In 2020, St. Paul’s Senior Living Community is proud to unveil the 1867 Society, a new donor recognition society for individuals who have made a significant impact on our mission through their lifetime giving of $10,000 or more.

Since our founding in 1867, it has been generous donors like these who have made it possible for St. Paul’s to grow and transform, while maintaining our charitable mission to help those in need in our communities.

The 1867 Society is made up of a diverse group of residents, resident family members, board members, staff and community members, who share a common thread.

“They all care deeply about the residents at St. Paul’s,” said Dawn Hartman, Director of Planned & Major Giving. “We are so thankful for these generous donors who selflessly give to ensure residents have a meaningful and enriching life at St. Paul’s.”

St. Paul’s is pleased to welcome the inaugural members of the 1867 Society listed below. In addition to recognition in St. Paul’s publications, the group will be invited to attend an annual spring reception for an exclusive update on what’s been happening at St. Paul’s and what’s on the horizon. The society will also enjoy other membership perks throughout the year.

To find out more about the 1867 Society, please contact Hartman at 724-588-9613 ext. 1214 or dhartman@sp1867.org.

Walter and Kathleen Rust of Quincy, Massachusetts are members of the new 1867 Society. Kathy’s mother Betty Miller was a resident at The Villas from 2005 - 2012 when she passed away. They continue to give to St. Paul’s today because “we feel the need to give back to an organization which took such good care of my mother,” said Kathy. St. Paul’s is so grateful for friends and supporters like the Rusts.

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Betty Miller while at The Villas

Board member & 1867 Society member Larry Redfoot with VP of Personal Care Robin Knight
All in the Family

Since 2005, the Joining Generations program has been bringing students from Thiel College and residents from St. Paul’s together to learn from each other and gain new perspectives.

Thiel students interact with the community at St. Paul’s through a variety of service and academic projects as well as internships.

St. Paul’s offers a unique opportunity for students to get real world experience in working with older adults in a variety of career paths.

A few highlights from the Joining Generations program in 2019 were:
- St. Paul’s hosted two Thiel interns in the fall.
- Dr. Natalie Homa’s Adult Development Class visited the memory support neighborhoods.
- A group of students completed a diversity research project with 30 resident volunteers.
- Students came at Christmas and at Halloween to help decorate the neighborhoods.
- Students helped with several fun resident activities.

“Any time we can bring together younger and older generations, it’s mutually beneficial,” said Villas Administrator Tammy Lininger. “Both have the opportunity to grow and learn from each other and to experience new things and new ideas.”

Since almost its inception, resident and 1867 Society member Mary Alice Dean has been a key supporter of the Joining Generations program.

Mary Alice moved from her home in Wisconsin to The Colony, our independent living neighborhood, in 2000 to be closer to her daughter and son-in-law Linda and Barry Oman of Greenville, Pa.

After making a generous gift to the campaign for construction of The Villas in 2004, she began thinking about making another major gift in 2007.

“My main interest was to give to help connect Thiel College and St. Paul’s in some way,” said Mary Alice. Her daughter and son-in-law are both Thiel graduates. In fact that’s where they first met.

When Mary Alice heard about the Joining Generations program, it sounded like the perfect fit. “I think it’s good for the students and good for the residents to interact with each other,” said Mary Alice.

With that, the Mary Alice Dean Joining Generations Fund was created to provide ongoing financial support for the program.

Today, Mary Alice resides at The Villas, our skilled nursing community. “I’m very happy here,” she said. And she has been pleased with how the Joining Generations program has grown. That’s why she continues to make contributions to her fund each year.

This past year she got a pleasant surprise at Christmastime when, in addition to her annual gift, her grandson Ryan Oman and his family made a gift in her honor to the fund.

“St. Paul’s and Thiel college are both very important to Gigi [Mary Alice],” said Ryan. “What a great experience this must be for the students, and I am sure the residents also enjoy the company of the students. It’s building a bridge that is having a positive impact in the community.”

Making a gift in honor of a loved one residing at St. Paul’s is a meaningful way to celebrate a holiday, birthday or anniversary. To find out more, please contact the Charitable Giving Office at 724-588-7610 or www.stpauls1867.org.
Thank you to everyone who made a gift to the 2019 Resident Christmas Appeal. 328 of you generously donated more than $31,000 - breaking last year’s record! YOU helped to keep the joy and magic of Christmas alive this holiday season.

Because of your donations, every resident in The Villas, The Heritage and The Ridgewood received a special Christmas gift hand-delivered by Santa Claus. The left over funds will be used to purchase resident wish list items to benefit all residents throughout the year.

One faithful donor in particular is Joy Monty. Joy supports St. Paul’s mission and actually lived at St. Paul’s during the time it was an orphanage. She considers that time “a blessing.”

St. Paul’s was historically an orphans’ home. After caring for children for 104 years, the board decided it was time to discontinue the children’s program on March 22, 1971. The main focus from then on would be to care for the aging.

Joy is originally from Sharon, Pa., and came to live at St. Paul’s orphanage in 1948 with her sister Joan and brother Gary. She moved here on her twelfth birthday on May 12 and left when she was 16 years old.

Joy has wonderful memories of living at St. Paul’s. Reverend Morris Cooper was the Administrator at that time and was very well liked by the children residing there. “Reverend Cooper was very family oriented and made it a very homey environment,” said Joy.

While living at St. Paul’s Orphans’ Home she learned how to cook, clean, do laundry and iron. “We had many chores,” said Joy. Life at the Home was very structured, predictable and purposeful.

“We had to make our bed as soon as we got up in the morning. The boys did all the farming and the girls did the canning and housework.”

Joy went to school at the home through eighth grade and then went to Penn High. When she was 16, Rev. Cooper informed her that she and her siblings would be returning home.

At first Joy was excited to be going home but soon realized “home” was not where she wanted to be, so she married her first husband at 16 years old. They had two children together and divorced shortly after.

Just a few years later when Joy was 23, she married the love of her life, Henry Monty, and had four more children. They were happily married for 51 years until his passing.

She was a housewife until her youngest daughter went to school. At that time she went to work at Burger Chef, which later became Hardees, and worked her way up to manager for 25 years.

A big regret Joy had was never finishing high school. When she became pregnant with her first child she had to drop out of school, so in 1987 she went back to get her GED and received her diploma.

Today, Joy resides in Warren, OH and loves spending time with her children and grandchildren. She enjoys being retired so she can travel and be with them whenever she wants.

Because of the wonderful time she had at St. Paul’s and her giving heart, she gives back to help the residents that are now residing here. “I like to give back after everything St. Paul’s has done for me,” said Joy. “I thank God we had St. Paul’s to go to. It was the best four years of my life.”

Thank you to Joy and everyone who gave to the 2019 Resident Christmas Appeal! You made it the most wonderful time of the year at St. Paul’s!
On February 1, St. Paul’s will kick off the second annual Facebook crowdfunding campaign, “It’s All About Heart.” Crowdfunding is a form of fundraising that seeks to raise gifts from a large group of people via social media. An exciting part about the campaign is that if you give during the month of February, a generous donor has committed to match the gifts made up to $5,000! Your $25 gift can become $50! All donations to this campaign support the Eden Alternative at St. Paul’s.

The Eden Alternative is a philosophy of care built on nurturing the human spirit throughout one’s life. Its goal is to combat loneliness, helplessness and boredom through meaningful relationships and activities. Each Neighborhood has its own “Eden family” a closely-knit circle of residents and team members who enjoy life together, engaging in special activities on and off campus.

You can support the campaign by sharing the fundraiser with your friends on Facebook, making a donation on Facebook or sending a check to The Charitable Giving Office at St. Paul’s at 339 E. Jamestown Rd. Greenville, PA 16125. Be sure to note that the gift is for “It’s All About Heart.”

Villas resident, Eileen Hanson, enjoying the Slip N’ Slide this summer with Villas Administrator Tammy Lininger.