



# Fellowship Of John

*At the Cross Jesus said to his Mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple (John), "Here is your mother."*

*From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.*

*John 19:26-27 (NIV)*

## PURPOSE

**Providing assistance to residents who have outlived their resources**

## Foxwood Springs Fellowship of John Foundation

# Fellowship of John Newsletter

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## GETTING TO KNOW THE FOJ SHOPS AT FOXWOOD

On Thursday, February 19, the Venues Committee hosted a fun and informative event to help new residents get to know the Shops at Foxwood Springs, sponsored by the Fellowship of John.



The highlight of the event was a series of video tours featuring each of the shops—The Craft Patch, Bargain Barn, Furniture Garages, and the Thrift Shop. Foxwood's resident videographer, Scott Lewis, did a wonderful job putting these together by interviewing volunteers



and capturing what makes each shop special. The shop managers added their



own touch by narrating the tours and sharing insights about how things run and how residents can get involved.



Vicki Carr kicked things off with a brief introduction about the mission

and purpose of the Fellowship of John. Throughout the event, door prizes from the shops were awarded, adding a little extra fun along the way.

We were thrilled to have a record turnout of 68 residents—and even more exciting, 14 people signed up to volunteer!



A big thank you goes out to Scott Lewis for creating the videos, to shop managers Joyce McKiddy, Cyndi McCullough, Vicki Carr, and Jim Niebaum for their time and enthusiasm, and to the Venues Committee members Ed Jones, Priscilla Darling, Sue Williams, Dixie Ham, Joyce McKiddy, and Vicki Carr for all their hard work in making the event such a success.

**DONATE TO: FOJ or  
THE FELLOWSHIP OF JOHN**  
Box 701,  
Raymore, MO 64083  
or put in FOJ Box in main  
Lobby.

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# INCOME AND EXPENSE EXCERPTS

## JANUARY - MARCH 2026



### INCOME

#### Fund Raising Venues

Bargain Barn.....	\$12,319
Thrift Shop .....	\$3,637
Furniture Garages.....	\$3,897
Craft Patch.....	\$2,715

Total Venues.....\$22,568

Contributions: Donations, Memorials, Honoraria.....\$10,326

Interest Income—Checking Account.....\$9

**Total Ordinary Income.....\$32,903**

Investment Interest & Dividends.....\$36,333

**TOTAL INCOME.....\$69,236**

### EXPENSES

FOJ financial aid to qualified residents.....\$67,919\*

Accounting and Legal Fees.....\$300

Office and Operating Expenses.....\$2,915

**TOTAL EXPENSES.....\$71,134**

\*FOJ helped support 4 Independent Living residents, and 3 Assisted Living residents, and provided 8 services to 7 Medicaid patients in the Health Care Center.



### FURNITURE GARAGES IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS

Great news! Thanks to the efforts of Jim Niebaum, Furniture Garages Manager, several much-needed improvements have been completed, and all garage doors are now operating safely and smoothly.



Wireless keypads have been added to select doors, and convenient interior wall controls are now installed on all garage doors. In addition, all tracks have been aligned and lubricated, and safety sensors (“electric eyes”) have been fine-tuned to ensure reliable, worry-free safe operation for our volunteers.

These upgrades not only improve safety but also make it easier for the Maintenance Department to access garages for donations when they’re closed, and help volunteers quickly and securely close up at the end of the day.

## HONORING OUR MISSION, EXPANDING OUR IMPACT

### *Neighbors Helping Neighbors Live with Dignity*

Since its inception, The Fellowship of John Foundation has remained true to its original mission, providing financial assistance to qualified Foxwood residents who have outlived their resources, while steadily expanding both the type of aid and services provided, and the number of residents served.



The basic form of Financial Aid covers all or part of the Monthly Service Fee for residents in Independent Living (including equity homes, entry fee homes and apartments and rental apartments) and in Assisted Living.

Additionally, FOJ may pay Foxwood for meals or in-home services that enable residents to remain in their home safely and independently.

Health Care Center residents in need apply to Medicaid for coverage of room, board and care, but FOJ may assist with essential needs when not covered by Medicaid, such as dental care, hearing aids, eyeglasses, and certain transportation.



All recipients of Financial Aid may also request assistance for one-time emergencies.

Qualifications for eligibility to receive assistance is based on a minimum of two years residency and evidence of need verified by financial documentation. For details, a Financial Aid Fact Sheet and Application are available in Foxwood's Billing Office.



All applications are handled with the utmost confidentiality. They are reviewed by an independent off-campus firm and are assigned numbers to protect identity. The Board's Financial Aid Committee decides whether or how much aid to approve. Board members do not know who requests or receives assistance.

As a 501(c)(3) public charity, The Fellowship of John Foundation follows and meets all federal and state guidelines for responsible stewardship and distribution of charitable funds.



It operates like any small business, with expenses such as insurance, legal counsel, CPA accounting, operations and upkeep of its retail venues to ensure safe and welcoming spaces.

Governed by a 15-member volunteer Board and supported entirely by volunteers, the Foundation has no paid employees, maximizing the impact of every dollar given.



Fellowship of John stands as a testament to the power of generosity, responsible stewardship, and a shared commitment to service.

***You can make a difference. Please consider supporting the Fellowship of John through a donation or by volunteering your time.***

## CRAFT PATCH MEMORIAL DAY FLOWER SALE

Memorial Day, May 25, is a time to pause and remember those who have served in our armed forces and made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. It's also a meaningful opportunity to visit cemeteries and place flowers at the graves of loved ones, both military and civilian.



To help make this tradition easier for Foxwood resi-

dents, the Craft Patch is once again holding its annual Memorial Day Flower Sale, offering beautiful arrangements at bargain prices.



Craft Patch volunteer Corinne Kemp has been hard at work creating a wide variety of lovely flower arrangements in cemetery cups. For your convenience, arrangements will be available *while supplies last* at a table in the apartment's first-floor elevator lobby on the following dates:

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday, May 11, 13, and 15, from 10 am - 2 pm
- Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, May 18, 20, and 23, from 10 am - 2 pm

Come early for the best selection; these arrangements go fast!

Every purchase supports Fellowship of John, helping provide financial assistance to fellow Foxwood residents. It's a beautiful way to give back while honoring those who matter most.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Memorial Day was originally known as "Decoration Day," a time when families would decorate the graves of fallen soldiers with flowers, flags, and wreaths. The tradition dates back to the years following the Civil War and continues today as a way to honor and remember loved ones.

## NEW SIGNS ARE COMING SOON

The Venues Committee has ordered new directional road signs for all the shops from KE Graphics in Grandview, the same company that created the Craft Patch signs.

These new signs are built to last, with durability designed to withstand up to 10 years in all kinds of weather. They'll feature a fresh red-and-white design, replacing the current black-and-white signs and making them easier to spot around campus.

The signs will also include some helpful new features. Seasonal overlays will allow us to "white-out" the Bargain Barn and Furniture Garages when they close for the winter, and replaceable riders will make it easy to keep closure information current.



In addition, the Bargain Barn will receive a new weatherproof sign for its front door, providing up-to-date information for visitors.

The Furniture Garages will also get a brand new building sign to better identify their location.

Keep an eye out—these new signs should make finding your way around even easier!



# CONTRIBUTIONS - January - March 2026

Donor

In Memory of/Honor of

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January Memorials

Thornton, Wallace.....Karen Yount

January Honoraria

McNerlin, RC & Karen.....Bob Lane

February Memorials

Fitzgerald, Karen & Dan.....Mary Ellen Halbert

Mosby, Karen.....Mary Ellen Halbert

Mosby, Karen.....Catherine Cullumber

Thornton, Wallace.....Phil Sparks

Thornton, Wallace.....Mary Ellen Halbert

February Donations

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

March Memorials

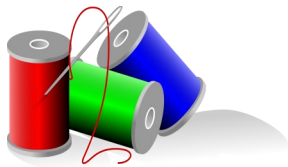
Davis, Dale.....Mary Ellen Halbert

Strickland, Helen.....Mary Ellen Halbert

Strickland, Helen.....Julia Davis

Thornton, Wallace.....Earl Cooper

## CRAFT PATCH MENDING SERVICE



Need a button sewn back on or a pair of pants hemmed? Not a problem, we've got you covered!

Stop by the Craft Patch (Apt. 112C) on Friday or Saturday between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Simply drop off your item for repair along with a note that includes your name, phone number, and a brief description of the work you'd like done.

Your clothing will be ready for pick up the following weekend, along with a suggested donation, typically between \$3 and \$10 per item, depending on the complexity.

A few quick guidelines:

- No zipper repairs or elastic replacements
- For hemming, please include at least one pin for reference
- Clean clothing only, please
- No alterations please, minor mending and sewing only.



This is a convenient and affordable service just for Foxwood residents. All the donations go to Fellowship of John to help support qualified Foxwood residents.

## THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY



*Often opportunities are missed by people because they're dressed in overalls and look like work.*

*People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does taking a bath --- that's why it is recommended daily.*