

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

Your Support is Needed During PA OH Gives

The Good Samaritan Fund is facing a shortfall in 2025. This fund supports our benevolent care program and ensures a resident never has to leave St. Paul's or adjust the level of care they receive because they have exhausted their financial resources.

56% of the residents living in The Villas and 5% in personal care cannot afford the cost of their care and depend on the Good Samaritan Fund.

The annual Good Samaritan Appeal was mailed out in March and so far \$20,000 has been raised of our \$43,000 goal, which is behind where we usually are this time of year.

That's why St. Paul's is hoping for strong support during the 6th annual PA OH Gives Giving Week, which will be held June 21 - 27 this year. Please mark your calendar.

PA OH Gives Giving Week is a virtual giving event created in 2020 by the Community Foundation of Western PA & Eastern OH to benefit non-profit organizations in the region.

All donations made for St. Paul's during this week will support the Good Samaritan Fund and will be matched on a prorated basis by the Community Foundation, increasing your impact.

Last year, your generosity during PA OH Gives

raised \$40,600 from 114 donors. Please help boost the Good Samaritan Fund by making your donation during PA OH Gives.

How to Give:

Online (Credit Card)

Visit www.paohgives.org, click Programs and select St. Paul's.

By Check

Payable to **Community Foundation of W PA & E OH** with "St. Paul's" in the memo line.

Drop off at St. Paul's Charitable Giving Office up until 11 a.m. on June 27 or mail to: Community Foundation of W PA & E OH, 7 W. State St., Suite 301, Sharon, PA 16146.

Donations must be received and dated during June 21 - 27 to qualify for the matching funds.

Frequently Asked Questions

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 fee, but you can choose to cover it.

How much is the match? We won't know until the event ends. The match is determined by dividing the total matching funds available by the total donations received. Every gift receives a fair share of the match. For example, if the match is 25 cents per

dollar, your \$100 gift becomes \$125.

Is there a limit on matching? Yes. A single donor can give up to \$25,000 maximum 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 donor report from the Community Foundation after the event. You'll receive a tax receipt from the foundation, and a thank you email or letter from St. Paul's.



St. Paul's hosted the annual Legacy Society Luncheon on May 6, 2025, honoring those who have included a legacy gift for St. Paul's in their estate plan.

This special event celebrates the lasting impact of legacy gifts on the lives of our residents and St. Paul's charitable mission.

Forty-three people gathered for a delicious lunch of chicken piccata or beef tenderloin with red wine sauce, fingerling potatoes, baby carrots and ice box cake for dessert.

After lunch, Dawn Hartman, Director of Strategic Giving, began the program with gratitude.

"Your decision to include St. Paul's in your estate planning is a powerful expression of your own values. It shows that you care deeply—not just about what happens today, but about what happens tomorrow at St. Paul's," said Dawn. "Today we simply want to say thank you. Thank you for caring so deeply. Thank you for your foresight, your trust and your belief in the work we do."

Next she recognized and welcomed the six new members who joined the Legacy Society since last year's luncheon.

Among them were sisters Christine & Mary Ellen Bayuk, who both live in The Colony at St. Paul's.

Christine has been a donor since 2018 and moved to The Colony in April 2022. She is also an active member of The Auxiliary of St. Paul's.

Mary Ellen has lived in The Colony for 11 years and is also a member of The Auxiliary and St. Paul's 1867



Teresa Findley (left) and Dawn Hartman (right) welcome new member Christine Bayuk to the Legacy Society.

Society. She's an active volunteer and serves on St. Paul's board of directors.

Also welcomed was Pat Donner, who has been a donor since 2012. Pat became a resident at St. Paul's



Legacy Society members LaWanda Johnston (left) and Pat Donner (right) with Chaplain Pat Spears.

in 2023 when she moved into The Colony.

Mimi Milheim joined her husband Irv as a member of the Legacy Society this year. The couple moved to St. Paul's in 2017 from Montana and are also members of the 1867 Society.

The last two new members were unable to attend the event in person—Ed & Mary Langbein from Downers Grove, Ill. Ed's mother was a resident at St. Paul's from 1996-2009.

The luncheon concluded with a special program about donor advised funds presented by Kyle English, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Western PA & Eastern OH. Kyle explained how donor advised funds are a versatile charitable giving tool, both during and after the donor's lifetime.

Thank you to all of our Legacy Society members for your belief in the charitable mission of St. Paul's and your commitment to help ensure it continues for future generations.

If you'd like to learn more about legacy giving, check out the Toast for Tomorrow event on the next page, or contact Dawn at 724-589-4611 or dhartman@sp1867.org.



Members Lucy Shaffer (front left) & Becky Beck (right) chat with board member Nancy Hoffacker at the luncheon.

Toast for Tomorrow

Wine & Charcuterie Event about Legacy Giving



Thursday, June 5
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
The Gathering Place
in the Keifer Building
at St. Paul's



Learn more about legacy giving - the simple ways it can be done and the impact these gifts have at St. Paul's - in a casual setting. ***Please RSVP by May 29*** by scanning the QR code, or contacting Dawn Hartman at 724-589-4611 or dhartman@sp1867.org.

RSVP



Where Memories Rest

At St. Paul's, we recognize how meaningful it is to remember those who have touched our lives or to honor individuals who continue to inspire us. Tribute gifts offer a powerful and heartfelt way to celebrate the life and legacy of someone special, whether in memory of a loved one who has passed or in recognition of someone you admire.

When you make a tribute gift to St. Paul's, we notify the honoree, or in the case of a memorial, a designated family member. Unless directed otherwise, tribute gifts support St. Paul's Memorial Fund, which provides general support to fulfill our charitable mission.

For those seeking a more tangible, lasting tribute, St. Paul's offers meaningful opportunities to dedicate a bench, tree or ornamental bush on our campus. These tributes not only commemorate loved ones but also enhance the beauty and serenity of our grounds, creating spaces for reflection and peace.

The benches are made from durable composite materials and include a 4-by-6-inch plaque with a message of your choice. Benches are placed on cement pads for safe and easy access, in a location mutually agreed upon by the donor and St. Paul's.

This spring, Jim Gentile and his family honored the memory of their mother Karen Gentile, who passed away in January, by dedicating a memorial bench in her name. "St. Paul's did so much for our mom,"

Jim shared. "Our family sincerely appreciates the love and peace she received. Mom's love of sunsets, family, and friendships will continue to be experienced on her bench."

The bench is located behind Jones Serenity Circle at The Heritage where Karen resided. It offers a peaceful place to sit, reflect and remember, a lasting tribute to a life well-lived.

An alternative tribute option is a tree or ornamental bush that can be planted, accompanied by a ground marker engraved with a message of your choice. We work closely with each donor to select a suitable type of plant and location, ensuring each tribute becomes a cherished and lasting part of our campus.

Tribute gifts are more than just donations, they are expressions of love, gratitude and remembrance. For more information, please contact Teresa Findley or Dawn Hartman in the Charitable Giving Office at 724-589-4667, or visit www.stpauls1867.org/memorial-honorary-giving-opportunities.



This memorial bench is dedicated in memory of Karen R. Gentile by her family.

Take Aim for a Purpose

Mark your calendars for St. Paul's 5th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot on Saturday, September 13, 2025, at Sandycreek Conservancy in Polk, Pa. We're aiming for a new target with an ambitious fundraising goal of \$50,000. All proceeds will benefit the Good Samaritan Fund, which provides vital benevolent care, ensuring that residents never have to leave or adjust the level of care they receive due to financial hardship.

At St. Paul's, we believe every individual deserves exceptional care, regardless of their ability to pay. 56% of the residents in skilled nursing care and 5% in personal care face financial challenges and are unable to pay for the cost of their care. Last year, St. Paul's provided \$4.5 million in unfunded and benevolent care to residents in need.

Presented by our generous lead sponsor, Sodexo Seniors, the Sporting Clay Shoot brings together experienced shooters and first-timers alike for a day of friendly competition, community spirit and giving back. Sandycreek Conservancy, with its 16 shooting stations, offers participants the chance to test their skills with 100 clays, while enjoying the great outdoors and great company.

Participants can look forward to top shooter prizes, fun raffles and door prizes and a delicious breakfast and lunch, generously provided by R Builders, LLC.

Whether you choose to sponsor, volunteer or take aim as a shooter, there's a place for everyone at this



Food Sponsor R Builders, LLC's team of shooters (from left): Logan Redfoot, John Nickum, Danny Redfoot and Dan Redfoot.



St. Paul's Board Member, Bretton Walberg, takes aim to support benevolent care at St. Paul's by sponsoring and participating in the annual Sporting Clay Shoot.

meaningful event.

"In just five years, this shoot has grown into something truly special," said Teresa Findley, Director of Annual Giving. "It's

become more than a fundraiser. It's a day people genuinely look forward to, where they can come together, have fun and make a real difference."

New this year, we've added pre-event raffle packages—a fun and flexible way to participate even if you can't attend the event. The packages include tickets for a classic 50/50 raffle; a Gun Raffle with a chance to win a Bergara Wilderness Ridge Carbon Rifle

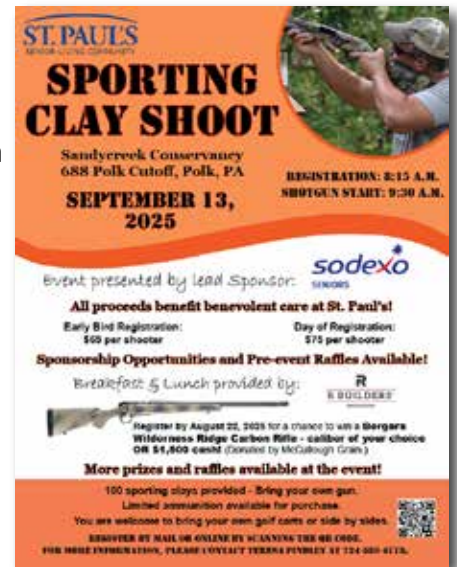
(caliber of your choice) or \$1,500 in cash; and a Reverse Raffle with multiple cash prizes, including a grand prize of \$500.

"We wanted to make it easier for more people to participate this year, even if they can't attend in person," said Teresa. "The raffles give individuals another way to support the cause and maybe even take home a great prize!"

Pre-registration for the event is \$65 per shooter. Sponsors receive a shooter discount based on their sponsorship level. This event has sold out each year, so be sure to register early! Participants are welcome to bring their own golf carts or side-by-sides, or just walk through the scenic course.

You can register online or purchase pre-event raffle tickets by scanning the QR code. For more information, contact Teresa Findley at 724-589-4778 or tfindley@sp1867.org.

Join us for a day of fun and camaraderie, while making a lasting difference in the lives of those who rely on St. Paul's for care. Your support—whether shooting, sponsoring, buying raffle tickets or volunteering—will directly impact the lives of residents in need, ensuring they receive the care they deserve, no matter their financial situation. Let's come together to make this year's event the most successful yet.



Join Us



Wrapped in Care

On March 31, we wrapped up a special quilt raffle to raise money for the Good Samaritan Fund, which helps ensure that no resident ever has to leave their home at St. Paul's due to financial hardship. Thanks to the incredible generosity of friends and supporters near and far, we raised \$1,625 in support of this vital mission.

Lynn Chuey, retired Vice President of Human Resources at St. Paul's, lovingly designed, created, and donated the beautiful 101" x 101" handmade stained-glass-style quilt titled *Sunday Pride*.

For Lynn, this quilt was more than a beautiful fabric creation. It was a deeply personal tribute and a meaningful way to give back. "Even if someone no longer has a day-to-day connection with St. Paul's, I believe it's important to continue supporting this organization as they are able," said Lynn. "I'll never forget the excellent care my mother and father-in-law received while at The Villas and The Ridgewood. That's why, for me, it's important to continue giving to the Good Samaritan Fund."

Lynn originally created the quilt for St. Paul's 2020 Gala live auction, but when the event had to be canceled, it was carefully set aside. Last year she decided it was time to put it to good use. "I knew I needed to donate it in a way that would help raise funds for the Good Samaritan Fund. I'm so grateful that

it was well received and raised a good bit of money," said Lynn.

The lucky recipient of this beautiful work of art was Tara Pago, whose grandmother was a resident at St. Paul's before her passing.

"I'm honored to have won such a beautiful quilt, that was made with so much love & care," said Tara. "Thank you for giving us something so beautiful to become a family heirloom. I was happy to participate in the raffle that supports the residents there, as I know firsthand, all the good it does."

Lynn's gift and the outpouring of support from our raffle participants reminds us just how powerful a single act of generosity can be. Whether you bought a ticket or helped spread the word, your support made a real and lasting impact. Thank you for being part of this effort and for helping ensure that every resident at St. Paul's continues to receive the respect, dignity, and quality care they deserve.



Quilt Raffle winner, Tara Pago, pictured with Dawn Hartman, Director of Strategic Giving.

Patio Perfection

Since 1974, the dedicated group of volunteers who make up The Auxiliary of St. Paul's has worked faithfully to raise funds to enhance the lives of our residents.

They just finished up their latest project and the fruits of their labor have arrived at St. Paul's just in time for warm weather—beautiful new outdoor furniture for the Bistro Patio.

The composite furniture was purchased from Kraynak's in Hermitage, Pa., and includes 24 sling arm chairs, eight swivel rocker chairs and six square patio tables.

"Thanks to The Auxiliary we've been able to upgrade the patio with sturdy, comfortable furniture built for real relaxation," said Donny Yankle, Administrator at The Villas. "It's the perfect spot to swap stories, soak up some sun, and enjoy the outdoors in good company."

The Auxiliary raises funds through an annual membership drive every April, along with a variety

of events throughout the year such as bake sales, uniform sales, Dine-to-Donate nights at Greenville Dairy Queen and a popular Craft Fair each November.

This January for the first time The Auxiliary also hosted a Silent Art Auction at the Sans MOCO Gallery in Greenville, which raised more than \$1,500.

Thank you to The Auxiliary for their continued efforts to make life even better at St. Paul's!

For information about joining The Auxiliary, please visit www.stpauls1867.org/about/auxiliary.



Dee Leffler and Zina Long, residents at The Heritage, enjoy an afternoon outside on the new patio furniture.

Stepping Up Safety at the Salon

At St. Paul's, our generous supporters take joy in funding items that directly enhance daily life for our residents.

Jan Walther, a resident at The Colony, is a regular visitor to The Ridgewood hair salon. While there, she noticed the struggle that some residents with limited mobility were having getting into the salon chair. Like most standard chairs, it had a fixed U-shaped footrest that they needed to step over before sitting down.

She expressed her concern to beautician Marcy Veado one day while getting her hair done, and Marcy told her about a type of footrest modeled after wheelchair foot pedals. With two individual pedals that flip up and out of the way, residents can easily step in and sit down. Once seated, the beautician or the resident can drop each pedal down to rest their feet on.



Jan thought this was a wonderful idea and wanting to help, she reached out to the Charitable Giving Office to

make a donation. With approval from The Ridgewood, the new footrest was soon on its way.

Manufactured in Minnesota, the Rose Pedal Salon Chair Footrest easily attaches to most styles of salon chairs, offering a practical solution to improve safety and comfort.

This thoughtful gift is a wonderful example of how our donors see a need at St. Paul's and step in to help. Thank you so much, Jan!



Martha Anderson is a fan of the new footrest at The Ridgewood salon. Pictured with Jan Walther (left) and Marcy Veado.

Vehicle Donation

Like many nonprofits, St. Paul's accepts donations of vehicles—and right now, that kind of gift could meet a real need.

We rely on our vehicles to safely and comfortably transport residents to medical appointments, such as doctor visits, lab work, imaging and treatments. They also make it possible for residents to enjoy outings to local restaurants, shops and community events.

In addition, these vehicles are used on a daily basis to transport mail and supplies and to shuttle residents between facilities for beauty shop appointments, group activities or to visit friends and family.

Currently The Villas has a 2018 Honda CR-V and a 2009 Honda Accord that will soon need replaced. The Heritage and The Ridgewood no longer have their own vehicles and have to compete for access to these two.

If you have a vehicle you no longer need, especially a sedan or small SUV, please consider donating it to St. Paul's.



The Benefits of Donating Your Vehicle:

- ***It's Tax-Deductible:*** If you itemize, your car donation can qualify for a charitable tax deduction. If St. Paul's is able to use the vehicle, you may deduct its fair market value. If we sell it, you can deduct the sales price.
- ***You Support What You Care About:*** Even if St. Paul's is unable to use the vehicle, you can direct the proceeds from the sale to your favorite fund or program, such as benevolent care or resident life enrichment. Or you can give St. Paul's the discretion to use the proceeds wherever needed the most to support our charitable mission.
- ***Legacy Giving Option:*** Some donors choose to include their vehicle as a charitable bequest in their will. This allows you to continue using your car during your lifetime, and then it can benefit St. Paul's when you no longer need it.

Donating your vehicle is simple and an impactful way to give. For more information, please contact Dawn Hartman, Director of Strategic Giving, at 724-589-4611 or dhartman@sp1867.org.

The Gift of Companionship

In February, we held our annual "It's All About Heart" campaign in support of the Eden Alternative culture of care at St. Paul's. Thanks to the heartfelt generosity of our supporters, we raised more than \$22,250.

These contributions directly fund meaningful activities and experiences for our residents, as well as the daily care of our beloved neighborhood pets, who bring comfort, companionship, and countless smiles to our residents and team members and help make our campus truly feel like home.

The Eden Alternative philosophy is rooted in creating lives filled with purpose, joy and connection, regardless of age or ability. One of the most heartwarming parts of that philosophy is the presence of animals on our campus with which residents form meaningful and loving bonds.

Martha Hawk from the Willows B neighborhood in The Villas shares a deep connection with Jonah, our African Grey parrot who has been part of St. Paul's family since 2000.

"I talk to him, he listens, and then he communicates back," Martha shared. "He sits on my arm while I take care of him, and I truly enjoy the companionship—we spend most of the day together."

On Willows A, Jeannie Mumford lights up when she talks about Conway Tweety, the parakeet she helped name.

"He's so smart," she said. "I talk to him, and he talks back. I just love everything about him."

In Springs B, residents enjoy the



Martha Hawk, enjoying the company of Jonah the African Grey parrot on the Willows B neighborhood.

calming presence of the neighborhood aviary. Joyce Holland noted, "The birds are so peaceful and always busy. I enjoy watching them and making sure they're doing well. It's nice to observe them without having the responsibility of caring for them myself."

Chuck Zuschlag added his joy in watching the birds, especially when they have babies, and the special comfort he finds in the company of Boots, the neighborhood cat. "She reminds me of the cat we had

at home," he said.

Meanwhile, on Gardens B, Cathie Hays cherishes time with Cookie, a sweet cat who loves her treats and watching the birds from the window. "I used to have two cats at home, so having Cookie around brings back good memories," Cathie said.

In addition to the pets in The Villas, our campus is home to many other cherished animals.

At The Ridgewood and in the memory support neighborhood at The Heritage, residents enjoy the calming presence of two bird aviaries. The Heritage is also home to some playful parakeets and a friendly resident cat named Flower, who brings joy and comfort to everyone she meets. These animals all play a special role in enhancing the lives of our residents.

Animals bring so much more than companionship. They offer emotional support, cognitive stimulation and opportunities for social interaction. For many residents, these animals spark cherished memories of past pets, provide soothing comfort and encourage conversations between staff and fellow residents.

Whether it's through a quiet moment petting a cat or sharing laughs over Jonah's vocal talents, the animals help reduce feelings of loneliness and anxiety and promote a sense of well-being.

Other initiatives that the "It's All About Heart" campaign helped support in the past year included Eden family pizza parties, fun-themed picnics, holiday parties, popcorn parties, special entertainment, crafts, gardening and memorable outings to wineries and ice-cream shops.

From joyful gatherings to visits from Jungle Terry's live animal show to the daily care of our loved neighborhood pets, donations to the "It's All About Heart" campaign bring meaningful connection and joy to life at St. Paul's. These shared experiences—with people and animals alike—are at the heart of what makes our community so special.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's campaign. Your support helps keep our campus full of life, laughter and love—one paw, wing or tail at a time.



Flower enjoys all of the attention on the 3rd floor at The Heritage.



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Thank You for Your Support!



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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