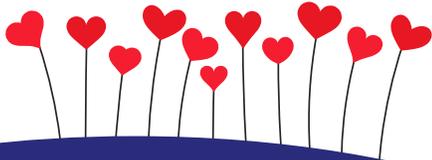


Gratitude REPORT



BECAUSE OF YOU!



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Helping Hands

Thank you to everyone who has given to the Helping Hands Employee Emergency Assistance Fund! This 100% donor-supported fund helps our employees when they need it most. To support the fund, donate online at stmarysvilla.com/Donate or by mail to:

516 St. Mary's Villa Road
Elmhurst Township, PA 18444



Helping Hands Keeps Employee Safe From Harm

Imagine not having the resources to escape, with your children, the cycle of domestic violence. This was the reality for one of our employees. Because of you, she and her children have found safety and hope.

Your gifts to our newly formed Helping Hands program provide St. Mary's Villa employees, in an emergency situation, with a hand up rather than a handout. Before this new program was created, we offered an emergency loan program for staff. While this was helpful, the requirement to pay back the loan through payroll deduction often created an additional burden for staff.

For our employee who was seeking safety from harm, your Helping Hands gift provided rent assistance that enabled her to escape to a new apartment within 24 hours of receiving the gift.

We are deeply grateful to you for assisting our employees in important and in some instances potentially lifesaving ways. Our staff consistently give so much of themselves to our residents. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, they worked harder and longer hours. In supporting our Helping Hands fund, you are recognizing their commitment to St. Mary's Villa and conveying your dedication to them in return.

Thank you for your care and concern expressed through a desire to help establish and bolster this fund.





Outdoor Improvements Encourage Residents to Reconnect With Nature

In the spring of 2021, we invited you to enhance the well-being of our residents, who were isolated during the pandemic. Your donations to our 2021 Spring Appeal and/or support of our Annual Golf Tournament helped do just that by providing them with a more inviting outdoor space where they can enjoy many healing benefits.

Our beautiful property is one of the Villa's defining characteristics. Because of you, residents now able to now enjoy it more fully. Your gifts have provided them with new rockers, tables and chairs for the front patio and the personal care patio, where residents can sit and appreciate the sights, sounds and scents of nature.

We know that older adults thrive in inviting outdoor spaces that allow for human interaction and meaningful conversations. These new seating areas help foster these connections, provide for safe visitation and offer a sanctuary for quiet prayer or reflection. They also create opportunities for mental and physical exercise to lift residents' spirits and promote greater happiness and fulfillment.

Thank you for helping to make these important healing benefits possible for those who call the Villa home!





Left to right: Father Jeffery Tudgay, Sister Mary Valliere, and Msg. William Feldcamp

Celebrating a Proud Past & Hopeful Future: New Founders' Day Tradition Will Help the Villa Thrive

Each year, our community gathers together in September on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows to celebrate the founding of St. Mary's Villa. In 1924, a Passionist priest, Rev. Alphonsus Maria, emigrated from Lithuania and founded the religious order the Poor Sisters of Jesus Crucified and the Sorrowful Mother. In addition to an orphanage, the religious order established St. Mary's Villa as a home for the elderly. Each day, we continue the legacy of the Sisters and the care they provided to the elderly of our community.

Founders' Day is an opportunity to acknowledge our past, celebrate our history and look forward to carrying on our legacy. It is also a day where we celebrate and honor the staff who serve our residents in ways that promote and protect their dignity.

This year, in addition to our traditional Mass, luncheon and missioning ceremony, we will host our first-ever Founders' Day of Giving on September 21st! On this special day, we invite you to join us in celebrating our staff and history with a gift to St. Mary's Villa. Your gift will help us continue to find new and progressive ways to enhance the life of our residents by:

- Providing meaningful activities that promote independence, joy and well-being.
- Ensuring our outdoor spaces and gardens remain beautiful places for residents to enjoy nature and visit with family and friends.
- Strengthening the programs and services that inspire faith and spirituality.
- Offering emergency assistance grants to staff who need a helping hand.

Join us in celebrating Founder's Day on September 21st with a special gift by visiting stmarysvilla.com/foundersday.



Giving Through Your IRA Can Save You Money!

Many retirees take the standard deduction when filing taxes and thus can't claim a charitable deduction. But a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA has a greater benefit: *You often save more by lowering your taxable income rather than claiming a tax deduction.*

example:
71-year-old couple

required minimum distribution
of \$24,000

**Standard deduction
is \$26,550**

NO TAX ADVANTAGE!

**MAKE QCD GIFT OF
\$5,000 AND REDUCE
TAXABLE INCOME
BY \$5,000**



Other Benefits:

- Potentially THOUSANDS in federal and state tax savings.
- Make a gift to St. Mary's Villa.
- Could fund a charitable life insurance policy for larger gift in future.

 *Thank you* for all
you've done! We hope that this report will
convey the difference you have made for
our residents and staff this past year.

With a grateful heart,

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