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DONORS WORK IT OUT

Charitable gifts provide new equipment for rehab gym

When **Mount Pleasant Retirement Village** decided to double the size of its rehabilitation gym, an exciting idea followed: Why not take the opportunity to also upgrade to the best possible equipment?

Generous donors stepped in to make the idea a reality, and the project was celebrated in March with an open house.

Visitors were able to take a look at specially-designed “centers” dedicated to specific therapy needs, and also admire the more than \$100,000 in new equipment.

Three of these six centers honor the generosity of donors by name. Charlie and Barb Chappell made the cardiology and pulmonary therapy center a reality. The outpatient therapy center was the project embraced by Ted and Nancy Karchner, and the new therapy kitchen center was supported by Jim and Lola Bruner.

The other centers focus on balance; hand and upper extremity; and speech-language, dysphagia and cognition.

These centers allow staff to cater to the individual needs of rehab guests, and, thanks to donors, do so using top-of-the line equipment.

Mount Pleasant and OPRS funded the expansion of the space – almost doubling the size – due to the increased demand for its rehab services. The OPRS Foundation then partnered with donors to bring state-of-the-art equipment to the rehab gym.

“Without these gifts, the Rehab Gym Expansion Project would not have been possible.”

~ Whitney O'Neal, Mount Pleasant Gift Planning Director

This new equipment will assist guests in recovering more quickly, thus being able to return home sooner.

“Because of donors, including residents, staff and 100 percent

of Mount Pleasant board members, we were able to purchase most of the needed equipment for the gym,” said Whitney O'Neal, gift planning director for Mount Pleasant. “Without these gifts, the Rehab Gym Expansion Project would not have been possible.”

Stan Kappers, Mount Pleasant’s executive director, is enthusiastic about the result. “We have now combined the very best rehabilitation therapists with the very best therapy equipment which will enable us to offer a rehabilitation experience that will be second to none!” he stated.

Whitney said donors have helped current and future rehab guests through their generosity, adding, “We are truly thankful that they have left their legacy at Mount Pleasant in such a meaningful way.” ■



ON THE COVER: *At a recent open house, Mount Pleasant residents and staff demonstrated the new, top-of-the-line therapy equipment that was made possible through charitable gifts. When Mount Pleasant expanded its rehabilitation center, donors stepped in and provided funding to help ensure the equipment matched the quality of the new space.*



ABOVE, LEFT: *A Mount Pleasant resident and staff member demonstrate a new piece of therapy equipment that charitable gifts helped add to the campus's expanded rehabilitation center.*

ABOVE, RIGHT: *A speech language pathologist at Mount Pleasant shows off the capabilities of the campus's new, top-of-the-line therapy equipment that was made possible through the generosity of donors.*

30 YEARS OF GENEROSITY

OPRS Foundation anniversary showcases donor support

While the traditional gift for a 30th anniversary is pearl, OPRS Foundation donors have outdone themselves over the course of our 30-year relationship by providing an astounding \$224 million in charitable gifts for the benefit of the people we serve. That's a lot of pearls!

Giving has been a part of OPRS since our organization was founded in 1922, but the OPRS Foundation didn't get its official start until July 1, 1986.

As we celebrate our 30th anniversary, here's a look at what donors have helped to accomplish through their generosity:

- 36 buildings or major spaces
- \$73 million in assets
- 32 million-dollar donors
- More than \$56 million through estate giving
- More than 1,000 Living Legacy Society members
- 393 Trustees' Roundtable members
- 167 Named Endowments

Thank you to all of our donors for your partnership, your trust and your commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of OPRS residents and clients! ■

IT'S OFFICIAL!

Park Vista celebrates dedication of Gelhaar Center and Mahoning Valley Lifelong Learning Institute

On June 9, **Park Vista of Youngstown** celebrated the dedication of The Gelhaar Center and the Mahoning Valley Lifelong Learning Institute it houses.

Funded by donors to the campaign for the Institute, The Gelhaar Center adds nearly 1,000 square feet of dedicated lifelong learning space to the Park Vista campus.

Now, with a proper facility, the Institute can serve more people with more programs. The center includes state-of-the-art technology to bring course presentations to life, as well as help those with vision or hearing difficulties to participate with ease.

The center was named for longtime Park Vista supporter Charlotte Gelhaar. A tireless advocate for the Mahoning Valley throughout her life, Charlotte was serving as honorary campaign chair when she passed away in 2014.

"I cannot think of a better way to recognize Charlotte for her leadership to Park Vista over the many years," said Park Vista Executive Director Brian Kolenich.

"She believed in Park Vista, she believed in this project, and she believed in the collaboration between the arts, the cultural events, the historical and the educational,



and the fact that this institute could bring them together in a more powerful way," he added.

As part of the campaign, donors also supported endowment of the Institute's four lecture series, three of which – the Richard & Charlotte Gelhaar Lecture Series on Arts & Culture, the Ruth Kyle Lecture Series on Faith & Religious Life, and the Jack & Jaye Harris Lecture Series on History & Political Science – are named for lead donors to the project.

"These endowments are key for the sustainability of the Institute, now and into the future," Brian stated. Moving forward, our objective is to reach \$1.5 million to complete the lecture series endowment. ■

Visit www.MVLLI.org today to learn more about the Institute or to make your gift!

ABOVE: (L-R) Peter Gelhaar, son of Richard and Charlotte Gelhaar; Brian Kolenich, Park Vista Executive Director; and Larry Gumina, OPRS CEO, celebrate the dedication of The Gelhaar Center and the Mahoning Valley Lifelong Learning Institute.

NO DETAIL OVERLOOKED

Tribute gift creates scenic gathering spot on campus

A scenic overlook at **Lake Vista of Cortland** was created in tribute to a man who always looked out for the welfare of his friends and neighbors.

Betty Sanzenbacher, the widow of Glen, was delighted with the idea of making a charitable gift to create this special outdoor gathering spot, according to Gift Planning Director Debbie Hagarty.

Located atop a hill at one of the highest points on the Lake Vista campus, the overlook commands a view not only of the beautiful pond, gardens and walking trails, but the full 30-acre campus panorama plus a view of nearby Mosquito Lake State Park.

The site features a 22' by 28' concrete pad designed for easy access by those using walkers and wheelchairs. There is a bench, a shade sail affixed to three pillars, a barnstone wall and landscaping, with additional seating to be added soon. The space also features a

plaque naming it "The Glen and Betty Sanzenbacher Overlook."

The Sanzenbachers were among the first residents of Lake Vista. During their many years there, Glen served on the resident association, the local board and helped to write the resident bylaws. "Anybody at Lake Vista who knew Glen knew that he always questioned everything. He was a real numbers guy," said Betty.

"Glen was always very supportive of the work of the OPRS Foundation," Debbie stated.

She said Betty liked the idea of an overlook for a man who liked to look over everything. "As long as I knew Glen, he was always looking out for Lake Vista," she added. ■

BELOW: Betty Sanzenbacher enjoys the overlook she made possible with a charitable gift. The space is named for Betty and her late husband, Glen, whom she honored with her gift.



REMEMBERING ROCKYNOL

Late resident's gift inspires renovation

One of Ann Shean's favorite things about living at **Rockynol** was the food. In fact, Ann, a longtime resident, was so sincere about her admiration that she remembered Rockynol in her will with a gift for kitchen and dining room improvements.

Through Ann's generosity, Rockynol was able to purchase 70 new chairs and a cook-to-order oven that allows campus chefs to quickly prepare on-demand meals for residents.

However, the new chairs, while sorely needed, highlighted just how outdated the rest of the dining area really was.

Inspired by Ann's gift, Rockynol furthered the improvements by adding new carpeting, wallpaper, fixtures and drapes, making the Treeside Dining Room a fresh and enjoyable area for residents and guests alike.

At the grand re-opening of the dining room, residents were treated by a 17-piece jazz band and a delicious gourmet meal.

Pictures of the completed space were sent to Ann's son, Bill, who lives out of state. He was delighted with the results and shared that his mom would always brag about the work Rockynol was doing to make the campus better.

"She was so proud of being a resident," Bill said. "It really was home to her and she looked at it in the same light as the house I grew up in."

"Even though Ann is gone, her generosity lives on. She is touching the lives of so many Rockynol residents," said Gift Planning Director Debbie Hagarty. "Ann's gift was the catalyst that got the whole project moving forward. This all started with her gift." ■

BELOW: Former resident Ann Shean was so appreciative of Rockynol's culinary services that she left a gift in her will for kitchen and dining improvements. Ann's gift then inspired Rockynol to make over the entire space, giving it an updated look and feel.



MAKING A SPLASH

Ground broken for aquatic therapy center following successful campaign

After a strongly supported campaign to create one of the premier therapy centers in the Miami Valley, ground has been broken for The Sargeant Family Center for Aquatic Therapy and Rehab at **Dorothy Love Retirement Community**.

Generous donors surpassed the target goal, raising \$1.52 million for the project.

“At Dorothy Love we have been evolving and changing for more than 94 years and this is just another example of how we will continue changing to meet the needs of our community,” said Tricia Atwood, Dorothy Love’s executive director.

The star of the new center will be the HydroWorx 2000 therapy pool. The pool floor is a treadmill that also lifts up to ground level so a patient in a wheelchair can roll onto the surface. Underwater cameras record movement to help the therapist and allow them to send information to the patient’s physician.

Longtime Dorothy Love supporters Robert and John Sargeant served as honorary chairs of the campaign. The Sargeant family has a rich history of involvement with the campus. And it was because of the brothers’ leadership and generosity that this campaign was such a success.

Another campaign standout is Ray Koenig



who chaired the Campaign Leadership Committee, working with both donors and the campaign team. His high regard for Dorothy Love traces back to the care his late wife received at the campus.

“People were willing to give to this campaign because they are grateful for the care that they or their family member have received at Dorothy Love,” said Tricia. “Overall, our greater community believes we follow our mission and they believe in the service that we are providing on our campus,” she added.

The center will offer inpatient and outpatient therapy to Dorothy Love residents as well as those in the Sidney/ Shelby County area, benefiting the entire region for years to come. ■

ABOVE: (L-R) John and Robert Sargeant unveil the announcement of Dorothy Love's new aquatic therapy and rehab center, which bears the Sargeant name thanks to the brothers’ leadership and generosity.



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THE OPRS FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Understanding their role in supporting our mission

The OPRS Foundation has an important purpose: to partner with donors to provide charitable support for the people, projects and programs of OPRS. But you may wonder who looks after *our* work, making sure it's in the best interests of OPRS, donors like you, and the public.

This role is tasked to our Board of Directors, which provides oversight and guidance to us and our staff. This volunteer group is responsible for establishing fundraising policy, strategies and goals, financial objectives and budgets, annual fundraising activities, special campaigns and investment policy.

The board is divided into three committees – Planning/Communications, Fundraising Advisory and Investment – each focusing on our work in those key areas.

Leading these committees and the overall board are four officers: **Dick Mack**, Chair;

Bob Fischer, Vice Chair and Chair of the Fundraising Advisory Committee; **Brann Young**, Assistant Treasurer and Chair of the Investment Committee; and **Maria Polak**, Assistant Secretary and Chair of the Planning/Communications Committee.

Board members are recruited based on their involvement with OPRS and expertise in areas beneficial to our work, with a balanced geographic representation.

Our board members are deeply committed to the mission of OPRS, as demonstrated by their willingness to share their time and talents with us. And they show leadership in personal giving as well. Our board consistently has 100% giving participation, and our members encourage others to support OPRS as well.

We thank our board members for their commitment to OPRS and their skillful leadership of the OPRS Foundation! ■