

A Bridge for the Future

It's a beautiful, warm fall day at St. Paul's. The sun is shining, highlighting the trees painted in brilliant orange, yellow and red. The day is perfect for soaking up some mood-boosting, disease-fighting Vitamin D while enjoying outdoor recreation on campus.

Residents at The Heritage could go for a ride around campus in one of the wheelchair-accessible golf carts. A couple at The Colony could take a bike ride, stopping to visit their neighbor recovering at The Villas after surgery. A resident at The Ridgewood could ride his scooter over to see his friend at The Colony. A visiting grandson could push his grandma in her wheelchair outside for a walk.

But there sits Williamson Road, cutting the campus in half and making for a dangerous crossing. A vehicle could suddenly appear, barreling around the curve or over the hill, giving you seconds of reaction time. You don't want to take the risk, so you make other plans.

The "Bridging the Gap" campaign underway now is seeking to change that. Funds are being raised to construct a pedestrian bridge over Williamson Road and a series of interconnecting walking trails.

Not only will this make St. Paul's campus safer, it will also create more opportunities for outdoor recreation not only for current residents, visitors and staff, but those we will welcome in the future who think outdoor recreation is vital.

"What really excites me about this project is the connections it will create," said supporter and past resident family member Dick Jones. "With safer travel possible in both directions across Williamson Road, St. Paul's will truly become one family."

To date, almost \$900,000 has been committed by donors for the project with the ultimate goal to raise \$1.5 million by 2024.

The bridge and trails will be multi-use, which means



Artist rendering of the bench rest areas, which will be on each side of the bridge



Artist rendering of the pedestrian bridge over Williamson Road on St. Paul's campus

they can be used for walking, biking, and riding on motorized scooters, wheelchairs and golf carts. They will be ADA compliant, fully-accessible for individuals of all ages and abilities.

Four new walking trails also will be built to connect existing sidewalks and roadways in The Colony, The Ridgewood and The Villas/Heritage to the bridge. The bridge will cross over Williamson Road near the intersection of Collins Drive and Killius Way.

"Complete accessibility is one of my volunteer goals, whether it is homes, sidewalks, public buildings, or — closest to my heart — my church," said supporter and past resident family member Marti Pechnyo. "How wonderful to be part of this great project making more of St. Paul's outdoors accessible and safe!"

The design plans are being finalized by Wallace Pancher Group of Hermitage, Pa. **Now all we need is you!** All gifts, no matter the size, will help make this project possible. Gifts can be made outright as a one-time gift or pledged over three years. Construction on the project is expected to begin in late 2024.

Ways to Give:

Check - Send in the enclosed remittance envelope. Be sure to include "Bridging the Gap" in the memo line.

Credit Card, ACH, Apple or Google Pay - Scan the QR code to donate from your phone, or visit www.stpauls1867.org/bridge.



IRA - Individuals who are 70 1/2 and older can make charitable gifts directly from their IRA.

Stocks, Bonds & Mutual Funds - You could donate appreciated securities to make your gift.

Pledge - To make a pledge, complete the pledge form online, or contact Dawn Hartman, Director of Strategic Giving at 724-589-4611 or dhartman@sp1867.org.

A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

This spring, a new 400 square foot patio was completed at The Heritage on the south side of the building for residents and visitors to enjoy.

In addition to the large central courtyard that is located between The Villas and The Heritage, the new patio offers another option for residents to enjoy the outdoors on St. Paul's campus with a prime view of the comings and goings in front of The Heritage and the scenic hillside across East Jamestown Road.

"The new patio area in front of The Heritage is a beautiful, comfortable setting for residents, families and staff to enjoy friendship and fellowship," said Dianna Jones, Administrator at The Heritage. "We are truly blessed to have such gorgeous outdoor areas to enjoy."

This project has been on the resident wishlist for several years and was paid for through funds raised from the annual Resident Christmas Appeal.

After Christmas presents are bought for all residents at The Villas, The Heritage and The Ridgewood, any additional funds raised go toward wish list items that residents can enjoy all year.

In addition, The Auxiliary of St. Paul's provided \$10,000 for the project through their fundraising efforts including bake sales and gift shop sales.

The Auxiliary recently celebrated its 50th anniversary as a volunteer membership group dedicated to raising funds to purchase items that enhance the lives of residents at St. Paul's.

The new patio area was designed by St. Paul's Grounds Manager Scott McElhinny. Originally slated to begin construction last spring, the project was delayed



New front patio opens at The Heritage.

until a utility line in the project area could be relocated by the utility provider.

Once the relocation was complete, work began in earnest in the fall 2022. Local contractor R Builders of Greenville, Pa., was awarded the bid for the project.

The first step of the project was to excavate the hillside on the south side of the building to create a level space for the patio.

R Builders then constructed an attractive brick retaining wall to match the building and laid the concrete pad, connecting the area to the existing sidewalk.

White Electric of Hermitage, Pa., installed electric and lighting around the new space.

The finishing touches were added by St. Paul's grounds crew this spring with beautiful landscaping, benches and two patio dining sets from Kraynak's.

The space is topped with a 20 foot octagon shade umbrella from The Shade Experts USA, which is a top supplier of commercial shade umbrellas, and was handmade by artisans in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The umbrella provides ample shade and air flow through wind vents in the canopy during sunny days and can be lowered when inclement weather is approaching and over the winter for storage.

Wendy Vaughn, Director of Life Enrichment at The Heritage has held some small group activities on the patio, including trivia games and lemonade.

Residents are also using the space independently. "Residents enjoy the space for reading, visiting and just being outdoors," said Vaughn.

Families and team members are also taking advantage of the new space to eat outdoors. In addition to group gatherings, future plans for the patio include outdoor musical entertainment as weather permits.



From left: Emma Findley, Janet Kirk and Gordon Wilson, residents at The Heritage, enjoy a sunny day visiting on the new patio.

THANK YOU to the many donors and
The Auxiliary at St. Paul's who helped
make this project possible!

Christmas Wishes Come True

At St. Paul's the magic of Christmas lasts all year due to the support of the annual Resident Christmas Appeal. Last year, the appeal raised more than \$39,000. After resident Christmas gifts are purchased, the remaining funds are used to buy special wishlist items for residents to enjoy throughout the year.

Not only was the front patio a new addition to The Heritage this year (as mentioned on page 2), but every area on campus received something special to enjoy.

Jones Serenity Circle and Lane in The Heritage purchased a new Char-Broil four burner propane gas grill and two raised, wheelchair-accessible garden beds.

The garden beds were purchased from Green



Vera Sickles and Pat Houpt, residents at The Heritage, enjoy planting fall flowers in the new raised garden beds.

the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful outdoors comfortably, while being shaded from the sun.

In addition, a 14 foot x 28 foot concrete pad was

Circle Accessible Gardens and are designed to provide maximum comfort and safety for individuals in wheelchairs, with easy access and a self-irrigation system for a thriving garden.

The Ridgewood was able to check off several items from their wishlist. They purchased new lawn furniture and a shade umbrella from Kraynak's for their pond area. This gives the residents

laid by Brown's Masonry & Concrete to finish The Ridgewood's miniature golf course. The four hole putt-putt course was constructed by the men's group at the First Church of God in Greenville and now has a permanent home on the concrete pad, just off the sidewalk in the back of the building.

Playing cards is also a favorite past time of the residents at The Ridgewood so two automatic battery-operated deck card shufflers and two oak folding card tables were purchased from Amazon.

The Villas was able to purchase fifty-two 43 inch Samsung LED Smart TV's and wall mount kits, thanks to the Resident Christmas Appeal. The goal is to eventually purchase these TVs for all resident rooms, enabling easy accessibility and entertainment for all to enjoy. Studies show that watching TV aids in relaxation, provides a great source of entertainment and helps with loneliness and boredom.

Thank you to everyone who made our Christmas wishes come true! Even when the Christmas season ends, your support of the Resident Christmas Appeal keeps on giving. Watch for the 2023 Christmas Appeal to hit your mailbox or inbox in November!

For more information, please contact Teresa Findley, Director of Annual Giving at 724-589-4778 or tfindley@sp1867.org.



Mike Allen using the new grill with Vera Sickles, who is 101 years young.



Rae Johnson and Phyllis Haynes try out the new putt-putt course at The Ridgewood.



Janet McDaniel at The Villas is enjoying her new 43 inch smart TV.

Ready, Set....Take Aim

It was another beautiful day for St. Paul's 3rd annual Sporting Clay Shoot fundraiser on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at Sandycreek Conservancy in Polk, Pa. The weather was perfect — 72 degrees and sunny — the food was delicious, and the company was top notch!

This year the event brought in more than \$35,000 to support St. Paul's Good Samaritan Fund for benevolent care. Because of the Good Samaritan Fund, residents who exhaust their financial resources can continue to live at St. Paul's and receive the love, care and support they need, for as long as they need it.

There were 41 sponsors and 91 shooters who participated in the event, including St. Paul's vendors, team members, resident family members and just individuals who love the sport.

Tom McElree, resident family member, participated in the Sporting Clay Shoot for the second year in a row. "This is very much a family affair for us, and we were glad we could participate again this year," said Tom.

"Great staff, relaxed atmosphere, friendly contestants, challenging course, fabulous food and of course, all for a great cause to support benevolent care at St. Paul's Senior Living Community!"

Sandycreek Conservancy has 16

shooting stations, and every participant had the opportunity to shoot at 100 clay.

Participants also tried their luck at a 50/50 raffle, mystery cooler raffle, Benelli gun case & blind bag raffle, and a gun raffle for a chance to win a Bergara B-14 Wilderness Ridge rifle or \$1,000 cash.

The top shooter prize was awarded to Adam Garrett from FNB Wealth Management in Hermitage, Pa. A variety of door prizes were also given out.

Thank you so much to all of our sponsors and participants for taking aim to support our mission at St. Paul's to provide meaning, richness

of life, health care, and other support services, while maintaining and enhancing the dignity of human life, regardless of a resident's financial situation.



Jeff Schlegel and Adam Garrett from FNB's team pose in front of their sponsor sign.



The Redfoot family has sponsored and participated all three years.



The McElree family enjoying their second outing at St. Paul's Sporting Clay Shoot.

2023 Sporting Clay Shoot Sponsors

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planned gift or legacy gift for St. Paul's, such as a bequest in their will or a beneficiary designation for a retirement account.

Thirty-seven people attended the annual luncheon



Guest Linda Oman visits with Legacy Society members Susan & Lyle Anderson.

chicken maria, roasted red potatoes, green beans almondine and berry burst cake, prepared by St.

The annual luncheon for St. Paul's Legacy Society was held in Anderson Fellowship Hall at The Heritage on May 9, 2023.

The Legacy Society recognizes individuals who have set up a

including Legacy Society members, a few special guests and St. Paul's board members.

Attendees enjoyed a delicious luncheon of beef tenderloin,

Paul's Dining Services.

Three new members were recognized at this year's luncheon — Don & Rita Clemente and Gail Maycher, all of Greenville, Pa.



Legacy Society members Diann Kuder & LaWanda Johnston

This was followed by a special program "Revisiting Our Core Values: A Post Pandemic Conversation," presented by Tammy Lininger, VP of Senior Living and Jennie Kather, Director of Marketing.

They shared the process St. Paul's recently went through to evaluate and update the core values, ultimately adding "respect" to the existing values of compassion, person-centered and security.

For more information about becoming a member of the Legacy Society or 1867 Society, please contact Dawn Hartman, Director of Strategic Giving at 724-589-4611 or dhartman@sp1867.org.



St. Paul's 1867 Society gathered for its annual reception on August 9, 2023 at The Heritage.

The 1867 Society

recognizes and honors donors who have made significant contributions to St. Paul's over their lifetime of giving, totaling \$10,000 or more.

Twenty-nine members were in attendance and enjoyed cocktails, hors d'oeuvre and an informational program.

The program started out with Director of Strategic Giving Dawn Hartman recognizing the members in



1867 Society members Bryan & Kathy Oros

attendance and then officially welcoming the class of 2023.

These six new members qualified to join the 1867 Society this year — Steve & Gail Cochoff from Hudson, Ohio, Keith & Sandy Hittle from



New member Brian Mailliard is welcomed by Dawn Hartman, Director of Strategic Giving.

Greenville, Pa., Brian Mailliard from Meadville, Pa., and a donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

Dawn was then joined by Director of Annual Giving Teresa Findley to share some updates from the Charitable Giving Office about how the Good Samaritan Fund fared through the pandemic and new technology upgrades.

President and CEO Chris Wright wrapped up the program with his annual update, followed by time for members to ask questions and offer feedback.

A Safe Investment

If there was an investment vehicle that safeguards your funds, guarantees a good investment return for the rest of your life and supports your favorite charity, would you be interested in learning more?

Well, good news. Setting up a charitable gift annuity (CGA) with St. Paul's does all of the above!

A CGA is an irrevocable agreement in which you make an investment of cash or appreciated securities of at least \$10,000 to start the annuity. In exchange, you will receive annual, fixed payments for life from the annuity. The amount remaining after your lifetime becomes a charitable gift to St. Paul's.

Check out the current payout rates in the table below, based on a \$25,000 annuity.

Age	Rate	Annual Payment
65	5.4%	\$1,350
70	5.9%	\$1,475
75	6.6%	\$1,650
80	7.6%	\$1,900
85	8.7%	\$2,175

Benefits

Guaranteed Income for Life - Your payout will never stop or change.

Charitable Income Tax Deduction - You can claim this deduction the year you start your annuity.

Capital Gains Tax Savings - If you use stocks to start your annuity, you can save on capital gains tax.

See the Impact Now - You can choose to grant the charitable gift portion of your annuity up front to St. Paul's rather than waiting until after your lifetime.



You can now use an IRA charitable rollover of up to \$50,000 once in your lifetime to start a charitable gift annuity! This can be a great way to satisfy your annual required minimum distribution, or to reduce the size of your IRA to ease the income tax burden for your heirs.

You can see what a CGA could look like for you by contacting Dawn Hartman, Director of Strategic Giving at 724-589-4611 or dhartman@sp1867.org. She will prepare you a free gift illustration to review.

New Ways to Give

You are now able to make donations to St. Paul's using ACH transfer, Apple Pay or Google Pay through our website.



To donate through ACH transfer, just choose the option of Savings or Checking account on the donation form, and enter your routing and account numbers.

ACH transfer is a great option if you'd like to set up a recurring monthly donation for St. Paul's. Your donation will come right out of your bank account each month like an automatic bill payment. You can stop or change it at any time by contacting the Charitable Giving Office.

If you have Apple Pay or Google Pay set up, you will now be able to use those options on St. Paul's website.

Did you know that digital wallets like Apple Pay and Google Pay are actually more secure than using physical credit cards? Digital wallets have a security feature called "tokenization." When you make a purchase, your digital wallet doesn't send your personal information or credit card number to the merchant. It generates



a one-time-use token of random letters and numbers that is sent instead, which is useless to hackers.

In addition if your device is password-protected or biometric-protected (fingerprint or facial recognition), it adds another layer of security.

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Triple the Support

The 4th annual PA OH Gives Giving Week was held June 17-23, 2023 and was once again hosted by the Community Foundation of Western PA and Eastern OH to support local non-profit organizations.

During Giving Week, St. Paul's raised \$41,081 for the Good Samaritan Fund. This total is a combination of 109 donor contributions made to St. Paul's during Giving Week, the free matching funds from the foundation, and two special bonuses awarded for our number of donors and for having the most donors within 24 hours.

Angela Palumbo of Hermitage, Pa., was one of those generous individuals who made a gift for St. Paul's. "The care, love and support given to my Dad, Leo, by the staff at St. Paul's was truly exceptional," said Angela. "My Dad felt the love given to him by every person he came in contact with. To give a donation for Giving Week to help the Good Samaritan Fund was my honor — my

Dad would want me to do that!"

All donations made to PA OH Gives were matched on a prorated basis by the Community Foundation, based on the total dollars raised by all organizations participating. This year that included 70 organizations.

Each year St. Paul's Charitable Giving Office promotes PA OH Gives through a series of videos from supporters talking about the Good Samaritan Fund and why donating during Giving Week is so important.

The Good Samaritan Fund ensures a resident never has to leave St. Paul's or adjust the level of care they receive because they have exhausted their financial resources. This fund is not only supported by donations to PA OH Gives Giving Week but also through donations to the annual Good Samaritan Appeal and St. Paul's Sporting Clay Shoot.

PA OH Gives "Giving Week" Results:

\$34,445 = Donor Contributions

\$5,402 = FREE Matching Funds

\$734 = FREE Power-Up Bonus

\$500 = FREE Challenge Bonus

\$41,081 = Total Amount for St. Paul's



Above right: Judy Radkowski from the Community Foundation presents the check from Giving Week to St. Paul's Charitable Giving directors Dawn Hartman & Teresa Findley.

Support to the St. Paul's Good Samaritan Fund is greatly needed and appreciated. 59% of the residents in skilled nursing and 10% in personal care depend on the Good Samaritan Fund for their care.

Last year, St. Paul's provided more than \$5.2 million in unfunded and benevolent care to residents in need.

The annual Good Samaritan Appeal is another way to support this fund. This direct mailing is sent out in the spring each year. A total of 219 individuals made a gift in response to the appeal this year, raising \$73,539.

In addition, the 3rd annual Sporting Clay Shoot fundraiser (as mentioned on page 4) brought in more than \$35,000 for the Good Samaritan Fund.

Unfortunately we had to cancel our 2020 and

2022 biennial Caring Hearts on Fire Gala due to the pandemic. This had been our largest fundraiser to support benevolent care at St. Paul's. The Sporting Clay Shoot was started as a unique and safe way to enable us to hold a fundraiser for St. Paul's that was outside and socially-distanced.

With all three efforts combined, a total of more than \$149,000 has been raised to support the Good Samaritan Fund this year. That is just amazing!

Thank you to everyone who made a gift to support St. Paul's Good Samaritan Fund this year. You are greatly appreciated! If you have not yet made a gift and would like to help, it's not too late. You can donate to the Good Samaritan Fund all year long. Just send a check to St. Paul's Charitable Giving Office at 341 E. Jamestown Rd. Greenville, PA 16125 with "Good Samaritan Fund" in the memo line, or donate online at www.stpauls1867.org.



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Thank You for Your Support!



Dawn

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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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