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Celebrating 10 Years of Joyful Journey: A Decade of Purpose, Love, and Community



In 2013, caregivers in need heard a whisper that would eventually grow into a clear call of their faith, experience and fortitude: "For the Community, By the Community". This picture of care and camaraderie envisioned by Gerard and Cathy Benner led to the creation of Joyful Journey, Adult Day Service, a place where Friends would find care and meaningful, purpose-filled days.

In July of 2015, the first Friend, Diana, walked through our doors and the real journey began. Since that moment, our goal has been clear: to provide life-changing, community-centered care for Friends while walking alongside their caregivers.

Over the past decade, we have had the honor of serving hundreds of Friends and their families. Each story and each step along the way has been a labor of love. Together, we have created a community of support, joy, and connection, and we are proud of the difference we have made. As we approach our 10th anniversary in 2025, the Joyful Journey Team is filled with gratitude for every Friend, every family, and every member of our community who has walked this journey with us. We look forward to continuing along this path, filled with purpose and joy, as we celebrate the many milestones still to come!

Send us an email to info@joyfuljourneywl.org so we can share 2025 events with you. Also, follow our story on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/joyfuljourneywl>.

A Note From Our Founders, Gerard and Cathy Benner



Have you ever had something in your life become a catalyst for such a strong visceral emotion, as much now as it was a decade ago? 10 years forward, our Board of Directors, Executive Director, Team Members and Volunteers still hold in their hearts that deep feeling, turned strong passion, changing the trajectory of their life and the lives of so many others. The community agreed a need was missing, dreamed along with us, and now we all see how much better life can be when the entire community gives exceptional support to those individuals we care so much about.

With no recipe to follow telling us how to put an adult day service into a community, Joyful Journey used a collection of personal experiences, the examples of familiar faces and special people in our lives, all representing those in the future who could benefit from such a loving and compassionate environment. It is so important for us to remember those before us who helped spur us on. We have learned how to do better and make our community a much more vibrant place for all of our current and future Friends, alongside their caregivers.

Thank you for being that vital ingredient during the past 10 years and may the next decade continue to meet caregivers and our Friends in all the right places. "For Our Community, By Our Community!" Be blessed!

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FAVORITE QUOTE SELECTED BY OUR FRIENDS

"New Year - a new chapter, new verse, or just the same old story?
Ultimately, we write it. The choice is ours." - Alex Morrill

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