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Dear Friend of Park House,

Thank you for all your past support and the legacy you have helped to build, Park House. As we participate in planning and grant writing for our upcoming renovation project, we are continually surprised and thrilled to hear the rave reactions from people in the statewide affordable housing, historic preservation, and senior housing fields about Park House! This little idea that the community had 30 years ago to create a system by which our elders can remain in this community living a rewarding, independent life has truly blossomed into a model of senior housing. The praise goes on and on.

Now, as we continue efforts begun two years ago to revitalize the home we offer our seniors, we almost can't contain our excitement. We look forward to unveiling a comprehensive plan for Park House in early 2016, first to residents and families, then to the whole community. The first priority of the plan is to bring Park House into compliance with building codes that would be required in a new project today. Next, we plan to weatherize to reduce utility costs, to reduce our carbon footprint, and, most importantly, to increase comfort for our residents. If all goes well with our grant applications, we may even be able to add some private bathrooms and modernize the kitchen!

In the meantime, Park House will continue as it always has, providing a home for our seniors and a gathering place for the community, and we need your continued support.

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...

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Stephen Dietz
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In Honor of...

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Community Church
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Betty McCormack
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Arlene Newell
Bill Thrailkill
Josephine Whitley

Entertainment

EEE Pre-School
Dave Gee
Sarah Reiderer
Dorothy Robson
Rochester Excel
Sacred Journey Singers
Santa
Stockbridge Central
School
Treble Makers
Walt Wells

Miscellaneous

Sandy Adams – steak
Knives
E. Paige Bartlett
Theresa Curtis – table
setting
Rob Filossie
Keith Jesso's Truck
Craig Klofach
Scott Kuyk
Sally Lanpher
Shorty Lanpher

Hazel Levasseur

Val Levitan

Nellie Martin- garden

Anastasia Merdak

Gordon Mills

Warren Munro- garden

Phoebe Parrish

Ella Pelletier

Jaro Perera

Irene Smith

Matt Smith

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Walt Wells

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Flowers

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Thank you!!!

We appreciate all gifts, large and small.

We apologize most sincerely if any generosity escaped mention.

Apples, anyone?



Thanks to Nellie Martin we've been having a lot of fun with apples this fall. She discovered that the apple tree planted in memory of Ethel Dartt had begun producing plentiful fruit, and she began harvesting. Tami has made apple sauce, apple crisp, and at least three pies from the fruit grown in our own yard. Pictured here is the very last batch of drops which Nancy Woolley and Juli picked up from the lawn as a recent storm blew in. They are destined for apple sauce. It's thanks to Nellie's tireless efforts that Ethel's memory tree has once again become part of our lives.

Renovation Update

Last year, we mentioned the Feasibility Grant through Vermont Housing & Conservation Board and Rochester's application on our behalf for a Planning Grant through Vermont Community Development Program. This grant application was approved, and we have subsequently applied for and been awarded Downtown Tax Credits through Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development. We have submitted a grant application to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston.



With our Planning Grant, we have hired professionals to evaluate our current building in terms of structural stability, current building codes, ADA requirements, energy efficiency, and maintenance needs. Our architect, Andrea Kerz-Murray has also developed a preliminary plan to modernize our kitchen and provide additional private bathrooms. Our Development Consultant, Amy Wright, has helped to prepare two grant applications earmarked for implementing these plans. This fall two more applications will be submitted. We anxiously await the moment that we can compare the amount of grant money awarded to the cost of the total plan and decide how far we can go with this building improvement. At the very least, we will have a sprinkler system!

The extensive evaluation of the condition of Park House did reveal that in recent years, a truss in the single-story portion of Park House has been damaged. We have been awarded a Special and Urgent Needs grant from the Vermont Community Foundation so that this problem can be fixed prior to the onset of winter.

