



Oak Grove Lutheran School

A fully accredited private school, Oak Grove Lutheran School serves students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12. From beginning to end, Oak Grove considers it a privilege to educate and nurture young people to help prepare them for a lifetime of learning.

Oak Grove's mission is "to express God's love by nurturing young men and women for academic achievement, lifelong Christian commitment and loving service throughout the world." It is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and has been integrating Christian faith and learning since 1906.



Bethany Homes

Bethany Homes is a skilled nursing facility that also owns and operates an assisted living and independent living facility. It is a nonprofit corporation affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Bethany serves as a tangible expression of God's love by responding to the needs of the elderly, ever mindful of the worth and dignity of the individual.

Bethany addresses itself in traditional, innovative and cooperative ways in ministering to the whole person, seeking to offer a full range of quality residential and healthcare services consistent with sound fiscal management. It is dedicated to making Bethany a place where residents can live in comfort and dignity in a community that is shaped by Christian concern.



For more information on the Teen Tech Tutor Program, contact Morgan Forness, Oak Grove dean of students.

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Teen Tech Tutors

Intergenerational Service Learning



A partnership of
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&
Bethany Homes

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The Teen Tech Tutor program is a product of a partnership of Oak Grove Lutheran School and Bethany Homes in Fargo, North Dakota, in which students provide computer and technology leadership and training for seniors. The program is funded by a “Youth Leadership Initiative” grant through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and technology donation by Multiband Business Solutions.

The Teen Tech Tutor program provides students with opportunities for leadership development, based on the principles of the SEARCH Institute’s 40 Developmental Assets and Oak Grove’s service learning curriculum. The program will be implemented through 2006 by grant funding and is projected to engage 50 Oak Grove high school students and 50 Bethany Homes residents.



Curriculum has been developed to effectively teach important aspects of computing to a segment of the population who is not familiar with technology. After a training period, Oak Grove students introduce Bethany residents to the computer and assist them in learning how to use technology to broaden their world.

Students travel to Bethany Homes once a week to teach the residents basic computer and internet skills. The students also help the residents overcome their apprehension about technology. Lessons include how to e-mail, use a word processor and internet search engines, work with photos, and conduct genealogical research. Learning skills that come easily to Oak Grove students enable Bethany Homes residents to stay connected with their families and the world around them.

This intergenerational program allows Oak Grove students to strengthen critical thinking and problem-solving skills, improve communication abilities, and interact and share information with a population remarkably different from them. Through student instruction, Bethany Homes residents are able to communicate with family and friends, learn new skills, and gain a sense of accomplishment.

This joint venture was designed as a model of service learning and leadership development that could be replicated. A Teen Tech Tutor student curriculum manual is available to other organizations interested in intergenerational service learning. To receive a copy, contact Morgan Forness, Oak Grove dean of students, at 701.237.0210.

