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# PARK HOUSE Annual Fund Drive

December 2019

*THANK YOU* for supporting our wonderful Valley asset. Our official name - Rochester Community Care Home, Inc. - is exactly what Park House is about: caring for the elderly of our five-town Valley—Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Rochester, Stockbridge—and beyond.

Over the past 28 years, more than 150 people have made Park House their home. Throughout this time, we have enjoyed being a community center for the Valley, welcoming concerts and plays, meetings, lectures and workshops which have benefitted residents socially and spiritually. Executive Director Joanne McDonnell is always on the lookout for engaging activities to offer. Since taking the helm in January, she has brought back the Brown Bag Lunch concerts on the third Tuesday of each month, introduced monthly chair massages with local masseuse Tabitha Haynes, and is working to get a chair yoga class started soon. These interactions are important for the long-term health of our residents, and benefit the greater community.

In order to keep our costs at affordable levels, our fundraising energies typically cover a cost equal to \$300 per month per resident. Funds come from a variety of sources, including one of our most successful yard sales in years, and a revamped Summer Fundraiser. Despite these successes, we continue to need your financial support. No matter the amount, we are grateful for all gifts, because ultimately, it's the involvement of our friends and neighbors that matters.

We would like to acknowledge the generous efforts of Nancy Woolley and Priscilla Baker, who for years organized and created the bi-annual telephone directory. Unfortunately, this popular, profitable fundraiser and useful local reference has fallen victim to changing times: an increased use of cell phones, and a change in policy regarding the sharing of telephone numbers means we will no longer publish these books.

Like all volunteer-driven organizations, Park House relies on individuals who are willing to give of their time. We are grateful to all who offer assistance in many forms—from something as simple as dropping off a baked good, or stopping in to visit with residents, to those who commit to a term on the Board. Please consider becoming a Trustee, or if you have other talents you are willing to share, Joanne would love to hear from you.

We appreciate any support you can give to Park House. Together, we'll keep this vital community and Valley resource growing.

To Our Continued Success!

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Wendy Benedict, President on behalf of the Board of Trustees

# Meet Some of Our Residents



### Rose

Born: Belfast, Northern Ireland Worked as a cashier and a nanny, and moved here to be near family

At PH: Since late 2018 Grandchildren: 5

#### Fran

Born: Bourne, Cape Cod, MA

Moved to Vermont 5 years ago to help with grandchildren in Stockbridge

At PH: Since May 2019 Grandchildren: 10

### Ray

Born: Rochester WW II Veteran who then worked

as a civilian for the military and traveled extensively.

At PH: Since 2016 Grandchildren: 4

### Cecil

Born: Randolph Hospital

The oldest of 7, he grew up in Hancock and worked various jobs—but his passion is hunting.

At PH: Since September 2019

Grandchildren: 4

### Irene

Born: Connecticut

Retired dental hygienest, was also a

caregiver, and volunteer. At HP: Since July 2014 Grandchildren: 6

Great Grandchildren: 4

# Thank you!

## **Phyllis**

Born: Highland, NY Worked in a purse and is a pro at making si At PH: Since May 2019

Grandchildren: 5

#### Phil

Born: Lebanon, NH A Marine Veteran who fin Uncle's farm, where he en He later became a truck of At PH: Since 2014

Grandchildren: 3

### Arlene

Born: Rochester Has had various caree is still working the mo At PH: Since late 201 Grandchildren: 4 Great Grandchildren:

## Deborah

Familiar

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&

**Newcomers** 

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Park House

Unique

Born: Southern California

After teaching at the college level, she stud Yugoslavian language and took part in arc digs before moving to Vermont and becor caregiver.

At PH: Since January 2019

#### Gordy

Born: Gaysville, VT

WW II Veteran who worked variou favorite was property caretaking for

At PH: Since late 2007

Grandchildren: 5

We are fortunate to have the support of the following groups and individuals, who helped make our summer fundraiser –

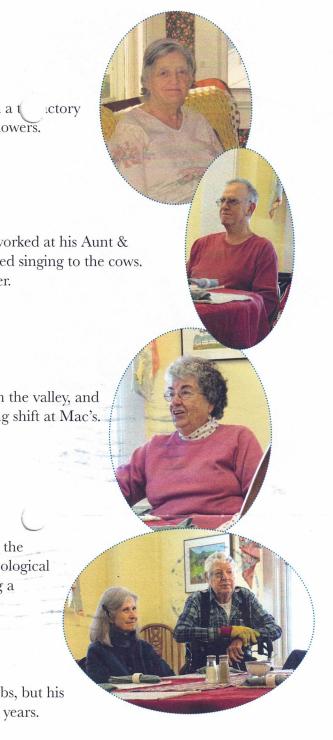
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# Our Mission

Rochester Community Care Home, Inc. maintains and operates Park House as a perpetually affordable, congregate home for independent individuals.

- Park House provides independent living for those aged 60 and over, and for qualifying individuals whose age is less than 60.
- First floor wheelchair accessible rooms are occasionally available.
- An elevator services the second and third floors.

# Lifestyle

Residents share a style of living that enables each person to remain truly independent and enjoy their privacy in a safe and secure environment.

- Park House offers family-style living where one can enjoy the company and security of living with interesting people, sharing the large and spacious living and dining rooms, a lovely frontporch, and the beautiful gardens and grounds with residents, family and friends.
- Daily life for residents of Park House is closely interwoven with the life of the community.

# Current Rates

Fees include occupancy, utilities, meals, and light housekeeping.

- \$1,055 per month for a room with a private bathroom
- \$1,030 per month for a room which shares a bathroom with one other person.
- Some additional services are available and are priced separately.
- Housing assistance vouchers—which reduce the rates are available for qualifying individuals.

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