



Foundation Buzz

A member of St. Joseph Mercy Senior Communities

The Glacier Hills Foundation's mission is to advance and enhance the ability for Glacier Hills, Inc. to serve older adults with a continuum of lifestyle, care, and support alternatives embracing enrichment of the whole person. We do this through professionally directed philanthropic activities based on nurturing relationships with individuals, organizations, business, and others.

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News and Updates from the Glacier Hills Foundation

The *Foundation Buzz* is a **monthly newsletter** intended to bring you up-to-date Foundation news. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact us by [email](#) or telephone us at **(734) 929-6703**.

Pandemic 2020 - One Year Later

It was **March 2020** when we first uttered the word "**pandemic**." It was a dark and scary time. The vast majority of us had never gone through such a trying time. Add to it the ever-changing restrictions in healthcare, especially senior living, and life was certainly redefined.

Here we are a year later and we are happy to say that much has changed (some has not), and **reopening plans** are underway at Glacier Hills.

This month Birch, Hazel, and Meadows residents are welcoming in **guests** from outside of Glacier Hills for scheduled visits; Villa residents are welcomed into the building again. The Meadows dining room reopened in February, and we are now able to expand capacity from 25% to 50%. We await the soon-to-be welcoming of guests into the Manor and the reopening of the Manor dining room.

Yes, things are improving, including the weather, which inspires a little spring in our step. All residents on our campus have been vaccinated. Employees continue to be vaccinated, with over 67% now having received at least their 1st shot. Employees who have been vaccinated are entered in a drawing taking place at the end of this month for Amazon prizes.

While the pandemic is not over, we are **grateful for improvements** and the patience and understanding shown by residents, employees, and family members as we stepped our way through this past year. **Here's to the future!**

Foundation Board Members



This month we would like to introduce Glacier Hills Board member and Vice Chair **Patrick Tamblyn**, a board member since January 2018.

Patrick joined **Bank of Ann Arbor** in January 2006 as President of the Ypsilanti District. He joined the Private Banking team in June 2014 and is currently Senior Vice President and Private Banking Manager. Pat previously served in commercial lending and credit administration roles at KeyBank and Comerica in Ann Arbor dating back to 1985.

In addition to the Glacier Hills Foundation, Pat's community involvement has included the Ann Arbor YMCA, Ypsilanti Area Community Fund, Dawn Farm, First Presbyterian Church, Forum Club, St. Joe's Holiday Ball, and Capital Campaign Co-Chair for Hope Medical Clinic and the Gilbert Residence.

Pat holds a BBA in Finance and Accounting from **Western Michigan University** and an Associate of Applied Science in Aviation from **Northwestern Michigan College**.

Pat and Diane live on Adare Road in Ann Arbor Hills and are recent empty nesters with three grown children ages 30, 26, and 24. Jameson in Washington D.C., Annie in Madison, WI, and Holden in San Francisco. They look forward to future trips to visit when COVID is under control!



Honor Mom with Mother's Day Flowers

Mom has been there for us through times of happiness, sadness, and hardship. She is essential to our existence, and we are so thankful to have--or have had--her. This Mother's Day would you like to **honor your mother** with a gift to the Glacier Hills Foundation in her name?

In recognition of your gift, we will send your mother a **Mother's Day card** letting her know you made a gift in her name, and **a special chocolate treat** will be attached. Your gift would be both a meaningful tribute and an important contribution to our community. The gifts will benefit the **Glacier Hills Flower Fund**, which provides weekly fresh bouquets in each of our buildings.

If you wish to honor your mother, please visit our website at <http://glacierhills.org/donate/>. In the section that says "This is a tribute gift made:" please check either In honor of or In memory of, and enter your mother's name on the line. We'll take care of the rest. All honorees will be listed in our May 15th edition of the Foundation Buzz.

Please make your donation by **May 3** to ensure that your mother is included in this Mother's Day celebration. If you have questions, we would love to talk with you at (734) 929-6759.

Thank you for your kind and generous consideration.

Spring Grant Cycle

The **Annual Spring Grants Cycle** is upon us. Annual grants are funded by the General Endowment Fund, an endowed fund that distributes a portion of the income annually (calculated at 4% of the previous 16-quarter rolling average).

Annual grant proposals are written to request funding for projects or programs. Grant awards are typically in the range of **\$500 - \$25,000**. The total amount distributable each year varies, depending on the investment performance. The fund assets at the beginning of this fiscal year were **\$1,231,000**, and the amount to be distributed this cycle is **\$45,750**.

The deadline to submit proposals is **April 23rd**. Award announcements will be made the second week of June for July 1 funding. Proposals that were funded last cycle include: Independent Life Enrichment programs, Assisted Living Life Enrichment programs, Ideas & Images, Wheelchair Yoga and Health Is Wealth wellness classes, Lovely Ladies Lunch and Forever Entertainment memory care programs, and Art Across Campus program.

If you would like more information, please contact **John Meneghini**, Foundation Coordinator, at (734) 929-6759 or at john.meneghini@glacierhills.org.

Art Across Campus



Residents enjoy a Huron Room Gallery exhibition, November 2019.

A new exhibition entitled **Touchstone of the Painter: Still Lives from the Glacier Hills Collection** opened in the Huron Room Gallery of the Meadows on January 18. The show highlights a selection of still life works from around campus, all of which were done by artists local to the Ann Arbor area. A notable inclusion is a floral still life by noted Ann Arbor artist and UM

Professor of Art Albert Mullen, whose work is also represented in the permanent collections of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Isaac Delgado Museum of New Orleans, the Library of Congress, Brown University, and the Brooklyn Museum, among others.

The exhibition will be up through Friday, March 12 with an accompanying video tour to be broadcast on GHTV and the Glacier Hills YouTube channel for residents that live in other areas of our campus.

Modernizing the Manor



We are excited that Trinity Health Senior Communities has committed to an investment of more than **\$1,000,000** in significant upgrades to the look and feel of some of our common spaces and amenities in **The Manor**. The work will include enhancing the lighting, wall coverings, flooring, furnishings, millwork, finishes, and décor in areas of the first and second floors of the The Manor. On the first floor, the elevators and elevator lobbies, Hanson Room, and Wellness Connection will be enhanced. On the second floor, the Main Dining (Heritage) Room, Main Lobby/Reception Area, and public restrooms will be updated. The goal will be to **improve the aesthetics and the use of the space**.

The work will begin in May and will be completed during the summer months. These refreshed areas will make us all **even more proud** to be part of Glacier Hills!

Insights with Meg Worcester



March *Insights* will feature **Meg Worcester**, resident of the Meadows. Watch the GHTV guide in Friday's *Life In The Hills* for a broadcast schedule. If you wish to preview past *Insights* features, go to YouTube.com and type in **Glacier Hills Senior Living/Insights** for a complete listing.

Did You Know???

Donating Stock has Benefits

By donating stock that has appreciated for more than a year, you are actually **giving 20 percent more** than if you sold the stock and then made a cash donation. The reason is simple: avoiding capital gains taxes. The maximum federal capital gains tax rate is **20 percent on long-term holdings**. Given that the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose from about 18,000 at the end of March 2015 to about 22,000 at the end of March 2020, you are likely to realize a **taxable profit** on the sale of assets you purchased in the past five years. But if you **donate** the stock directly to a charity, there's **no capital gains tax to pay**. Plus, you are still eligible to deduct the full fair-market value of the asset you donated from your income taxes, up to the overall amount allowed by the IRS. And remember that your appreciated assets can also include assets that are **not publicly traded**, like restricted stock or bitcoin.

Donating stock to the Glacier Hills Foundation is easy. Contact **Becky Pazkowski** (734-929-6703) and she will give you the proper instructions. It is frequently just a call to the Foundation and to your broker. **We take care of the rest.**

Source: *FidelityCharity.org* and Mark Foster (Private Wealth Advisor with Boardwalk Financial Group LLC and Foundation board member)