

JOSEPH & MARY'S HOME NEWS :: FALL 2024

# A New Home for Healing



## JOSEPH'S HOME RENOVATION AND RELOCATION UNDERWAY AS CAMPAIGN RAISES \$2.35 MILLION OF \$2.5 MILLION GOAL

Since the first resident arrived at Joseph's Home on August 3, 2000, hundreds of men experiencing homelessness with acute medical needs have had a chance to heal and begin the next steps in their journey. In 2022, the next step in our journey began with the opening of Mary's Home to provide the same nurturing, caring environment to women and the new organizational name of Joseph & Mary's Home.

This year, Joseph & Mary's Home is making another major step in our growth as an organization with the renovation of a new space for Joseph's Home that will be modernized and 100% handicapped accessible. Construction will begin in October. The new and improved Joseph's Home for men is located side-by-side with Mary's Home in the same building at 2302 Community College Avenue. With the move, all staff and services will be located in one facility, which will improve care coordination.

### Medical Respite Care for an Aging Population

The need is greater than ever to provide an updated medical respite care facility as the number of seniors experiencing homelessness is projected to triple

by 2030. The current Joseph's Home building has provided a supportive space to heal for hundreds of men, but has limitations because it is not fully handicap accessible and lacks private bathroom facilities.

At the renovated 9,600-square-foot space, men will benefit from private, furnished rooms; wide hallways; private, accessible bathrooms; and a single-floor facility without stairs or elevators that will offer ease of movement for adults who use mobility aids such as wheelchairs, walkers and rollators. Once it opens, there will be modern men's and women's medical respite facilities located side-by-side in one building with 24/7/365 staff, a clinical and behavioral health support team, and staff offices located on the same floor as resident rooms, which will help increase communication and collaboration to support residents in connecting to housing resources and benefits.

For residents like Dennis who have limited mobility, the new facility will better accommodate their needs. Dennis, a Marine Corps veteran in his 60s undergoing cancer treatment, uses a cane to walk and has limited use of his left arm from an old rotator cuff injury.

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# Rebuilding Hope by Providing for Basic Needs in Moments of Need



I write this as summer draws to close. Still quite hot, but nighttime is starting a bit earlier, and most children have headed back to school. As I sit here in the air-conditioning to escape the mid-afternoon heat and humidity, I am so grateful that we have comfortable spaces. You see, just a couple of weeks ago, parts of Northeast Ohio were devastated by tornadoes and storms, knocking out power in some places for more than a week. Thankfully, our power was not disrupted, and Joseph & Mary's Home became a refuge for current residents, former residents living in the community and even some staff who did not have electricity. Following in the tradition of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine to give what we have, we welcomed staff and alumni who needed to cool off, charge their oxygen machines, have a meal, relax or take a shower. Simple things, but important and deeply appreciated in moments of need.

Providing for basic needs is an important aspect of serving people experiencing homelessness. Nutritious food, a private room with a comfortable bed for a good night's sleep, storage for belongings, the ability to perform daily hygiene in a clean, private bathroom—in times of great need, these things provide us with nourishment, dignity, safety. As many of our residents have expressed, these crucial items allow them to feel a bit more like themselves and more open to building relationships with others. I would argue that these basics help residents begin to rebuild their hope.

Offering assistance with basic needs connects us with the core of our faith-based mission, whether the teachings of St. Vincent de Paul or Matthew 25. As an organization who seeks to impact homelessness in Northeast Ohio, providing for basic needs is also an entry point to developing trusting partnerships with residents to establish and work toward their health and housing goals. It also builds community between residents—strangers when they arrive—enabling camaraderie that can serve as an additional support on the journey back to health and housing stability.

We are so fortunate to have many donors who understand the importance of delivering basic services 24/7/365 and provide generous support of our operating expenses. Please know how grateful we are for this support and how essential your support is in making our mission possible.

Yours in service,

**BETH GRAHAM**

*Executive Director,  
Joseph & Mary's Home*





**“I’m grateful for the staff who talk with me about my health and housing situation. They give me inspiration to keep moving forward. They’re here to give you that push and get you going in the right direction,” said Dennis. “It’s hard to be broke. The staff encouraged me to pay my back rent. I took care of my bills so that I can get on my two feet again.”**

— Dennis

### **A Capital and Operating Campaign**

The renovation and relocation is being made possible through “A New Home for Healing” campaign, which publicly launched in June 2024. The campaign has raised \$2.35 million to date of the \$2.5 million campaign goal. The renovation and relocation is expected to be completed in summer 2025, marking the 25th anniversary of Joseph & Mary’s Home. Of the \$2.5 million goal, \$2.2 million is supporting the renovation, while the remainder will help build the endowment and assist with operating costs to ensure resident needs are being met long into the future through sustaining support.

“We are still actively seeking donations, but the campaign is going very well. It was publicly announced on June 16 and we’re already within 10% of our goal, which shows the outstanding performance on the part of our fundraising team,” said Campaign Chair Thomas Tyrrell. “With all services located in one building and no need to walk between separate buildings, there will be more quality time to attend to residents. The campaign is providing the opportunity to build a new future for Joseph & Mary’s Home.”

Learn more about “A New Home for Healing” Campaign and how to support a brighter future at [jmhome.org/campaign](http://jmhome.org/campaign) ♦

## **Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine Matching Gifts Dollar for Dollar**

**DONATE TODAY TO DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT**

Thanks to a \$150,000 gift from the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, gifts to “A New Home for Healing” Campaign will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$5,000 per individual donor. Every dollar donated will help Joseph & Mary’s Home renovate and relocate Joseph’s Home for men to a new space that will be 100% handicapped accessible. Donations to the campaign will also provide sustaining support to ensure future needs are being met.

You can donate today at [jmhome.org/campaign](http://jmhome.org/campaign)

### **A New Home for Healing Campaign Committee Members**

Thank you to each member of “A New Home for Healing” Campaign Committee. Their hard work and dedication to sustaining the mission of Joseph & Mary’s Home has helped raise nearly 90% of the \$2.5 million goal.

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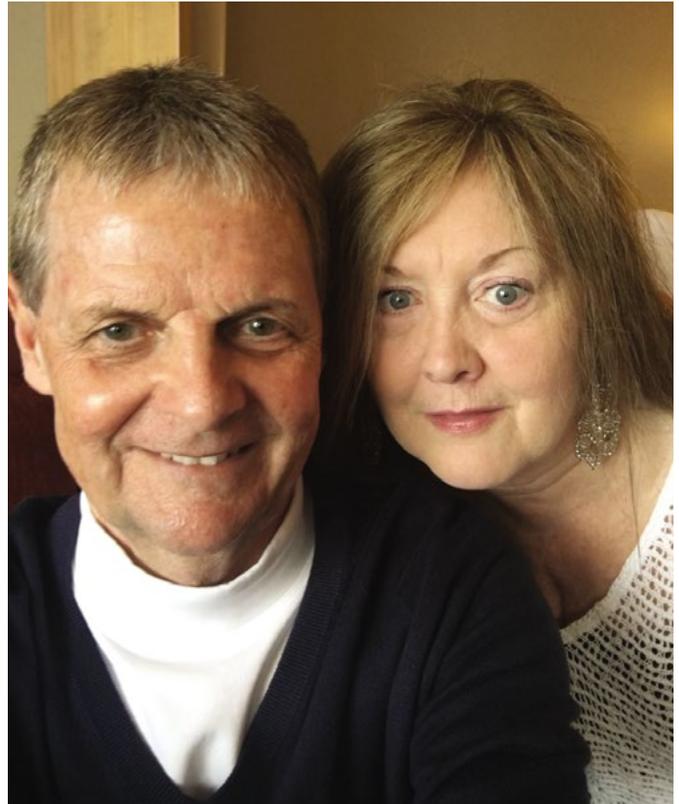
# Tom and Diane Tyrrell Focus on Doing for Others and the World

“What you do for yourself alone dies with you; what you do for others and the world remains and is immortal.” For Tom and Diane Tyrrell, that quote from the 19th-century poet Albert Pine sums up their philosophy of life. It also helps guide their work in supporting causes that focus on social determinants of health and caring for the whole person. That focus helped lead them to Joseph & Mary’s Home.

Tom and Diane have both had an affinity for helping people most of their lives. Diane was a critical care nurse for 44 years and developed a passion for working with veterans and seniors after spending time with her father at the VA hospital.

Tom served as a CEO for multiple steel companies, and helped found several local companies. He then pivoted to the nonprofit world, co-founding the Great Lakes Biomimicry Institute, a nonprofit that works with businesses and educators to explore how engineering problems can be solved by copying systems already at work in nature. Now, Tom is working to make Northeast Ohio a national model for how to incorporate nature into kids’ education, and also how to use it to make their home environments better to address behavioral and other health issues through a new nonprofit called CollaboRx.

Tom and Diane were introduced to Joseph & Mary’s Home through former Sisters of Charity Health System president and CEO Tom Strauss. They attended a couple of the annual Perseverance in Hope benefit luncheons and then took a tour of the facility just after Mary’s Home opened in 2022. They both were really impressed by the ministry’s success in helping residents recover their health and move on to permanent housing, and how the attention given to caring for the whole person fits perfectly with their other nonprofit work.



### Recognizing a Passionate Staff

“We recognized the mission and passion of the staff. We met some of the residents, saw how the staff worked as a team and what they did for the community, which is what really stirred our interest,” said Diane.

Tom and Diane became more involved with Joseph & Mary’s Home at that point by making an initial contribution. When the front of the building that housed Mary’s Home became available as a potential site for a relocated Joseph’s Home, Tom was asked if he would help chair the campaign to raise money for the renovation and relocation. He didn’t hesitate to chair the “A New Home for Healing” campaign, which has been a huge success, quickly raising 90% of the total \$2.5 million goal.

### Supporting Capital and Operating Needs

In addition to Tom’s investment of time chairing the campaign, the couple made their own monetary donation, choosing to go a bit of a different route. Their contribution is a five-year gift split evenly between the one-time capital needs of the

building renovation and relocation and supporting ongoing operating expenses.

**“Operating expenses usually don’t get as much attention yet are critical to the impact of the mission. It’s very clear there’s a wonderful culture of caring for people who work there. If you care about the people who work in an environment, they care about the people who are being taken care of,”** said Tom. **“We decided to split our gift to also recognize the incredible staff. Our capital gift is supporting a breakroom for staff so they would know people on the board really care about them as individuals and how important they are to the success of Joseph & Mary’s Home.”**

From her career in medicine, Diane knows how important the everyday caregivers are. “To maintain a high quality of care requires a high level of support. That can even be more important than the actual facility,” said Diane.

Tom echoed her sentiment, adding, “There is a culture of happiness and caring. It is a superb program that is really driven by the people there.” ♦

## Beacon of Hope Sponsors

Thank you to the following corporate and community partners for their longstanding commitment to Joseph & Mary’s Home. In 2024, our Perseverance in Hope benefit luncheon is taking a hiatus.

The following sponsors have generously reaffirmed their support of our mission. We are grateful for their philanthropic leadership in providing a safe haven where individuals can heal, rebuild and reclaim their lives.

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

# Paula Stevens

## Staff Nurse

Paula Stevens, RN, joined the Joseph & Mary's Home team in June as the first full-time nurse. Paula has extensive experience in nursing in both hospital and community settings, including St. Vincent Charity Medical Center for 10 years, Hospice of the Western Reserve and Holy Family Hospice.

“We are excited to have Paula join the team in a full-time nursing role and support our residents in stabilizing their health,” said Executive Director Beth Graham.

**Q:** Describe your role at Joseph & Mary's Home?

**A:** In my role as Staff Nurse, my job is to assist residents with scheduling appointments and providing education regarding medication management. Medication management is really important so that there is continuity and residents are taking medications as prescribed and get into a good regimen. I also coordinate the intake process and screening of referrals to make sure they are appropriate for medical respite and meet our criteria. On top of that, I'm another outlet, someone to listen.

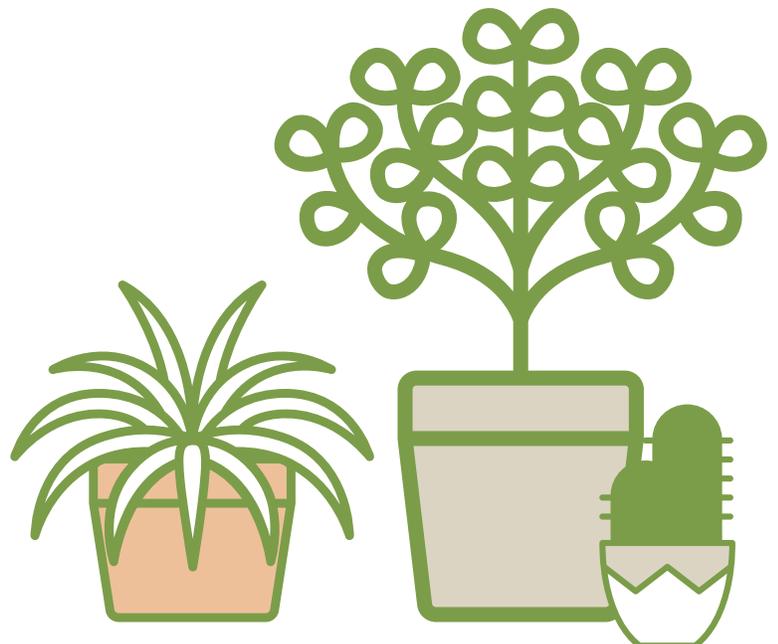
My first day here, I felt at home. It's the same feeling as when I worked at St. Vincent Charity for 10 years. Everyone is so welcoming. It's a personable environment and feels like a small family.



**Q:** What do you do outside of work to rest and recharge?

**A:** Tend to my plants. My first week at Joseph & Mary's Home, I brought my plants into the clinic. I'm turning it into a little greenhouse. The residents love talking about the plants. It's an easy topic besides the weather to talk about when you are trying to connect with someone.

I also read. I love watching sports, including the Browns and the WNBA. ♦



# NEWS BRIEFS & NOTES

## #weGIVE CATHOLIC

December 3, 2024

Northeast Ohio's Online  
Day of Catholic Giving

**Save the Date!**  
**Tuesday, December 3**

### #weGiveCatholic is Giving Tuesday

Make your gift early! Checks received before December 3 can qualify for #weGIVECATHOLIC challenge match.

#weGIVECATHOLIC is a one-day giving event hosted by the Catholic Community Foundation that takes place on Giving Tuesday each year, which is December 3. It is a day dedicated to giving thanks and giving back. For the second year in a row, donors can give online early beginning Saturday, November 23, to have their gift matched. Or, you can mail your check early to Joseph & Mary's Home.

Your generosity and participation, no matter the amount, will go a long way to helping us offer hope and healing to medically fragile men and women experiencing homelessness. Last year, we raised \$41,340 during #weGIVECATHOLIC through 145 donors. Help us top that on December 3.

Visit [jmhome.org/wegivecatholic](http://jmhome.org/wegivecatholic) to make a gift between November 23 - December 3.

*Interested in making an offline donation or spreading the word? Contact Development Director Erin Gay Miyoshi at 216.987.9201 or [erin.miyoshi@jmhome.org](mailto:erin.miyoshi@jmhome.org) to make a donation or become a peer-to-peer fundraiser. Stay tuned for more information on the Joseph & Mary's Home Facebook and LinkedIn pages and e-newsletter.*



## Your Input is Needed to Help Shape Our Future

Joseph & Mary's Home is undergoing a strategic plan to help improve service delivery, and we're looking for feedback from the community. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts. You can complete the

survey online at [jmhome.org/survey](http://jmhome.org/survey) or by using the QR code. Your valuable insight could be worth an Amazon gift card. By responding to the survey, you'll have a chance to win a \$25 Amazon gift card.



## Multipurpose Space Being Transformed into Healing & Therapy Room

Music and art therapy activities help residents begin to heal, and address and build resilience around the often traumatic experiences they have had in their lives. These activities also help residents socialize with peers who may be experiencing similar challenges, building a community of support. Mary's Home regularly hosts peer groups and art therapy activities in the building's multipurpose room. Thanks to support from Catholic Community Foundation Women's Giving Circle and Cleveland Clinic,

the space is being renovated to transform it into a more welcoming, intentional healing environment. This new healing and therapy room will also serve as a private space for residents to meet with case workers and other support resources. Renovations include moving and reinstalling interior walls, painting, additional lighting, furnishings and storage for art, music and physical/occupational therapy supplies, and purchasing a generator.

## Remembering Sr. Mary Dorothy Tecca, CSA, Longtime Board Member



Sister Mary Dorothy Tecca, CSA, formerly Frances Leona Tecca, passed away August 4 at the age of 82. Sister Mary Dorothy served on the Joseph & Mary's Home Board of Directors from 2008 until her passing. Born July 25, 1942, she entered the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine in 1960 and professed final vows in 1968. Sr. Mary Dorothy dedicated her decades of faith-filled service to ministering in health care, dietary departments, pastoral care and CSA leadership. "We will sorely miss her leadership, her deep commitment and her kindness. I have found Sr. Mary Dorothy to often be the steady voice of reason, calling us back to the mission when needed, voicing words of

encouragement and support, and carefully analyzing the issues of the day. She has had a monumental impact on our ministry," said Executive Director Beth Graham.

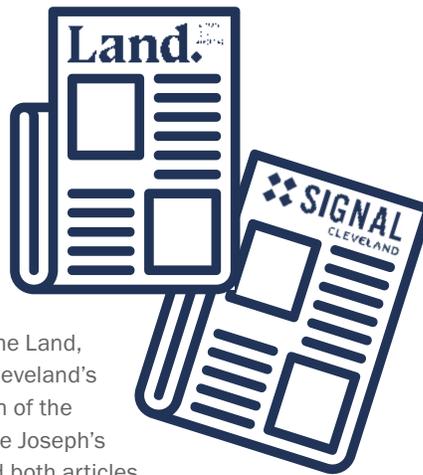
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## Joseph & Mary's Home In the News

Extra! Extra! Joseph & Mary's Home has been in the news recently. In June, Signal Cleveland published an article about the work Joseph & Mary's Home does in helping people experiencing homelessness who need a space and time to recover from medical treatment, and how the population served is easy to overlook. Then in July, The Land, a local nonprofit news organization that reports on Cleveland's neighborhoods, published an article about the launch of the campaign to raise money to renovate and relocate the Joseph's Home facility for men. Visit [jmhome.org/news](http://jmhome.org/news) to read both articles.



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### IT IS OUR MISSION ::

*Joseph & Mary's Home, a ministry of the Sisters of Charity Health System, provides a nurturing, caring environment for adults without resources who have acute medical needs, helping them heal and achieve independence.*



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