

## *Future History is Lasting Legacy of ABC*

*Dr. Tim McLemore, Executive Director*



It has been more than 43 years since a group of volunteers at American Baptist Church in Fort Collins gathered to provide respite for caregivers of loved ones living with dementia. From the start, the group adopted what are now considered best practices for adult day programs, including community engagement with fun and meaningful activities, positive social interaction, safe physical activities, attention to physical well-being, and much more!

Elderhaus Adult Day Program made history as the first adult day program in the Rocky Mountain region. Additionally, since 2005 our Mindset program has provided daytime activities and care for adults of all ages living with a wide range of needs.

Our founders at American Baptist Church recently made the difficult decision to disband as an active congregation in Fort Collins.

### *Our Mission*

*The mission of Elderhaus is to provide compassionate, capable daytime care and community engagement for adults living with dementia or other disabilities.*

But true to their vision, the faithful congregation secured a legacy by making a historic financial gift. “We wanted to make a final, substantial contribution to Elderhaus,” church treasurer Bill Moseley explained. “Elderhaus has always had a special place in the heart of American Baptist Church as a ministry that we started more than 40 years ago.”

Moseley said the gift will provide “a sizable and important legacy for our church’s longstanding focus on local and global missions. Our hope is that you will be able to use these funds ... so that you may carry on the work started by American Baptist Church so many years ago,” he said.

This gift, which strengthens our capacity to continue our vital nonprofit mission in the years ahead, enabled Elderhaus to pay off the mortgage of our current facility. Thank you to every ABC member for entrusting this mission to be its living legacy!



**ABC members and guests pictured l-r at recent Elderhaus Gala: Top—Tom Myers, Jim Salico-Diehl, Bill Moseley and Terry Moseley Myers; Middle—Elderhaus founder and board member Rev. Dr. Don Lambert, Rev. Kimberly Salico-Diehl and Jami Smith-Moseley; Bottom—Fran Lambert, Sandy Martinez, Lindsay Kapsinow and Bruce Nuttall.**

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The **Seventh Annual Elderhaus Rhinestone Cowboy Gala** rounded up fun for friends, guests and sponsors at the Ellis Ranch Event Center near Loveland on Oct. 20. Participants enjoyed the catered buffet dinner, dancing to a live band and bidding on myriad auction items. The 2023 Honorary Gala Chair—CSU football legend Sonny Lubick—was unable to attend, but he promoted Elderhaus with his support.

Sponsorships, donations and ticket sales helped to raise nearly \$60,000 before Gala expenses for Elderhaus this year. Annual mission donors were named to a new category, Platinum Trail Boss sponsors. The Rhinestone Gala is the major community fund raiser for Elderhaus every year. Hope to see you next year!

**Mark your  
calendars  
for the  
2024 Gala  
Sunday  
Oct. 20**



*Wildflower Catering provided the buffet dinner and savory appetizers. Below, Elderhaus staff members sporting hats volunteered their time; Gala participants twirled to country sounds and more on the dance floor.*



*Elderhaus past board president Pam Allen places her bid in the silent auction. Sales of donated gift items and gift cards raised more than \$6,750 at the Gala.*



*Thank You Sponsors:*

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## *Give to Elderhaus Any Day: Website Always Open*

While Colorado Gives Day is officially December 5 in 2023, you may donate to Elderhaus any day through this website:

<https://www.coloradogives.org/organization/ElderhausAdultDayProgram>

Your gift, which strengthens our capacity to continue our vital nonprofit mission in the years ahead, comes at a critical moment. Rising costs make it essential for us to reduce operating expenses without compromising the scope and

quality of our services. As the only remaining nonprofit program in Northern Colorado that provides the kind of weekday care which we make available for caregivers and participants, we need your help to stay strong and to move forward! Please make or schedule your gift for Colorado Gives Day now.

Thank you for your support through this year's Colorado Gives Day as we move forward toward a bright future of capable and compassionate care!

## *'You Fill a BIG Void. And You Do it Well' is Thank You Message*

Our staff recently received a special thank you note from a wife whose spouse was an Elderhaus participant. She writes:

“As Jerry approaches his three-month ‘anniversary’ at Pelican Pointe, I wanted to thank you for the time he spent with you at Elderhaus. What would I have done without you? Fort Collins has limited adult day care options and you fill a BIG void. And you do it well. You are tireless in understanding people’s needs and put on happy faces each day because you know we need them. Thank you. You are forever my friends. My gratitude and love.  
— Nancy B.



***Nancy joins her husband, Jerry, for a visit at Elderhaus with canine friend Reno and a volunteer from the Alliance of Therapy Dogs.***