

## *1867 Society Celebrated*

After a 17 month delay due to the pandemic, the first annual reception for St. Paul's 1867 Society was finally held on August 26, 2021 in the Rust Colony Pavilion.

The 1867 Society was created in 2020 to recognize donors who have contributed \$10,000 or more over the course of their lifetime of giving to St. Paul's.

Thirty-three members were in attendance to enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvre, wine and conversation, followed by an hour long program.

Director of Planned & Major Giving Dawn Hartman opened the program by welcoming attendees and sharing some statistics about the 1867 Society.

Eighty percent of the members of the 1867 Society have been giving to St. Paul's for 10 years or more. Dawn said, "Together as a whole the 1867 Society has invested more than two million dollars in furthering St. Paul's mission and improving the lives of the residents that live here. We want to thank you all so much for your incredible generosity, and it is my privilege to recognize you as members of our 1867 Society."

The inaugural members from 2020 were then recognized and presented with their framed certificates of membership.

Next, the class of 2021 was recognized, which includes six new members who have qualified to join the 1867 Society -

David & Christine Abell of Denver, Co., Eugene & Alice Mecklem of Fredonia, Pa., and Jim & Jackie Weyman of Greenville, Pa.

St. Paul's President and CEO Chris Wright shared a "State of the Community" address, giving an in-depth update on what's been happening at St. Paul's, recent reasons to celebrate, and the challenges being faced today.

1867 Society members were then invited to ask questions or share any comments or feedback they had for the staff.

For more information about the 1867 Society, please contact Dawn at 724-589-4611 or [dhartman@sp1867.org](mailto:dhartman@sp1867.org).

***Check out the group photo on the next page!***



***1867 Society members Eugene Mecklem & Rita Clemente enjoy chatting at the reception.***



***From left: members Jim & Jackie Weyman visit with fellow member LaWanda Johnston.***



***From left: members Mary Ellen Bayuk, Gerry McElree, Andrea & Victor Colaiaco, and Judith & Harry McElwain.***



**1867 Society members in attendance at the reception. Back row: Jim & Jackie Weyman, Jim & Lynn Chuey, Larry Redfoot, Dick Jones, Mary Ellen Bayuk, Harry McElwain, Steve Hosmer, Rita Clemente, Bryan & Kathy Oros, John Nichols, Victor Colaiaco, Lucy Shaffer, Chris Wright, Eugene Mecklem. Seated: LaWanda Johnston, Margie Hays, Gerry McElree, Judith McElwain, Jean Hodge, Carol Hosmer, Andrea Colaiaco & Jim Shaffer. Missing from photo: Bill Kirker & Tammy Lininger Hause.**



## *Time is Running Out*

*Don't miss this easy way to give in 2021!*

If you are at least 70 1/2 years old, you have until December 31 to make donations to your favorite charities like St. Paul's from your IRA. This is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), and you can make up to \$100,000 in QCDs from your retirement plan each year. Why use your IRA to give?

*No taxes* – Remember the money in your IRA hasn't been taxed yet. If you withdraw it for your personal use, you will owe income tax on it. Donate it instead and you are giving away money that's never been taxed, completely tax-free!

*Meet your RMD* – If you are 72 or older, you must withdraw a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA each year. If you don't need that money for your personal use or don't want it to raise your taxable income, donate it instead to meet the requirement!

*More cash for you* – You can support a mission that's important to you without affecting your checking or savings account balance. You are giving away an asset and not cash from your pocket.

*More inheritance for your children* – IRAs are the most heavily taxed asset you can leave to your heirs. By donating from your IRA, you reduce the size of your taxable estate **and** you can designate other assets for your children that are less of a tax burden.

***Two donors who use their IRAs to give share their story on the next page.***



**John & Mary Moore**

*Mary Moore,* of Greenville, Pa., volunteers through AARP to provide free tax assistance for individuals who are 50+. She first learned about the option of making charitable gifts from

her IRA when she completed tax preparation training.

Mary was a math teacher and later an adjunct professor of math and computer science at Thiel College. Her husband John taught history at Greenville High School and retired from the Air Force after 34 years of service. They moved into The Colony in April 2017 and love the option of donating to St. Paul's through their IRA.

"You are giving money you want to give anyway," said Mary. "By doing it through your IRA, it doesn't add onto your taxable income."

John & Mary choose to support the Good Samaritan Fund for benevolent care with their IRA gifts, because they are grateful that residents never have to worry about leaving St. Paul's if they run out of financial resources.

### *Dick Jones*

of St. Marys, Pa., has been a supporter of St. Paul's for many years due to the wonderful care provided to his parents Buck & Helen Jones in the original Health Center. When his wife Patti needed care, St. Paul's was the only choice for him.



**Dick & Patti Jones celebrating a wedding anniversary at St. Paul's.**

Dick uses his IRA to make charitable gifts to various funds at St. Paul's each year. Two of his favorites to support are life enrichment for the residents and staff education.

"I'm always looking for ways to give to St. Paul's to help them continue their amazing compassionate care," said Dick. "Since, at this time, I don't require my IRA RMD for my needs, donating it to St. Paul's is the perfect solution. It helps St. Paul's and doesn't increase my income for taxes."

## *How to Give From Your IRA*

**It's easy! Visit [www.stpauls1867.org/ira](http://www.stpauls1867.org/ira) and complete the "IRA Rollover Form 2021."**

*Don't have a computer?* Call and request a Qualified Charitable Distribution form from your plan administrator. Complete with the following information:

Legal Name: St. Paul Homes  
Tax ID#: 25-0773080  
Contact: Dawn Hartman  
Address: 339 E. Jamestown Rd.  
Greenville, PA 16125

*Questions?* Please contact Dawn Hartman at 724-589-4611 or [dhartman@sp1867.org](mailto:dhartman@sp1867.org).

## *Ask an Expert Series*

St. Paul's "Ask an Expert" series is a free educational program featuring knowledgeable presenters from the community discussing topics of interest for older adults and families.

The program is currently being offered virtually until we can return to in-person gatherings. Check out our most recent topics:

### **Creating an Estate Plan that Works**

*Elder law attorney Tye Cressman*

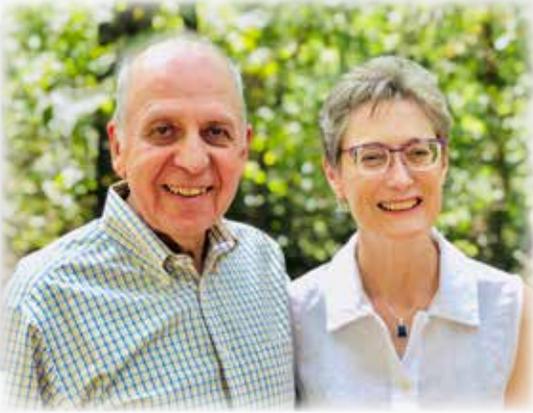
### **The Longest Day & Alzheimer's Disease**

*Development Manager Nathaniel Sofranko from the Alzheimer's Association*

### **The Benefits of Music Therapy**

*Certified music therapist Cindy Legwaila*

**You can view all of St. Paul's "Ask an Expert" videos at [www.stpauls1867.org/news](http://www.stpauls1867.org/news).**



# Faith & Philanthropy

Throughout their lives, Inis Bardella, M.D. and her husband Robert McConnell of Fayetteville, Ark., have supported charities whose missions align with their deeply-rooted Christian faith.

St. Paul's, where Inis' mother lived for 16 years, is one of those organizations.

In order for that support to continue beyond their lifetime, they included a gift for St. Paul's in their will.

"When God has blessed you with the wherewithal, you have a responsibility to make plans for after you are gone to ensure that those blessings continue to be used to honor God," said Inis.

Through their own volunteer work, they understand how much non-profits like St. Paul's depend on donated funds to support their charitable mission and programs.

Bob is an active volunteer for Rotary Club International, and Inis works with global non-profits to establish medical education programs in low and middle income countries like Albania, Rwanda, Haiti, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Kyrgyzstan.

Originally from Avella, a small town in rural southwestern Pennsylvania, Inis attended Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pa., medical school at Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, and completed her family medicine residency at Washington Hospital, also in Washington.

She practiced rural family medicine and emergency medicine for eight years, then God opened the doors for an academic career at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Teaching became her passion, and she spent time at medical schools in Indiana, Colorado and Illinois, leading departments in medical education, research and clinical care development.

Bob also hails from southwestern Pennsylvania, from Carrick, a neighborhood in Pittsburgh. He and

Inis have been married for 25 years.

Though now retired, Bob managed shopping malls for more than 25 years. In recent years, he has used his astute business skills to mentor several young Rwandan men and facilitate a water filtration program in Uganda.

It was at the time of their first move out of Pennsylvania for Inis' academic career that they were introduced to St. Paul's.

Her mother Gloria Bardella was still living in Avella, now widowed, soon-to-be without close family nearby and with a large home to take care of.

Inis' brother Ed and his wife Dr. Betty Jean Bardella suggested Gloria move to St. Paul's, near their home in Jamestown, Pa.

"There are very few senior living communities like St. Paul's that truly offer everything from independent living to assisted living to skilled nursing," said Inis. "My mother is a great example of the whole continuum of care. Everything St. Paul's had to offer, she took advantage of at one time or another."

Gloria started out living independently in The Colony in a home on Circle Drive, where she flourished for seven years. During that time, she used the short stay rehabilitation services at The Villas a couple times for minor issues. Then in 2012, a broken hip and surgery led to a permanent move to personal care at The Ridgewood.

In 2015, Gloria transitioned again to the memory support neighborhood at The Heritage and shortly after to The Villas, where she resided until her passing in January of 2021.

"My experience as a family member was extremely positive," said Inis. "St. Paul's was an answer to prayer. The consistency of genuine caring, love and compassion was just wonderful. The staff really have relationships with the residents. It's not just a job or a paycheck. They care about the residents so deeply."

With St. Paul's faith-based history and her own family's experience, Inis and Bob were confident in their decision to include a bequest for St. Paul's in

their estate plan.

“When you have an understanding of the difference St. Paul’s makes in the lives of the people who live there and work there, we feel you have a calling or a responsibility to give back,” said Inis.

They have asked for their gift to be split evenly between benevolent care and staff education. The first because of Gloria and the second because of Inis’ lifelong passion for education and wanting to recognize the value of the people who work at St. Paul’s.

“Our mother benefited from St. Paul’s commitment to care for their residents even if they run out of financial resources,” said Inis. “We want to make that possible for other families.”

Today, Inis is semi-retired, and she and Bob live in Arkansas close to their two sons, wives and four-and-a-half-year-old granddaughter.

They hope that by sharing their story it will

encourage others who have had a wonderful experience at St. Paul’s to make their own legacy gift.



***Inis and her mother Gloria  
in the Keifer Building at St. Paul’s.***

***For more information about legacy giving,  
please contact Director of Planned and Major  
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dhartman@sp1867 or visit www.stpauls1867.  
org/giving/ways-to-give.***

## *That Warm & Cozy Feeling*

There’s nothing like the warm, cozy feeling we get around the holidays that makes our days brighter. Christmas is a time that infuses hope, peace and joy in the world.

At St. Paul’s it is our goal to not only provide excellent health care for our residents but to also make life extra special, especially around the holidays. For some, this could be a time of loneliness and sadness as they remember lost loved ones and past traditions. We strive to spread joy and light during this time.

In order to do that we need your help. You can help keep the joy alive at St. Paul’s by supporting the annual resident Christmas Appeal. By donating you are ensuring that every resident at The Villas, The Heritage and The Ridgewood receives a Christmas gift. Any additional money raised goes toward resident “wish list” items for all residents to enjoy throughout the year.



The annual resident Christmas Appeal will be coming to your mailboxes and email inboxes in November. Please help us make this a Christmas to remember at St. Paul’s. Thank you!

*“It is Christmas every time  
you let God love others  
through you.”* -Mother Teresa

# When You Wish Upon a Friend

The well-known Disney anthem *When You Wish Upon a Star* is all about how dreams come true. At St. Paul's, it's our many friends who donate who make dreams come true.

Those friends sometimes ask, "What do the residents need?" That's when we share the Wish List of various items that would make life better for the residents at St. Paul's.

For example, we are currently seeking a generous donor (or donors) to support the purchase of a **Wheelchair-Accessible Golf Cart**.

St. Paul's has a beautiful 622-acre campus for residents to enjoy the outdoors. But for those with mobility issues, particularly who use a wheelchair, this can be challenging.

Some residents have family members who visit and take them outside for short walks, but they are limited in location due to the hilly terrain.

Other residents don't have family who visit or don't have family capable of pushing a wheelchair.

With the addition of a wheelchair accessible golf cart, an employee or a volunteer will be able to take up to three residents for a ride around the campus.



PHED Mobility LLC in Elkhart, Ind., is a leader in the fabrication of wheelchair accessible golf carts. Their Rideabout golf cart costs about \$20,000. St. Paul's hopes to eventually have at least two for use on campus.

There are many proven benefits to spending time outdoors. It can improve mental health; improve sleep quality; reduce pain; raise energy levels; boost the immune system; improve overall health; and enhance social relationships with

others enjoying the outdoors.

"For residents with chronic health conditions even reaping just a few of these benefits would improve their quality of life and well-being.

The golf cart can also be used to transport residents to outdoor events, like picnics, more safely and in less time.

To donate toward the purchase of a golf cart, scan the QR code at right with your phone, or send a check with "Golf Cart" in the memo line in the enclosed envelope.

Gifts can also be made by contacting Dawn Hartman, Director of Planned & Major Giving, at 724-589-4611 or [dhartman@sp1867.org](mailto:dhartman@sp1867.org).



## Renovations Underway

Renovations have begun to the interior of the Keifer Building on St. Paul's campus. Originally built to serve as an administrative building, schoolhouse and chapel for the orphanage, the red brick, colonial style building has now stood through more than a century of growth and changes at St. Paul's.

Today it is the community building for The Colony independent living neighborhood at St. Paul's, where residents go to get their mail and packages, sign up for activities, borrow books from the library, and enjoy special meals, events and programs. It also houses the administrative offices for The Colony, St. Paul's Without Walls, and the Marketing and Charitable Giving Departments.

In 2019, St. Paul's board of directors began discussing in earnest the need to renovate the aging Keifer Building in order to maintain and preserve the historical building, as well as to meet the current and future needs of the residents and staff.

In the last twenty years, The Colony has grown in size by 50% and has almost 150 residents residing there. With more residents, the number of staff needed to serve those residents has also grown. There is a pressing need for more space for community gatherings, mail/package distribution



and staff offices that cannot be accomplished without renovation.

The last major renovation to the building was in the 1970s after a fire heavily damaged the north wing. In addition to creating new spaces, plans for the renovation include new flooring, ceiling tiles, lighting, heating/air conditioning units, windows, wall treatments, and furnishings.

A capital fundraising campaign will not be held for the project, but there are four naming opportunities available for donors who would like to provide support for furnishings for the newly created resident spaces.

In addition to being able to name the newly-created space, the donor will also be recognized for their generous contribution on a plaque in the location of

their choice.

The naming opportunity for the new Multi-Purpose Room has already been reserved by a generous donor.

Naming opportunities are still available for the new Community Room (the site of the original chapel for the orphanage), Library/Fireside Lounge and Dining Room.

For more information about the naming opportunities, please contact Director of Planned & Major Giving Dawn Hartman at 724-589-4611 or [dhartman@sp1867.org](mailto:dhartman@sp1867.org).

***At top right is the chapel before renovation. At right is the new Community Room, ready to be named by you.***



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Would you like to support the residents at St. Paul's at no cost to you? Great news! You can just by shopping on Amazon. Choose St. Paul's as your favorite charity through their foundation AmazonSmile, and they will donate .5% of your eligible purchases to St. Paul's whenever you shop. You will have access to all the same products at the same prices with no extra fees.

So far, supporters have raised a total of \$622.28 for St. Paul's from their Amazon purchases. Thank you to everyone who has been using AmazonSmile to benefit St. Paul's!

If you have not set up AmazonSmile, now would be the perfect time to do so with Christmas right around the corner. You could get your holiday shopping done all while supporting the residents at Paul's.

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**Dawn**

Have a question about giving or memorial opportunities? We would love to chat with you! Stop by the Charitable Giving office in the Keifer Building or give us a call at 724-589-4667.

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