



**Caring for you,
wherever you
call home**

Weekly Newsletter

Organic Recycling Program



Did you know that organic waste makes up 25-30% of waste! That's the largest portion after traditional recyclable materials. LB Homes (main campus/Woodland Lodge) is able to participate in a pilot program in Otter Tail County for organic recycling. That means that there's one more bin to choose from (next to LB Broen Café vending machines).

If you live in Otter Tail County – you can sign up to receive a backyard compost bin:

<https://ottertailcountymn.us/content-page/backyard-composting-program/>

Learn more about what organics can be used for composting in this video:



**A thank you to dietary and maintenance
for making this program possible!**

Meet Our Team

First up is multiple WOW Card nominee (& PRIZE WINNER), Darcy Wandersee. Darcy was kind enough to share a little about herself, find out more below. Watch for future “Meet Our Team” editions in upcoming newsletters.



Hi Darcy!

Where did you grow up?

- *On a farm 15 miles south of Fergus Falls.*

Tell us about your family?

- *I've been married 26 years; I have two awesome kids Jacob 17 yrs and Ilse 14yrs.*

Do you have pets?

- *Yes, 150 lb St. Bernard named Lena. She drools all over everything. (She is kind of gross)*

What are your hobbies?

- *I like to hike, play golf (not good), spend time at the lake, eat/cook, spend time with my family.*

What's your favorite food?

- *Lutefisk! Lobster cream sauce over ravioli.*

What do you do at LB Homes?

- *I've been a CNA, TMA and LPN.*

What's your favorite part of working here?

- *Making a difference in the lives of the residents that live here.*

How long have you worked here?

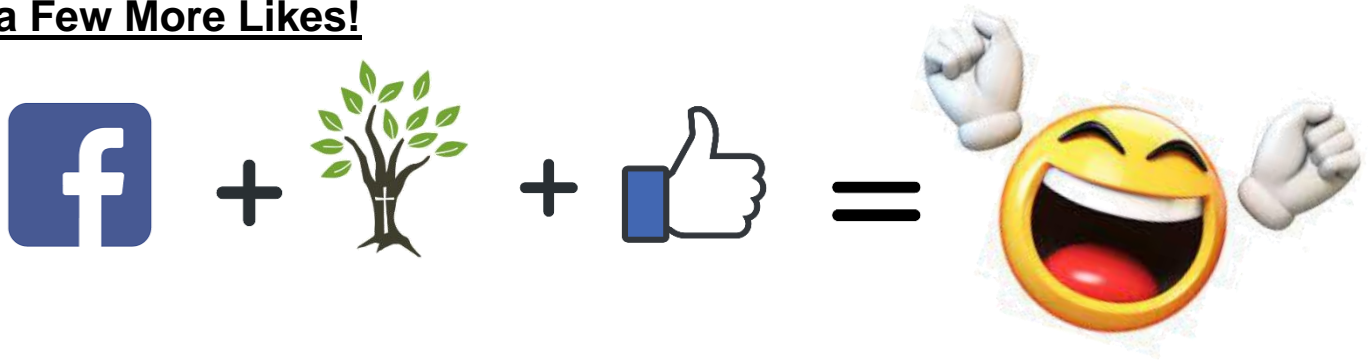
- *32yrs*

What's your favorite random act of kindness?

- *When people say “Thank you” and really mean it.*



Just a Few More Likes!



Random Acts of Kindness: Ideas to Welcome 2022!

- Plan a neighborhood cleanup day – or maybe help clean up snow.
- Give out a sincere compliment today.
- Learn something new. Take a dance or exercise class.
- Read a bedtime story to a child in your life.



Testing Information

*Please call Dawn Bratlien at 218.998.7313, with any questions or concerns. Yellow indicates outbreak status. **Testing is mandatory for vaccinated and unvaccinated staff members while in outbreak status.***

LB Broen Home			
*If you are experiencing symptoms, call 218.998.7336, someone will come to your car to test you. *			
Who	COVID-19 Testing	When	Where
LB Broen Home Staff (including non-Broen staff who enter LB Broen for work)	Mandatory for unvaccinated & vaccinated staff members	Twice weekly 7:00 am – 9:00 am Thursday, February 24th Monday, February 28th	Light & Life Auditorium Enter Door I
LB Broen Home Residents	Mandatory for those who leave the facility regularly, strongly encouraged for unvaccinated residents	Twice weekly 7:00 am – 9:00 am Thursday, February 24th Monday, February 28th	Staff will assist
LB Broen Essential Caregivers	Recommended, but not required	Twice weekly 7:00 am – 9:00 am Thursday, February 24th Monday, February 28th	Light & Life Auditorium Enter Door I

LB Woodland Lodge & LB Alcott Manor

*If you are experiencing symptoms, call 218.998.7266, someone will come to your car to test you. *

Who	COVID-19 Testing	When	Where
Staff LB Woodland Lodge & LB Alcott Manor	Mandatory for unvaccinated staff members	Twice weekly Prior to working	Arrange with facility
Essential Caregivers LB Woodland Lodge & LB Alcott Manor	Recommended, but not required	Call to schedule: 218.998.7266	Woodland Lodge Main Entrance

LB Home Care & LB Bereavement

*If you are experiencing symptoms, call 218.998.1414, someone will come to your car to test you. *

Who	COVID-19 Testing	When	Where
LB Home Care & Bereavement Staff	Mandatory for unvaccinated staff members	Twice weekly 8:00 am – 9:00 am Thursday, February 24th Monday, February 28th	Westside Conference Room

Current Visitation Information

When a facility is in outbreak status, it places all who enter our facility at a higher risk of contracting COVID-19. Please find outbreak status under “General Visitation Information” in following table. We continue our mitigation efforts which include screening for symptoms upon entering an LB facility, wearing of masks appropriately, frequent hand-hygiene and 6-foot distancing as appropriate. Staff and Essential Caregivers should also wear eye protection appropriately. Even with mitigation efforts, all visitors should be aware that they are at a higher risk of contracting COVID-19 in Long Term Care Facilities.

We are open to all visitors. Visitors will need to screen prior to visiting. Visitors who have symptoms of COVID-19, have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or who have a current COVID-19 positive test should not visit. Because Otter Tail County is at a High Community Transmission, all visitors will need to wear masks at all times while in the facility, practice 6-foot distancing, and perform frequent hand-hygiene.

Scheduling Visitation:

Thank you for your continued support and diligence as we navigate these guidelines provided by the Minnesota Department of Health. If you would like to schedule a video visit or window visit with your loved one, please contact Titus Christianson at 218-998-7333 or Titus.Christianson@lbhomes.org

***Outbreak procedures are always initiated with the notice of just one COVID-19 positive staff member. ***

Facility	General Visitation Information
LB Broen Home	Outbreak status. Open to all visitation.
LB Alcott Manor	Open to all visitation.
LB Woodland Lodge	Open to all visitation.

LB Homes Cumulative COVID-19 Operations Report (Thursday – Wednesday)

Entity	Cumulative number of staff and residents and Essential Caregivers (EC) 5/8/2020 – 2/16/22
LB Broen Home	98 total (4 residents and 17 staff/EC in 2022) (10 residents and 31 staff/EC in 2021) (6 residents and 29 staff/EC in 2020)
LB Alcott Manor	15 (1 resident and 3 staff/EC in 2022) (1 resident in 2020) (1 resident and 9 staff/EC in 2021)
LB Woodland Lodge	14 (4 staff/EC in 2022) (4 staff/EC in 2021) (6 staff/EC in 2020)

***Please note: There has been an update to the Cumulative COVID-19 Operations Report. It is now shortened to include cumulative positives per facility since 5/8/2020. Numbers were previously listed in the report as weekly results. ***

If you did not receive your vaccine and would like to, contact please contact
Dawn Bratlien at 218.998.7313
or check out the resources found here:
[COVID-19 Vaccine | Otter Tail County, MN \(ottertailcountymn.us\)](https://www.ottertailcountymn.us/covid-19-vaccine).

Please watch emails and listen to phone messages for updates regarding testing requirements.

Thank you for your continued efforts and commitment to help our residents, patients, and staff stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.