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We were so impressed with 812 Lincoln! It is a beautiful house with big rooms that are bright and spacious. What a blessing to encourage the men with special needs in our community and provide them with an environment that will meet their needs and live independently. This will be a great place to call home!

Jon and Julie Kuyers

MISSION

818 Forward with Faith has a mission and vision to help adults with disabilities live better lives – make their lives more accommodating, more dignified, more vibrant, and more meaningful. FWF was founded to help provide family-style homes with full-time caregivers. A place called “home” where social, physical, and emotional needs are met. Special homes for special families where “everyone has a seat at the table.” FWF is dedicated to owning the home where the residents live. They will manage and fund the constant upkeep of the home, make repairs as needed, paint when required, and make sure the residents are always proud of their home away from home. The service provider, Vodec, is dedicated to providing the best personnel possible to staff the home that works to meet the residents’ needs and personal goals, while establishing independence as they journey through adulthood.

The Board of Directors’ vision is to continue to build homes for those with disabilities. Our next goal is to purchase another lot in the town of Pella. We would welcome the opportunity for you to come alongside us and help us change the lives of more adults with disabilities looking for residency options and a forever home.

“You’ll never be able to walk again”. Those are the devastating words that 9-year-old Patrick Bisher heard from his doctor. He had developed a rare hip disease that had destroyed the hip bone and the socket.

And so begins the book “No Surrender”, which chronicles the journey of Patrick from the probability of never walking again to becoming an elite Navy Seal. One of the chapters goes into depth of how a young music teacher from Pella, Iowa, influenced his life, especially his spiritual life. His life has included many peaks and valleys, but in all of it, he can see God’s hand and in His strength he has been able to accomplish great things. He has appeared on “Fox and Friends” on Fox News and on the 700 Club on CBN.

Don’t miss this event where you can meet Patrick and hear his incredible life story, have him autograph your copy of his book, bid on some fabulous things in the silent auction, and dine on some of the most delicious desserts you can imagine.

SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2020

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL DESSERT DASH



SPEAKER:
NAVY SEAL
PATRICK
BISHER

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4:00PM-6:15PM - SILENT AUCTION

6:30PM-SUPPER, SPEAKER, & DESSERT

AT SUN VALLEY BARN
PELLA, IOWA

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VODEC TEAMS WITH 818 FORWARD WITH FAITH

In November, Vodec and 818 Forward with Faith are opening the first group home for adult men with disabilities at 812 Lincoln. The newly constructed home will have many features for residents with disabilities. These features include heated floors, vaulted ceilings that add light and an airy feeling to the kitchen, living room and great room, and large bathrooms that include two wheelchair accessible showers and lots of windows.

Recently, Steve Hodapp, Vodec's CEO, Daryn Richardson, Vodec's Services Development Director, and Heidi Hall, Vodec's Services Operations Director, visited the home site and met with representatives from 818 Forward with Faith. "Seeing the house was very inspiring and a testament to the will of the Forward with Faith group. They are all pulling off quite a feat. I am humbled that they invited Vodec to be part of this vision. I look forward to the future of this collaboration. I believe together we can be a strong force to help persons with disabilities reach their full potential."

Vodec's vision continues to be to make great matches in personnel AND residents. They believe this is critical in the process of a great-running group home.

For more information about Vodec and the group home in Pella, contact Sheila Stoneburner at stoneburner@vodec.org or 515-777-2114.



I am Shawnae Lambert, the Residential Services Supervisor for the 818 Forward with Faith home in Pella. I have the privilege to work for Vodec, the company that will be staffing the home. I feel very blessed to have found such an honorable company to work for and walk this new endeavor with. My husband, David, and I have been residents of Pella along with our three children for the last 14 years. We enjoy our community and the friendships we have built here. I previously worked for Pella High School for 13 years in the Functional Living Classroom for individuals with disabilities. My job entailed taking students to work and volunteer in several establishments in our community. They would receive on the job experience so after graduating high school they could transition into the work force. I have a passion for working with individuals with disabilities and making a difference in their lives. I enjoy being able to help them in the day-to-day living things we so often take for granted. I look forward to the great things that lie ahead for 818 as we together walk Forward with Faith.