



Mission

The Mission of Sandstone Health Care Center is to provide high quality, person-centered care with dignity, respect, compassion and integrity.

Vision

Compassion, Community and Care.

History

Sandstone Health Care Center is owned by Tom Opatz and Fred Struzyk who have health care facilities in Watkins, St. Joseph and Shell Lake, Wisconsin. Tom and Fred began operating rural senior care facilities with the purchase of the Watkins Hilltop Nursing Home in 2012.

In May 2017 Tom and Fred bought the hospital and nursing home facility from the North Pine Area Hospital District. On May 17 Sandstone Health Care Center transitioned the skilled nursing services from Essentia Health to its operation. Tom is the administrator of the Sandstone Health Care Center.

It is the only skilled nursing home in central and northern Pine County and is wound care certified.

Amenities

Transitioning from the Essentia nursing home to the new management was seamless with most of the existing, excellent staff staying on board. Many residents chose to stay at the facility and continue enjoying the excellent care. The caring, gentle manner of all

the staff makes all residents feel at home and safe. Getting the help and care that is needed on a 24 hour basis is critical to the well being of the residents.

The comfort amenities include a home style dining room with healthy meal choices, visiting areas for family and friends, a coffee room, a bird enclosure inside for enjoyment of all, a garden to plant, grow and harvest their own vegetables, flower gardens, picnic area with weekly barbecues during the summer and much more. Social activities are given a lot of attention with shopping, fishing, casino and restaurant trips.

Five Star Rating

It is 5 Star rated by the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS created the Five-Star Quality Rating System to help consumers, their families, and caregivers compare nursing homes. The quality rating system gives each nursing home a rating of between 1 and 5 stars with 5 being much above average and 1 being much below average.

