# VILLA VOICES

#### FALL/WINTER 2023

### LIGHT THE WAY GALA ILLUMINATES THE PATH OF GENEROSITY



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Breane Cavileer, executive director and Amy Huntley, director of development and communications

In a remarkable display of support and compassion, the Light the Way Gala on Friday, September 29, at the Tanglewood Club in Chagrin Falls exceeded all expectations, raising \$120,000 to help support residents who have outlived their financial resources. The event, with a sold-out crowd of more than 250 attendees, truly lit up the night. But the impact of this evening went beyond the glittering lights and glamorous attire; it shone bright in the hearts of those who believe in the mission of Light of Hearts Villa.

"The Light the Way Gala was a remarkable evening filled with warmth, compassion and generosity. Attendees were treated to a delightful evening of fine dining and drinks, raffles and a heartwarming program," said Breanne Cavileer, Light of Hearts Villa executive director.

The focus of this year's gala was clear: to bolster the Sister Helen T. Scasny, SC Benevolent Fund, which serves as the beating heart of Light of Hearts Villa's mission. This vital fund ensures that residents who need financial assistance continue to receive the care and support they deserve, allowing them to enjoy their golden years with dignity. The Sister Helen T. Scasny, SC Benevolent Fund has long been the safety net for the beloved residents of Light of Hearts Villa. Through the unwavering generosity of the community, it provides a lifeline to those who might otherwise be left without the care they need. *Continued on page 3* 

#### :: OUR MISSION

We are devoted to providing premier senior residential living and community outreach services. Through our faith-based values, we affirm the integrity of each person and encourage them on their journey of aging.

Lighting the way for senior care.

### A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Reflecting on a Vibrant Community



#### Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. As we embrace the changing seasons, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the vibrant community we have here at Light of Hearts Villa.

The past year has been a testament to our resilience, adaptability and the unwavering spirit that defines us. We have navigated through the challenges of the pandemic, supported one another and continued to make Light of Hearts Villa a place of warmth, care and togetherness.

Our residents are at the heart of everything we do. Their well-being, comfort and happiness are our top priorities. We have worked tirelessly to create an environment where they feel safe and can enjoy the many activities, amenities and opportunities available to them.

Our dedicated staff members are the backbone of our community, and I am continually inspired by their commitment to making Light of Hearts Villa a welcoming and nurturing place. From our healthcare professionals to our culinary team, and every role in between, their dedication is the driving force behind our ability to provide exceptional care and service.

We are always looking for ways to enhance the resident experience, and your feedback is invaluable. I encourage you to share your thoughts, suggestions and ideas with us. Our doors are always open and we are here to listen and support the needs of our community members. As we move forward and will soon welcome another new year, I am excited about the future. We are continually evolving to meet the ever-changing needs of our residents. Our upcoming calendar is brimming with engaging activities, informative programs and social gatherings that promote both mental and physical wellbeing. We will also be celebrating our 35th anniversary as a community! I can't wait to share more details about what's to come.

Please remember that you are an integral part of our community. Your presence, your stories and your experiences enrich the lives of everyone here. We cherish the moments we share, and your contributions make Light of Hearts Villa the vibrant and caring community it is.

In this season of thanks, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you, our residents, families and friends, for being part of our wonderful Villa family. Together, we will continue to thrive, learn and grow.

If you have any questions, concerns or simply want to chat, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Warm regards and blessings for the days ahead,

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*Breanne Cavileer, LNHA, CDP* EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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A very special thank you to the Light the Way Event Sponsor, Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland for their generous commitment and support of the mission of Light of Hearts Villa.

"This year's gala was a testament to the unwavering commitment of individuals who believe in the importance of ensuring that our elders are not forgotten or neglected. Attendees, sponsors and volunteers came together to make this event a resounding success. Their support, both in terms of financial contributions, dedication and prayer, sends a powerful message: that we care deeply for our seniors and the values they represent," said Amy Huntley, Light of Hearts Villa director of development and communications.

As the event concluded, attendees left with their hearts full, knowing that their contributions will make a real difference in the lives of residents. The gala not only raised an impressive sum but also served as a powerful reminder of the importance of community support and the shared mission to care for those who have given so much to society.

"The success of the Light the Way Gala is a testament to the unwavering spirit of generosity and compassion within our community. It is a bright light in the lives of those in need and a powerful reminder that, together, we can truly make a difference."

-Breanne Cavileer

The staff and board of Light of Hearts Villa extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended, sponsored or volunteered at the event. Your support is truly a beacon of hope for the residents and the entire community. +





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Radiant Heart Award 2023

Awarded To Deacon Robert and Mrs. Mary Ann Kaminski

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The Radiant Heart Award is an annual honor bestowed upon an exceptional supporter, recognizing their extraordinary dedication to the mission of Light of Hearts Villa. Introduced last year, the award celebrates those who have gone above and beyond, giving not only of their time and treasures but also sharing their remarkable talents, all without expecting anything in return.

**Radiant Heart** 

to Robert and

Award Presented

Mary Ann Kaminski

The 2023 Radiant Heart Award was presented to Deacon Robert and Mrs. Mary Ann Kaminski. Their children, Janice Marie and Bob Kaminski, accepted the award on their behalf at the Light Way Gala.

"Bob and Mary Ann Kaminski have shown an unparalleled commitment to our community, demonstrating

their boundless care and concern for the well-being of our residents. Their generosity and devotion to Light of Hearts Villa have profoundly impacted our community," said Amy Huntley, Light of Hearts Villa director of development and communications.

Their support during last year's #weGIVECATHOLIC day of giving helped raise more than \$30,000 for the Benevolent Fund after their matching \$15,000 grant. Raising a total of \$30,821 during the day of giving secured third place in the nonprofit category among more than 60 nonprofits. It was nothing short of incredible.

#weGIVECATHOLIC was November 29. Unfortunately, Bob passed away at the age of 86 a few weeks later on Christmas day. His legacy, however, lives on in the love and kindness he and Mary Ann have shared with the Light of Hearts Villa community.

#### **The Heart of Their Giving Spirit**

The question that often arises when we witness such selfless generosity is, "What drives individuals like Bob and Mary Ann Kaminski to have such a heart for philanthropy?" Their daughter, Janice, offers insight into their giving spirit:

"I believe my parents' spirit of giving is best understood by quoting from a speech my father once gave. He quoted St. Paul in his First Letter to Corinthians: 'What do you possess that you have not received? But if you have received it, why are you boasting as if you did not receive it?' (1 Corinthians 4:7). He added: 'Yes, everything is a gift. Our very lives are a gift. Mary Ann and I recognize that everything we are and

everything we have is a gift. As Catholic Christians, we are charged with humble acceptance, growing our gifts and giving back as good stewards."

Bob and Mary Ann Kaminski embodied the essence of this philosophy, recognizing that life and everything it entails are blessings to be shared with others.

"The Kaminskis have set an inspiring example of selflessness, generosity and love for our community, reminding us all that a radiant heart can make an extraordinary difference in the lives of many."

-Amy Huntley

#### **Inspired by a Quote**

One quote that resonated deeply with Bob was from St. Augustine: "One loving heart sets another on fire." This quote encapsulates Bob's spirit and serves as a reminder of the extraordinary impact he had on the Light of Hearts Villa community. His loving heart ignited the generosity of others, enabling more to be raised during #weGIVECATHOLIC than had ever been achieved on a single giving day.

#### A Humble Legacy of Giving

Mary Ann shared her and Bob's perspective on their philanthropic efforts: "Bob and I never give for recognition. We give because we have been blessed, and we want to share our gifts. We are pleased to know that what we've done is making a difference for others. Thank you." Bob would always conclude his messages with his trademark closing, "Peace, love and all good things." +



### Save the Date: Tuesday, November 28

Mark your calendars. #weGIVECATHOLIC is just around the corner, and we have an exciting announcement to share. The generous Kaminski family is stepping up once again to support our mission!

On Tuesday, November 28, the Kaminski family will match whatever amount is raised for Light of Hearts Villa during #weGIVECATHOLIC. Their incredible commitment means that your contribution will have double the impact. The goal is to reach \$25,000 in contributions which would then become \$50,000 with their matching contribution. Whatever amount is raised will be used to further our mission of providing care, compassion and support to those in need.

#### Your Chance to Make a Difference

#weGIVECATHOLIC is 24 hours of fundraising hosted by the Catholic Community Foundation that takes place on Giving Tuesday each year. This is a day dedicated to giving thanks and giving back. Your generosity, combined with the Kaminski family's matching donation, will go a long way in ensuring that we can continue to provide for those who rely on our support.

#### Here's How to Donate

Your participation, no matter the amount, will make a significant difference. To make a donation toward our #weGIVECATHOLIC goal, you can mail in a check to Light of Hearts Villa any time before November 28 and note it is for #weGIVECATHOLIC, or donate online anytime between midnight on November 19 through 11:59 PM on Tuesday, November 28 at wegivecatholic.org/organization/lightofheartsvilla.

You can also simply scan the QR code to take you directly to our #weGIVECATHOLIC website!



We can't wait to come together as a community on November 28 to make #weGIVECATHOLIC a day of giving, compassion and impact. Thank you for being part of our mission.

Please spread the word and help us reach our important goal of \$25,000 on #weGIVECATHOLIC Giving Tuesday!



#### **RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT :: ALTHEA JOHNSON**

### 90 Years Young and Celebrating a Lifetime of Memories

Residents at Light of Hearts Villa have a wealth of life experiences, wisdom and stories to share. Celebrating them acknowledges and appreciates the value they bring to our community. It recognizes their individuality and unique contributions. In this edition of Villa Voices, we celebrate resident Althea Johnson and her recent 90th birthday.

Althea Johnson's life story is a remarkable journey of love, family and unwavering strength. Born on August 31, 1933, in Greensboro, North Carolina, to parents John and Hortense Collette, she has always been an older sister and a source of joy for her sister Glendia.

Althea's early years were shaped by the loving care of her mother, grandmother "MaMa" and Aunt Margaret. Her father had moved north for employment, and eventually, her parents went their separate ways. Althea's education began at St. Frances de Sales boarding school in Powhatan County, Virgina, where she was exposed to the values of empowerment and education for Native and African American communities in the United States.

Her mother remarried, and they became a family as they embarked on the "Great Migration" to Cleveland after junior high school. Althea attended Glenville High School. It was then that she met her high school sweetheart, Ervin Thompson, and met her dear friend Bobbi Harrison. Althea's compassionate spirit led her to volunteer as a candy striper at a local hospital. After high school, she went to Hampton University in Virginia, studying physical therapy for two years. She left college to marry Ervin when he finished his service in the United States Air Force.

They married in 1953 and raised three children in Cleveland – Micheale-Lynn, William and Gary. She

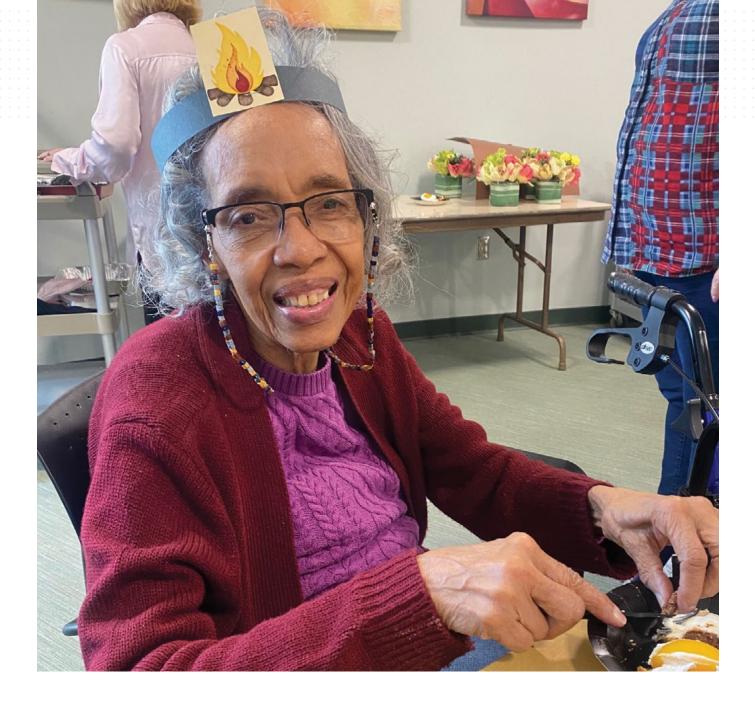


Althea and her family celebrating at her birthday bash.

spent much of that time as a homemaker, but found time to work at General Electric for a couple years as her children grew. Ervin was a science teacher and retired as an elementary school principal. He passed away in 1986.

Althea continued to be a pillar of strength for her family and community. In time, she found love once more and married Kenneth Johnson. They shared several beautiful years together before his passing in 1995. As a grandmother, she worked at the Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC), a preschool in Shaker Heights.

Althea's dedication to her family has always been paramount, and she often says, "My family is my heart." She cared for her aging mother until her passing in 2010. In 2015, she moved in with her sister Glendia in Rockford, Illinois, where they enjoyed life together,



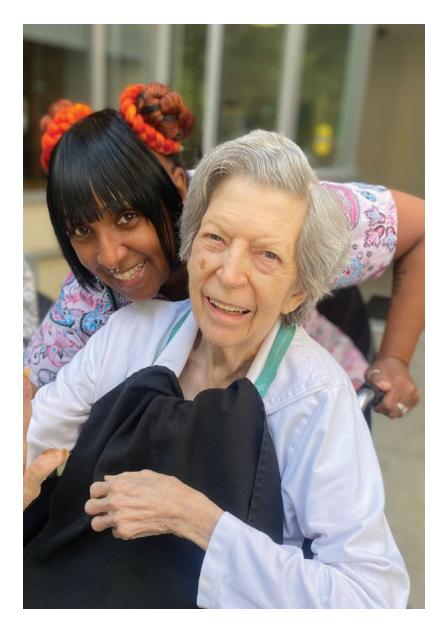
sharing activities, friends and trips to visit family. In November 2022, Althea returned to Cleveland to be closer to her children, living with her son William and his wife, Doris. In April 2023, Althea moved to Light of Hearts Villa and she soon found her way to Lumen Lane, where she rekindled her friendship with her high school friend Bobbi, who is also a resident.

Her daughter, Micheale-Lynn, said there are multiple reasons Althea and her family chose Light of Hearts Villa, with one them being the Lumen Lane Memory Care neighborhood. "It is a safe and secure area with plenty of space for independent movement that is calm and exceptionally clean. Mom once spontaneously said, 'I love this place. The people are kind, they tend to you and see where you are and what you need.' When I said 'nothing too good for you right?' mom said, 'Yeah, nothin too good for Althea.' This gave both of us a good chuckle."

Althea's vibrant spirit continues to shine and she remains active, participating in various activities. When she's not engaged in the community's events, she finds joy in spending quality time with her beloved family. Her warm smile and enduring love are a testament to a life well lived and cherished.

Happy 90th birthday, Althea! We are blessed to have you with us at Light of Hearts Villa. +

#### CAREGIVER SPOTLIGHT :: NATASHA WEST



## The Feeling of Family and Community

At Light of Hearts Villa, we consider our committed, caring staff to be our most important asset. Villa Voices recognizes some of our caregivers each issue who are doing exceptional work and who embody the high level of care and teamwork we value.

Natasha West has been working as a caregiver at Light of Hearts Villa for more than 11 years and said what she values most about her job "is the family atmosphere and caring people."

Natasha previously worked at another facility with Amanda Miko, who is a nurse at Light of Hearts Villa. When Amanda left that facility to work at the Villa, she told Natasha about how great the culture was. Soon after, Natasha also made the switch.

She has been recognized multiple times for her outstanding work at Light of Hearts Villa, including winning the prestigious Making God's Love Visible Award in 2017.

In her spare time, Natasha enjoys spending time with her family and friends, cooking, reading and helping others in need.  $\blacklozenge$ 

- Natasha

"This community is not just a job, it really is such a caring group of people who treat each other so well. During some of my darkest moments, the Villa family never fails to show up and of course we all celebrate the wins together. It's a family feeling for sure."





### Generous Donors Throw Shade at Back Patio



The back patio is an important outdoor spot to gather or for residents just to rest and relax. Thanks to Phyllis Barone and Kathy Donato, residents can enjoy the patio even in the brightest sun. Phyllis and Kathy generously sponsored the perfect shade solution for the back patio — shade sails. Their support brought this innovative and stylish addition, one that benefits all residents.

The new shade sails have transformed the patio, offering not only a sleek and modern aesthetic but also a functional solution for everyone to enjoy. Whether it's for a leisurely morning coffee, an afternoon read or a gathering with friends, the shade sails create a comfortable environment for residents throughout the day.

"Phyllis and Kathy's sponsorship exemplifies the spirit of community and care that thrives within Light of Hearts Villa. Their thoughtfulness and generosity have provided an outdoor space that is now more inviting and enjoyable for all," said Amy Huntley, Light of Hearts Villa director of development and communications. "As we bask in the shade of these elegant sails, we are reminded of the enduring kindness and support of our community members."

Thank you, Phyllis Barone and Kathy Donato, for enhancing the lives of everyone at Light of Hearts Villa. Your gift has made a significant difference and is deeply appreciated. +

If you're interested in sponsoring a unique item like this that enhances the Light of Hearts Villa community, please contact Amy Huntley to chat about some ideas. Email amy.huntley@lightofheartsvilla.org or call 440.232.1991 ext. 524













## National Assisted Living Week 2023: Season of Reflection

National Assisted Living Week 2023 arrived in September with the theme of "Season of Reflection," and it brought the community together to celebrate this special occasion with a series of heartwarming activities that filled hearts with joy and gratitude.

National Assisted Living Week happened September 10-16 this year. Held annually, it provides an opportunity for residents, their loved ones, staff, volunteers and local communities to celebrate the individuals who live and work in assisted living and learn more about this sector of long-term care.

Here's a glimpse of the memorable moments that were shared throughout the week:

**Room Blessings:** Resident rooms are their sanctuaries, and we wanted to ensure that these spaces were filled with positivity and love. Room blessings were a beautiful way to create an atmosphere of serenity and tranquility for residents.

**Music Bingo:** What's a celebration without music and games? Music bingo brought joy and laughter as everyone tested their knowledge of tunes from different eras. It was a fantastic way to relive cherished memories through the power of music.

**Ice Cream Truck Visit:** The highlight of the week was a special visit from the ice cream truck. Residents and staff alike indulged in frozen treats, enjoying the nostalgic feeling of chasing after the ice cream truck on a hot summer day. **Employee Service Awards:** The dedication of the Light of Hearts Villa staff was also honored during Assisted Living Week. Their commitment to providing exceptional care and creating a nurturing environment is truly commendable. Employee Service Awards for milestone anniversaries are a thoughtful way to say thank you.

#### **5** Years

Breanne Cavileer Colleen Cholewka John Ivan Beverly Keyes Kieran Patton Linda Porter Robert Walker Kyle Wilson **10 Years** Ann Marie Grossman Anne Messer Donna Pendleton Jacqueline Raines National Assisted Living Week 2023 was a "Season of Reflection" indeed. It provided an opportunity to reflect on the bonds that make the Light of Hearts Villa community so strong and the wonderful memories that have been created together.

"Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to making this week a resounding success. Your enthusiasm and spirit truly made it a memorable 'Season of Reflection' and a celebration of the moments that make our community a vibrant and caring place," said Breanne Cavileer, Light of Hearts Villa executive director. +

### Tips for Year-End Planning to Benefit Both You and Light of Hearts Villa

Thanks to you, our generous donors, Light of Hearts Villa is able to provide exceptional, compassionate care to those who need it most in a beautiful, comfortable home. Following are some points to consider as you plan your end-of-year giving.

#### **IRA Charitable Rollover Gift**

If you are 70½ years of age or older, you can support Light of Hearts Villa through distributions from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Your IRA Charitable Rollover Gift may satisfy your annual required minimum distribution and reduce your taxable income.

#### **Gifts of Stock**

You may also consider donating gifts of stock. Depending on the stock's current value, you may avoid capital gains tax or deduct the loss in value while donating the proceeds of the sale to Light of Hearts Villa. Consult your financial advisor for the most advantageous opportunities for you.

#### **Bequests**

Creating a bequest is one of the most popular options for legacy giving. With the help of a lawyer, you can designate which charities or nonprofits are included in your will. This can be done a number of ways:

- Percent bequest where a certain percent of your estate will can be donated
- Specific bequest where a certain dollar amount is gifted
- Residual bequest where a gift is made from the balance of your estate

Bequests are ideal for donors who want to split their estate between family, friends and their favorite charitable nonprofits. You can also designate that your bequest be spread out across several years, so the money isn't spent all at once.

#### **Charitable Gift Annuity**

Charitable Gift Annuities (CGA) continue to be a popular gift for many. A Light of Hearts Villa Charitable Gift Annuity is a simple agreement between you and Light of Hearts Villa (LOHV). In exchange for your gift, LOHV promises to pay you a fixed sum each year for life. After your lifetime, the remainder will go toward LOHV's mission of care and compassion.

A Light of Hearts Villa CGA allows you to make a gift that will pay you income for life at very attractive fixed rates of return. Current bank certificate of deposit rates are paying up to 5%, but if you are 75 years old, you can establish a Light of Hearts Villa CGA with an income rate of 6%. The minimum age to establish an LOHV annuity is 60.

For your convenience, you can also support Light of Hearts Villa through your donor advised fund. Please call Director of Development and Communications Amy Huntley at 440.232.1991 ext. 524 or amy.huntley@lightofheartsvilla.org for more information.

This information is not intended or offered as financial or legal counsel. Before making any of the aforementioned gifts, please consult with your financial and legal advisors. Inform us of any gift you intend to make so that we can discuss your preferences for gift acknowledgment and designation.

## Lumen Cordium Reunion Brings Back 200 Alumni

More than 200 Lumen Cordium High School alumni came together for an unforgettable all-class reunion in August at Light of Hearts Villa, which previously housed the all-girls Catholic School from 1963 to 1987. The camaraderie, laughter and shared memories filled the air, creating a sense of togetherness that was truly heartwarming.

The reunion was more than just a trip down memory lane. It was an opportunity to make a positive impact, and that's exactly what Lumen Cordium alumni did. Their collective efforts raised \$5,000 for the Sister Helen T. Scasny, SC Benevolent Fund, a testament to their generosity and commitment to the mission of Light of Hearts Villa.

"We hope that everyone had a fantastic time catching

up, reminiscing and creating new memories. The bond among Lumen Cordium alumni is a powerful force, and the reunion showcased the strength of this community," said Amy Huntley, Light of Hearts Villa director of development and communications. "A heartfelt shoutout goes to each and every alum who participated and contributed. Your support makes a real difference in the lives of those who have outlived their financial resources, and it exemplifies the spirit of giving that we hold dear."

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Thank you Lumen Cordium alumni for your incredible reunion, your generosity and your enduring commitment to the mission of Light of Hearts Villa. We look forward to many more reunions and shared moments in the future.  $\blacklozenge$ 













## Game for a New Giving Opportunity?

#### **LEAVE A LASTING – AND FUN – IMPACT**

The Light of Hearts Villa game room has always been an important part of promoting camaraderie, social interaction and fun for residents and their families. Here's an opportunity to help bring even more excitement to this recently renovated room by sponsoring new games that cater to all ages and interests. Our goal is to create a welcoming, vibrant space where residents can unwind, socialize and enjoy some classic arcade games and activities. The wish list includes a variety of games. Here's a glimpse of what we have in mind:



**1. Skeeball:** A timeless favorite that combines skill and competition, and encourages friendly competition and promises hours of entertainment. Sponsorship information: Roll and Score Game 108" Long With Playing Accessories from Wayfair (\$679.99)

**2. Foosball:** This fast-paced table game is perfect for both one-on-one battles and team play. Foosball offers an exciting way for residents to come together and enjoy some spirited competition. Sponsorship information: Manhattan 56" Wood Foosball Table from Wayfair (\$283.94)



**3. Air Hockey:** Air hockey is a game that's easy on the joints, great for hand-eye coordination and can provide fast-paced action. Sponsorship information: Kirkwood American Legend 84" 2 -Player Air Hockey Table with Digital Scoreboard from Wayfair (\$737.00)

**4. Shuffleboard:** A more relaxed, but equally entertaining game, shuffleboard provides an opportunity for residents to engage in friendly matches while enjoying a leisurely pace. *Sponsorship information: American Legend Kirkwood 9' LED Shuffleboard Table with Bowling from Wayfair* (\$651.47)

**5. Ms. Pac-Man:** A classic video game that's beloved by generations, Ms. Pac-Man will provide a nostalgic gaming experience that can be enjoyed solo or with friends. The gaming console includes multiple other arcade classics. Sponsorship information: Arcade1up MS PACMAN 10 Games in 1 PARTYCADE from Wayfair (\$299.99)

The existing pool table is already a hit among residents, but we believe that adding these games will ensure that everyone can participate, regardless of physical abilities. These games are both accessible and incredibly enjoyable.



We are inviting community members, local businesses and gaming enthusiasts to become sponsors for our game room. As a sponsor, you can leave a lasting impact and be recognized for your contribution. We will even place a name plate plaque on the item that you sponsor! You can choose for it to be in honor of a loved one or in memory of someone. Together, we can create a game room that residents will cherish and enjoy for years to come. Let's bring more laughter, competition and camaraderie to our community through the joy of gaming.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or have suggestions on how to make our game room even more exciting, please contact Amy Huntley at amy.huntley@lightofheartsvilla.org or 440.232.1991 ext. 524.

## NEWS and NOTES

#### **Caregiver and Resident Support Groups**

Thanks to a grant from State Farm in 2022, bi-monthly caregiver support groups and resident support groups were implemented this year. Caregiver support groups offer family members of residents a lifeline of understanding, empathy and shared wisdom. In these safe spaces, caregivers find comfort, strength and guidance, ensuring they can provide the best care while taking care of themselves.

Resident support groups provide a welcoming forum for residents to connect, share experiences and find solace in a community of peers who truly understand. These groups foster friendship, emotional support and empowerment, ultimately enhancing the overall well-being and quality of life for those who participate.

We are grateful to Kelly DiTurno, grief counselor with Hospice of the Western Reserve, for graciously leading these support groups. Stay tuned for 2024 dates.



#### **Fulfilling Dreams with Traditions Health**

It's not every day that dreams come true, but when they do, it's a cause for celebration. Carol Hensley has always wanted to see one of her favorite bands, Pentatonix, perform live in concert. When the news broke that Pentatonix was coming to town, it was a golden opportunity to make Carol's dream a reality. And that's where our incredible partners, Traditions Health, stepped in to help us grant this heartfelt wish.

With their support, we arranged an unforgettable experience for Carol and her husband, Jim. They not only attended the Pentatonix concert, but also enjoyed the magic of seeing their favorite band perform live at Blossom Music Center. We are grateful for partners like Traditions Health!



#### **Pet Therapy Enhances Resident Well-Being**

Pet therapy, also known as animal-assisted therapy, is a wonderfully effective approach that brings trained animals into the lives of seniors. This interaction has numerous physical, emotional and social benefits that greatly enhance the well-being of residents. We love our friendly animals that come to visit and bring smiles to our residents' faces.

#### **Annual Patio Picnic Celebrates Summer**

August brought the perfect opportunity to come together at the muchanticipated annual Patio Picnic. It was a day filled with vibrant energy, friendship and delightful memories that will be cherished for a long time.

With the electric sounds of live music provided by The Monotones as the backdrop, residents and staff gathered on the patio for a feast of grilled burgers, side dishes and various treats. Residents and staff shared stories, laughter and the simple joys of summertime. The live music from The Monotones added an extra layer of delight to the day, providing the perfect soundtrack to the celebration.





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We frequently share resident events and photos, organizational news and employee recognitions!

Villa Voices is published to keep our supporters and residents updated on the many wonderful people and things that take place here every day.

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## WISHlist

The Wish List is for those wishing to help in a specific way. We share our current needs below. We are extremely appreciative of your support. THANK YOU!

#### **ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT**

• Sponsor a special resident Christmas gift at \$50 each

#### **PASTORAL MINISTRY**

- CD Set for Chapel (\$225)
- Lectern for Chapel (\$200)

#### **OPERATIONS**

- Sponsor a special staff thank-you gift for Christmas at \$50 each
- iPads for employee onboarding and continuous employee training (4 at \$400 each

Contact Amy Huntley at amy.huntley@lightofheartsvilla.org or 440.232.1991 ext. 524 to make arrangements or if you have any questions.

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