



# Annual Fund Drive

December 2014

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Dear Friend of Park House,

At Rochester's Town Meeting in 1985, community members voiced their frustration that when our elderly friends and family members could no longer maintain their households in our rural community, they had few options. Many of our residents were forced to move away from our community, away from the people and places they have loved throughout their lives. Similar discussions took place in Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, and Stockbridge, and the five towns worked together to find an alternative. With funding from Vermont Community Development, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, and the generosity of our local residents, Rochester Community Care Home, Inc. opened Park House in July of 1991.

Park House is many things to many people—a community center, an historical landmark, a place to serve others—but above all it is home to up to 16 residents seeking out companionship, assistance, and community. Residents of Park House are as diverse as all of our community's citizens. Some live on fixed incomes while others are more financially comfortable; some are healthy and vibrant while others are more physically limited.

Park House has maintained its commitment to provide affordable housing to seniors in our community for the past 23 years. As the cost of practically everything increases each year, the staff and Board of Trustees at Park House have maintained their commitment to keep costs at a level community members can afford. To honor our commitment to the community, each resident pays approximately \$300.00 less per month than what it costs to run Park House. The organization relies on grants, fundraising events and your generous contributions to cover expenses while remaining affordable.

Our two plus decades of service to this community could not have happened without generous community support. On behalf of the residents, Board of Trustees, staff, and families, we thank you for your past support of Park House and hope you will consider a generous contribution as this year comes to a close.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Pruiksma  
Board President

Juli Reiderer  
Executive Director

*P.S. Your contribution helps provide our residents with nutritious meals, a warm and welcoming environment, companionship of others, and, above all, the comfort and peace of mind that comes from knowing they have a safe and secure place to call home. Please give as generously as you are able—your contribution is tax deductible.*

# *Our Heartfelt Thanks For The Kindness Your Have Shown*



## **In Memory of...**

Nancy Andrews  
Edith Artz  
Claudia Babral  
Stephen Dietz  
George Goding  
Eleanor Hutchinson  
Kaye Perkins  
Tom Manning, Jr.  
Margaret & Ev Moses  
Deborah Roberts  
Earle & Lena Simpson

## **In Honor of...**

Ralph Merriam  
Richard Merriam

## **Bone Builders**

George Goding  
Mary Goding

## **Food**

Rick Allen  
Bill & Mary Ann Becker  
Lois Bond  
Janice Brown  
Terry Bump  
Wendy Eramo  
Barb Harvey  
Ann Hunt  
Pam Jacques  
Jeanne Johnson  
Killooleet  
Sally Lanpher

Betty McCormack  
Norm Pratt  
Rochester Excell  
Rochester Fire Dept.  
Marge Ross  
Brian Sherman  
Lesley Straus  
Bill Thrailkill  
Josephine Whitley  
Nancy Woolley

## **Entertainment**

Burma Cassidy  
Garvi Jesso-White  
Alyson Needham  
Sarah Reiderer  
Rochester EEE  
Rochester Excell  
Dorothy Robson  
Susan Rule  
Sacred Journey Singers  
Santa  
Stockbridge Central  
School  
Treble Makers

## **Miscellaneous**

Priscilla Baker — phone

directory  
Jill Baron — jade plant  
Keith Jesso  
Sally Lanpher —  
crockpot  
Linda Merriam —  
dessert cups/ glasses  
Pittsfield Garden  
Center — plants  
Ed Maclina — apple tree  
care  
Warren Munro —  
gardening  
Jaro Perera  
Linda Reichert — toaster  
Ethan Reiderer —  
shoveling  
Sarah Reiderer —  
cooking  
Carolyn Sargeant —  
quilt pieces  
Phil Stone — gardening  
Ken Troumbley  
Audrey Turk — tax  
return  
Walt Wells  
Nancy Woolley —  
gardening/ phone

directory

## **Flowers**

Blaine Butler  
Brenda Goupee  
Harland McKirryher  
Evelyn Pruiksma  
Rochester Federated  
Church

## **Golf**

1464 Salon & Spa House  
Advanced illumination  
Amee Lodge  
Dave Ballou  
Roy Benson  
Boss Office Works  
Brooks & Susan Barron  
Lang McLaughry Real  
Estate  
CV Oil Co  
Roy & Maddy Benson  
Bethel Mills  
Chuck Adams Builder  
Jess Clegg  
Cockadoodle Pizza Café  
Dandelion Acres  
Deb's Country  
Coiffures  
Ron Delehanty  
Dick's Slate & Tile  
DW Electrical &  
Plumbing

Glen Eldredge  
Gifford Medical  
Center  
Green Mt Glassworks  
Green Mt National  
Marv & Barb Harvey  
Harvey's Plumbing &  
Excavating  
Ann & Dave Hunt  
J&H Automotive  
Inner Traditions  
Eva Jesso  
Jacob Jones  
Kayak King  
Ann & Sean Keown  
Killooleet  
Lubek Computer  
Lubek Electric  
The Manleys  
Deb & Bill Matthews  
In Memory of Alice  
Martin  
In Memory of Tom  
Paino  
Milne Travel/  
American Express  
Mountain Cuts Salon  
Occasions Catering  
Original General Store  
Caedin Ostrow  
Perera Family  
Tom Perera  
Picarello's Pizza  
Pittsfield Garden  
Center

Poulos Insurance  
Puddy's Tent Co  
Pristine Mt Springs  
Proctor Pittsford  
Country Club  
Walt & Evelyn  
Pruiksmas  
Walter Pruiksma  
Mike Reiderer  
Tom & Jeri Reiderer  
Rochester Tire & Auto  
Becca Ruben  
Frank Russell  
Rutland Regional  
Medical Center  
School Street Bistro  
Skip Mart  
Sweet Georgia P's  
Swiss Farm Inn  
Swiss Farm Market  
Lesley & Larry Straus  
Ted Green Ford  
Mike Teetsel  
The Huntington  
Tozier's  
Trailside Lodge  
Gwen Troumbley  
Jody Troumbley  
Ken Troumbley  
Tweed River Tubing  
Upcycle Mittens  
VT River Tubing  
Weden Family  
Walt Wells  
Dale White

White River Credit  
Union  
White River Golf Club  
The Woolleys

### **Yard Sale**

Anonymous  
John & Armonia Eddy  
Gretchen Perera  
Charlie Reiderer  
Mary Ann Schulze  
Lorranie Sielucka  
Mark Sielucka  
Nancy Woolley

### **Sled Raffle**

Jon Bindrum  
Tekla Chap  
Helen Dillon  
Barbara Green  
Keefer Irwin  
Valerie F. Levitan  
Judy Manley  
Cynthia McPhetres  
Sandy Pierce  
Evelyn Pruiksma  
Dick Robson  
Becca Ruben  
Linda Schneider

### **Quilters**

Jody Perkins Joyce  
Dee Ann Morse  
Stash to Stitches

### **Grants**

The Baird Foundation  
Citizens Bank  
Matching Grant  
United Way of  
Rutland County  
Vermont Housing &  
Conservation Board  
Feasibility Grant

### **Voter Support at**

#### **Town Meeting**

Granville  
Hancock  
Pittsfield  
Rochester  
Stockbridge



We appreciate all gifts,  
large and small.

We apologize most  
sincerely if any  
generosity escaped  
mention.



# Snow Much Fun



Thank you to all who participated in our sled raffle. It really was "Snow Much Fun". For those of you who missed it, we collected old-fashioned runner style sleds as seen here. Very talented artists from the five-town area transformed them into beautiful works of art. Colored photos are available on our Facebook page and our website, [parkhousevt.org](http://parkhousevt.org). Our sincere thanks go to our artists, Jon Bindrum, Tekla Chap, Helen Dillon, Barbara Green, Keefer Irwin, Valerie F. Levitan, Judy Manley, Cynthia McPhetres, Sandy Pierce, Dick Robson, Becca Ruben, and Linda Schneider.

# Modernization Plan

Through a Feasibility Grant from Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB), Park House has embarked on an exciting process. Our 103 year old building was outfitted to become a shared senior housing facility 23 years ago. Over the course of those 23 years, building components have become worn, building codes have changed, technology in energy efficiency has blossomed, and the needs of seniors have changed.



This funding from the VHCB allowed Park House to conduct a Capital Needs Assessment to determine what current improvements are needed as well as looking at necessary long term improvements. This assessment identified renovations that should take place in the near future to help the organization meet current building codes, increase energy efficiency and comfort to residents and modernize the facility in general.

With a minimal reserve fund and low rental costs for our residents, we were excited to identify a potential funder for these improvements. The next step in this process is to apply for a planning grant of \$30,000 to hire an architect and secure technical assistance that will prioritize and plan for improvements to be made, review potential for ongoing operating support and help prepare to manage this project. Park House, in partnership with the Town of Rochester and Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission, is poised to begin the exciting and lengthy process of securing these funds.

# Quilt Raffle



We received a very generous contribution from Carrie Sargeant of Granville, quilt pieces made by her mother. They are truly lovely. Jodie Perkins Joyce, Maddy Benson's cousin from Oklahoma, is working with Dee Ann Morse of Stash to Stitches and making the pieces into a gorgeous quilt. This is a picture from the initial assembly.