

  
THE GLACIER HILLS  
FOUNDATION

# Foundation Buzz

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*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**.

## Family of Walter J. Weber, Jr. Support Flowers

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**Walter J. Weber, Jr.**, a former resident of Huron Woods who passed away in 2018, was a world-renowned scientist in the area of environmental engineering. He was known for developing systems to provide clean water worldwide through his pursuit of drinkable water, passion for teaching and education, and efforts in water purification and sustainability. He retired as Distinguished University Professor Emeritus at the **University of Michigan**, where he graduated over 75 Ph.D. students.

Professor Weber's family has made a gift to support **weekly flower arrangements** through April 2021 for our residents receiving memory care services. We are very grateful for the generosity and thoughtfulness of the **Walter J. Weber, Jr. family**.



## Pat Taylor Memorial Scholarship

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**Casey A. Alford** and **Megan T. Alford**, son and daughter of **Pat Taylor**, a former resident of Eva's House who passed away earlier this year, have established a scholarship in their mother's name. Pat Taylor served as Dean of Academic Placement, Counseling and Support Services at Washtenaw Community College. She was a champion of helping students pursue their education. While working at Mid-Michigan Community College and Washtenaw Community College for 30+ years, her passion was always counseling students to help them achieve their **highest educational goals**. After moving to Ann Arbor in the early 2000s she completed her Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) at EMU.

The **Pat Taylor Memorial Scholarship** of **\$1,000** will be awarded annually and is available starting in the spring of 2021 to employees pursuing degrees and careers in any discipline who maintain a GPA of at least 2.5. We are immensely grateful to Casey and Megan for establishing this honorable memory of their mother, and to the staff at Eva's House who cared for Pat while she was with us.

## Year End Giving

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The year end typically marks the most **popular time to give** throughout the year, as people are feeling **joyful, generous, and motivated** for potential charitable deductions.

This year was a strange one, to say the very least. And, even as infections and restrictions increased, donors remained generous. Giving for employees has been impressive, as many grateful residents and family asked, "What can we do?"

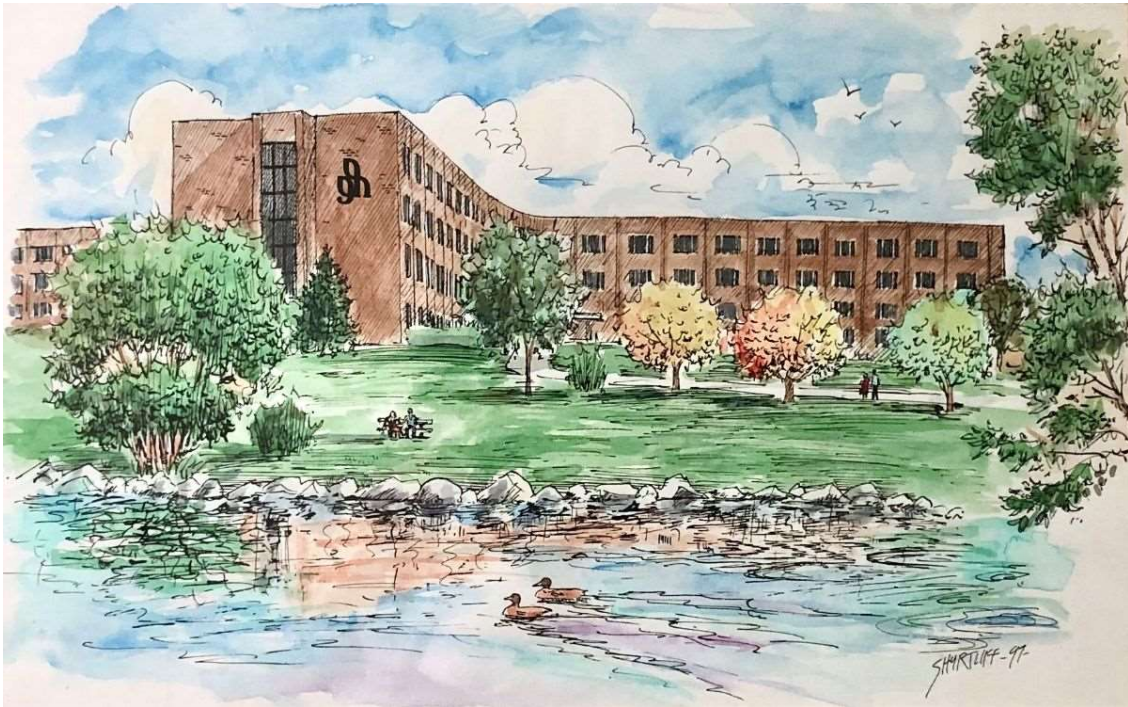
Now as the weather has cooled and we are all driven inside, for the most part, we see infection rates climb in our state. The good news, and there is good news, is that vaccines are on the way. From what we hear, we can perhaps look to mid-2021 as **NOVID**, not COVID!

If you wish to make a gift this year end, we would be ever so grateful. You could click [here](#) and complete your preferences on the form, click submit, and then enter your credit card or PayPal information.

**Thank you so much for your support!**

## Art Across Campus

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*Glacier Hills*, Bill Shurtliff, 1997.

As 2020 draws to a close, the **Art Across Campus Committee** reflects on this unusual year for our program and looks towards what comes next.

Some good has come with the challenges, like a weekly **Art Digest** distributed to residents featuring background on works from around campus and online offerings from museums and galleries. **Exhibitions of resident artwork** still went up in the Huron Room Gallery, and, though they were not available to be enjoyed in person as they would traditionally, we were able to offer video tours of the shows that will be available on [YouTube](#) to look back on when life gets back to normal.

In 2021, the Art Across Campus Committee looks forward to continued exhibitions, a return of programming like lectures and roundtable discussions (virtually, until it's safe to do otherwise!), and increased availability of information on the art collection on campus.

In the meantime, have a **wonderful holiday season**, and see you in the **New Year!**

## Jim Heitler Memorial Tree and Bench



We were sad to say goodbye this fall to a very new resident in our Villas, **Jim Heitler**. Jim passed away in early October. His wife Esther contacted the Foundation to see about sponsoring a plaque on one of our benches around the north pond and planting a tree nearby that bench, both in his memory. We were able to accomplish both before Esther left for Florida in mid-November. Because Jim and Esther were long time friends and neighbors of Jean Crump, they felt comforted to place Jim's plaque next to Jean's on a bench under the pergola. The new Ginko tree was also planted very near the bench. When Esther returns to Michigan for the summer, she will be able to sit on the bench near the tree with a pleasant view in peace and serenity. We extend our **warm wishes** to the Heitler family and all of their friends for contributing to his special memory.

## Cookies Across Campus

The Foundation was happy to provide **holiday cookies** for employees and residents this year. In a typical year, cookies are supplied by employees who bring in a plate of homemade (or not) cookies and offer them to residents and employees during the Employee Holiday Gift envelope distribution by residents in the Hanson Room. This year we are not able to gather in that fashion, and the cookie exchange is not possible.

Instead, the Foundation supported wrapped holiday cookies for employees and residents. Cookies, provided by Benny's Bakery and Brewed Awakenings, both in Saline,

were distributed December 10 and 11 across campus, as a little **extra holiday cheer** for everyone!

## ***Insights Offerings: Howard & Margaret Bond***

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***Insights*** continues for December, with the spotlight on Manor residents Howard and Margaret Bond. Watch the GHTV Guide in *Life in the Hills* for specific times this month for their special.

If you wish to watch any or all of our ***Insights*** offerings, they are all available on YouTube, under Glacier Hills Senior Living. Click the quick links below to watch them now:

### Harris and Margaret McClamroch

[Don Postema](#)

[Matthew Hulbert](#)

[Joachim Janecke](#)

[Marvin Brandwin](#)

[Beth Caldwell](#)

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