

# SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY ISSUE



**OHIO PRESBYTERIAN  
RETIREMENT SERVICES  
FOUNDATION**  
*Where Donors Make A Lasting Impact*

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## mission in action

A newsletter for donors and friends of the OPRSF Foundation



# Celebrating 25 years of generosity...

This fiscal year (July 1 – June 30), the OPRS Foundation celebrates our 25th anniversary — and we couldn't have done it without you!

In honor of this special milestone, we developed a tag line and revised our mission statement to reflect the importance donors like you play in our role at OPRS. (We updated our Belief Statements too – check them out on the back cover.)

You may have noticed the new tag line under our logo on the front cover. It's "Where Donors Make A Lasting Impact." And do you ever!

Since 1986 when the Foundation became an official subsidiary of OPRS, donors have given nearly \$185 million in support of the older adults we serve.

Donors have done so much, in fact, that we centered our new mission statement around them: **"Our mission is to partner with donors to provide charitable support for the people, projects and programs of OPRS."**

We're excited to share with you in this special issue of *Mission in Action* some of the many ways donors like you have supported the people, projects and programs of OPRS throughout the Foundation's history.

Thanks so much for your support, and here's to another successful 25 years!

*people...*

The people of OPRS—the more than 92,000 older adults served by OPRS Communities and Senior Independence each year—are the reason we're all here.

They're the reason donors like you invest your hard-earned money in our mission. They're the reason staff come to work

every day. In fact, they're the very reason OPRS exists!

While all charitable gifts help the people of OPRS in one way or another, donors have provided support in several very significant ways.

## **providing peace of mind**

One of the most notable ways donors have supported the people of OPRS during the past 25 years is through charitable gifts for the Life Care Commitment.



**LEFT:** Donors like you have helped ensure that every OPRS resident and client receives the highest quality of care and services we can offer.

As a donor, you likely already know about Life Care and its importance to our organization. But just in case:

The Life Care Commitment, backed by OPRS with the help of charitable support, helps assure all OPRS residents that they will always have a home here even if – in good faith – they run out of the funds meant to see them through.

Each year, donors provide an overwhelming amount of aid to this important initiative.

Unfortunately, one of the most important aspects of Life Care – its confidential nature – keeps us from telling you the heartwarming personal stories of the people who benefit from donor support.

What we can tell you is that, for the older adults who rely on the assistance of Life Care, donors like you are a Godsend.

### **contributing to quality of life**

Donors have also provided a vast amount of support to help enhance the overall quality of life and physical well-being of residents.

From hospital-style beds to everyday medical equipment, charitable gifts have helped OPRS provide the best possible care to our residents.

In some cases, donors have funded “extras” that have added an element of convenience to life at OPRS communities.

For example, the purchase of PT/INR blood-testing machines at a few campuses has alleviated the need for residents who take blood thinners to travel off-campus to have their blood levels checked.

### **extending a hand of compassion**

Senior Independence has been offering hospice services statewide for several years, and we’ve been truly touched at how donors have extended a hand of compassion through their giving.

Hospice care makes such a profound impact on the lives of clients and their families, and we’re proud that our donors have recognized this and pledged their support in such a meaningful way. ■

# projects...

Throughout our 25-year history, the one thing there has been an abundance of (besides donor generosity, of course!) is special projects to support.

From chapels to wellness centers, fences to furniture, donors have played a major role in making the 11 OPRS Communities locations and Senior Independence's many centers what they are today.

## **transforming communities**

Through multiple capital campaigns, donors have funded, either entirely or in part, the addition of more than 30 buildings at OPRS Communities around the state in the past 25 years.

Each building project has expanded not only its respective campus, but also OPRS' ability to carry out its mission of enhancing the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of residents.



**ABOVE:** Offering a beautiful and peaceful outdoor retreat, the Orr Courtyard at Rockynol in Akron, Ohio is a perfect example of how donor-funded projects can improve OPRS communities.

As part of The Mission, The Vision, The Promise Capital Campaign, more than \$55 million was donated to help add four chapels, four wellness centers and more to eight campuses – all in just six years time.

This level of generosity was unprecedented in our organization's history, and it was all because of donors like you.

## **funding fantastic features**

In addition to helping fund the "bricks and mortar" (the actual buildings themselves), donors have helped to fill these additions with amazing amenities.

**LEFT:** Thanks to a generous gift, The Suites at Dorothy Love Retirement Community in Sidney, Ohio have added a whole new dimension of care for older adults needing hospice or other advanced care services.





**ABOVE:** By providing donations for top-of-the-line exercise equipment, like at Westminster-Thurber Community in Columbus, Ohio, donors have helped enhance the physical well-being of residents.

Furniture, sound systems, televisions, exercise equipment, stained glass windows and artwork are just some of the many things charitable gifts have added to our communities.

Donors have also helped to upgrade the exteriors of our communities by contributing to beautification initiatives.

The home-like environments of our campuses that are so important and meaningful to residents can be directly attributed to donor generosity, and for that we're especially grateful.

**RIGHT:** This attractive vinyl fence, funded by a donor, provides residents of the special care unit at Swan Creek Retirement Village in Toledo, Ohio with a safe and secure outdoor space to enjoy.



**ABOVE:** Charitable gifts allowed for the addition of stained glass windows and other accessories to complement the Margaret Jean Wells Chapel at Llanfair Retirement Community in Cincinnati, Ohio.

### **advancing independence**

Senior Independence's adult day and senior centers are a home away from home for many older adults. And thanks to the help of donors, several of these centers have received make overs and upgrades.

Grants from various local foundations have funded everything from new chairs to the relocation of an entire building, helping to make these centers as comfortable and inviting as possible. ■



# programs...

Donor support of OPRS programs has been especially beneficial toward furthering the OPRS mission of enhancing the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of the older adults we serve.

Through their backing of spiritual life, educational and wellness programming, donors have helped OPRS offer a multitude of activities to help residents and clients keep their minds and bodies healthy.

## supporting spiritual journeys

Donors have been particularly generous when it comes to supporting the spiritual aspect of the OPRS mission. Through gifts, donors have helped provide residents with access to an array of spiritual life programs such as worship services and Bible study.

Several endowments have also been created to safeguard these programs for the future. Thanks to donors, OPRS will be able to contribute to the spiritual journeys of residents for generations to come.

**RIGHT:** *Through the help of donations, OPRS can supply residents like those at Mount Pleasant Retirement Village in Monroe, Ohio with a wide range of rewarding spiritual life programs.*

## enhancing education

Educational opportunities are especially important to residents and, judging by the support we've received, donors recognize and heartily endorse this need.

Lectures from guest speakers, lifelong learning opportunities and art classes are among the most popular offerings, all of which have benefited from charitable gifts.

## fostering fitness

Donations have also helped to further OPRS' wellness programming. Fitness classes, group exercise sessions, aerobics and more have helped to enhance the physical well-being of residents.





**LEFT:** Charitable gifts continue to fund educational opportunities, like the pottery classes offered at Breckenridge Village in Willoughby, Ohio.

### **making a difference**

Through Senior Independence programs like wellness clinics and adult education classes, donors have also been able to positively impact the lives of older adults in the greater community.

In Senior Independence's Miami Valley Region, for example, a grant from a local foundation helped to launch the WISDOM program.

WISDOM, which stands for "Well Informed Seniors Do Overcome More," facilitates socialization and provides participants with access to things like blood pressure monitoring, flu shots, weekly exercise sessions and more.

Through Senior Independence's Make it Happen program, donors have discovered yet another way to help enhance the well-being of the older adults we serve.



**ABOVE:** Donors have already begun to show their support for Senior Independence's Make it Happen program, which helps fulfill the life-enhancing wishes of clients.

This special program provides moments of joy and meaning to those nearing the end of their lives by fulfilling their life-enhancing wishes. Although this program is still in its infancy, donors have already provided assistance to help make a difference in the lives of Senior Independence clients and their families. ■

Please contact us if you have any questions about charitable giving to OPRS.

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**ON THE COVER** (Clockwise from top left corner):

- The Aquatic Therapy Area at Park Vista of Youngstown.
- Donor support helps ensure that every OPRS resident and client receives high quality care and services.
- The Hoggatt Pavilion at Cape May Retirement Village in Wilmington, Ohio.
- Residents enjoy access to the Internet Café at Park Vista of Youngstown thanks to charitable gifts.
- The Haynam Walkway at Lake Vista of Cortland.
- Donors have supported beautification initiatives around the state, making spaces like this courtyard at Swan Creek Retirement Village in Toledo, Ohio an inviting place for residents and their families.
- The Amos Chapel at Dorothy Love Retirement Community in Sidney, Ohio.
- A donation provided for this fun feature—a putting green at The Vineyard on Catawba in Port Clinton, Ohio.

**We Believe in being DONOR CENTERED:**

- Fostering relationships with our donors and prospects is key to our success.
- Gifts of all sizes create an enhanced quality of life for all those we serve.
- We are dedicated to sharing our gratitude with enthusiasm.
- Donors have the right to designate gifts and we are committed to carrying out their intent.



**We Believe in operating with STEWARDSHIP & INTEGRITY:**

- We practice the highest ethical standards of fund development and fiscal stewardship, consistent with the Donor Bill of Rights.
- We have the obligation to review all gifts to ensure that they are in the best interests of the donor, OPRS Communities, Senior Independence, and the OPRS Foundation.
- Raising funds in a cost effective manner and presenting clear and timely financial information are essential.
- Assets must be carefully managed to earn competitive returns and safeguard the funds for the long-term.

**We Believe in CONTINUOUS ACHIEVEMENT:**

- Visionary, forward-thinking volunteers and staff are essential to our success.
- A team approach, collaborative environment and creativity are imperative for organizational growth.
- The continuing education of volunteers and staff is key to improving Foundation performance.
- We have a responsibility to educate our constituents about the charitable needs of OPRS, giving opportunities, and results of charitable gifts.