

  
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

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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**.

## Safety is our Top Priority Amidst COVID-19

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Glacier Hills is moving to the next level of safety on our campus by restricting entrance into our buildings. That restriction includes **volunteers, board members, family members,**

**vendors, and guests.** The only door that will be possible to enter is the **Manor building**, where anyone not essential to our campus or who has any of the health restrictions present will not be allowed to continue into the building. [Click here](#) to stay informed of Glacier Hills happenings.

## Wellness Garden Plans Taking Shape

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We are in the midst of improving the Wellness Garden, which is adjacent to the South Pavilion and accessible from the Birch neighborhood (inside) and the grounds around the Villas (outside). Below is a **rendering of the new space**. The plan includes a beautiful water feature, a performance patio, covered seating, benches, swing, raised garden beds, and cutting gardens. The updated garden will improve the drainage and irrigation of the plantings, which the previous garden presented with safety issues.



The garden offers a safe and comfortable outdoor space for our residents and families in Eva's House. We will be able to host **musical performances, social hours, birthday parties.** Residents will be able to enjoy a **relaxing stroll** out to cut fresh flowers from the multiple beds. These are all important amenities for our cherished residents and their loving families.

The timeline calls for an **August dedication**, which all depends upon the City of Ann Arbor approvals. We are thankful for those who have already donated to the project, and we are actively fundraising for the balance of the project. The total project is estimated to be **\$248,000**. If you are interested in knowing more about the project, please contact Becky Pazkowski at 929-6703.

## Life Enriched at Eva's House by Foundation Funding

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**Every Thursday** in the Dobson Life Enrichment Center residents, family members, and staff of Eva's House gather to enjoy the musical sounds of multiple artists. February 27 brought **Rob Crozier**, whom we see often here on campus. He sings, plays guitar, and sometimes you can even see his jazz trio performing with him. A resident-favorite performer for both Eva's House and the Manor.



"Thursday concerts are a big highlight of our program," says **Lizz Forbing**. "Music is something very special to our residents, as it has compelling components like rhythm, tone, vocals, all of which evoke emotions embedded deep into our souls."

We also look forward to the weekly **Art Therapy** classes led by **Margaret Wielbut**. It is amazing to see the artwork our residents produce and are so proud of. **Music Therapy** also exists weekly in the pavilion building, which brings **Diane Newberry** to our residents

for interactive musical therapy, such as singing, drums, and other percussive instruments.

Every Wednesday, we are delighted to host a **women's luncheon**, where family members can dine with residents for a nice, social time. The luncheon is hosted in the Life Enrichment Center kitchen and catered by our Dining Services department. Each week eight women surround the table listening to soothing music and eating from fine china.

Physical activity is also very important to keep our residents moving and active. **Tai Chi** is offered every week, and we have a movement therapist that visits to help our residents stay nimble and focused. Our residents' faces light up when they walk in the room as they know they are about to have some fun!

Every one of these enrichment activities is **supported by the Glacier Hills Foundation**. "We really could not deliver this kind of program without the support of gifts to the Foundation," says **Jamie LaLonde**, administrator of resident and memory care services. "**Glacier Hills is really unique among retirement centers in this area, because we have the benefit of donors behind our programs.** Others must rely solely on revenue through operations, which allows a basic program, but nothing like what we are able to do. We are very grateful for the Foundation and our donors who give."

## ***Mostly Mozart Totally Splendid!***



The *Mostly Mozart* concert on March 4 in the dining space on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Manor (affectionately dubbed "The Commons") proved to be a huge success. Musicians of **"Con**

**Fuoco"** were much appreciated by the more than 80 guests who attended. The music filled the space with the most **splendid sound, full of tone and harmony that resonated from the walls, floor, and ceiling**. A string quartet was made a quintet during the final Mozart piece by a clarinet, which, when striking the first few measures, actually took one's breath away.

It was an amazing night, and we are deeply grateful to **Becky Bonnell** for her gift that sponsored the concert and for Priscilla Johnson whose remarkable program management pulled the entire night together. We will—no doubt—experience music again in this space in the near future.

## **The Walter F. Snyder Society Welcomes You**

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This year we will welcome **charter members** to the new legacy society of the Foundation, the **Walter F. Snyder Society**.



Walter Snyder was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church council whose vision it was to build a retirement community in Ann Arbor. Thus, his **passion and wisdom** were fundamental to the beginnings of Glacier Hills. Mr. Snyder passed away suddenly in 1965, just as the Glacier Hills project was getting underway. Although he died before it was complete, **his vision lives on today as a leading retirement center of distinction**. In addition to his contribution to Glacier Hills, Mr. Snyder was one of the three founders of the NSF at the University of Michigan School of Public Health and was named its first director.

We are **honored to induct individuals into the Walter F. Snyder Society** when they have thoughtfully included a gift to the Glacier Hills Foundation in their estate through a bequest, refundable entrance fee designation, gift annuity agreement, trust arrangement, life insurance, or retirement plan.

This year we will host our **first Walter F. Snyder Day** on **November 4**, the same day Glacier Hills was dedicated in 1973. In the years to follow, we will continue to celebrate **Walter F. Snyder Day** on or about November 4, when we will remember our humble beginnings, welcome new members to the Society, and celebrate those who have already made Glacier Hills Foundation part of their legacy.

If you have already named Glacier Hills Foundation in your estate plan, or if you wish to do so, please contact Becky Pazkowski (929-6703) to be sure you are included as a **charter member of the Society**.

## Spring Grants Cycle Coming Up

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Remember that proposals for grant funding through the Foundation are **due by April 17, 2020**. Approved projects will be **funded July 1, 2020**, and run through **June 30, 2021** for Annual Grants, and 2022 for Campus Grants.

We will review proposals for **Annual Grants** and **Campus Fund Grants**. 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**.

# Calendar Updates

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Because Glacier Hills is committed to the well-being of our residents and colleagues, **all upcoming events and gatherings on our campus that involve community individuals or groups larger than 20 will be cancelled until further notice.** Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to keep our residents and colleagues **safe and healthy.**

## ***Resident Art Exhibition***

### **Opening Event**

**Exhibit has been installed**

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## ***Insights For Employees***

**Featuring: Don Postema**

**Postponed to May 18, 2020**

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## **Rotarians at Glacier Hills**

**Speaker: Russ Collins, Executive Director,**

**Michigan Theatre Foundation**

*History of Art in Ann Arbor*

**Cancelled**

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**Detroit Institute of Arts Behind the Seen Lecture**

**Postponed**

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**Art Salon - Art Roundtable Discussions**

*Topic: Museum Repatriation*

**Postponed**

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***Insights For Residents***

**Featuring: Don Postema and Matthew Hulbert**

**Postponed to May 7**

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**Foundation Forum**

**Glacier Hills Foundation Overview**

**Tentative: Wednesday, April 15, 2020**

7:15 p.m. - Hanson Room

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***Insights For Employees***

**Featuring: Matthew Hulbert**

**Tentative: Monday, April 20, 2020**

12:00 – 12:30 p.m. – Renaissance Room, Meadows

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