

THE GLACIER HILLS
FOUNDATION

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**.

Making an Impact 2020 – A New Publication



The first edition of the ***Making An Impact 2020*** publication has been distributed on campus and through the mail. We have received some very nice, supportive feedback, which we appreciate.

The report, landing in mailboxes the first part of this month, is filled with articles about the **impact your gifts and the Foundation has had on the lives of those we support** during fiscal year 2020 (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020).

If you did not receive your copy, or if you did and would like additional copies, please contact us at (734) 929-6759, and **we will be happy to mail you one!** We hope you enjoy reviewing **fiscal year 2020** at the Foundation!

Wellness Garden Update

As many of you know, we have been waiting since March to hear from the **City Building Department** on the approval to move ahead on the Wellness Garden rejuvenation. The first week in October, we received word from the City Building Department that they have determined our project to fall within the Ordinance that requires submittal to the **Planning Commission**. Submitting to the Planning Commission means another \$30,000 in additional cost (at least), and we would most likely hear in March 2021 of their decision.

At the same time our project--and many others from citizens in Ann Arbor--has triggered a question from the **City Council** on whether the Ordinance should be changed so that these smaller projects (like ours) can move forward without engaging the Planning Commission. Consequently, the Council has tasked the Building Department with developing a plan to be submitted to the Council by the end of this calendar year that they would in turn act on in the first quarter of 2021. If the revision of the Ordinance is successful, we are told there is a very good chance of our project being approved as designed.

We took this to our Foundation board and they have **approved our recommendation to wait** this out until the spring. What this means for the project is, if the Ordinance is successful:

1. Project would commence in the spring, with a summer opening, and
2. No additional costs to the city would be needed.

Note: If we did go to Planning Commission, we still couldn't start until the spring.

If, by some reason, the Ordinance is unsuccessful in being revised and our project is not approved, we can reassess and possibly do most of the above-ground components of the project, which includes landscaping, additional plantings, and additional shade, seating, and a water feature. We would not be able to correct the underground drainage issues.

Thank you for your understanding and patience. Let's be **positive** and **hope for the best!**

Employee Support Appeal- Update

We are thrilled to report that gifts as of this writing to the **Employee Support Appeal** are about to top **\$35,000**. This includes over \$15,000 for Employee Emergency Fund, \$13,500 to the scholarship program, \$2,900 unrestricted, and \$2,700 to various campus programs including landscaping and transportation. This is very generous of all of you and **we so appreciate your support** for programs that improve life on our campus!

Art Across Campus

A key part of the vitality of the art collection of Glacier Hills is the ever-fluctuating **selections displayed by residents from their personal collections**. Each resident of Glacier Hills is entitled to display art of their choice in the corridor outside of their apartment. They **retain ownership** of their art - it functions as a loan, generously shared with the rest of their community.

Our corridors are filled with a wonderfully **diverse range of works**, some made by residents themselves, some collected on travels, some purchased over the years from the Ann Arbor Art Fair or local galleries. The result is a campus that reflects the **lives and stories of its residents**, changing over time but always full of vitality.

The Meadows recently welcomed two new residents: **Tim Adams** on the third floor and **Tsehai Wolde-Tsadik** on the first floor. They both have displayed works from their art collections outside of their apartments, a welcome change of pace in this period of quarantine. Tim brings two vibrant pieces of framed fiber art, and Tsehai offers two works acquired from the Ann Arbor Art Fair: a watercolor still life, and an original print depicting numerical systems of ancient alphabets. They are all likely to spark lively conversation between new neighbors - masked and six feet apart, of course!



off here and there, L Adams, 2003.

Property of **Tim Adams**.

Flower Fund Support

The **flower fund** that supports weekly flowers in the Meadows and Manor has run dry. The cost to add a fresh bouquet each week to the lobby in the Meadows and the Manor is \$60 each. With roughly 37 weeks left in the fiscal year, the total we would need to take us through June 30, 2021 is approximately **\$4,500**.

We know how important having a weekly fresh bouquet is to our residents. If you would like to make a gift to the Flower Fund, please write your check to the **Glacier Hills Foundation**, note that it is for the Flower Fund, and send to the Foundation Office at 1200 Earhart Road, Ann Arbor, 48105. If you prefer to make a gift online, visit glacierhills.org/donate, choose "Other" under Campus Programming, and enter your information and credit card information.

Thank you so much for your support!

Villa Residents Enjoy Cider and Donuts



On Wednesday, October 7, the Villa residents enjoyed cider and donuts, à la **Glacier Hills Foundation!** The Foundation staff were in the gazebo handing out the **traditional autumn refreshments** from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Required Minimum Distribution Time is Coming Up

That time of the year is nearing when you might be required to take a **minimum distribution from your retirement account**. A handy thing to know and remember is that if you are planning to make a donation to your favorite charity (and, yes, we hope it is us!) it might be beneficial for you to **roll over your donation directly from your IRA**.



When you do this, you are **not required to claim the donation amount as income**, thus you won't have to pay taxes on it. Just **contact your IRA administrator** and they will help you through the process. The maximum amount that can be rolled over each year is \$100,000. If you have questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact us at Rebecca.pazkowski@glacierhills.org or by phone at **(734) 929-6703**.

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