

THE GLACIER HILLS
FOUNDATION

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**.

Tribute Gift Giving

A very popular way of giving to the Glacier Hills Foundation is through tribute giving. Tribute giving is where you make a gift to the Foundation in **memory or honor of someone or something**. For instance, maybe someone close to you is celebrating a significant event, like an anniversary or birthday. Or, perhaps a child or grandchild is graduating or getting married. Or perhaps someone has passed away or it is the anniversary of someone's death, and you wish to memorialize them through your gift.

Molly Dobson, a resident of Glacier Hills, is a frequent and generous donor to the Foundation. Molly is a big fan of tribute giving, as evidenced by her latest gift to the Employee Support Appeal. Molly named some close friends and colleagues to recognize with her gift. We will carry out her instructions as she outlined, something that we are very happy to do, as we are delighted to help Molly's philanthropic beacon shine as far as possible to spread warmth and kindness.

Making a tribute gift is fairly simple. Gift envelopes are available in the Foundation office, and we now offer a [form](#) that you may complete on our website that will allow you to name your gift in memory of or honor of someone or something. It can even be as simple as writing “In Memory of ...” or “In Honor of ...” in the note section of your check.

If you have questions, please call (734) 929-6703 or [email](#) us.

Annual Foundation Grants Awarded

We are delighted to announce the annual grants that were funded through the Glacier Hills Endowment. Awards totaled \$114,400, funded through a combination of **General Endowment** funds and the **Double The Impact** grant from the **Campus Fund**. Grant proposals were meticulously researched and written by the project leaders, and reviewed by the Grant Committee. Much thought and planning went into these projects to bring enrichment and enhancement to our campus. We thank all of those who were involved.

The 2020 call for proposals for both the Annual and Campus Grants will be announced in February. It’s not too soon to start your project planning!

2019 Annual Endowment Grant Awards

Ideas & Images Publication

Joyce Plummer

The Lark Publication

Ruth Gardstrom

Community Worship Service Vocalist

Paul Arnold

New Library Books

Gloria Mrozek

Art Across Campus

Sara Head

Independent Life Enrichment

Priscilla Johnson

Assisted Living Life Enrichment

Gail Pacurai

Wellness Center Equipment

Ingrid Crause

Piano Relocation & Volunteer Resources

Gabby VanderMolen

Long Term & Memory Care Life Enrichment

Jamie LaLonde

Art Across Campus

From Sara Head, Art Coordinator

It is well known that there is a lively interest in art at Glacier Hills. Something that may be less apparent is what exactly goes into caring for and celebrating a collection of fine art like the one housed on campus. As the Art Coordinator at Glacier Hills, my primary function is to manage this collection and properly showcase it to residents, colleagues, and visitors.

This work involves developing a **comprehensive inventory** of the art on campus, and then thoroughly researching each piece to discover its history. It also involves care and maintenance, ensuring it is preserved and displayed in a way that will keep it in top condition for years to come. I, along with the **Art Across Campus Committee**, manage the process for acquiring new works into the collection, and deciding when a piece is no longer of merit and needs to find a new home.

Note that not every piece of art on campus is considered a part of the **Glacier Hills Collection**. My work is focused around art that provides particular merit to Glacier Hills, whether via its personal connection to the community, or its significance within the art world.

Thanks to the generosity of the Glacier Hills Foundation, I have received grant funding to implement a rotating gallery space, informational wall labels, a lecture series, and acquisition of several new pieces of original art. These initiatives will do immense work in enhancing the Collection that so greatly enriches our walls.



Jean Lau: A Retrospective

November 8, 2019 – January 3, 2020

Huron Room, 3rd Floor

The Meadows, Glacier Hills

The first exhibition of the newly appointed **Huron Room gallery space will open November 8th**, featuring a collection of works from the Glacier Hills Collection by Ann Arbor artist Jean Lau. Lau will join residents at the Social Hour on November 8th in celebration of the exhibition. More details to follow.

Insights Continues

Insights, our series that features a particular resident each month speaking to audiences of residents and employees, **will continue through November and December**. If you missed the September and October speakers--Burt Voss and Tom Collier--please visit our **[News section](#)** on the website to view the videos of past presentations.

We are formulating our plans for the rest of this year and into 2020. We will share them with you as soon as we have everything confirmed.

Employee Support Appeal Update

Last month in the **Buzz** we announced that the Employee Support Appeal had resulted in **\$51,000** of support from 50 different donors. As if that alone wasn't GREAT, we now have **\$64,335** in donations from 61 donors! This year alone, 20 employees received scholarships, totaling \$51,000. In addition, one employee who was experiencing a significant financial challenge has received support through the **Emergency Support Program**. Both of these programs are funded through your gifts. Your generosity abounds, and we are extremely grateful!

Foundation Chats

The Foundation board at its October 1 meeting adopted a set of Strategic Priorities and funding initiatives that will be our focus for the next year. The strategic priorities include reaffirming our mission and the philanthropic difference made through the Foundation, outlining and understanding the role of the Foundation board, and increasing communications around our funding initiatives. Our funding initiatives include programs that enrich the lives of our residents, programs that support our employees, and new trends and technologies that benefit our residents and continue to highlight Glacier Hills as an industry leader.

As part of our communications plan, **we are beginning monthly Foundation Chats in January**. These Chats will be one hour in length, hosted by board members, and will pop up all around our campus, in locations close to your apartment. Stay tuned for personal invitations as the year unfolds.

Foundation-Funded Projects Underway

Hanson Room Upgrades: The proposals are in and our planning team is meeting soon to review and select a design firm.

Wellness Garden Improvements: Our planning group met and plans are underway to define what portion of the garden is feasible for this fall and what will be done in the spring. As soon as those plans are firmed up, we will share with all of you.

Mark Your Calendar

Halloween Photo Opportunity

4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 31st

Preceding the Manor and Meadows Halloween Parties

Huron Room Gallery Space Opening Exhibit

November 8, 4:00 p.m. - Meadows - 3rd Floor

Insights (for Employees) - Speakers to be announced

Monday, November 18, 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Monday, December 16, 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Insights (for Residents)- Speakers to be announced

Friday, November 15, 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. - Hanson Room

National Philanthropy Day

November 15

Donors are celebrated across the country.