our Residents more exposure to the Arts. Beginning in April we are introducing new programs where local artists will come to share their talents through classes, performances, and exhibits. We, at Foss, believe that creativity creates new connections in the mind as well as with others.

**Want to see more of Mr Von Voast's work?  
Go to:**

***[https:// communchi.org/  
the-art-of-henry-van-voast](https://communchi.org/the-art-of-henry-van-voast)***

**Foss Residents Enjoy Local Artist's Mural**

# Kevin's Corner

*Kevin McFeely, President & CEO*

"Spring is sooner recognized by plants than by men..." Chinese Proverb

I recently came across this quote and thought, how true. Spring is here, yet the skies are still sometimes gray and the rain still falls (remember, we are in the Pacific Northwest). The robins are back, the forsythias and cherry trees are blooming and the tulips are pushing up beside the already blooming daffodils. The plants know the season has changed and as soon as the sun shines on a more regular basis, I think all of us will finally admit spring has arrived!

As you may be aware, both the Home and the Village recently experienced licensure surveys. I am proud to share with you the Village earned a deficiency-free survey! This is great news and I ask that you please join me in thanking and recognizing the Village team for all their efforts. These types of results do not occur easily and are an indication of the dedication and hard work of our staff.

While the Home survey did not see a deficiency-free result, we were equally pleased with the final report as the citations received were minor in nature. Our plan of correction has been accepted and we want to congratulate our Long-Term Care, Transitional Care and Memory Care teams for their tireless work and devotion as well. We are truly blessed to have such caring and committed employees!

As you walk around the campus, you will see renewal is all around us. We are reopening and re-welcoming back our volunteers and other outside partners now that the latest COVID outbreak is past us. Spring is that time of the year where it is similar to a do-over. New signs of life, energy, activity and hopefulness. What an incredible feeling and sense of excitement.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. I hope you have a wonderful spring!

R Kevin McFeely  
President & CEO



Hello, it is a pleasure to introduce myself to you all. I am Andrew Dolan, Director of Human Resources, here at Foss Home and Village. I graduated from Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA, in Management with a concentration in Human Resources. I have been a Human Resources Manager in the private sector, public sector, and now here at Foss!

In my time at Foss Home and Village I have witnessed firsthand what our wonderful staff do daily to care for our residents and facilities. Their passion and commitment are shown each time they walk through the doors to start a shift. I have seen the care they give day in and day out whether preparing food, cleaning resident rooms, or providing direct care to our wonderful residents.

I take great honor serving as Director of Human Resources for Foss Home and Village and I look forward to the future ahead!

When I am not at Foss, I can be found at a local dog park with my wife, Hailey, and our big fluffy goldendoodle, Miller.

Andrew Dolan  
Director of Human Resources



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