

THE GLACIER HILLS
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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.

Dedication of the Rooftop Zen Garden



Ribbon Cutting group are (pictured) Foundation board members Dale Berry, Ken Nisbet, Pat Tamblin, Architect Andy McLeod, board member Ralph Kauffman, Bob Carter and Mae Carter. Not pictured are board members Karl Hauser and Burt Voss, and contractor Brandon Etlinger.

We were very pleased to hold the dedication and celebration of the Rooftop Zen Garden on Tuesday, September 10, at 11:00 – 1:00 on the 3rd floor of the Manor. Guests were warmly welcomed by members of the staff and Foundation board. Joyce Plummer read haikus written exclusively for this event, followed by a short history of how the Zen Garden went

from vision to reality. Mae and Bob Carter shared their original **vision of the garden** and its evolution.

The program wrapped up with Chaplain Paul Arnold conducting the dedication, and the ribbon was cut by the Carters.

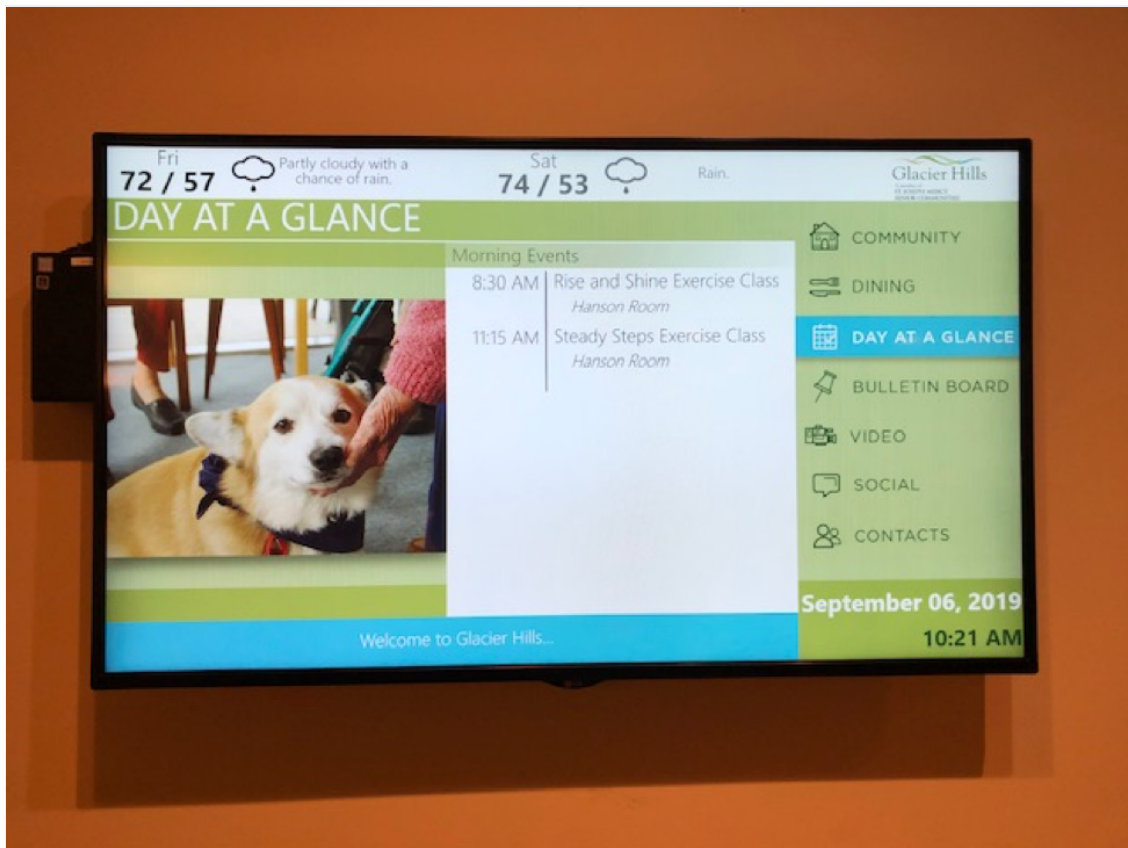
Guests took turns viewing the Zen Garden, and enjoyed the Japanese-inspired food and beverage prepared by Dining Services. Everyone enjoyed music by Pete Larson on shamisen (a Japanese guitar).

The Zen Garden was funded through a **grant from the Campus Fund** and a **private donation from the Carters**. Thank you so much to the Carters, and all who were involved to make this garden a reality!



Zen Garden view of the garden from the 4th floor.

Connected Living Up and Running



Thanks in large part to Chaplain Paul Arnold, a new communications package called Connected Living has been installed and is running on our campus. This project was funded by the **Glacier Hills Foundation** through a **Campus Fund grant**.

Connected Living is a **new informational communications service for the entire community**. Television monitors/screens have been installed in the Manor entrance, Piper Room, Care and Rehab Center entrance, Pavilion/Huron Woods entrance, Corner Café, and the Market 24/7. Information such as community events, daily activities, dining menus, and social opportunities scroll continuously.

There is also an option for those who are off-campus--such as community, family members, and guests--to view the information via their computer, smart phone, or tablet, given the specific instructions. The information also runs on Comcast channels in-house, so that residents can view on their own televisions in their apartments.

If you have questions and would like to know how to gain off-campus access, please contact **Elaine Dexter (929-6782)** or **Chaplain Paul Arnold (929-6706)**.

Art Across Campus

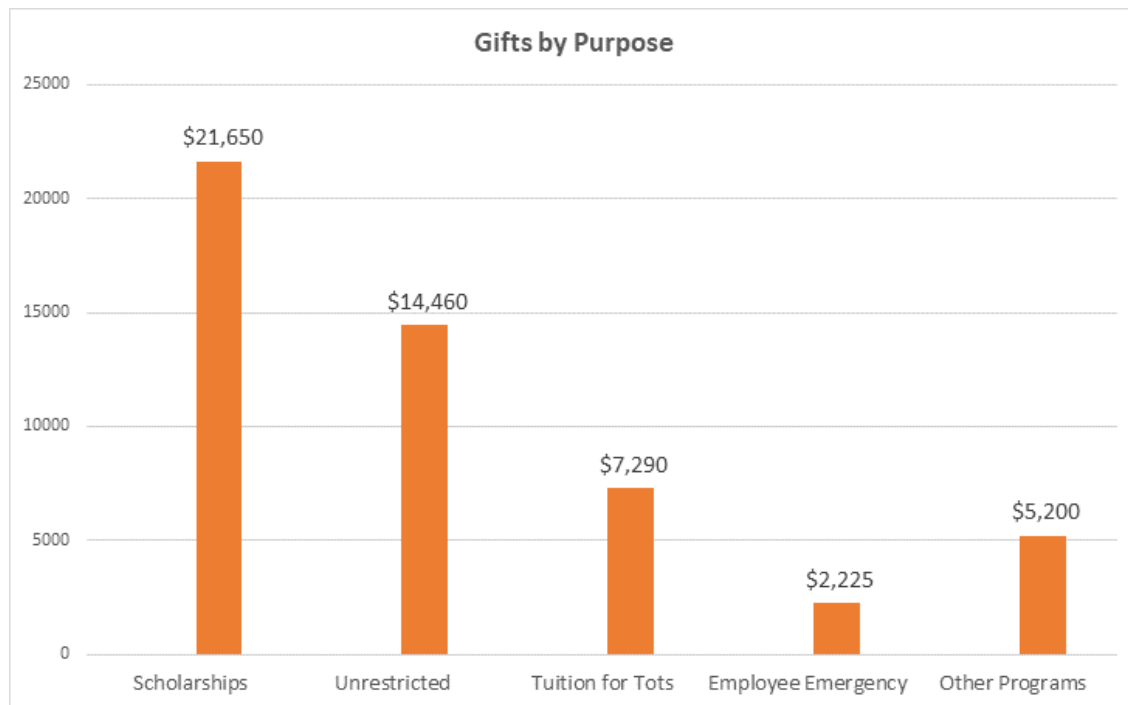
From Sara Head, Art Coordinator



The month of August brought great strides in the creation of a catalog of the art on campus at Glacier Hills. A museum software program called **PastPerfect** was installed, allowing the catalog to move from a spreadsheet into a database system specially designed for collection management.

With this program, Glacier Hills will be able to better **care for its collection** and **make information about the art on campus accessible to residents, staff, and visitors**. Research continues on the many fine pieces of art that populate our walls!

Donors Generously Give to Employee Support Appeal



We were extremely grateful and pleased at the response to the recent Employee Support Appeal. As of this writing, we have received gifts totaling nearly \$51,000 from 50 donors. Above is a chart depicting the distribution by purpose, with employee scholarship funds receiving the largest majority of support, followed by unrestricted gifts, Tuition for Tots, and Employee Emergency Support Program. Gifts in the "other" category include transportation, life enrichment, wellness center, music therapy, memory care excellence, landscaping, and more. **Thank you so very much for supporting our employees and programs!**

Coming Soon....

A planning group is being formed to bring **upgrades to the Hanson Room**, funded through a **Campus Fund grant** from the Foundation in 2017. Items to be upgraded include carpet, window coverings, wall panels, ceiling, light fixtures, and hardwood flooring. This is in addition to the audio visual upgrade that has been completed as Phase I of the project. We will bring you more on the project as it unfolds.

Did You Know?

If you would like to make a gift in honor or memory of a friend or family member, we are happy to accommodate your wishes. When you make the gift, we send you a **gift acknowledgement**, and we also send a letter to the friend or family member that is being honored, or in the case of a memorial gift we send the letter to the family member identified as the contact person. This is a wonderful way to honor a significant anniversary or birthday, or to pay your respects in the event of someone's passing.

Our **gift envelopes** are available in the Foundation Office, or you will be able to access it through our website soon.

Mark Your Calendar

Annual Grants Committee Reviews Proposals

September 13

Grant Awardees Announced

Week of September 16

Insights (for Employees)- with Burt Voss (12PM)

September 16

Insights (for Residents)- with Tom Collier and TBD (7:15PM)

October 1

Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

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