DUSTY MAIRS
Longstanding Servant Leader; Community Advocate

Dusty Mairs began her longstanding service at Episcopal Homes of Minnesota as a girl visiting the Church Home with choir groups from St. John the Evangelist and with family to attend the annual holiday bazaar. Church Home ornaments from her youth still adorn her Christmas tree today. In her childhood visits; as a current resident of Episcopal Homes; and through seven decades of volunteerism on building design, spiritual life and capital campaign committees and the Board of Trustees, Dusty has modeled Episcopal Homes’ mission of enriching life and building community with older adults. Dusty often teamed with another volunteer leader, Jean Probst, to advocate for and bring to fruition life enriching facilities and programs. During a 1980 capital campaign, Dusty noted funds would be insufficient to furnish the chapel. In her humble and hardworking manner, she teamed with Probst to contact closing churches, antique shops, businesses and friends. A baptismal font was secured from a partner parish; linens were brought from her home; and woodwork, railings, and marble from the original house on Episcopal Homes’ campus were repurposed. Through tireless efforts, the Coventry Chapel dedication took place October 17, 2005. Other key projects brought to fruition through Dusty’s efforts with volunteer team members include Episcopal Homes therapeutic pool, fitness center and meditation garden. Most recently, Dusty’s quiet advocacy resulted in residents being invited onto governance committees to ensure their voices remain central to guiding the organization into its future. Founder, Sister Annette, cast a vision of a place of comfort for aging individuals. Dusty Mairs has been a long-time champion upholding mission and promoting quality of life for the residents of Episcopal Homes.