

Building a Bridge

With the start of 2023, St. Paul's is officially launching the public phase of the "Bridging the Gap" capital campaign.

The goal of the campaign is to raise \$1.5 million over the next two years to construct a pedestrian bridge and walking trails to connect the north and south sides of St. Paul's campus.

The campaign quietly got underway last year with the solicitation of St. Paul's board of directors, management team and a small group of dedicated supporters.

We are pleased to share that to date more than \$700,000 has been committed for the project, which is almost half of the total goal.

This project grew from the desire to resolve some of the challenges presented by St. Paul's sprawling campus.

St. Paul's campus of 600 plus acres includes four distinct areas. The north side of campus is home to The Colony independent living neighborhood, where about 142 residents reside in private homes or apartments.

The south side is home to all the rest—The Villas skilled nursing community, and The Heritage and The Ridgewood, both personal care residences. Approximately 232 residents live within those three buildings.

It's more than just the level of care that divides the north and south sides of St. Paul's campus. There is a physical barrier in the form of Williamson Road - a public roadway that is heavily-traveled by members of



the outside community.

Crossing Williamson Road is dangerous, particularly for residents with reduced mobility or other conditions that can impact safety. There is no posted speed limit on the road, and there is limited visibility due to the topography of the roadway.

Because of this, Williamson Road reduces the outdoor space that can be safely enjoyed by all residents on St. Paul's campus. It also creates a distinct separation between spouses, other family members and friends who live on opposite sides of the campus.

The "Bridging the Gap" campaign will remove this barrier by constructing a pedestrian bridge over Williamson Road and a

series of walking trails to connect the bridge to existing sidewalks and roadways on campus.

The bridge and trails will be multi-use for walking, biking, and riding on motorized scooters and golf carts.

St. Paul's anticipates the following groups utilizing the bridge and trails: residents who enjoy exercising outdoors by walking or biking; residents with golf carts, motorized scooters or wheelchairs; residents

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The intersection of Williamson Road and Oros Way is one of the most dangerous crossings on St. Paul's campus due to the limited visibility.



Residents and staff enjoying golf cart rides around campus last year.

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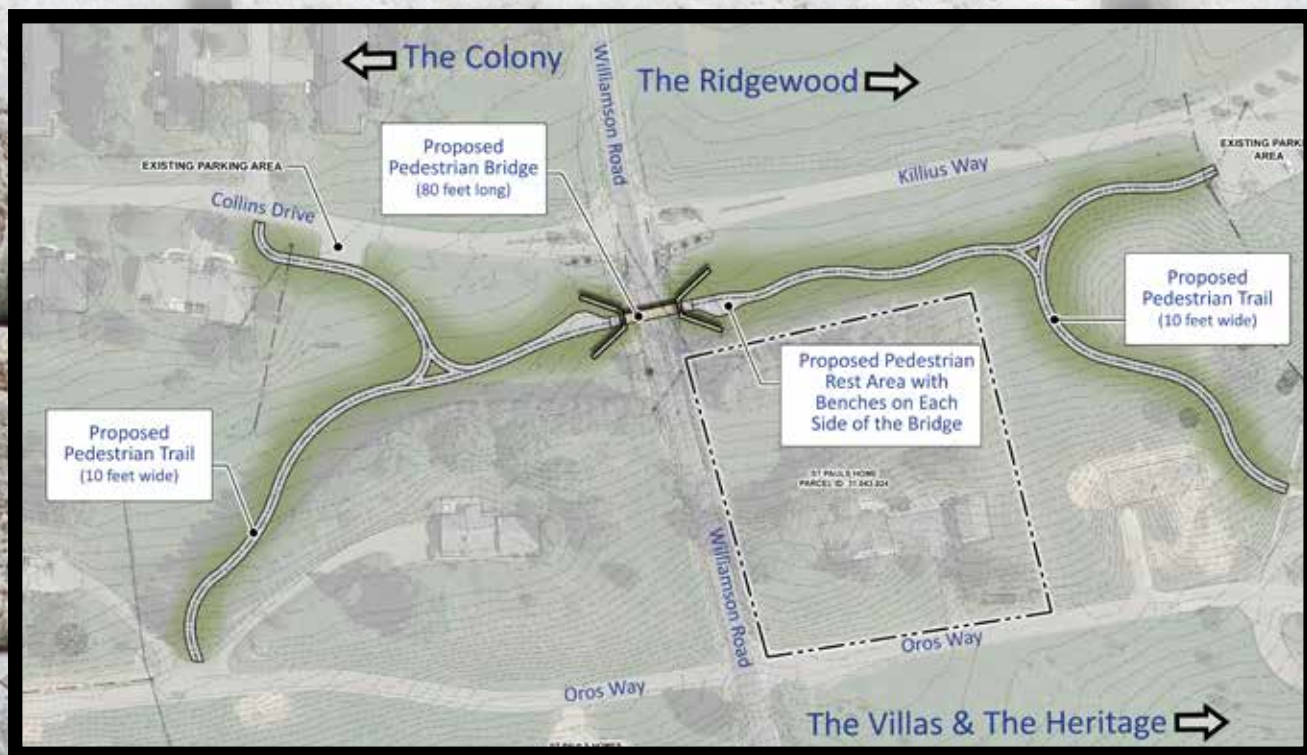
with loved ones residing in other buildings; volunteers who live in The Colony; visiting resident family members; Maintenance and Grounds staff on maintenance equipment; and Life Enrichment staff and residents on the wheelchair-accessible golf carts, used to take residents for rides to enjoy the outdoors, socialize with residents in other neighborhoods, and attend outdoor events such as the Car Cruise-In, Color Me Happy 5K and picnics.

"The bridge and trails will pave the way for stronger connections between all of the residents

who call St. Paul's home by improving safety and accessibility to all parts of the campus," said President and CEO Chris Wright. "We are so excited to see this project come together and look forward to starting construction once sufficient funds are raised."

If you are interested in donating to help "Bridge the Gap" for the residents at St. Paul's, please contact Dawn Hartman, Director of Strategic Giving, at 724-589-4611 or dhartman@sp1867.org.

Bridge and Trails Conceptual Drawing



What Donors Say



"We are supporting the Bridging the Gap campaign because it will create community connection.

A bridge over

Williamson Road will be safer, quicker and a nonstop means to visit loved ones and friends living in The Colony, The Ridgewood, The Heritage and The Villas." - **John & Dorothy Rust, Colony Residents**



"Building and maintaining supportive relationships as we age is so important. This project will increase the ease with which residents may visit spouses and friends who reside elsewhere on campus. It will also encourage the building of

new relationships by providing easy access. I see it as an improvement project definitely worth supporting!" **Gordon Fraser, Board Member**



In February, St. Paul's will kick off its annual "It's All About Heart" Eden Alternative campaign. This online campaign raises funds to support the culture of care at St. Paul's by focusing on creating a life full of purpose and meaning for our residents regardless of their age or changing abilities.

At St. Paul's our team strives to create a caring, inclusive and vibrant community by eliminating the three plagues of loneliness, helplessness, and boredom. Each Neighborhood at St. Paul's has its own "Eden family" a closely-knit circle of residents and team members who enjoy life together, engaging in special activities on and off campus.



Michael Allen and resident Dorothy Dalessandro planting vegetables this past spring in the Garden of Love courtyard in Jones Serenity Circle.

gardening, memorable outings, and care for the neighborhood pets on campus. The Ridgewood was also able to purchase a four hole putting green for residents and staff to enjoy.

"The resident's had been talking about wanting more outdoor activities and mentioned a putt-putt course," said Dawn French, Life Enrichment Specialist at The Ridgewood.

Dawn acted on this idea and contacted the mens group at her church, the First Church of God in Greenville, to see if they would be willing to build a

putting green if St. Paul's purchased the supplies.

"While they usually build ramps and do home repairs, they decided to give it a try and did a great job," said Dawn. The course can be set up inside or outside.

"I was amazed at how many of the residents wanted to do it, and how good they were," said Dawn. "More than one resident came back and did it more than once!"

You can help make special moments like these happen by donating to the "It's All About Heart" campaign during the month of February.



Resident Aleen Danner taking a swing at the new putting green at The Ridgewood with team member Tina Jones.

Ways to Give:

Facebook - Click on the fundraiser link "It's All About Heart 2023" on St. Paul's Facebook page and donate.

Website - Visit www.stpauls1867.org and click the blue Donate button in the top right corner.

Check - Send a check to the Charitable Giving Office at 341 E. Jamestown Rd., Greenville, PA 16125. Be sure to put "It's All About Heart" in the memo line.

Text-to-Give - Text SPHEART to 44-321.

Thank you for your support! Please help to spread the word and share our posts on Facebook!



Mildred "Jane" Heile (left) and Marilyn Johnson, residents at The Heritage, enjoying ice cream on a hot summer day from Jim's Snack Shack.

Your IRA & Secure Act 2.0

The Secure Act 2.0 was included in the massive omnibus spending package that was signed into law on December 29, 2022.

This legislation made some changes to retirement planning and how you can use your IRA to make charitable gifts to non-profits like St. Paul's.

Since 2006 you have been able to make IRA charitable rollovers, also known as a qualified charitable distributions, from your IRA directly to a charity like St. Paul's.

There are several advantages to this. You can support a mission that's important to you without affecting your bank balance, AND you are giving away money that has never been taxed, completely tax-free!

It's also a great way to satisfy your annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). If you don't need the money for personal use or you don't want it to raise your taxable income, you could donate it instead!

The new legislation made some changes to the IRA charitable rollover that you should know about:

RMD AGE REQUIREMENT

The age you can make an IRA charitable rollover is still 70 1/2 years old, but the age you have to begin withdrawing your RMD has gone up from 72 to 73 if you were born after 1950.

INFLATION ADJUSTMENT

Beginning in 2024, there will be an annual increase in the yearly limit for IRA charitable rollovers to

account for inflation. The current annual limit is \$100,000.

LIFE INCOME GIFT

You can now use an IRA charitable rollover to start a charitable gift annuity (CGA) or a charitable remainder trust (CRT). These are called life income gifts because in addition to benefiting your favorite charity they also provide you with an income for life.

Under the new law, you are allowed to make a \$50,000 distribution from your IRA to start a life income gift. There are a few stipulations:

1. You can only do this once in your lifetime.
2. You can start more than one life income gift if desired, but it has to happen within the same tax year. For example, you could start a \$25,000 CGA in February and then a second \$25,000 CGA in October.
3. The income payments you receive are fully-taxable, since you weren't taxed for the earnings of your IRA or the \$50,000 withdrawal.
4. If your spouse also has an IRA, you can pool your gifts into a joint \$100,000 CGA or CRT.

St. Paul's works with trusted partners who can set up a CGA or CRT for you. For more information, please contact Dawn Hartman, Director of Strategic Giving at 724-589-4611 or dhartman@sp1867.org.

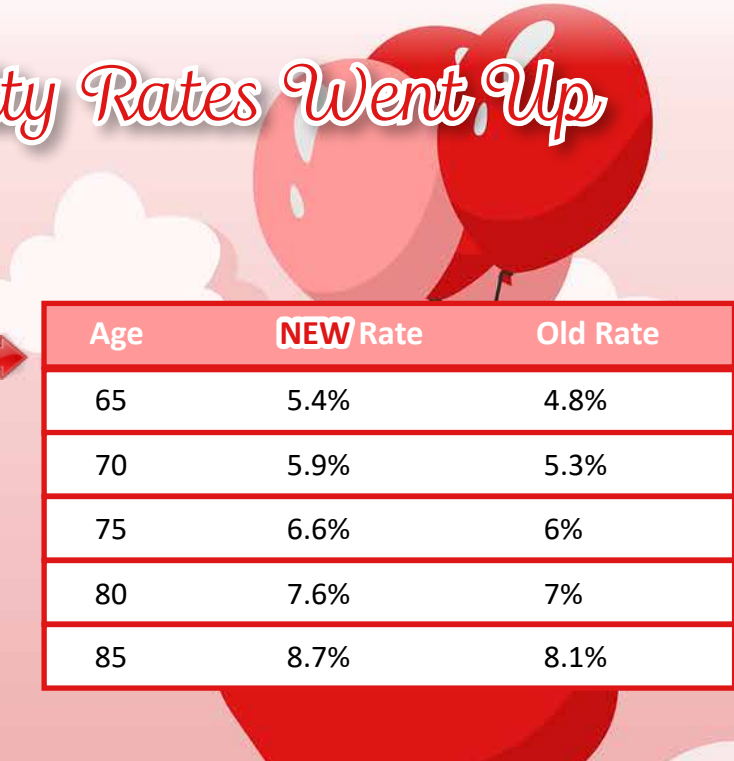


Charitable Gift Annuity Rates Went Up

Now is a great time to start a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) to benefit you and St. Paul's. Effective January 1, 2023, the rates set by the American Council on Gift Annuities went up! Check out the new pay-out rates. ➡

You get ... **FIXED INCOME PAYMENTS FOR LIFE!**
St. Paul's gets ... **A CHARITABLE GIFT!**

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Age	NEW Rate	Old Rate
65	5.4%	4.8%
70	5.9%	5.3%
75	6.6%	6%
80	7.6%	7%
85	8.7%	8.1%

Spreading Christmas Cheer

On December 23, the St. Paul's Santa and his elves helped spread Christmas cheer by hand delivering special Christmas gifts for all the residents at The Villas, The Heritage, and The Ridgewood at St. Paul's.

The gifts were carefully chosen by different St. Paul's team members and were individualized and unique for each resident.

Each year the annual Resident Christmas Appeal held in November and December raises funds to purchase the gifts.

Ron Ashbaugh, Fitness Specialist at The Villas was the St. Paul's Santa this year. "One of the greatest gifts we are given as employees of St. Paul's is the daily privilege of bringing joy to the lives of our residents," said Ron. "This joy can be especially evident during the holiday season when we are given the opportunity to distribute gifts to those who call St. Paul's home."

Mike Allen, Life Enrichment Specialist in Jones Serenity Lane accompanied Ron as an elf the day the presents were delivered to the residents.



Louise Black, resident of Jones Serenity Lane opening her Christmas gift.

"As Santa's elf in the days leading up to Christmas, I was able to see firsthand the joy that came over the residents' faces as they received their gifts," said Mike. "It was truly priceless."

Mike also had the pleasure of picking out the gifts purchased for the residents on Jones Serenity Lane. Spending quality time with them on a daily basis, he knows well what their interests are and what they might need or want.

Donations to the Resident Christmas Appeal not only bring joy to the residents living at St. Paul's they also bring joy to the team members as well.

"Each year, generous donors provide us with the ability to bring special moments and memories to all of those involved in both the receiving and



Santa and his elves delivering gifts to the residents at The Ridgewood. Pictured left to right: Samantha Castleberry, Mickie Chapman, Brittney Williams, Dawn French, Mike Allen, Ron Ashbaugh and Brenda Hawk.

distribution of your generosity," said Ron. "Thank you so much for all that you do to make these moments possible. Your caring and commitment to the mission of St. Paul's is far reaching and ever valued."

This year more than \$38,000 was donated during the annual Resident Christmas Appeal. After resident Christmas gifts are purchased, the remaining funds are used to buy special wishlist items for residents to enjoy throughout the year.

Some wishlist items that were purchased last year were new smart TVs for The Villas and large shade umbrellas for The Ridgewood Courtyard and The Gardens Courtyard at The Villas. These heavy duty umbrellas enable residents and their visitors to enjoy the outdoors while being shaded from the sun.

Thank you to all of the generous donors to the 2022 Resident Christmas Appeal. We appreciate you spreading love, joy and happiness to the residents and team at St. Paul's!



Santa visiting Janet Liszka, resident at The Villas.

"Ask an Expert" 2023 Series Estate Planning 101

THURSDAY, MARCH 30 — 6:30 P.M.

The Keifer Building at St. Paul's, 341 East Jamestown Road, Greenville, PA 16125

Topics that will be covered:

Wills, Advance Health Directives
& Power of Attorney, Trusts, Wealth Transfer,
and Leaving a Legacy for Charity.

Open Q&A session will follow presentation.

Reservations required. Seating is limited.

RSVP by scanning the QR code or
call Vicki at 724-589-4667 Option 7.



Presenter:
Carolyn Hartle
Attorney
Hartle Elder Law
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Shoot for St. Paul's

Mark your calendars for St. Paul's 3rd annual Sporting Clay Shoot fundraiser on Saturday, September 16, 2023. This event will once again be hosted at Sandycreek Conservancy in Polk, Pa.

The proceeds from the event will go toward the Good Samaritan Fund to support benevolent care at St. Paul's.

Benevolent care is at the heart of our mission, as there are times when residents may reach a point where they have expended their assets and need assistance paying for their care.

The Good Samaritan Fund helps us keep our promise of never asking a resident to leave St. Paul's for financial reasons.

The course at Sandycreek consists of 16

stations through which participants can either walk or ride. During the event, each participant attempts to shoot 100 flying targets known as clay pigeons. Top shooter prizes will be awarded. There will also be special raffles at the event, and door prizes will be given away.

Last year, this event brought in more than \$27,000 to support the Good Samaritan Fund. We hope this year will be even better!

Please consider joining us as a sponsor or shooter. More information will be coming soon! To get on the mailing list to receive event updates, please contact Teresa Findley at 724-589-4778 or tfindley@sp1867.org. Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE

3rd Annual St. Paul's Sporting Clay Shoot
September 16, 2023

Estate Planning Workbook

Did you know that St. Paul's offers a free resource tool to help you gather and organize your essential information all in one place in order to complete your estate plan. The **Estate Planning Workbook** will walk you through the information-gathering process including:

- Important Document Checklist
- Asset and Debt Inventory
- Helpful Information for Family
- List of Specific Bequests
- Charitable Gift Planning
- Key Advisors Directory

Scan the QR code to download.

To request a printed copy, call or stop in the Charitable Giving Office.



Memorial & Honorary Opportunities



Phyllis Thompson (right) poses with her daughter Linda Davis on the bench she donated for The Ridgewood in honor of their family.

St. Paul's offers a unique type of tribute gift that recognizes someone special while beautifying the campus at the same time. You can sponsor a bench, tree or

In 2022, the following special tribute gifts were placed on St. Paul's campus:

Rose Bush in The Villas Fountain Courtyard
In Memory of Alice Mecklem

Magnolia Tree near The Villas Staff Parking Lot
In Appreciation of the Loving Care of Isabelle "Izzy" Ohl

Maple Tree near the waterfall at The Ridgewood
In Memory of James and Virginia Blair

Bench at The Ridgewood
In Honor of Geraldine Dick & Beverly Knapp

Bench at The Ridgewood
Donated by Phyllis Thompson and Family

Bench on Stoyer Drive in The Colony
In Memory of John, Mary & Jeff Ondo

Bench near The Villas Staff Parking Lot
In Memory of Isabelle "Izzy" Ohl

For more information about memorial or honorary opportunities, please contact Teresa Findley, Director of Annual Giving at 724-589-4778 or Dawn Hartman, Director of Strategic Giving at 724-589-4611.

flowering bush in honor or in memory of a loved one.

For a donation of \$900, you can secure a bench to be placed on St. Paul's campus in a location mutually agreed upon. The benches are made of composite materials that will never require staining or painting. They will be affixed with a 4 x 6 inch plaque with a message of your choice. Each bench is placed on a cement pad to provide safe and easy access to residents and visitors.

Your gift of \$400 will plant a new tree on St. Paul's campus with a ground marker featuring a message of your choice. St. Paul's will provide a list of appropriate trees you can choose from as well as the available locations on campus.

With a gift of \$150, an ornamental bush can be planted on St. Paul's campus with a ground marker featuring a message of your choice. St. Paul's will provide a list of flowering bushes that you can choose from as well as available locations for planting.



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Thank You for Your Support!



Vicki

Teresa

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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