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A Message from Chris Wright

Greetings St. Paul's Family:

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, I find myself reflecting on the remarkable journey we've undertaken together over the past twelve months. It is with great pride and gratitude that I share this edition of St. Paul's News, highlighting our collective achievements and the renewed energy that propels us into the future.

In 2023 we witnessed a revitalization on our campus. The spirit that had dimmed during the pandemic emerged reinvigorated and excited as we embarked on a campus-wide effort to revamp and re-commit to the Core Values of our organization. As we move into the new year, we plan to focus many of our efforts around those Core Values - Compassion, Person-Centered, Respect and Security.

Some other highlights of the year were the introduction of Cary the Caring Heart – our new mascot at St. Paul's, who loves making people smile, and the return of special campus events like our educational Ask an Expert Series and the momentous celebration of The Auxiliary's 50th Anniversary.

In addition, our volunteers were back in full force, including those who assist in our Joining Generations partnership with Thiel College. It's great to see the excitement and energy that college students bring to life at St. Paul's, along with the wisdom and guidance they receive from our residents in return. Finally, we were excited to unveil our "Bridging the Gap" capital campaign, which is raising funds to build a pedestrian bridge and walking trails that will attract future generations to call St. Paul's "home."

Thank you for being a part of our journey! From all of us at St. Paul's, we wish you a joyful 2024 — here's to a year filled with new goals, growth, and shared achievements!



A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Chris Wright".

Chris Wright
President & CEO

Welcome, Cary!

St. Paul's new mascot, Cary the Caring Heart, was very busy in 2023. This is just the beginning of what promises to be a very full scrapbook for Cary!



Cary made the big debut at the Car Cruise in August. Above, with Tammy Lininger, VP of Senior Living Services – we soon find out that Cary is very photogenic!



Cary donned a tiny sombrero for the fiesta-themed staff appreciation luncheon during Assisted Living Week in September. Cary is pictured here with Elaine Owen (left) and Lisa Lightcap.



Cary and several residents from The Colony (pictured are Earl and Marilyn Palmiter) represented St. Paul's in the 79th Annual Jamestown Parade on September 9.



Cary shared the stage with Santa (and Life Enrichment Director Mimi Dreher, center) during our Team Christmas Party on December 11.



Cary was there to support and congratulate our four Distinguished Staff Award winners on November 1 (front row, from left): Dawn French, Grace Jones, Jackie Dailyde and John Mowry.

Reinvesting & recommitting

When consistently upheld, these values help to build a strong reputation and brand identity, as they reflect the organization's commitment to ethical conduct, integrity, and social responsibility.

The core values of an organization act as a foundation for building trust and credibility both internally and externally. They contribute to the development of a positive organizational culture, promoting teamwork, collaboration, and a common understanding of what is expected.

For many years, St. Paul's Core Values were listed as: Compassion, Person-Centered and Security. This year, following much discussion and asking for input from team members and residents, it was determined that one more core value should be added – Respect.

In April, St. Paul's Board of Directors officially voted to add Respect as our fourth Core Value. Beginning in May, a large group of team members from departments across campus, dubbed "The Core Values Roll-out Team," began meeting weekly to revisit what these values mean to our community and find ways to reintroduce their importance to our culture.

The CPRS logo (center) was introduced on purple t-shirts initially worn only by the Roll-out and management teams. The shirts were intentionally designed to be cryptic and urge people to ask, "What does that mean?" to get conversations started. As team members took notice and conversations about our Core Values spread, the Roll-out Team distributed more and more purple CPRS t-shirts encouraging others to share the meaning.

After five months of collaboration and hard work, the Roll-out Team was ready to present their findings. A series of training sessions took place in Headland Friendship Commons at The Villas during October 17 - 26. All team members were required to attend one of the 15 sessions.

The two-hour trainings were divided into four parts—one for each value—with unique presentations that made the training interesting and fun. At the end of each session, every team member was asked to "recommit" to our Core Values. Several members of the St. Paul's

Board of Directors also attended the training and commended the group for their work.

Surveys were sent to attendees asking for feed back. Responses were received from more than 50% of team members and were overwhelmingly positive. Comments such as, "I'm proud to be part of this," and "I will be more mindful..." showed that the sessions were effective and gave our team a good foundation on which to build understanding and put our Core Values into practice in every aspect of life at St. Paul's.

NOW THE HARD WORK REALLY BEGINS

This is just the beginning of our Core Values journey. Our newest catch phrase is, "Now the hard work really begins!" The task at hand now is to keep the meaning and importance of our Core Values top of mind and present in all that we do at St. Paul's.

A second survey was sent to team members one month following the training to gauge the impact and whether team members have seen any noticeable changes in the culture. Again, responses were positive and team members shared how they have been implementing the core values. With that survey we also collected many suggestions for how we can continue to incorporate our core values into our daily life.

Work has begun on expanding the Core Values training that will be included in new hire orientation and the monthly annual retreat that all team members attend throughout the year. Some creative ideas we can look forward to in the new year are: a dedicated section of the monthly *Campus Connections* newsletter called "The Core Values Corner," and a screen saver contest in which we will ask team members, residents and family members to participate. More details will be coming soon as we continue to implement and practice CPRS!



to our Core Values



Caitlin Trauterman, Director of Human Resources at St. Paul's, is keeping the Core Values front and center on the walls in her office as a daily reminder for her and all who visit that "CPRS" is what we stand for. The quote below by Tony Robbins speaks to Caitlin as she is a member of the Core Values Roll-out Team and will continue to foster our Core Values education during new hire orientation and annual employee training.

"Setting goals is the first step in turning the invisible into the visible."
— Tony Robbins

Caitlin Trauterman, DBA joined the St. Paul's family in September 2022 as a Human Resources Specialist. She was promoted to Director in July 2023.

Prior to her appointment at St. Paul's, Caitlin served as the Director of HR/Payroll at Orchard Manor in Grove City, Pa. She earned her Doctor of Business Administration, specializing in Human Resources from Capella University in 2022. Her dissertation was titled, "Workforce Planning: Training and Development in Healthcare."

She has been Faculty at Western Governors University since 2020. She teaches bachelor's level Human Resource programs: compensation and benefits, training and development, workforce planning, and business communication; and one master's level course Talent Acquisition and Development.

Recruitment and retention of quality team members is Caitlin's number one priority, "Every successful person begins with two beliefs: the future can be better than the present, and I have the power to make it so," she said. "I go into every interaction hoping that my coworkers have more of an understanding when they leave than when they come and that I can positively impact someone's day."

Caitlin and her husband William live in Cochran, Pa., with their three children: Ayden, Pierce and Sadie. In her free time, Caitlin likes to travel. She also enjoys family game nights, movies and is a self-proclaimed "foodie."



At left, Keven Shedlock, General Manager of Dining Services and member of the (yep, you guessed it!) "Security" Team donned his uniform and wielded his bull-horn for every training session across the two-week Core Values training in October.

Keven and the rest of the Security Team got lots of laughs as they acted out specific (and pretty hilarious) scenarios explaining the importance of feeling safe, valued and protected in our working and living environment.

Due in part to his extra efforts with the Core Values Roll-out Team, Keven was nominated for and awarded the quarterly Sodexo CARES Award. Congratulations, Keven! Sodexo is a partner of St. Paul's providing dining services and facility management. The Sodexo CARES program is designed to recognize and reinforce positive behaviors, as they realize employees' actions have the ability to positively impact the quality of life for our residents.



St. Paul's Without Walls

Our Home-Based Services Department and Team of "World Makers"

For nearly 12 years, St. Paul's Without Walls Home-Based Services Department has been hiring individuals to serve on our team as Companions and Care Partners. Most of our team members are college students, parents of young children, and retirees. Our team members are compassionate, flexible, multitaskers who are trustworthy and respectful.

Since its inception, Without Walls has served hundreds of clients. There has been and continues to be a great need for home and community-based services as nearly 85% of older adults choose to remain in their home as they age. We continue to receive inquiries almost daily from individuals looking for help to enable them to stay at home.

Person-Centered Care

Our team members strive to provide person-centered care to all of our clients. Plans of Care (POC) reflect the individual needs of each of our clients focusing on personal assistive services such as bathing/showering, dressing, grooming and mobility. Often, a client's POC includes making meals, housekeeping, providing transportation, and running errands.

Our team members are "World Makers"—a concept created by the Eden Alternative philosophy of care that teaches us that as adults age their worlds become much smaller. Often, they are limited to the places they go. In many cases they no longer drive and are dependent on others for transportation. They are also limited socially, especially if they are living alone at home. In many cases family members and friends have passed away causing their world to become smaller. Lastly, they might not be able to do the things they loved to do in the past such as travel or participate in hobbies due to physical or cognitive decline. Our Companions and Care

Partners may be one of few people they still see and have connections with, so building relationships with clients is very important for our team members and making the most of the time they spend together. Listening, talking, sharing, and encouraging.

Peace Of Mind

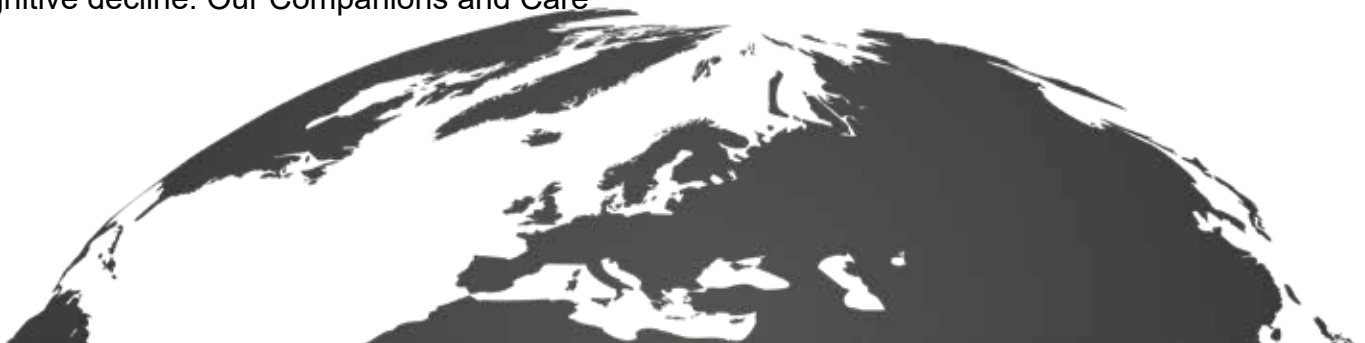
Our team members provide peace of mind to family members. Often, children work full time or live away from home and see their parents infrequently. Knowing that there is a team member connected to their loved one who is checking on them and meeting their needs eases their minds. They rest assured that mom or dad is taken care of.

Share Our Story

Unfortunately, the pandemic took its toll on our team. Many of our team members retired or moved to other positions at St. Paul's or elsewhere. The home and community-based needs are still great but the pool of new team members has become small. We are experiencing the challenges of hiring like many other organizations in our region. Health care organizations in general are struggling to recruit and retain qualified caregivers and Without Walls is no exception. We continue to evaluate areas of our program to ensure that we are able to provide the best quality of care as well as attract and retain the most compassionate professionals.

We invite you to share our story with your family and friends. Perhaps there is someone in your circle who may be interested in becoming a "World Maker."

For more information, please reach out to our Without Walls office at 724-589-4740 or visit us online at www.stpauls1867.org and click on Services and Communities.





◀ Sabrina Smith is a Care Partner for Patricia Ogle. She and Pat love spending time together. Sabrina prepares her meals, keeps her room clean and most of all spends time doing activities that Pat enjoys including games, puzzles and baking. Sabrina shared, **“I feel like when I am spending time with Pat that I am spending time with a member of my family.”** I just want to do what makes her happy. Pat and her mom loved baking together and now that’s something we enjoy together.”

Care Partner/Client Connections

Richard Henderson (seated at right) is a retired Methodist pastor. He speaks highly of his Care Partner Ken Runge, **“Ken helps to get me around. He’s a nice guy and he’s a wonderful helper.”** Ken reciprocated with kind comments sharing, “I enjoy spending time with Richard. We have great conversations and he especially likes talking about breakfast and all he enjoys eating.”



◀ Vicki Vandergrift has been a Care Partner for four years and cares for Kathy Martorelli. Although Kathy lives in a supportive environment, Vicki provides additional personal care services. Ask Kathy and she will tell you that, **“Vicki is a top-notch gal. She’s wonderful and goes above and beyond her call of duty. She does everything I ask. We have formed a bond that is wonderful.”**

Vicki shared, “Kathy is awesome! She has taken to me quite strongly and we have developed a good friendship. She often confides in me. We share a sense of humor and laugh a lot.”

Joining Generations —

St. Paul's was excited to rekindle the relationship with the students at Thiel College through the Joining Generations program in 2023, after a long pause during the pandemic.

Through the years, Thiel College students and St. Paul's residents have shared many opportunities for engagement and learning. Students gain valuable experience through internships, academic opportunities and service. Residents have the opportunity to share their lifelong personal and work experience and benefit from an environment that presents many academic and cultural offerings. The residents love the enthusiasm and energy of the students, and the students love the wisdom and experience of the residents. It truly is a win-win situation!

Once the guidance for healthcare facilities started to relax and visitation was once again welcomed and encouraged, the Joining Generations CORE Committee began meeting in earnest to rebuild the program. The committee is comprised of representatives from each organization. Meeting every six-to-eight weeks, the committee quickly identified opportunities to get the word back out to students. There were many new students who didn't even know that Joining Generations existed!

INTERNSHIPS

The program was blessed with the appointment of Jasmine Phillips '23, as the student liaison. Through this internship, Jasmine played a key role as the on-campus promoter of all things Joining Generations. She was instrumental in spreading the word amongst faculty members and student groups about the possibilities. She also personally facilitated many student interactions which helped ease the students when they were unfamiliar with our community and its protocols.

Proposed to St. Paul's by Dr. James Shaffer, Thiel College Professor Emeritus of Sociology and resident in The Colony, the Joining Generations partnership has brought students and residents together for more than 17 years—with the exception of two years from March 2020 to March 2022.

During 2023, many long-standing events were resurrected and some exciting new initiatives were launched. In the area of internships, although slow to return to prior activity levels, St. Paul's hosted two students and is poised to host a third in the spring. St. Paul's also has seen a great influx of students who have sought employment or volunteer work to gain valuable and relevant experience in the health care field.

ACADEMIC & SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

The second area the partnership focuses on is academic opportunities. Recently, Thiel College added several graduate degree programs including Physician Assistant (PA) and Speech-Language Pathology (SLP). Students enrolled in these programs have a chance to engage with residents on a much deeper level through both service and academic opportunities.

Last year, sixty-eight students from the PA program completed two or three rotations within The Villas, The Heritage and The Ridgewood shadowing Certified Nursing Assistants, Personal Care Attendants, Licensed Practical Nurses and Registered Nurses. They also had the opportunity to shadow ancillary clinical staff including clinical dietary, physical, occupational or speech therapists and others. They

completed individual or group service requirements by helping residents during major campus functions such as the Color Me Happy 5K Race and the annual Strawberry Festival.

The Speech-Language Pathology graduate program initiated a new program titled TCANN – Thiel College Adult Neurology Network.

The project offers clinical support for persons living with acquired neurological diseases such as dementia, Parkinson's disease and aphasia. Students meet with St. Paul's residents and those within the Greenville community in structured group sessions to facilitate



(Above left) PA students—in pink ponchos—doused runners with color as they neared the finish line during our annual Color Me Happy 5K race in May and (above right) enjoyed assisting residents during our annual Strawberry Festival in June.



Back and better than ever!



Rev. Martin Roth (seated) and his wife, Sally (standing far left)—both Thiel College graduates and residents in The Colony—pose with SLP students at the annual Joining Generations picnic Thursday, Sept. 28.

empowerment, functional communication skills and compensatory memory strategies. Recognizing a duty to not only serve people with these conditions,

Thiel's mission includes clinical training for the next generation of speech-language pathologists as

well as students enrolled in related majors.

The SLP program was also a front-runner in the avenue of student service with the creation of a new Bleacher Buddy program where students host residents at various sporting events. This year the students hosted residents at a men's basketball game, men's volleyball game and most recently, the Thiel Homecoming football game.

Homecoming is also a great opportunity to unite students and residents alike who are alumni at the annual picnic hosted by St. Paul's.

The future is looking bright for both St. Paul's and Thiel College

as they focus on moving forward! St. Paul's is eager to offer students opportunities to explore senior living as a potential career path and provides an extensive list of areas for students to consider. The environment is rich with talent, as the residents offer a wealth of knowledge and experience to share. Thiel College shares this vision in experiential education and recognizes the immense benefit the students can receive but also give in service and friendship to the residents of St. Paul's. Together, Thiel College and St. Paul's embrace this joint partnership with great enthusiasm and the outcome is that both the students and residents are mutually blessed!



George Moyer (center) poses with two SLP student "Bleacher Buddies" at the Homecoming Football Game.



The year's Joining Generations picnic saw the biggest crowd ever with more than 50 people in attendance!

Many activities and events of the Joining Generations partnership are funded by the *Mary Alice Dean Joining Generations Fund*. Mary Alice was a resident at St. Paul's for more than 22 years. During that time—and long before—she also was a staunch supporter of Thiel College events and athletics as her daughter, Linda Oman (pictured above, seated third from left) was a student-athlete at Thiel College.

If you're interested in supporting the *Mary Alice Dean Joining Generations Fund*, please contact Dawn Hartman, Director of Strategic Giving at 724-589-4611 or dhartman@sp1867.org for more details.

The Auxiliary of St. Paul's

An Impactful and Inspiring 50-year Journey – and Counting

At the heart of our vibrant senior living community, a dedicated group of volunteers has been making an impact on our campus for more than 50 years. The Auxiliary of St. Paul's was established in 1973 and is comprised of passionate individuals with a clear mission and overarching goal: to serve as a great help to St. Paul's in providing financial support through fundraising efforts to purchase items that enhance the lives of residents.

As May 2023 marked the 50th Anniversary of The Auxiliary, the official celebration was slated to take place at the annual meeting in the spring. In February, members met and formed a new fundraising committee to raise awareness of the group and laid out a plan to accomplish their goals. Over the next 12 months, The Auxiliary reached "outside the box" with their fundraising endeavors.

Nearly each month in 2023 the organization held, sponsored or hosted a variety of creative fundraisers. Aside from the annual membership drive that takes place every April, the group held: Uniform Sales, Dine & Donate evenings at local restaurants, a Summer Kick-off Bake Sale; "Shoe Me the Love" (see *photos and captions, opposite*), Pork & Pie in The Pavilion, the annual Fall Mum Sale, a very successful Craft Fair in The Keifer Gym, a "Win a Ride on a Firetruck" raffle, and the Bistro Gift shop was once again open for the holidays and filled with lovingly hand-crafted seasonal items for sale donated

by volunteers and the Sew 'n Sew group who live in The Colony.

The varied and generous gifts bestowed by The Auxiliary throughout the years (*see list opposite*) are reminders of the carefully designed and impactful



Citation Presentations

Above: Nadine Buchanan (left), President of The Auxiliary, receives the citation presented by PA Senator Michele Brooks during the annual meeting in May. Below: A second citation was presented in July by Rep. Parke Wentling (left) to Nadine, Carole Langiotti, Vice President and Wendy Vaughn, Director of Volunteer Services and Staff Liaison to The Auxiliary.



initiatives carried out by this group to add to or enhance the physical, emotional and social well-being of everyone in our community.

At the annual meeting and 50th Anniversary celebration in May, the organization's current Vice President, Carol Langiotti addressed those in attendance

and said, "Three years ago my mother became a resident at St. Paul's, [and] I associate St. Paul's with 'angels.' I see angels when I see the nurses, the aides, the food service staff, the maintenance and activities staffs. And as I look out at this gathering, I only see angels. You are good people with kind hearts. You are angels. When my sisters and I tell people about The Auxiliary—we call [you] the 'Angel Squad.'"

Pennsylvania Senator Michele Brooks also was in attendance and presented a citation to The Auxiliary praising them for the decades of dedication and support to the residents of St. Paul's. Several other long-time members shared fond memories of their decades-long involvement with the organization.

At the conclusion of her speech, Carol said, "So, Angels we need to straighten our wings as the new year starts because we have a lot more work to do. Mr. Wright, we are giving you fair warning, the Angels are on the move!"

As The Auxiliary of St. Paul's continues to thrive, there are exciting plans on the horizon. The group envisions expanding its reach, collaborating with local organizations, and initiating projects that will leave a lasting legacy for generations to come. With a commitment to unity, compassion, and empowerment, this Auxiliary stands as a shining example of how a community can come together to create positive change.

The Auxiliary of St. Paul's is

"Shoe Me the Love"

Below: Mary Ellen Bayuk, Past President (left) and Nadine pose in front of nearly 60 bags of new and gently worn shoes that were donated to The Auxiliary's Shoe Me the Love fundraiser that ran from June through November.



Mary Ellen spearheaded the drive, collected and sorted the shoes into bags that were loaded onto semi trucks and will be sent to communities in need around the world.

In all, 116 bags of shoes were collected. The effort raised nearly \$1,200 for The Auxiliary!

not merely a group but a symbol of resilience, compassion and the unwavering spirit of community members dedicated to enhancing the lives of the residents who call

St. Paul's home. Their journey serves as an inspiration, reminding us that we all can make a profound impact on the world around us.



From left: Colony residents Gayle Wolff, Nancy Hoffacker, Gail Maycher, Kathy Anderson, Margie Hays and Ann Fowler gathered at Greenville Dairy Queen on Sept. 8 to support one of two Dine & Donate fundraisers the restaurant sponsored. The events raised more than \$300!



From left: Colony residents Bonnie Barr, Gerry McElree and Carol Bass. Volunteers staffed two bake sale locations on May 26 at the Summer Kick-off Bake Sale. Profits totaled more than \$600!



Above from left: Mary Moore, Nadine Buchanan, Carol Hosmer, Bertha Zimmerman, Reba Gizdic, Carol Langiotti and Bill Sayles were among the volunteers who staffed the Fall Craft Fair at The Keifer Gym on November 4. Many of those pictured also donated hand-crafted items to be sold. More than 20 vendors also set up tables to sell their wares. Below (at right) Wendy Vaughn poses with her cousin, wildlife artist Chandler Beatty and his wife Krista, who had a table at the event. The fair raised nearly \$1850!



The Auxiliary of St. Paul's *Arms of Love & Service*



*Celebrating 50 Years
1973-2023*

The impressive and lengthy list of Auxiliary-funded gifts to St. Paul's throughout the last half-century includes: the development of a gift shop; installation of cable television; purchase of draperies and furnishings for resident rooms; purchase of transportation vehicles; support of a Memorial Endowment Fund; new dining rooms; air conditioning; a kitchenette and rest rooms at the O.D. Anderson Pavilion; a dental suite; spas; a pergola at The Heritage; "The Garden of Love" in Jones Serenity Circle Courtyard; a 14-passenger bus with a wheelchair lift; large shade umbrellas and enhancements to several outdoor spaces; and this year, a mobile FLEX computer system for The Villas and a new microphone and speaker system for Anderson Fellowship Hall in The Heritage.

Ask an Expert Series

Free community education series featuring knowledgeable presenters covering a range of meaningful topics for older adults and their family members.

St. Paul's began hosting its Ask an Expert Series in 2017, offering free educational programs for the public on a variety of topics of interest to older adults or family members helping to support older adults. After a three year hiatus, we were very happy to invite our "Expert" presenters back to campus to present in-person for the 2023 Series.

The last in-person Ask an Expert presentation took place in February 2020 and in the meantime, we recorded an Ask an

people tuning in via Zoom.

September's topic was "Open Enrollment Guidance" and featured St. Paul's own resident insurance expert, Debbie Yoos (St. Paul's accounting department) and Mike Johnson, Senior Benefit Consultant (Davevic Benefit Consultants, Inc.). Open Enrollment is a topic that is often requested and we expect to keep that theme in the line-up for the 2024 schedule.

The final presentation of the 2023 series explored the

expect as you move through the health care system and interact with health care professionals, skills for communicating effectively with care providers and self-advocacy guidance.

Each presentation included question and answer sessions that were helpful to all in attendance. We sincerely thank all of our presenters for sharing their time and expertise with us this year.

Even with the good fortune of being able to host these events in person, we also offered and option



Hartle



Orsinger



Yoos



Johnson



Wright



Dunn



Pierce

Expert Video Series that can be found on the St. Paul's website.

In March, our featured experts were attorney Carolyn Hartle (Hartle Elder Law Practice, LLC) and Kevin Orsinger (President, Orsinger Investment Group, Inc) who presented "Estate Planning 101" to an audience of nearly 50 attendees with additional 10

important and timely topic of "Navigating Today's Health Care System." Chris Wright (President and CEO, St. Paul's), Tim Dunn (Executive Director, VNA Alliance); and Gabrielle Pierce, Esq. (VP Physician Services & Associate Legal Counsel, Meadville Medical Center) led a very informative and interactive discussion on what to

to join via Zoom and continued to record the presentations and post them to our website. See below for details. Stay tuned for the 2024 Ask an Expert Series line up that will likely kick-off in March and please join us if you are able.

AaE Video Series



If you missed one of our in-person presentations this year, simply visit www.stpauls1867.org/about/ask-an-expert-video-series or scan the QR code at left to view the recordings.

You will also find twelve additional video interviews featuring community experts covering a wide variety of topics.



As 2023 draws to a close, the “Bridging the Gap” fundraising campaign is nearing the million-dollar mark with a total of \$957,000 raised!

Launched in mid-2022, the campaign aims to fund the construction of a pedestrian bridge over Williamson Road on St. Paul’s campus and the development of walking trails to connect all of St. Paul’s neighborhoods.

To date, more than 100 individuals, businesses and organizations have generously supported the campaign, including the James F. McCandless Charitable Trust and the Dr. & Mrs. Arthur William Phillips Charitable Trust which awarded large grants.

“This project was first identified because of a significant safety concern on our campus,” said Chris Wright, St. Paul’s President and CEO. “There have been some close calls involving residents crossing Williamson Road.”

Williamson Road is a bustling public thoroughfare, owned and maintained by West Salem Township, that divides St. Paul’s campus in half. The Villas, The Heritage and The Ridgewood are on the south side, and The Colony independent living neighborhood on the north.

A comprehensive 2022 PennDOT traffic study

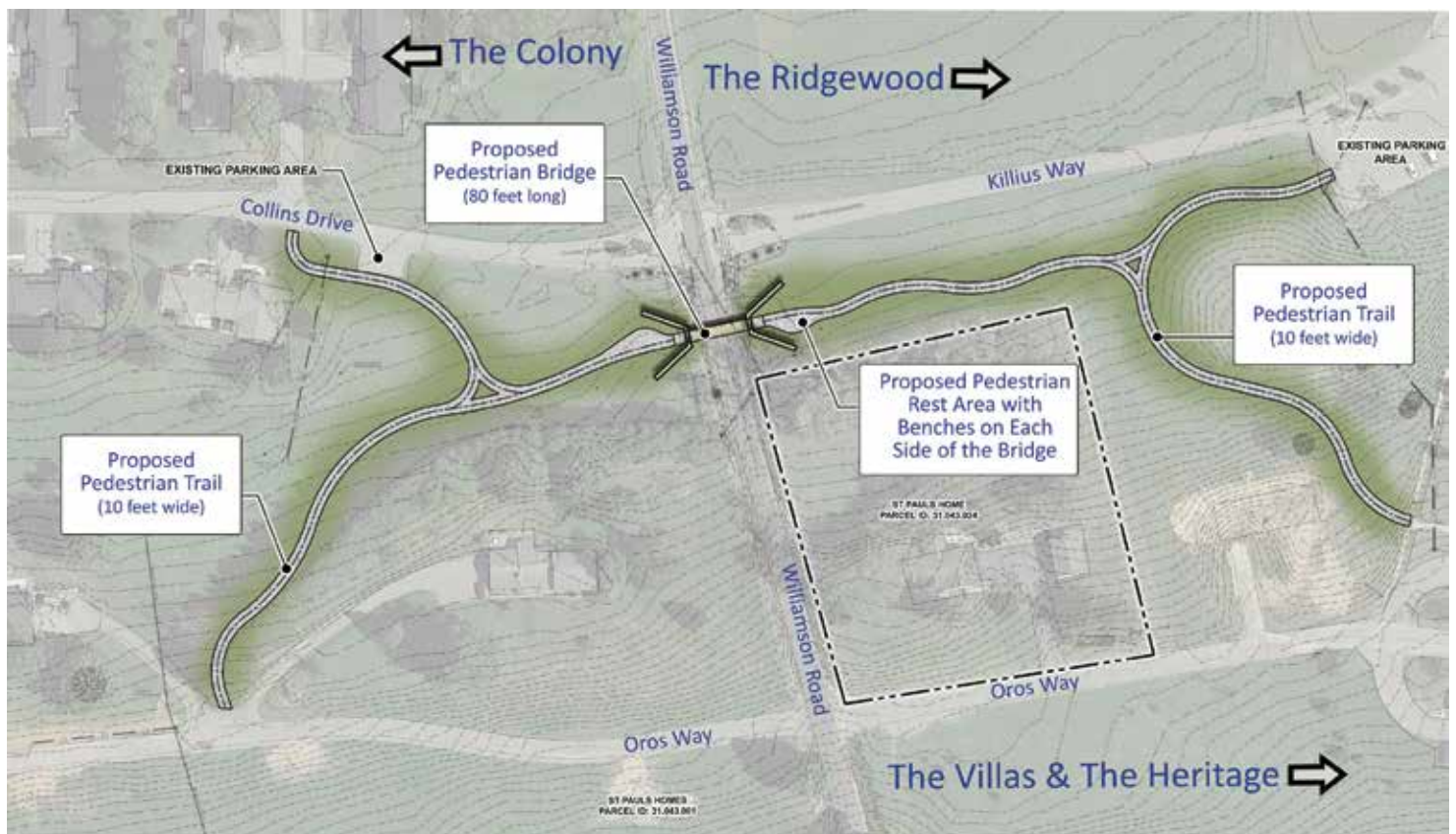


Artist rendering of the pedestrian bridge over Williamson Road.

revealed an average of 1,300 - 2,700 vehicles pass through St. Paul’s campus on Williamson Road daily. There is no posted speed limit sign, which means by law it defaults to 55 mph, a high rate of speed for a residential area. In addition, the road’s curvature and steep grade compromises visibility for both pedestrians and vehicles.

These safety risks are heightened for residents crossing the road who have reduced mobility, rely on assistive devices, have vision or hearing loss, or experience slower reaction times.

Beyond enhancing safety, the project aims to seamlessly integrate the north and south sides of the campus, improve accessibility for all, and create more outdoor recreation opportunities to foster well-being and



Map of the project site, showing proposed bridge location and trails.

independence.

"St. Paul's has always been forward-thinking in how best to position ourselves for the future," said Chris. "The coming generation places a high value on fitness, outdoor recreation and staying active. We want to make sure those opportunities are available."

In addition to the ongoing fundraising campaign, St. Paul's applied for a PennDOT Multimodal Transportation grant in November to help fund the project.

The application was strongly supported by key stakeholders Sen. Michele Brooks, Rep. Parke Wentling, the Mercer County Commissioners, West Salem Township and Penn-Northwest Development Corporation.

"We are grateful for the support we've received for this application and this project," said Chris. "These partners helped us submit a competitive application to PennDOT that we feel optimistic about."

The PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund supports various transportation projects, including bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

Pedestrians will be able to use the fully-accessible trails and bridge at St. Paul's for walking, running or bicycling, or for pushing a passenger in a wheelchair. Additionally golf carts, mobility scooters, powered wheelchairs and similar vehicles will have access to the trails and bridge.

PennDOT will notify grant applicants in spring of 2024 if they are chosen to receive funding.

WallacePancher Group in Hermitage, Pa designed the plans for the project. The building contractor will be chosen through a competitive bid process with construction expected to begin in late 2024 if the grant is awarded.

Residents, past and current family members, team members, St. Paul's board of directors and vendors have all stepped forward to support the fundraising campaign. There are a variety of donor recognition opportunities available, beginning at the \$3,000 level.

"What really excites me about this project is the connections it will create," said lead donor and past

resident family member Dick Jones of St. Mary's, Pa. "With safer travel possible in both directions across Williamson Road, St. Paul's will truly become one family."

As we progress toward safer and more connected living at St. Paul's, your support matters. Every contribution, regardless of size, will bring us closer to "bridging the gap"—in community, in recreation and in meaningful connections. Explore the giving options below, or contact Dawn Hartman, Director of Strategic Giving at 724-589-4611 or dhartman@sp1867.org for more details.



Joan Crawshaw (front) and in back from left Mike Suich, Sammy Jo Augustine, & Don Ray, all from The Heritage, enjoy a golf cart ride around campus on one of St. Paul's accessible golf carts.



Artist rendering of an aerial view of the pedestrian bridge, which will be located near the intersection of Collins Drive and Killius Way.

Ways to Give:

Check - Write a check payable to "St. Paul's" and mail in the enclosed remittance envelope.

Online - There are many ways you can donate online (*credit card, ACH, Apple Pay, Google Pay, Paypal or Venmo*). Just scan the QR code with your phone, or visit www.stpauls1867.org/bridge.



IRA - If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can make charitable gifts directly from your IRA, tax-free.

Stocks, Bonds & Mutual Funds - You can donate appreciated securities to St. Paul's.

Pledge - You can make a pledge payable over three years.



The *Joy* that you give to others is the
that comes back to you.

-John Greenleaf Whittier

Christmas is the season of joy, and as we look around us, we see many things to be joyful about. Many of us enjoy time with loved ones, sharing delicious food, gift giving and receiving, watching excited children, festive decorations and uplifting music.

At St. Paul's, we strive to keep the joy and magic of Christmas alive for our residents. This is made possible through the generous support of the Resident Christmas Appeal.

So far, we've raised more than \$27,500 to support our annual Resident Christmas Appeal. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the generous donors who share our love for the residents at St. Paul's. Your contributions ensure that every resident at The Heritage, The Ridgewood and The Villas receives a special Christmas gift.

Ron Ashbaugh, St. Paul's Fitness Specialist, will once again take on the role of Santa Claus this year. "I love being Santa every year because I enjoy seeing everyone happy. Both the residents and staff have a blast on this day," said Ron. "Just seeing those reactions are priceless. Receiving a Christmas present from Santa makes a significant impact on the residents' day," added Ron.

If you haven't yet contributed to the 2023 Resident Christmas Appeal, it's not too late. Any funds raised above and beyond the expenses of Christmas gifts will go toward resident "wish list" items for all residents to enjoy throughout the year and to support our music therapy program.

Thank you for your support! May this Christmas be filled with happiness in all that you do, and may this joy continue the whole year through. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. For more information, please contact Teresa Findley, Director of Annual Giving, at 724-589-4778 or tfindley@sp1867.org.

To Make a Gift:

- 1. Scan the QR code to the right.**
- 2. Text SPCHRIST23 to the number 44-321.**
- 3. Send a check to St. Paul's Charitable Giving Office at 341 E. Jamestown Rd. Greenville, PA 16125.**





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OUR MISSION

The mission of St. Paul's formed and sustained by the Judeo-Christian faith, and historically related to the United Church of Christ, is to provide meaning, richness of life, health care, and other support services, while maintaining and enhancing the dignity of human life.

OUR VISION

To create a sense of belonging and purpose by providing a nurturing environment in the place you call home.

OUR CORE VALUES

Compassion
Person-Centered
Respect
Security

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Erie, PA
Permit No. 869

Save the Date!



**On Monday, April 8, 2024,
Greenville will be in the path
of a total solar eclipse!**

**We hope you will join us for
ECLIPSE FEST that day at the
Greenville Sports Complex/Soccer Fields
across the street from The Keifer Building
from 1 - 5 p.m.**

*Totality in Greenville starts at 3:16:30 p.m.
and will last 1 minute, 47.8 seconds.*