



# Foundation Buzz

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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**.

### From the Executive Director

*It is only with gratitude that life becomes rich.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

My son and his significant-other gave me a journal for Mother's Day entitled *Simply Grateful*. In it there are quotes from people all over the world and throughout our history. These quotes inspired me and helped me to think positively about the things that really matter in my life. The quote above is taken from this book. I believe that we are less on our own. **It is the relationships we build, the moments we share, and the people that touch our lives that make us who we are.** If we take a moment to reflect on all of those who have helped us through life...gave us encouragement, direction, and hope, we will find that we are all rich in life.

**Becky Pazkowski**

# Congratulations, Scholars!

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The Foundation was happy to award **seven scholarships to Colleagues at Glacier Hills** for the Spring/Summer session. We wish to send a **huge thanks** to the Scholarship Committee for taking the time to review, discuss, and award these funds.

**Scholarship Committee:** Mary Ann McDonald (Chair), Dee Brehm, Joan Dickson, Connie Dunlap, Judith Elkin, Esther O'Dea, Vic Strecher, Ann Wagner, Burt Voss. Staff: Laura Carroll, John Meneghini, Becky Pazkowski.



**Aqilah Campbell**

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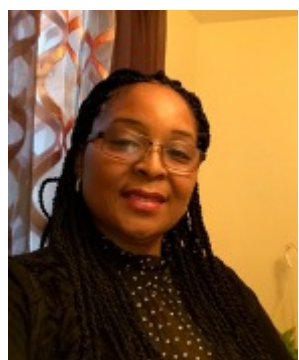
Aqilah is a Certified Nursing Assistant in the Care and Rehab Center. She is attending Washtenaw Community College pursuing a degree in Health Sciences. She chose this field because it is a great next step for her as a nursing assistant currently, and she enjoys **gaining more knowledge** in the clinical and administrative fields. Aqilah is receiving an award from the Charles and Betty Overberger Scholarship totaling **\$656**, and also received the Glacier Hills Scholarship administered by Washtenaw Community College.



**Toyann Graves**

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Toyann is the Director of Education at Glacier Hills. She is currently an LPN and is pursuing an RN certification at Athena Career Academy. She shared that being a nurse brings her **joy and pride** every day, and that when given the opportunity to help others in their time of need. She feels rewarded for making a positive impact on their healing process. Toyann has received the Robert B. Dunlap Memorial Scholarship and a Glacier Hills Scholarship for a total of **\$1,500**.



**Esperanca De Abreu**



**Kyla Lewis**

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Esperanca is a wellness assistant in Eva's House in the Hazel neighborhood. She is studying practical nursing at Athena Career Academy. She chose this field because after working 11 years full time and caring for a daughter with sickle cell anemia, of which she has since been cured, she **saw the need for competent nurses** at the hospital. She is highly motivated, having already earned an Associate's Degree in Business and a certificate in Sales and Marketing, both from Washtenaw Community College. Esperanca has received the Virginia Riddle Scholarship, Barbara Craig Scholarship, and a Glacier Hills Scholarship for a total of **\$3,000**.



**Manuela Yost**

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Manuela is a Certified Nursing Assistant in the Care and Rehab Center. She is studying nursing at Concordia University, a field she chose because it is challenging, interesting, and allows her to **make a difference every day**. She and her husband both work full-time and care for three little girls at home. Attending school is a challenge for her, but she remains very committed and enthusiastic. Manuela has received the Brehm Endowed Scholarship and a Glacier Hills Scholarship, for a total of **\$3,000**.

Kyla is a member of our waitstaff at Glacier Hills. She is attending Grand Valley State University, studying nursing and working toward her bachelor's degree. She consistently receives exemplary ratings from her supervisor. She works at Glacier Hills because she wants to work with the elderly. Kyla's pursuit of nursing started when she suffered a basketball injury that required surgery, and during this experience realized how special it was to **help others**. Kyla is receiving the June Bennett Scholarship and a Glacier Hills Scholarship totaling **\$2,157**.



**Tamella Wright**

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Tamella is a Certified Nursing Assistant in the Care and Rehab Center. She is studying nursing at the Athena Career Academy. Tamella describes herself as someone who has always wanted to become a nurse, and she **genuinely enjoys making people feel better**. She receives excellent ratings and comments from her supervisor as someone always willing to help and very level headed. She is receiving the Harriet Fusfeld Scholarship and the Gargi French Scholarship, for a total of **\$3,000**.



## Emily Abela

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Emily is a member of our Marketing and Sales department at Glacier Hills. She is completing a certification in Gerontology at Eastern Michigan University, where she previously earned a Master in Public Administration. Emily will pair this certification with her current credentials to pursue **leadership in the field of aging services**. She and her husband are parents to two young girls, whom they currently support with home school, home dance classes, and, well, home everything. She has received a Glacier Hills Scholarship in the amount of **\$2,562.50**.

## Gifts Continue to Employee Emergency Support Program

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We asked and you have responded. We have received over **\$32,000** in gifts that were inspired by your **kindness** and **gratitude** for the work our employees are doing every day. These gifts are helping to support child development center tuition, lost wages due to reduced hours during the pandemic, or other financial challenges that are out of their control.

Not only do donors make a financial gift, but below are **a few comments** that come **from those who have donated**. These comments, coupled with financial support, are uplifting during these challenging days. **Thank you for your continued support!**

*"In honor of my mother's 75th birthday and to say thank you to all of the **amazing staff** who are with her and caring for her on her birthday even though we cannot be. We are so grateful to you all! "*

*"**Thank you** for taking such good care of {name removed} who passed away recently."*

*"I was really pleased to hear about your fund for the care-givers during this difficult time! They are **truly heroes!!**"*

*"We are not in residence at this time but know that all are working hard and that it is a very stressful and difficult time, unlike any other we have known. We thank all of*

the Glacier Hills Staff for their **loyalty.**"

"I hope this will help the employees that are taking **great care** of my mom during this crisis."

"Please **extend my thanks** to the Glacier Hills hands-on caregivers who are doing so much during this difficult time. My father arrived two days before visits were limited due to COVID-19. It has been very stressful for the family since we cannot visit him, but I so appreciate the staff's care, and also their taking the time to set up Skype calls -- especially appreciated since they may or may not help Dad's mood at any given moment! I hope my gift helps staff manage some horribly difficult times just a little bit better."

"Thank you to the Willow Staff for your **care, patience, and perseverance.**"

Donate Now

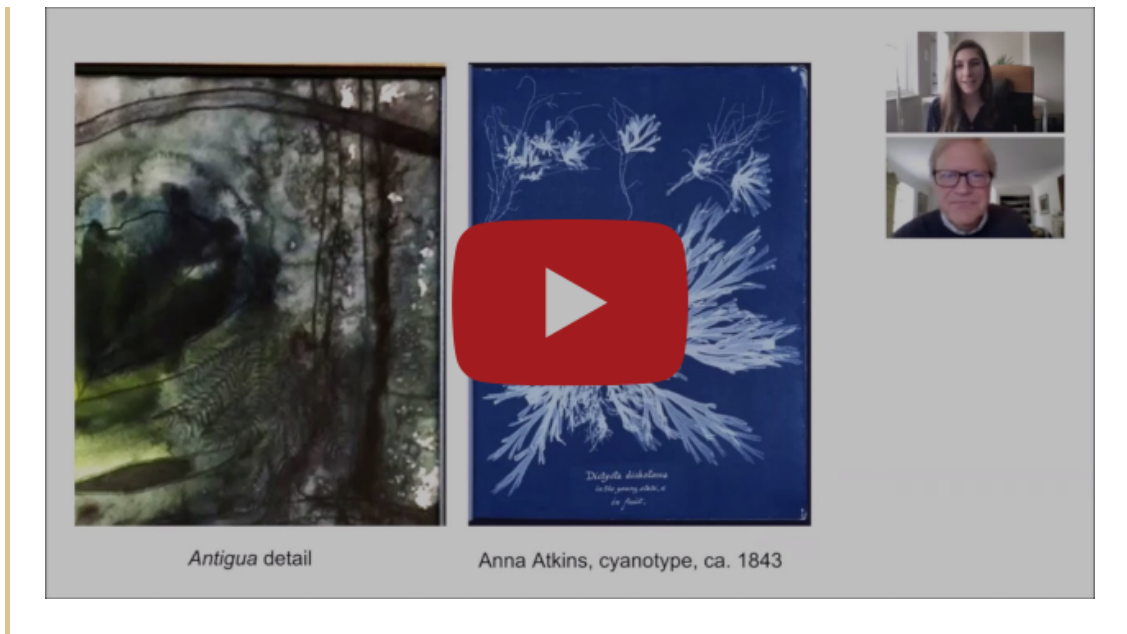
## Art Across Campus



Earlier this month, **Art Coordinator Sara Head** and **collaborator Ed Hoffman** joined forces for a **virtual installation of their Art Across Campus lecture series**, Five Easy Pieces. The presentation, normally delivered live in the Hanson Room, was video-recorded using Zoom technology and broadcast on GHTV into residents' apartments.

Each edition of **Five Easy Pieces** explores five works of art that hang on the walls of Glacier Hills, offering background on history, techniques, and methods of interpretation. This time, Sara and Ed discussed **experimental watercolor techniques** by **Richard Wilt** (shown here is No. 116 Antigua B.W.I. - Richard Wilt, 1960), representations of historic Ann Arbor landmarks, a work with an intriguing connection to famed artist **Yves Klein**, and more.

Five Easy Pieces Presentation



## Donations Make a Huge Difference

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Huge shout out to the **Final Round Training Center** for providing the meals (below) for our hands-on caregivers in April. Final Round Training Center chose Glacier Hills as the recipient of its April 22 and 24 delivered meals, where 50 caregiving colleagues received food.

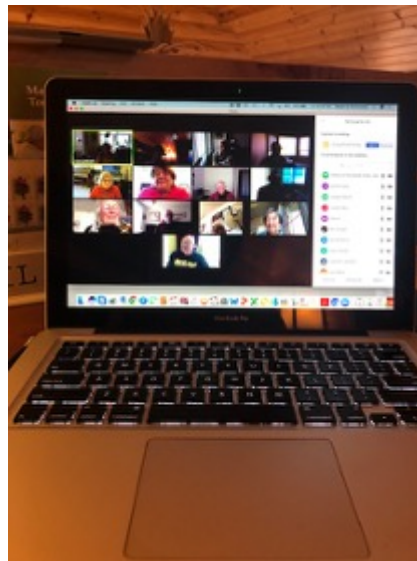


**Jamie LaLonde**, pictured above, receives delivery the first day. The Environmental Staff received meals the same day from the Glacier Hills Foundation. In addition, we have received donations of masks from the **Crafters Combatting COVID** and the **I-Kuan Tao Foundation of America**. Thank you to all of the generous community members who have taken the time to recognize and reward our colleagues for the work they do so lovingly each and every day.

## Foundation Staff Zoom Around Campus!

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The Foundation staff has been helping to train residents if they wish to learn Zoom – a videoconferencing program – which allows them to join several group face-to-face gatherings with their neighbors. So far, residents have joined the **Social Hour** via Zoom, a **Book Group** discussion, and an **un-official Meadows Resident Association executive committee** gathering. We have certainly had a lot of fun talking to each other through our new social networks!



## Spring Grants Cycle Deadline Extended

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We have extended the deadline for Spring Grant proposals to accommodate some of the changes that have occurred recently throughout our Trinity Health system.

Previously, proposals for grant funding through the Foundation were due by April 17, 2020 -- **the new deadline is July 17, 2020**. Previously funded projects that would have expired on June 30, 2020 will be funded through **September 30, 2020**. Funding for new projects will begin on **October 1, 2020** and run through **June 30, 2021** for Annual Grants, and **June 30, 2022** for Campus Grants.

As a reminder, requests for **Annual Grants** are typically between **\$500 and \$25,000** and include funding for new or ongoing programs and projects around campus. Requests for **Campus Grants** are intended for projects and strategies related to the future of the campus or any extensions of the same. The first cycle of Campus Grants was in 2017 for funding in FY18-20, and the grants ranged from **\$30,000 to over \$250,000**.

If you have questions, please contact John Meneghini, Foundation Coordinator, at 929-6759.

# Foundation Staff Operate In-Office and Remotely

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As we move through the next few weeks of COVID-19, our Foundation staff has begun operations mostly remotely, with a few in-office hours. Below is our **schedule**:

## **Becky Pazkowski**

Executive Director

**All remote**, Monday-Thursday, 8:30-5:00

Phone numbers and email remain the same, as office phone is forwarded

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Foundation Coordinator

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