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Park House

2020 Annual Fund Drive

Dear Friends of Park House,

This year will be remembered for one reason: Covid-19. Covid's impact on Park House resulted in cancellation of many of our important events, i.e., Memorial Day porch sale, the May Annual Meeting, the Summer fundraising dinner, and the upcoming Christmas celebration. A 4-page "Park House Covid-19 Emergency Plan" was developed following CDC and State of Vermont Guidelines, and implemented for the staff and residents. The residents and staff remain safe. Residents were impacted in the following ways: cancellation of all public events, reduced visitation by non-essential people, spacing six feet apart at mealtime and serving each resident individually. Despite this new reality, residents and staff remain resilient. Thus far, no resident or staff member has come down with the virus. Socially distanced Bingo is being played, a private outdoor music concert was held this summer, and the "Corny" fundraiser was fun!

Now comes the most important part. The thank-yous. Leadership comes from the top. Without our Executive Director Joanne McDonnell, Park House in the time of Covid would not have been able to function. The cooking and housekeeping staff have gone the extra mile in giving the residents extra TLC during this stressful time, while adhering to all the new Covid policies. We are incredibly lucky to have Deb Danforth, Brigitte Smith, and Kathleen Newton working with and for our residents! The Board of Trustees deserve a huge thank you as well. Meetings outside, on-line, and remaining flexible was the key to success in 2020.

AND Park House thanks each and every one of you! Without all your generous contributions (homemade bread, desserts, fresh vegetables, etc.), Park House would not be able to cover a cost of nearly \$300 per month per resident, and maintenance for our 100-year-old building. Over the summer months, both sheds were scraped and painted, the floor was replaced in the public bathroom, and thanks to a very generous donation from the Lions Club, we were able to replace the drafty old windows in the living room. This will make the winter months much more comfortable for our folks! Probably the most exciting thing to happen is that we should have a generator here within the next month or so! We owe Walt Wells, Nancy Woolley, and Lois Bond our deepest gratitude for the countless hours they spent procuring grants and making this dream a reality. Thank you!

With your continued support and generosity, Park House can remain dedicated to the goal of having a comfortable, affordable place for people to live independently when it is no longer possible to remain at home.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Teetsel

Diane Teetsel, Board of Trustees President



Covid cancelled the 4th of July parade, but we made parade people . . . and a pig . . . and were joined by a flock of flamingos.



Gordon Mills turned 99 and enjoyed a car parade in his honor.



The Pre-K class paid us a visit.



We held a “corny” FUNdraiser—when *does* that sign go up?

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