

A newsletter for donors and friends of St. Paul's • Spring 2026

June is Good Samaritan Month

At St. Paul's, no resident is asked to leave because they've outlived their financial resources and can't afford the cost of their care. That promise is made possible through the Good Samaritan Fund for benevolent care.

This June, we are launching our first-ever Good Samaritan Month to raise support and awareness of this life-changing ministry.

People are surprised to learn how many residents rely on benevolent care and how critical donor support is to sustaining this mission (*See 5 Facts about Benevolent Care at right*).

There are several ways you can help this June to bring peace of mind to residents, reassurance to their loved ones, and strength to the charitable mission of St. Paul's.

5 Ways to Help this June

- **Give to the annual appeal** - It will arrive in your mailbox or email inbox in June.
- **Participate in PA OH Gives Giving Week June 20-26** to earn matching funds.
- **Like and share social media posts** to help others learn about the Good Samaritan Fund.
- **Set up a new recurring monthly gift** in June and receive a special thank you gift.
- **Buy a raffle ticket** for a chance to win a Polaris Ranger side-by-side or cash prize.

Increase Your Impact through PA OH Gives

PA OH Gives Giving Week, hosted by the Community Foundation of Western PA & Eastern OH, will take place June 20-26.

All donations made for St. Paul's during that time will be matched on a prorated basis by the Community Foundation, allowing your donation to help even more residents. (*CONTINUED ON PAGE 2*)

5 Facts about Benevolent Care

1. Residents never have to leave St. Paul's or reduce services because they outlive their savings.
2. Residents getting benevolent care remain confidential and receive the same exceptional care and services.
3. More than half the residents at The Villas and 5% at The Heritage and The Ridgewood rely on benevolent care.
4. Residents on Medicaid rely on benevolent care because Medicaid doesn't cover the full cost of care. St. Paul's loses about \$50 per resident per day on Medicaid.
5. St. Paul's provides \$4.5 million in benevolent care each year.

HOW TO DONATE

Online - Scan QR code or visit paohgives.org.

By Check - To Community Foundation of W PA & E OH with "St. Paul's" in the memo line. Mail to 7 W. State St. Suite 301, Sharon, PA 16146 or drop off at the Charitable Giving Office at St. Paul's.



PA OH Gives (continued)

How do I make sure my donation is eligible for the match? Your donation must be received by June 26. Checks must be made payable to the Community Foundation with "St. Paul's" in the memo line. Online donations can only be made through www.paohgives.org. **New this year** - checks can be sent in earlier than June 20 as long as they are marked for "Giving Week."

Will my entire donation go to St. Paul's? Yes! The Community Foundation doesn't charge administrative fees. If you donate online, there's a small credit card processing fee, but you can choose to cover it.

How much is the match? The final match amount is determined by dividing the total matching funds available by the total donations received. Right now, there is more than \$100,000 in matching funds.

Is there a limit on matching? Yes. A single donor can give up to \$25,000 to one organization and qualify for matching funds.

Will St. Paul's know I gave? Yes. Unless you give anonymously, St. Paul's will receive a report of all donors in July. You will receive a tax receipt from the Community Foundation, and St. Paul's will send a thank you once we receive the report.



SXS RAFFLE

Enter for your chance to win a side-by-side or \$12,000!

TICKET \$20

SCAN TO BUY



New Polaris Ranger 1000 Premium

- 1,000 CC
- Power Steering
- 4WD with Turf Mode
- 1,500 Payload Capacity

Drawing will be held
on October 31, 2026 or when a minimum of 1,500 tickets have been sold, whichever occurs later.

For more details, visit www.stpauls1867.org/raffle

ST. PAUL'S
SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY

Art for a Cause

In March, four residents in The Colony turned their talents into generosity by hosting a silent art auction in the Keifer Building, raising more than \$600 for the Good Samaritan Fund.

Kudos to Margie Hays, Gerry McElree, Kathy Anderson, and Gail Maycher (from left in photo) for conceiving the idea, creating the beautiful artwork, and organizing the event entirely on their own.



Learning and Growing Together

Donations to the Jones Staff Education Fund provide opportunities for our team members to grow professionally through on- and off-campus educational offerings, including trainings, seminars, and conferences.

Last fall, thanks to the generosity of our donors, St. Paul's was able to host a campus-wide staff training featuring nationally recognized speaker Del Gilbert, founder of Accelerating Excellence.

Del travels across the country helping hospitals, healthcare organizations, and senior living communities provide excellent customer service and improve communication with residents, family members, and co-workers.

Using his expertise from 35 years of working in healthcare leadership roles, he leads nearly 100 workshops a year for organizations that are striving to raise the bar. In addition, Del hosts a podcast, creates educational videos, and has written a book, all in the pursuit of teaching excellence in care and organizational management.

Earlier in 2025, three St. Paul's leaders—Jennie Kather, Michelle O'Malley, and Melissa Villard—completed a seven-week training with Del. Impressed with his knowledge, passion, and engaging teaching style, they began exploring options to bring his training to St. Paul's so every team member could benefit.

The Jones Staff Education Fund helped make that dream a reality. Across three days in the fall, Del held fifteen 90-minute training sessions to accommodate

all staff members. He also held two extended sessions for managers and supervisors focused on employee engagement and effective communication, including strategies for navigating difficult conversations.



Del Gilbert

"We were so impressed with him," said Jennie Kather, Director of Marketing. "We were really excited to bring him here and have everybody else get as excited as we were, and I think that happened."

Every staff member attended one of the training sessions. Jennie said, "Having the whole staff hear the same message was really valuable." After the first day, she heard people intentionally applying the techniques they learned and changing the way they communicated.

The admiration was mutual. Del also was impressed with St. Paul's commitment to our mission, vision, and core values.

"As nationally known as he is, he was really impressed with St. Paul's and our structure and our management," Jennie explained.

Del's visit inspired and energized team members across the campus while reinforcing St. Paul's commitment to exceptional care and service.

By supporting the Jones Education Fund, you help provide opportunities like these for team members to grow and learn, strengthening both their skills and the care experienced by every resident at St. Paul's.



St. Paul's staff at one of the training sessions. Front row from left: Kris Harnett, Terri McGarvey, Vicki Mucroski, Sheila Wasser, Dawn Hartman, Heidi Emerick, Chris Minter, and Mike Allen. Second row: Sally Zamborski, Gina Cooper, Rhonda Parrish, Cindy Yeager, Melissa Villard, Sean Davis, and Ashleigh Jamison. Back row: Keven Shedlock, Jennie Kather, Del Gilbert, Tom Luckock, Jason Irvine and Scott McElhinny.

Building a Bridge

This spring heralded the start of construction on the long-awaited bridge and walking trails project at St. Paul's.

The project includes a new pedestrian bridge over Williamson Road and paved walking trails that will connect all four neighborhoods on St. Paul's 600+ acres campus: The Villas, The Heritage, The Ridgewood, and The Colony.

Designed with accessibility and wellness in mind, the bridge and trails will accommodate wheelchairs, motorized scooters, walkers, runners, bicycles, and golf carts.

Users will also have the option to connect to the scenic nature trail winding through the woods and old apple orchard on the north side of campus.

This transformational project would not have been possible without the generosity of nearly 200 donors who supported the "Bridging the Gap" capital campaign, helping raise a total of \$1.1 million.

"Even though the campaign has concluded, additional gifts are still welcome," said Dawn Hartman, Director of Charitable Giving. "The total cost of the project will exceed the funds raised, and every contribution helps move us closer to completion."

There are still naming opportunities available, including a rest area near the bridge for a \$150,000 gift



and three walking trails for \$75,000 each. Donors who contribute \$3,000 or more will also be recognized on a campaign plaque. For more information about donating to the project, please contact Dawn at 724-589-4611 or dhartman@sp1867.org.

Construction officially began on April 1, 2026 with Horizon Construction Group, Inc. of Sandy Lake, Pa.,

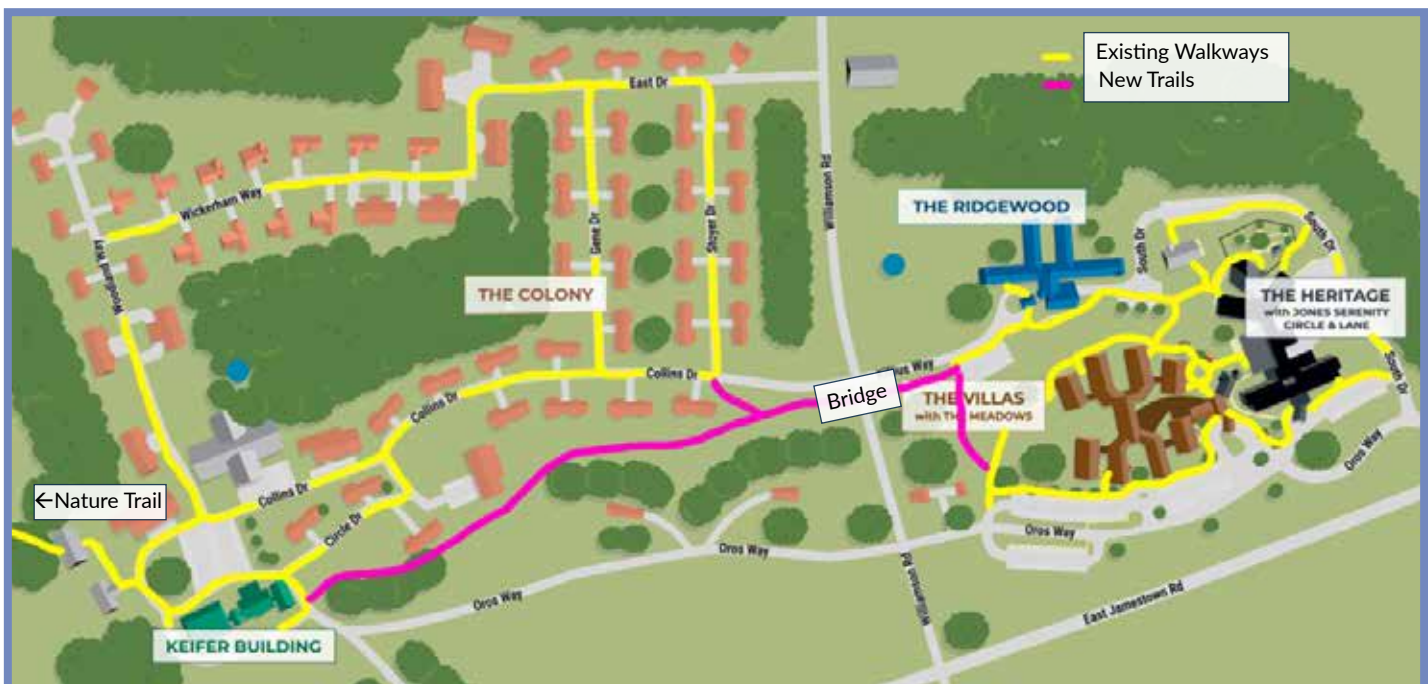
leading the project. Since then, heavy equipment and materials arrived on site, temporary fencing was erected around the work area, and tree removal was completed to make way for the bridge and trails. Work is continuing on drainage and erosion control throughout the project area.

In May, crews will bring in fill material for the bridge site and trails, as well as start construction on the bridge support walls. Construction is expected to wrap up in late 2026.

Thank you to everyone whose generosity is helping make this project possible to improve safety, accessibility, and outdoor recreational opportunities on St. Paul's campus.



The view from Williamson Road as Horizon Construction builds up the base for the bridge supports.





St. Paul's hosted the annual Legacy Society Luncheon on May 7, 2026 with a patriotic theme honoring America's 250th birthday.

This special event honors those who have

included St. Paul's in their estate plans and celebrates the lasting impact of legacy gifts on the lives of our residents and the strength of our charitable mission.

Chris Wright, St. Paul's President and CEO, welcomed the 51 guests, including Legacy Society members, staff, and board members and expressed gratitude for their continued belief in St. Paul's mission.

Chaplain Pat Spears, Director of Spiritual Services, offered an invocation before attendees enjoyed a time of fellowship and a delicious lunch featuring swiss steak or stuffed chicken breast, parsley potatoes, green beans almondine, and cookie butter cheesecake.

Following lunch, Dawn Hartman, Director of Charitable Giving, opened the program by reflecting on the meaning of legacy in honor of America's 250th birthday.

"Our nation was built by generations of people who believed in leaving things better than they found them," said Dawn. "In many ways, your legacy gifts do the same at St. Paul's. You believe that what has been built at St. Paul's over the last almost 160 years is worth protecting for tomorrow."

Dawn shared that there are 63 current members of the Legacy Society who have pledged future support to St. Paul's.



St. Paul's board member Larry Redfoot and Legacy Society member Nancy Little.

"Thank you for your trust in a future at St. Paul's that's worth investing in," she said. "And most of all, thank



Legacy Society members Arlene & Glenn Sadler

you for putting your generosity in writing, so you'll be there to help."

She then recognized the six new members who have joined since last year's gathering— Dick & Elaine Fisher of Greenville, Pa., Mike & Marti Pechnyo of Wilmette, Ill., and two donors who wish to remain anonymous.

The program closed with "Stories that Stay With Us," a heartfelt presentation from three long-time St. Paul's team members who shared personal stories about residents and the lasting impact of donor generosity they have witnessed over the years.



Legacy Society members Gordon & Pastor Julia Fraser. Gordon is a retired board member and Julia is our retired Director of Spiritual Services.

The speakers were Mimi Dreher, who started at The Villas in 2003; Mariah Corson, who joined The Colony in 2010; and Heidi Emerick, who also started at The Villas in 2010.

"Every person who has walked through our doors has, in some way, changed my life—and made me a better nurse," said Heidi. "Your generosity makes these moments

possible. It creates comfort where there is uncertainty. It provides dignity where it's needed most. And it allows us to deliver care that truly stands apart in our community."

The stories they shared were a powerful reminder of what legacy gifts mean for our residents and our mission.

We are deeply grateful to all of our Legacy Society members for their vision, commitment, and belief in the future of St. Paul's.



From left: Long-time team members Mimi Dreher, Mariah Corson, & Heidi Emerick were our guest speakers.

To learn more about legacy giving, please contact Dawn Hartman at 724-589-4611 or dhartman@sp1867.org.

Songs from the Heart

This February you once again opened your hearts to residents across St. Paul's during the annual "It's All About Heart" campaign, helping raise more than \$20,000 for resident life enrichment.

Thanks to you, our team is able to create opportunities for our residents to enjoy lives filled with spontaneity, purpose, joy, and meaningful connections every day. Your donations support resident activities, off-campus outings, family picnics, and musical entertainment. They also help with the care of our neighborhood pets, including our beautiful songbird aviaries.

When walking through The Heritage or The Ridgewood, you may have noticed the melody of songbirds filling the air, transforming quiet gathering areas into lively and entertaining spaces.

At the beginning of the year, Brittney Williams, Administrator of The Ridgewood and The Ridgewood at Shenango Valley, began using Serenity Aquarium & Aviary Services to maintain and improve the aviaries at The Heritage and The Ridgewood. The service was already being used with great success at The Ridgewood at Shenango Valley in Hermitage.

"Because of our generous donors, we were able to bring Serenity to The Ridgewood and The Heritage, and it has been wonderful. The residents love when they come to do the aviary, watching them clean, redecorate, and provide any care needed for the birds," Brittney shared.

During their first visit in February, The Ridgewood aviary got a full makeover with a brand-new setup, enrichment swings, new nesting spots, treats, and feeders. The residents are thrilled with the new service, especially LaWanda Johnston.



The birds in the newly refreshed aviary at The Ridgewood.

LaWanda (photo at right) first moved to The Colony with her husband, Bill, in 2013. After Bill's passing and some health issues of her own, she moved to The Ridgewood in 2023. Today she stays active participating in many activities at The Ridgewood, including musical performances, bingo, and music therapy.



"St. Paul's is wonderful. It's a grand place," she said. "I think all of St. Paul's is wonderful, not just this building. They have a wonderful crew, they're kind, and thoughtful and very helpful." She shared that she thanks God often that she is at St. Paul's.

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– Brittney***



At The Ridgewood from left, Rae Johnson, Elaine Wilkins, Life Enrichment Specialist Dawn French, and Sandy Stainbrook all watch as Carlie from Serenity Aquarium & Aviary Services cares for the birds.

The aviary at The Ridgewood is located in one of the lounges. There's plenty of seating and it's quiet for residents to relax and enjoy the sounds of the birds. Puzzles and games are set up at the tables with a perfect view of the aviary, so residents can engage in either. Chances are that's where you'll find LaWanda, working on a puzzle. "People do sit here all the time and watch them. We enjoy the birds," LaWanda said with a smile.

The aviary service will visit quarterly to care for the birds and their enclosure. Brittney shared the first time they came there was a small crowd watching. She expects it will become a favorite quarterly activity for the residents who love the birds.

Thank you to all of our generous donors who help support life-enriching activities and make wonderful additions like this possible across our campus!

Tee Off in The Colony

Residents at The Colony will be able to tee off, bowl a strike, or challenge friends to a game of disc golf without ever leaving campus, thanks to the new sports simulator in the fitness center.

The custom multi-sports simulator, created by TruGolf of Centerville, Utah, arrived at St. Paul's in late February and was installed by St. Paul's staff. After a testing and training period, the simulator is now ready for residents to enjoy.



Jeff Blair in The Colony bowls a strike on the new simulator.

The interactive system offers 14 sports games, including golf, bowling, baseball, target shooting, disc golf, and cornhole.

Participating in sports offers many health benefits, but can become more challenging with age or injuries.

The simulator makes it possible for residents to enjoy the games they love in a safe, comfortable indoor environment without concerns about weather, heat, or physical strain.

This exciting addition was made possible through

the generosity of three donors. The lead gift was made by Gerry McElree in memory of her companion Paul Evans, who was an avid golfer and bowler until his passing in September 2024. Both were residents of The Colony.



Christine Bayuk practices her throw in dodgeball.

A second gift was made by fellow Colony resident Kathy Anderson in memory of her husband Bob Anderson, who also loved golf.

The final gift was made by Doug and Lori Anderson of Mercer, Pa., who supported the project through a gift of appreciated stock. A board member at St. Paul's for more than 30 years, Doug has been a steadfast supporter of capital improvements and special projects that enhance resident life.

"Because of these donors, residents will be able to enjoy the sports they love, stay active, and share fun, friendly competition with family and friends throughout the year," said Dawn Hartman, Director of Charitable Giving.

Thanks to generous donor support, creative projects like the sports simulator and the new bridge and walking trails continue to expand wellness and recreational opportunities at St. Paul's, where active living is a way of life.

Sporting Clay Shoot Event

Our 6th annual Sporting Clay Shoot will be held on September 19 at Sandycreek Conservancy in Polk, Pa. This is our largest fundraiser of the year for the Good Samaritan Fund for benevolent care.

This event is so popular that all shooter spots are already sold out! Participants will test their skills at 16 shooting stations with 100 sporting clays. Want to join in? Be sure to register early next year!



Even though the event is full, there are still several ways you can help. Become a sponsor and receive promotion for your business during and after the event. Volunteer on the day of the event to assist with raffle ticket sales, serving food,

launching clays, or helping with set-up or clean-up.

Can't be at the event? You can still join in the fun and support the Good Samaritan Fund by purchasing pre-event raffle tickets.

The gun raffle showcases a Montefeltro Silver 12-gauge shotgun or a \$1,500 cash prize, generously donated by McCullough Grain. There is also a reverse raffle and 50/50 raffle. You do not need to be present to win, and raffle tickets will also be available for purchase at the event.

For more information, scan the QR code or contact Dawn Hartman, Director of Charitable Giving, at 724-589-4611.





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Donate



Thank You for Your Support!

Our Office

Have a question about giving or memorial opportunities? We'd love to chat. Our office is in The Keifer Building at St. Paul's.



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Tax Benefit

Even if you don't itemize, you may be eligible for a new "above-the-line" charitable tax deduction in 2026.

If you take the standard deduction, you can now deduct up to \$1,000 in charitable gifts or \$2,000 if married filing jointly.

While tax savings aren't why you support St. Paul's, it's a welcomed reminder that generosity and giving back are recognized and encouraged—even at tax time. Thank you for your support!