

A newsletter for donors and friends of St. Paul's • Fall 2025

## The Charitable Deduction is Back!

Over the summer, a new spending bill was signed into law. It extends many of the 2017 tax reforms but also introduces some new rules that could affect your charitable giving beginning in 2026. These are two highlights to know about:

### The Charitable Deduction

If you don't itemize, which is about 90% of taxpayers today, this bill restores a tax benefit for donating to St. Paul's and other charities—the above-the-line charitable deduction.

Beginning in 2026, you will be able to **deduct up to \$1,000 in charitable gifts (\$2,000 if you are married filing jointly)** when you file your taxes.

### Legacy Giving

Starting in 2026, estates up to **\$15 million (individuals)** and **\$30 million (married couples)** will

**be exempt** from federal estate and gift tax, which means most families won't owe these taxes.

Still, legacy gifts remain a powerful estate planning tool. They can reduce other taxes for your heirs, such as income tax on retirement accounts, state-level estate or inheritance taxes, or capital gains tax.

Most importantly, legacy giving ensures your generosity continues to benefit the causes you care about, like St. Paul's, beyond your lifetime.

### A Final Note

There are more provisions in the new bill that may affect your charitable contributions, especially if you itemize. We encourage you to consult your tax professional to see how these changes may impact you and plan accordingly.



## Time is Running Out

If you are age 70 1/2 or older, you have until December 31 to support your favorite charities like St. Paul's with an **IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** for the 2025 tax year.

A QCD allows you to donate directly from your IRA to St. Paul's. It counts toward the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) that you have to withdraw from your IRA each year. If you don't need your RMD or don't want it to increase your taxable income, you can donate it instead!

Nancy Reinhardt, who has lived at The Colony since 2017, uses her RMD each year to give to the Good Samaritan Fund for benevolent care.

"It's really easy to do," Nancy shared. "I choose to support St. Paul's because looking to the future, I might need that care. So I'm giving to it now and helping others at the same time."

To make a QCD gift like Nancy, request a **Qualified Charitable Distribution Form** from your IRA plan administrator or download it from their website. You may need this information:

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**Nancy Reinhardt (right) enjoying water games during a recent Fun Friday at St. Paul's.**

# A Day on Target

On Saturday, September 13, St. Paul's hosted our 5th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot at Sandycreek Conservancy in Polk, Pa. With perfect weather and a great turnout, the shoot was an incredible way to rally support for St. Paul's mission, as shooters brought their best aim and plenty of enthusiasm, creating a spirited atmosphere from start to finish.

This year's event exceeded all expectations, surpassing our \$50,000 goal and raising more than \$65,000 for St. Paul's Good Samaritan Fund. The Good Samaritan Fund ensures that residents who have exhausted their financial resources can continue to live at St. Paul's and receive the care, support, and compassion they need. Currently, 56% of skilled nursing residents and 5% of personal care residents face financial challenges and are unable to pay for the cost of their care. Last year, St. Paul's provided \$4.5 million in benevolent and unfunded care to residents in need.

The day was supported by 77 sponsors and brought together 132 shooters made up of St. Paul's vendor partners, team members, resident family members, and sports enthusiasts. Sandycreek Conservancy, known for its scenic wooded setting and well-designed course, featured 16 shooting stations that challenged participants with a variety of target presentations. Each shooter had the opportunity to test their skills on 100 clays, enjoying a day of friendly competition in a beautiful outdoor setting.

New this year, we introduced pre-event raffle packages—a fun and flexible way to get involved even if you couldn't attend. Packages included tickets for a classic 50/50 raffle, a Gun Raffle for a chance to win a Bergara Wilderness Ridge Carbon Rifle (caliber of your choice) or \$1,500 in cash, and a Reverse Raffle with multiple cash prizes, including a grand prize of \$500. On the day of the event, participants also enjoyed a Prize Auction and several door prizes.

Congratulations to our top shooters: Ryan Green, who took 1st place with a score of 90, followed by Jeff Hrdlicka in 2nd with 86, and Bill Brenner in 3rd with 81. And a special congratulations to Tyler Wickham, winner

of the gun raffle!

This was Ryan Green's second year participating in the event. "Sporting clays and other shooting sports are among my biggest hobbies," said Ryan. "But more importantly, this event supports a great cause that's close to home. Being able to combine something I love with giving back to my community makes it even more exciting to be part of an event like this."

Ryan shot on a team with Jeff Hrdlicka, whose wife Katie works at The Heritage, and Rob Hartman, whose wife Dawn works in the Charitable Giving Office. Having teamed up last year, the group returned to compete with camaraderie and friendly rivalry, showcasing their skills while supporting a meaningful cause. Jeff came in second place this year and was last year's 1st-place winner.

"I'd love to give a big shout out to the organizers and volunteers," Ryan added. "The St. Paul's Sporting Clays Fundraiser is one of the best events I attend each year. We participate in several events like this, but we all agree—this one stands out as the best."

From spirited competition on the course to the excitement of raffles and auctions, the event was a perfect blend of fun and fundraising, leaving a lasting impact on the participants and the residents St. Paul's serves.

A heartfelt thank you to all our generous sponsors, participants, in-kind prize donors, and volunteers. Your support enables St. Paul's to provide meaningful life experiences, quality health care, and essential services—while preserving the dignity of every resident, regardless of financial circumstances. This event truly would not have been possible without you!



**Top shooter Ryan Green receives his prize.**



**Bryan Redfoot takes aim from the R Builders, LLC team.**



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## *A Life-Saving Gift*

The Heritage recently received a gift that could one day save lives. Thanks to the Buhl Regional Health Foundation in Hermitage, Pa., the first floor is now equipped with a brand-new Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

An AED is a simple device that can be used by anyone—not just medical professionals—in the event of a cardiac arrest. It works by delivering an electric shock that restores a normal heart rhythm, buying time for first responders to arrive.

Each year, nearly 350,000 people experience cardiac arrest outside of a hospital, and nine out of ten do not survive. However, when used quickly, AEDs dramatically increase the chances of survival.

Staff at The Heritage receive training on how to use an AED during CPR training offered quarterly.

With this donation, every floor of The Heritage is now equipped with its own AED, including two on the fourth floor, one in Jones Serenity Circle and one in Jones Serenity Lane. This means staff, residents and visitors have peace of mind knowing that in a cardiac emergency, help is only steps away.

"We are so grateful to Buhl Regional Health Foundation for this donation," said Dianna Jones,



***From left: Joann Holtzer, Director of Resident Care, and Dianna Jones, Administrator at The Heritage, with the new donated AED.***

Administrator at The Heritage. "Not only did they provide the AED and a wall cabinet, they will return to test it regularly to ensure it's working properly."

This AED was made possible through the AED+ Program, a partnership between Buhl Regional Health Foundation, Allegheny Health Network, UPMC Horizon & Jameson Health Foundations and Staying Alive.

Since the program began in 2022, more than 160 life-saving devices have been placed in public facilities in Mercer County, including St. Paul's.

## *Bridge Project Nearing Construction*

What began as a dream is moving closer to reality. St. Paul's pedestrian bridge and walking trails project is one step closer to construction.

This transformational project will provide safe, accessible passage across Williamson Road for residents, staff and visitors, connecting all four neighborhoods on St. Paul's campus.

The biggest hurdle to starting construction has been relocating utility lines at the bridge site, a process that has taken much longer than expected. But progress is finally happening! An agreement is now in place with National Fuel to move their gas line, and discussions continue with Penn Power about relocating overhead power lines.

Horizon Construction Group Inc., of Seneca, Pa., has been selected to lead the project. With extensive experience on similar projects in our region,

they came highly recommended. Their active engagement and valuable expertise have already improved the bridge design and helped reduce the overall budget.

Meanwhile, the fundraising campaign is winding down with \$1.075 million raised. Naming opportunities are still available, including a rest area (\$150,000) and three walking trails (\$75,000 each).

Donors can also still take advantage of the Wallace Family Matching Funds Challenge to reach recognition levels of \$25,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000.

For example, If you donate \$8,000, your gift will be matched with \$2,000 in matching funds to achieve the \$10,000 level.

For more information about these exciting opportunities to contribute to this project, please contact Dawn Hartman, Director of Strategic Giving at 724-589-4611 or [dhartman@sp1867.org](mailto:dhartman@sp1867.org).



***The future site of the pedestrian bridge over Williamson Road.***

# 1867 SOCIETY ST. PAUL'S

reception. The evening brought together 31 members and St. Paul's leaders for conversation, wine and hors d'oeuvres.

The 1867 Society was created in 2020 to honor donors who have made significant contributions to St. Paul's over their lifetime of giving. Each year, the reception is a time to thank members, celebrate their impact and share the latest news about St. Paul's with those whose generosity shape our future.

After enjoying time to mingle and connect, guests were welcomed by Dawn Hartman, Director of Strategic Giving. She reflected on the impact of generous donors throughout St. Paul's history and reminded attendees that the 1867 Society was named for the year the organization began, a time when the world looked very different. The nation was still recovering from the Civil War, homes lacked phones,

electricity and indoor plumbing, and life expectancy was only 40 years.

"Yet amid all that difficulty, uncertainty and change, St. Paul's was founded," said Dawn. "By people who were



***Inaugural members Kathy & JP Walton, who reside out-of-state, enjoyed their first 1867 Society Reception this year.***

forward-thinking, saw the need, and gave the time, talent and resources to make it happen."

She contrasted that history with today's world, marked by rapid technological and medical advances, artificial intelligence and constant change. "Through decades of change, one thing has remained constant," she said. "The need for compassionate, person-centered care which is St. Paul's mission, and people like you who believe in that mission and so generously support it."

A highlight of the evening was the official welcome of seven new members to the 1867 Society, inducted as the class of 2025: Edward & Betty Jean Bardella, M.D. of Jamestown, Pa.; Bonnie Barr of Greenville, Pa.; Kathleen Tighe Coriden of Columbus, Ind.; Nina Hillery

On August 14, 2025, St. Paul's 1867 Society gathered at The Heritage for their annual summer



***From left: Bonnie Barr was welcomed as a new member of the 1867 Society by Teresa Findley and Dawn Hartman from the Charitable Giving Office.***

of Akron, Ohio; and Tom & Vicki Wilkins of Salisbury, Md.

The program continued with President and CEO Chris Wright, who provided his exclusive annual update for members, sharing highlights from the past year, upcoming projects, and some of the industry challenges affecting St. Paul's. Members had the opportunity to ask questions, share ideas, and provide feedback, making for a lively and engaging conversation.

It was a wonderful evening of fellowship with some of the caring and generous supporters that surround St. Paul's.

## ***Do you qualify for the 1867 Society?***

Membership is based on a lifetime giving total of \$10,000 or more to St. Paul's. We'll notify you when you're halfway there and again as you approach the threshold, so you can join this special group of donors who help sustain St. Paul's mission.



***From left: 1867 Society members Mary & John Moore and Carol & Steve Hosmer enjoy the reception each year.***



*Lunch & Learn*

# Estate Planning Workshop



Join elder law attorney Kimberly Foulk from Erde, Ferguson, Foulk & Cressman in Meadville as she shares her tips to consider when creating your estate plan.

**Thursday, October 23, 2025**  
**11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Anderson Fellowship Hall at The Heritage  
339 E. Jamestown Rd. Greenville, PA

**Space is limited. Register by October 20.**  
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# A Summer of Joy & Connection

It has been an extraordinary summer at St. Paul's, filled with laughter, joy, and meaningful connections for residents, team members, and families alike. These experiences are the heart of the Eden Alternative, which focuses on creating life-enriching moments that bring community, purpose, and fun to every day. Thanks to the generosity of our donors to the Eden Alternative Fund, residents have enjoyed a variety of memorable events that truly embody this mission this year.

In June, residents and team members from The Villas and The Ridgewood embarked on a delightful two-hour round-trip train ride through the scenic Cuyahoga Valley in Ohio. Their journey began on a comfortable Anderson Coach & Travel charter bus that took them to the boarding station. Every detail was thoughtfully arranged to ensure a safe, smooth, and enjoyable experience for all.

That same month, Jones Serenity Circle and Lane in The Heritage celebrated with a star-spangled family picnic, while The Springs neighborhood at The Villas hosted a festive summer-themed picnic. Both events brought everyone together over delicious food, laughter, and entertainment.

July was also packed with themed neighborhood picnics. The Bluebirds family picnic at The Heritage featured a carnival theme complete with popcorn, corn dogs, snow cones, and magician Fritz Coombs. At The Villas, The Gardens enjoyed a circus-themed picnic with clowns, balloon art, face painting, and lively musical entertainment.

entertainment.

On July 23, residents from The Willows neighborhood at The Villas spent a memorable day at Keystone Safari, a zoo in Grove City, Pa. Sixteen residents, accompanied by seventeen team members and several family members,

explored the zoo and enjoyed the animals together. Life Enrichment Specialist Denise Brown coordinated

the outing, ensuring each resident had dedicated one-on-one support throughout the day. "The residents loved being able to go out and spend time at Keystone Safari," Denise shared. "The trip is still talked about three months

later! Not only did the residents enjoy the trip, but they loved that it felt more like a family outing because so many team members were able to join us."

In August, The Willows also hosted a colorful '60s Hippies family picnic, complete with music, tie-dye t-shirts, and themed activities. "The residents and staff are already talking about what theme they want for next year," said Denise.

Meanwhile, The Ridgewood hosted a tropical picnic with a pig roast, and The Rambling Roses at The Heritage enjoyed an Italian-inspired picnic, catered by Muscarella's Café Italia.

Donations to the Eden Alternative Fund also support a wide range of activities that enrich daily life at St. Paul's throughout the year—including holiday and pizza parties, crafts and treats, entertainment, gardening, special outings, and care for neighborhood pets. Your generosity helps create an environment that prioritizes residents' well-being, happiness, and connection. Through these gifts, ordinary days are transformed into extraordinary memories that make a lasting impact.

Looking back, we are filled with gratitude for special moments shared by our residents this summer. Your continued support allows us to create even more opportunities for joy, engagement, and meaningful social interaction in every neighborhood. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the Eden Alternative Fund during the "It's All About Heart" campaign in February and throughout the year. Together, we are creating a warm, vibrant community where residents can truly enjoy life to the fullest.



***Tina Jones, Resident Care Coordinator, enjoy The Ridgewood Family Picnic with residents Sandy Stainbrook and Elaine Wilkins.***



***Ian Miller (left), Life Enrichment Specialist, pictured with Ken Adams, Villas resident, at Keystone Safari.***



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