

Annual Fund Drive

November 2013

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Imagine that you are in your 70s or 80s. Your children are grown, have started families of their own and now live far away. Keeping up with the house is getting more difficult. The lawn seems so much bigger these days, vacuuming and dusting empty rooms hardly seems worth it and when it snows it's easier to stay in for a few days than to shovel the driveway. You're healthy but it's harder to get around than it used to be. You don't go to church as much as you'd like and you missed that play at the high school last month. You don't want to be a burden, so you just deal with these inconveniences and chalk it up to getting older.

Now imagine that, at the same age, you are surrounded by friends. Someone else takes care of the vacuuming, cleaning the bathroom, and cooking three delicious meals every day. You're in the middle of all the action in town, a short walk to events, shopping, everything you need. Sitting on your porch, you can watch activities in the park, visit with people, or just look out on your well-manicured lawn and gardens.

This is life at Park House. Our healthy, vibrant residents have choices; choices that are taken from them when left alone in big empty houses, when their mobility is compromised, when a little helping hand is harder to come by. Our residents enjoy the quiet of their private rooms as well as the camaraderie of their shared living spaces. They enjoy having home-cooked meals as well as making themselves a mid-afternoon snack. They enjoy resting on our wrap-around porch as well as helping to tend a garden or walk to the store.

Park House welcomes people from all backgrounds and rent is kept affordable so our community is accessible to everyone. Rent only accounts for a portion of Park House's annual expenses, so our residents rely on caring community members like you to allow them to maintain these choices in their lives. We hope you will make the choice to contribute to our annual campaign so Park House can continue to provide a safe and convenient home for our residents, and residents to be, for many years to come. And who knows, maybe one day you'll be right there on our porch watching the parade go by on July Fourth, too!

Evelyn Pruiksma Board President

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P.S. Twenty years ago, Betty Comes, one of our founding board members, always had the goal of having 200 people make a gift of at least \$100 – help us exceed that goal with your tax-deductible contribution today!

Our Heartfelt Thanks For The Kindness

Your Have Shown

In Memory of...

Edith Artz Jim Billings Don Calhoun Alice M. Finney Willian Fiske Eleanor Hutchinson Hubert (Mikey) Lary Maybelle Locke Alice Martin Elwood Martin Richard & Rose Merriam Margaret & Ev Moses **Kave Perkins** Margaret Putney Dorothy Roach **Deborah Roberts**

In Honor of...

Garden Tour Gardeners Richard Merriam Walt Wells

Earle & Lena Simpson

Food

Sandy Adams Advanced illumination JoAnn Andrews JoAnn & Dick Bryfogle Suzanne Butterfield Camp Killooleet Community Church of Hancock & Granville Ralph Darrah Bill & Maryann Decker Becky Donnet Donna Gallant & Students Barb Harvey



Iava Hubbard Keith & Eva Jesso Jeanne Johnson Don & Joyce Jones Kennett/ Labejsza Wedding Cindy Kilgore Janet Mayo The McCormacks Gordon Mills Keith Mills Moss Glen Grange Pittsfield Federated Church Norm Pratt Evelyn Pruiksma Ray Quillia Rochester Excell Marge Ross Route 100 Lion's Club Antonio Sanz Carol Schwenk **Brian Sherman Joel Tidd** Lorrie Twitchell Valley Rescue Squad White River Valley

Entertainment

Players

Susan Bushnell Olivia Corbett Tim Crowley Mary Beth Deller Lou Gidding

Becky Klein Julie Ann Marsh **Joanne Mills** Joan Petrillo Sue Ribuado Dorothy Robson Rochester Elementary Excell Program Lisa Smith Leslev Straus Sacred Journey Singers Step 'N' Time Stockbridge Central School Walt Wells

Flowers

Blaine Butler Brenda Goupee Eva Jesso Kennett/ Labejsza Wedding Harland McKirryher Evelyn Pruiksma Rochester Federated Church

Yard Sale

Jill Baron Doris Bowen Maryann Gilmartin Jill Jesso-White Betty McCormack

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Golf 1464 Salon & Spa House Advanced illumination **BCK Real Estate** Barb & Chet Begin Madeline Benson, LLC Boss Office Works **Brooks Barron Real** Estate Suzanne Butterfield Chuck Adams Builder CV Oil Co Michael Crickard Deb's Country Coiffures Dick's Slate & Tile The Djupedal Family DW Electrical & Plumbing Glenn Eldredge Gifford Medical Center **John Gorton** Green Mountain Glassworks Green Mountain **National**

Hancock Building Supply Ben Harvey Marv & Barb Harvey Harvey's Plumbing & Excavating Alexis Houston Ann & Dave Hunt **Huntington House Inner Traditions I&H** Automotive Judy Jensen Frank Johnson Camp Killooleet Kayak King Liberty Hill Farm Lubek Electric & Lubek Computer Terry & Judy Manley Aaron Marcus Deb & Bill Matthews In Memory of Maybelle Locke In Memory of Alice Martin In Memory of Tom Paino Milne Travel/ American Express Mountain Cuts Salon **Occasions Catering** Original General Store The Perera Family Picarello's Pizza Pittsfield Garden Center Pittsfield Pitt-Stop Poulos Insurance, Inc.

Pristine Mountain Springs **Proctor Pittsford** Country Club Walter & Evelyn Pruiksma Shelie Richardson Rochester Tire & Auto Becky Ruben **Rutland Regional Medical Center** Greg Ryan School Street Bistro Carol Schwenk Skip Mart Swiss Farm Inn Suzelle's Shear Delight Ted Green Ford Tozier's Ben Wardwell The Weden Family Walt Wells White River Credit Union White River Golf Club Charlie & Nancy Woolley

Miscellaneous

Janet Aviano – puzzles John Belisle shoveling Mark Belisle-carrying groceries Keith Jesso - manual labor Jean Johnson – greeting cards Mary Johnson –

Christmas cards Valerie Levitan locking doors Ed Maclina – tree pruning Charlie Martin mopping Earl McIntyre Familymobility equipment Warren Munro – gardening Parrish family – tree Dan Perera – flatware Ray Quillia – omelet dav Mike Reiderer- stuff Winston Shaw, Jr. puzzles Audrey Turk accounting Walt Wells—stuff Charles & Barbara Whalen - books

Garden Tour Lois Bond

Larry Curtis

Nancy Woolley -

gardening

Kate Douglas Robin Lloyd Evelyn Pruiksma Kathryn Schenkma Lesley Straus

Grants

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Voter Support at **Town Meeting**

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Thank you!!!



We appreciate all gifts, large and small.

We apologize most sincerely if any generosity escaped mention.

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Look for parkhousevt on the internet! We are well on our way to making current information about Park House readily available. We're on Facebook at facebook.com/parkhousevt. Through a grant from the Vermont Council on Rural Development's Digital Economy Project, our website has also been redesigned. With this new format we will be able to update the content and pictures ourselves. We are excited to keep current happenings on the web.

info@parkhousevt.org

Please make note of our new email address, info@parkhousevt.org or juli@parkhousevt.org. We still check our FairPoint email, but are transitioning away from it.

Excitement in the Kitchen



This summer we had a special guest chef one lovely morning; actually it was raining. But undeterred by the rain Ray Quillia, with assistance from Ed and Betty McCormack, provided us with a special breakfast treat. They set up an omelet buffet on our porch. Everyone selected the ingredients for our own omelets and put them in a zip lock baggie. Then Ray put the baggies in a large pot of boiling water on a camp stove outside. When the timer rang, we each had perfectly cooked omelets. What a special treat! We enjoyed Ray, Betty, and Ed's company too!

Welcome, Tami!

This summer, as we bid a fond farewell to our former Lead Cook, Gert Harris, we had the good fortune to welcome our new Lead Cook, Tami Filossie. Tami and her fine kitchen team of Danielle Cutting, Brigitte Smith, and Carol Twitchell have been delighting us in the dining room. The pie looks better in person. But don't take my word for it, stop by and take a peak!



We're Living United!

The United Way of Rutland County serves Rutland County, including Pittsfield, as well as the towns of Stockbridge and Rochester. This year, we are continuing our work with this fine organization and have received a funding award from them.

