PA OH Gives Astounds

St. Paul’s participated in PA OH Gives “Giving Week” during the week of July 25-31 to raise funds for benevolent care at St. Paul’s. What a successful week it was! Over $61,000 was raised because of our generous and dedicated donors!

This was a first-time virtual giving event by the Community Foundation of Western PA and Eastern OH and was created to help local nonprofits like St. Paul’s who had to cancel fundraising events due to COVID-19.

Even though St. Paul’s had to cancel its biennial Caring Hearts on Fire Gala this year, B & B Drywall Inc., and many others still wanted to continue to support the charitable mission.

“It gives me great pleasure to give back to St. Paul’s for the wonderful care they provide to my loved one and for my appreciation of the work St. Paul’s has given my business through the years,” said Fred Boyd, owner of B & B Drywall Inc., in Greenville, Pa.

The Caring Hearts on Fire Gala normally raises $120,000 and supports the Good Samaritan Fund at St. Paul’s. Another supporter and former resident family member said, “We are so thankful for the outstanding care shown to our parents. What better way to pay it forward and contribute to the Good Samaritan Fund!”

The Good Samaritan Fund helps offset the annual cost of benevolent care for St. Paul’s residents who have exhausted their financial resources and cannot afford to pay the full cost of their care. At St. Paul’s, 62% of the residents in skilled nursing care and 12% of those living in personal care depend on benevolent care.

An exciting part of Giving Week was that the Community Foundation had $130,000 available in match money to split between all organizations involved. St. Paul’s raised $47,371 and with the match received an additional $13,782!

Another generous and gracious donor to Giving Week was Christina Wong MD. Dr. Wong is part of the St. Paul’s family and has been an attending physician here since July 2013. She comes to see her patients often and truly cares about their needs.

She supports St. Paul’s in all aspects. “I am so fortunate to be part of the St Paul’s community. This place provides the best care to all residents regardless of age, gender, race, needs or financial security,” said Dr. Wong. “I chose to contribute to the Good Samaritan Fund so that we can continue this mission of providing care of all residents regardless of their situation.”

Thank you to B & B Drywall Inc., Dr. Wong and everyone who donated to St. Paul’s during PA OH Gives “Giving Week.” Check out the complete list of donors inside. We appreciate your support! Thank you for being our blessing!
Thank you so much to each of these generous donors who chose to make a gift during Giving Week and maximize the impact with the matching funds from the Community Foundation!

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In Memory of Ruthetta Steele  
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No Required IRA Distributions in 2020

Under the CARES Act, which went into effect in March, you don’t have to take a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA in 2020.

Normally each year, there are donors who don’t need their RMD for living expenses and choose to gift it directly to St. Paul’s instead to avoid increasing their taxable income. It’s an easy and tax-efficient way to make a charitable gift.

Even though the RMD is waived this year, there is still a tax benefit for making qualified charitable distributions directly from your IRA to St. Paul’s.

You are giving away assets that haven’t yet been taxed, completely tax-free. You are also effectively lowering your taxable IRA balance, which in turn reduces future required minimum distributions.

If you are 70 1/2 years of age and older, you can directly transfer up to $100,000 annually from your IRA to a charity. Talk to your financial planner to see if a qualified charitable distribution is a good option for you in 2020.

For more information about making gifts from your IRA, please contact Dawn Hartman, Director of Planned & Major Giving, at 724-588-9613 ext. 1214.
As Gordon Fraser of Greenville was counting down the days until his retirement on July 31 this year, he was also busy making future plans.

Some were fun like all of the things he would like to do after retirement, such as biking, boating, traveling and playing tennis to name a few. He also took the very important step of updating his estate plan.

“Whenever you have any significant life changes, such as a retirement, it’s a good time to review your estate plan,” said Dawn Hartman, Director of Planned & Major Giving at St. Paul’s. “You want to make sure it still meets your needs and is still in line with the legacy you desire.”

An important part of Gordon’s life for many years has been charitable giving. In his professional life, Gordon worked as a fundraising professional for almost 30 years, primarily at educational institutions. His most recent role, from which he retired in July, was the Director of Gift and Charitable Estate Planning at the University of Pittsburgh.

In addition to encouraging others to find purpose and fulfillment through charitable giving, he and his wife Reverend Julia Fraser also support a number of causes that they feel are making a positive difference in the world.

One of those is St. Paul’s Senior Living Community.

Gordon is a volunteer at St. Paul’s and serves on the board of directors. Julia is the Director of Spiritual Services.

The Frasers became connected to St. Paul’s early in their arrival in the Greenville area 25 years ago. Gordon was working at Thiel College in the fundraising department, and Julia was serving as the Associate Pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

“We were introduced to St. Paul’s through visitation of Thiel alums and church members who lived here, all of whom spoke highly of their living situations, the care they received and the friendships they enjoyed with their neighbors,” said Gordon.

Over the years, they became friends with Rev. John & Arlene Woods and often visited them, first at The Colony at St. Paul’s and later The Ridgewood. John was a Thiel graduate, and they were both members of Holy Trinity.

From their initial contacts with St. Paul’s, the Frasers never imagined how close their connection would become.

In 2011 Julia became the Chaplain at St. Paul’s, a role she served in until June 2020 when she was promoted to Director of Spiritual Services.

In 2014 Gordon joined the board of directors and today serves as the chair of the board’s Development Committee.

“These roles provided deeper insight into the community, its commitment to excellence and its compassionate promise of benevolent care for all residents,” said Julia. “Through the years, St. Paul’s
has become our place of worship, an important focus of our professional and volunteer service, and a source of many wonderful relationships.”

That is why St. Paul’s became a topic of discussion when they recently met with an attorney to update their will and charitable giving plans for their estate. “We knew that St. Paul’s would be included in them because we hold it so dear!” said Julia.

The Frasers understood the importance of legacy giving through Gordon’s work and through attending several St. Paul’s Legacy Society luncheons over the years.

The Legacy Society recognizes individuals who have chosen to support the residents and mission of St. Paul’s by making a planned gift in their estate planning.

St. Paul’s is thrilled to welcome the Frasers as the newest members of the Legacy Society.

They chose to make their legacy gift through a bequest for St. Paul’s in their will. This is one of the simplest ways to include St. Paul’s in your estate plans. A donor can designate a dollar amount or a percentage of their estate.

“We feel like this is one way to show our support for the greater Greenville community which has been for us such a great place to live and to show both our gratitude to St. Paul’s and also our confidence in its ability to continue to impact lives for good across the future,” said Gordon.

Interested in doing what the Frasers did? To find out more about legacy giving, please contact Dawn Hartman, Director of Planned & Major Giving, at 724-588-9613 ext. 1214 or visit www.stpauls1867.org/giving.

**7 Reasons to Make a Legacy Gift**

1. You love St. Paul’s!
2. Costs nothing in your lifetime!
3. May enable you to give more!
4. Can be altered if you change your mind!
5. Can provide you with income!
6. You and your heirs will pay less in taxes!
7. You’ll become a member of St. Paul’s Legacy Society!

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**How to Gift Stock**

Gifting stock is an often overlooked, yet very tax-effective way to make a charitable gift. You benefit from tax savings in two ways:

- Claim an income tax deduction for the fair market value of the stock at the time of the gift.
- Avoid capital gains tax. This can be particularly advantageous if the stock has increased a lot in value since you bought it.

To qualify for tax savings, you must have held the stock you want to gift for at least one year. Check out the example to the right to see how you can save by gifting stock to St. Paul’s.

You want to make a $10,000 donation to St. Paul’s for the wonderful care they provided your mother. You have some stock that you originally purchased for $2,000. Its current market value is $10,000. How can you make your gift and save the most on your taxes?

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Total Tax Savings: $4,700 $3,500 $2,300
Over the past 45 years, the volunteer Auxiliary of St. Paul’s has been supporting St. Paul’s mission by raising funds to purchase items that enhance the lives of the residents. One of their more recent projects that began in 2015, the “Garden of Love” at The Heritage is now fully complete.

The “Garden of Love” is a beautiful courtyard where residents of Jones Serenity Circle and Jones Serenity Lane memory care neighborhoods can enjoy the outdoors.

The space includes a serene walkway with benches for resting and relaxing, patio tables and chairs, and beautiful landscaping, all inside a secure fence.

This spring, the “Garden of Love” project officially became complete when construction finished on the last phase of the project - a spacious, shaded pergola.

The initial fundraising for the “Garden of Love” happened in a four year time frame, and the garden was dedicated on May 14, 2016 by The Auxiliary of St. Paul’s.

“We thought this was a wonderful project to support,” said Bonnie Kautz, Auxiliary member. “This is a beautiful area and gives the residents a safe and secure area to roam and enjoy.”

Bonnie has been a member of The Auxiliary of St. Paul’s for more than 30 years and was the treasurer at the time the “Garden of Love” project started. She originally became involved with The Auxiliary through her church, the United Church of Christ in Apollo, Pa.

“I’ve stayed a member of The Auxiliary of St. Paul’s for so long because they provide excellent, quality care, and I enjoy seeing the residents and supporting the mission at St. Paul’s,” said Bonnie.

Additional funds for the shaded pergola were raised by the Annual Resident Christmas Appeal, which provides Christmas gifts for residents as well as wish list items, like the pergola, for residents to enjoy all year.

Underneath the shaded pergola sits patio furniture and chairs that were purchased last year by a donation received by Richard Ondick and his sister Deborah McConnell. They made the donation in memory of their father, John “Paul” Cleary, a former resident in Jones Serenity Circle.

Richard and Deborah were so pleased with the care their father received that they wanted to give back and make a difference in the lives of the residents still living there.

Even though this year has been a tough one due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the shaded pergola and additional outdoor furniture gives residents in Jones Serenity Circle and Jones Serenity Lane the opportunity to more comfortably enjoy life outdoors.
The members of St. Paul’s team strive to provide excellent care to our residents and are encouraged to treat others as they would want to be treated. We wouldn’t be able to create a meaningful life for our residents without our committed and dedicated team members.

Especially during these unprecedented times, our team has taken great strides in making sure our residents are safe and healthy.

Family members often ask how they can give back and say “Thank You” to the staff who have provided excellent care to their loved ones while living at St. Paul’s.

In order to remain compliant with regulations and our corporate compliance policies, our team may not accept individual gifts, cash or currency of any kind from a resident or family member.

Instead, St. Paul’s encourages you to make a donation to one of three funds that support our team - the Staff Appreciation Fund, Staff Education Fund and the Staff Annual Christmas Party.

A donation to the Staff Appreciation Fund enables St. Paul’s to recognize all staff. Some examples include: staff appreciation picnics, staff apparel and spontaneous gift cards and gifts throughout the year.

A donation to the Staff Education Fund provides additional opportunities for our team to enhance their skills to better care for your loved ones.

Lastly, a donation of appreciation can be made to the Annual Staff Christmas Party that all team members are invited to attend. Donations to this fund will be used to provide Christmas gifts for staff at the party and to those working that night, who are unable to attend.

If you would like to do something special for a specific group of team members (i.e. Willows A staff, the Meadows therapy team, etc.), such as sponsoring a pizza party or ice cream treats, please reach out to the building administrator or director to discuss specifics.

Villas resident Mary Hough and her two daughters Terri Ghiates and Mary Criss Garrett recently provided a catered lunch and cake by DiLorenzo’s Restaurant to the staff on her neighborhood in Gardens for the exceptional care they provide, especially during the recent loss of Mary’s son Evan.

“We are so appreciative to all the staff who gave extra special care to our mother during the loss of her son,” said Terri. “They went above and beyond during the time of her grieving.”

St. Paul’s would like to thank all of our gracious donors who have recognized the team of St. Paul’s this year!
It’s difficult to see us in person right now with the COVID-19 restrictions on St. Paul’s campus. With this photo, you can at least put a face to the name when you get a phone call, letter or email from our office.

Have a question about donating to benefit the residents at St. Paul’s? Please don’t hesitate to contact us at 724-588-9613. We would love to chat with you.