

Couple Donates Stained Glass Windows in Tribute to Her Parents and Phoebe's Role

"This is a dream come true!" says Chaplain Dorothy Shelly of the meditative space that will enhance her ministry. Recent renovations and space modifications to Phoebe Richland Health Care Center made it possible to create a chapel within the building.

The focal point of the room is a three-panel stained glass window depicting "Creation." Sunbeams illuminate the scene, which is framed by trees and greenery surrounding a body of water, a gently cascading waterfall and animals, such as prairie dogs, butterflies and a dove.

Donated by Rev. Ronald and Joyce Krick in memory of her parents, Samuel and Pauline Kline, the window has special significance. Pauline was a long-time member of Phoebe Home's staff, and both Samuel and Pauline became residents of Phoebe Richland in 2003. Of her experience with Phoebe, Joyce stated, "Everyone on staff was always there for my parents and for us, their family. They were helpful, no matter what time of day we visited."

The Kricks immediately came forward as donors when they learned of the Center's wish for a stained

glass window in its new chapel. Joyce thought it would make a wonderful tribute to her parents.

Phoebe Richland employee Jan Koren, who was one of Mrs. Kline's caregivers, agrees. Jan also has a personal connection to the window since it was crafted by her brother-in-law, local glass artist Jeff Koren. "I'm really happy he could be involved, because I came to know Mrs. Krick well after her mother came to live with us. I had worked briefly with her mother more than 20 years ago at Phoebe Home. It all just fell into place."

Sadly, Joyce Krick passed away on October 26, 2007, after a long illness. While we celebrate the Kricks generosity, our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. ■



Phoebe Richland's stained glass window provides a spiritual backdrop for meditation and prayer in the newly created chapel. Of the piece, employee Jan Koren says, "It is so bright when you walk in, even on a cloudy day. Every time I look at it, I see something different."