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Thirty-six KANAAL HUIS 55-plus condos AT THE CANALS are set for fall completion



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ORANGE CITY — There's a canal running through it. Among the newest Orange City Area Health System ventures, Kanaal Huis continues a theme emphasized as the health system develops: continuum of care. The development is within walking distance of the main campus, literally a stroll across the Puddle Jumper Trail, as if to say, "We're not far away at all."

Kanaal Huis is a 36-unit, three-story condominium intended for the 55-plus population, nestled into three acres on the northwest corner of the The Canals project. The Canals, itself under construction on approximately 20 acres, is a jointly-developed project with Vision Builders, borders the Puddle Jumper Trail just to the west of newly paved Jay Avenue within shouting distance of the nearly complete MOC-Floyd Valley Elementary School.

Across the trail is a view of the Orange City Area Health System pond and the main campus. Just a mile to the north are Landsmeer Ridge Retirement Community and Prairie Ridge Care Center.

To the south will be views of the development's canal water feature, a European-style bridge, green spaces and new homes. The Canals concept includes single-family homes and 34 twin homes. Single family lots and twin homes will be offered by Vision Builders.

Marty Guthmiller, CEO of Orange City Area Health System, said Kanaal Huis expands the vision of the health system, presenting an invitation to "age in place," with "independent condo-style living with community-based amenities" with an

eye towards the care possible in Landsmeer and Prairie Ridge. Residents of Kanaal Huis will have priority on openings in the health system's continuum of care concept.

For folks 55 and older looking to downsize and simplify, Guthmiller said Kanaal Huis will be an opportunity. Residents will be able to take part in activities in the condo community with a private residence nearby.

"Particularly after the long, cold winter we had, the Kanaal Huis condos and facility, overall, are airy-bright and allow for more mobility and fellowship without having to brave the weather," according to Guthmiller. "Further, the opportunity

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2 Bedroom | 1,101 Sq. Feet



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Area churches are bringing light to the darkness in Ukraine

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ORANGE CITY — In February of 2022, Russia deployed troops to the Ukrainian border, the largest deployment since the Cold War. Conflict with Russia escalated in 2014 with Russia's annexation of Crimea and the 2014 Ukraine revolution. Today, cities are destroyed, and the people in Ukraine struggle daily to meet basic needs.

Dave Nonnenmacher is a former resident of Orange City and is now helping to connect people to the needs of Ukraine.

The project is Ray of Life, but its origins have a life of its own.

Nonnenmacher knew Ruston Seaman through a non-profit he runs in Philippi, West Virginia, named New Visions Renewable Energy.

In the late 70s, a man by the name of John Prusa arrived in Philippi as a refugee from Czechoslovakia. "Interesting story; John got in his truck, drove through a fence, and didn't stop until he found a refugee camp." He first ended up in Italy and eventually made his way to Philippi. The origins of Ray of Life came from a simple conversation. Nonnenmacher shares, "Someone from Ruston's church had visited Kenya and described how dark it was there. One woman in Kenya shared a story about her two children who were bitten by black mamba snakes at night, in the dark, and how it wouldn't have happened if there was light."

At the time, Ruston had worked with a ministry through World Vision. The ministry provided a storehouse full of useful new items that were donated from unsold trucks and warehouses.

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FINDING REFUGE IN SIOUX COUNTY

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SIOUX COUNTY — This is a different kind of war story. Usually, I write about our amazing Veterans and their stories, keeping us "the home of the free because of the brave." But this time, I'm going to tell you about refugees.

I've been working a lot with the Ukrainian families that have come. Most of them (almost 100 by summer's end) have come from the midst of war to our area, thanks to the support of churches and individuals. They are in Orange City, Sioux Center, Rock Valley, Hull, and other places. Their stories are as varied as ours would be. Here are three of them.

Inna had no plans to leave Ukraine. She was teaching English, business, and management in higher education. Inna, her husband Zhenya, her son Bohdan, and her daughter Sofia lived with her father and niece in Mukachevo in the Transcarpathian region. Her church, Holy Trinity, started helping the thousands of refugees coming. They helped for eight months. A non-profit organization created by their church, called Touch a Life, provided food and supplies for refugees and the military, an organization that continues. When the sirens went off, Inna's children began to have PTSD symptoms. Their pastor recommended that she leave Ukraine with them. Inna and her children were sponsored by Emmanuel Reformed Church, which provided a house and start-up services until she got on her feet. She is now working.

Zhenya decided to stay because he felt he could help with

the war effort. A week ago, he was able to get to Hungary and hopes to be with his family here in Orange City soon. He could only leave Ukraine because his son has a recognized disability. Inna works at Orange City Area Health System in PRCC, as is Julia Popova, an art teacher in Ukraine. First Reformed Church of Orange City sponsored her and her husband, Vova. Vova works at Brian De Kok's shop now.

Svetlana came only three weeks ago. One evening she locked her office in a spa in Kharkiv, where she was a cosmetologist specializing in facial massage, and went home. The war started in the middle of the night of February 24, and the bridges to her job across the river were blown up. She never went back. Her husband Alexi, an engineer for a construction company, was working at a gas company at the time with his team, developing safer ways to drill for gas. He was at home when the company was bombed, killing all of his colleagues. They spent two weeks

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Svetlana Frolova, Liza and Vita Chabanenko, Inna Kuprienko

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