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Ladies Appreciation Luncheon

The Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel in Norwood Young America, Minnesota serves a rural community with a strong German heritage. There are several churches in the community; Emanuel Lutheran and St. Paul's Evangelical Reformed Church, All Saints Lutheran Church, Church of the Ascension, Church of Peace, St. John's Lutheran Church and Church in the Maples. For quite a while, our funeral home staff felt that the ladies from these churches, who volunteer and give up time with their families, were not given enough recognition. Most of the time the honorariums which they are given by the families, are given back to the church in some way. Usually any donation is put into a general fund and is used for events and projects for the church.

Robert Hantge, Funeral Director and owner of the chapel, suggested that since these volunteers are constantly serving other people, perhaps a way to show them how much we appreciate their volunteer service would be for our staff to serve them. We picked a date and location for our luncheon and then sent out the invitations to the local churches.

On May 5, 2011, we held a luncheon at the Pizza Ranch in Norwood Young America, Minnesota. Several of our funeral directors, Richard Hantge, Sherri Stamps, David Sprik and Dana Makepeace, as well as two visitation staff, Lois Droege and Melvin Byer, and bookkeeper, Christie Hantge, were at the luncheon to serve as wait staff and make sure the volunteers were well taken care of. Our staff members were pleased to be able to do something to show these fine members of the community how much we appreciate their efforts.

We had over 65 volunteers who attended this luncheon. The volunteers had a good time and expressed that they were happy to be acknowledged in this way and also enjoyed getting to know our staff better.