

Volunteer Spotlight **NICK WESTENDORE** **THE LIVING CENTER**

Nick's commitment to honoring his faith while serving his community and volunteering as a mentor and friend to students is very apparent. Before moving to Denver, Nick and his family made their home in Chicago. Following retirement, Nick became associated with Operation Blessing, a food bank located in the Chicago area. When Nick made the decision to move to Denver, his daughter, Sandra, began looking for a retirement residence. Working close by as a teacher at Denver Academy, Sandra encouraged Nick to consider Christian Living Communities for his future home. As Nick says, "I felt right at home on my first day at the Living Center and have enjoyed that same feeling for over five years."



During his time in Denver, Nick has loyally volunteered with the third grade students at Denver Academy and serves as a liaison to the Denver Academy Buddies during their monthly visits at the Living Center. The sounds of Nick's laughter and words of encouragement can often be heard when the older students stop by to fine-tune their billiards skills. In addition, Nick and Living Center volunteers, Rich Oleson and Charlotte Henke, serve refreshments and enjoy fellowship every Saturday morning with our assisted living residents.

Nick has made a very deliberate decision to "leave his life up to the Lord." He feels blessed to be able to help others in any way that he can, to enjoy the friendships that he had formed and most importantly to be happy. We appreciate his volunteer efforts and the true spirit of caring that he demonstrates!