



# VILLA VOICES

FALL/WINTER 2020

## Forever Remember Capital Campaign to Enhance Memory Care

**NEW MEMORY CARE CENTER SCHEDULED TO OPEN BY END OF YEAR**

Light of Hearts Villa has hosted the annual Fall Fest fundraiser since the first year of operation in 1989. More than 300 guests would come to enjoy a meal, browse craft tables, purchase raffle tickets and just enjoy the energy at the Villa.

This year's event looked a lot different with fundraising efforts going virtual, but that didn't dampen enthusiasm. More than \$65,000 has been raised for the "Forever Remember Campaign" to greatly improve the Lumen Lane Memory Care Unit and to enhance programming for residents with memory disorders.

**"We are grateful for a community who accepts and endures these changing times with us. We are blown away by the amount of support received,"** said Executive Director Breanne Cavileer.

"Whether you sponsored the event, contributed a donation or provided an item or gift card for our online raffle and auction, you made this a success. Your willingness to help us succeed in our mission is unprecedented, even in a wild year like this."

A special thank-you to the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland for being the "Light the Way Sponsor." Our amount of thanks is never-ending for their continuous support and partnership. Read more about the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland on page 8.

The new memory care center is still on track to be completed by the end of 2020. "This timeline of photos is so exciting to us. The building has been blessed, prayed over and ready to utilize as soon as we can," said Breanne.

Stay up-to-date on this project by following Light of Hearts Villa on Facebook.

### **:: OUR MISSION**

*We are devoted to providing premier senior residential living and community outreach services. Through our faith-based values, we affirm the integrity of each person and encourage them on their journey of aging.*

*Lighting the way for senior care.*

*See the timeline photos on page 4*



## A NOTE *about* THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# A Letter from the Staff at Light of Hearts Villa *to* Our Executive Director

*Switching it up! Normally this space is reserved for words from Executive Director Breanne Cavileer. For this edition of Villa Voices, our staff had the idea to take over the space.*

Breanne's letter in the last newsletter, which was also her first as executive director, was sweet and inspiring. It included hopeful notes about what 2021 will bring, how proud she is of her community for enduring this year so well, and words of gratitude to residents and their families for making so many sacrifices. But, it was missing the behind-the-scenes of what we, the staff, see from her every day. Breanne may be proud of her staff, but we wanted to take this time to let her know that we are proud of HER.

To lead an assisted living facility during a year like this is no easy feat and Breanne has stepped up to the challenge in an inspiring way. From overseeing our first big capital project with the new memory care addition, to painting rooms, assisting with sanitation efforts throughout the building, participating in activities, consistently visiting with residents, creating a walking course with tape,

helping to pass out meals, putting so much time and attention into planning visitation areas, and updating COVID policies, Breanne has shown us what it means to lead by example.

She has put herself on the front lines every day and allows staff to input their ideas and thoughts. Even though she's the "boss," she has never considered any task to be beneath her.

Breanne, we know you probably dislike this attention—you think that these are all things a leader should humbly do without recognition. We also know that this hasn't been easy for you. We know that your heart breaks for our residents and their families, and that being the decision-maker has been exhausting, but you always show your appreciation for your staff, and this is our turn to do the same.

You can read here some words of love and appreciation from the staff at Light of Hearts Villa.

Signed,

*Light of Hearts Villa Staff*



*"We are blessed to have all three—boss, mentor, and manager—in you. While working under your leadership we manage to learn something new every day. Thank you for everything you do."*

“Working under a boss like you really helps to elevate the whole work experience. Your motivation and kindness are a few traits that make you the great leader that you are today. Thank you for your understanding and support.”



“St. Vincent de Paul said: ‘All beginnings are somewhat strange; but we must have patience, and little by little, we shall find things, which at first were obscure, becoming clearer.’ During this time of COVID, Breanne has truly discovered what it means to be a ‘community leader’ and not just an executive director. Her leadership has been deeply transformed by compassion and the desire to keep residents and staff healthy and whole. She has gone beyond the issued regulations and thought deeply about what they meant for each individual in the community. She has grown in wisdom and commitment.”



“You’re truly a gem of a person and definitely a great leader. We are so happy to work under your leadership.”

“Working under your leadership has been such a game changer for me. I didn’t know that a work environment could be this positive and encouraging. Thank you for everything.”



“I am thankful for the openness that was encouraged in the many meetings and discussions, which allowed us to learn from each other and grow a great deal of trust in ourselves and our team during this difficult time. The confidence and respect of taking care of ourselves for each other shined through not only the staff but the residents as well. ‘None of us is as strong as all of us.’ Together we will get through this.”

# Memory Care Expansion Project

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# Making Progress





## Leave a Legacy at Light of Hearts Villa

There are still many ways you can get involved with the memory care project and leave a legacy at Light of Hearts Villa. Former Executive Director Betty Hickle knew she wanted to show her love and appreciation for the Villa for years to come by making a significant gift to the project. By combining a charitable gift annuity with a cash gift pledge over the span of five years, Betty was able to name the new activity center in memory of her father, Max, who struggled with memory loss.

Now, the Max Hickle Activity Center will forever be a legacy that their family will cherish. "I am so thrilled that this project has now come to fruition and I'm excited to be able to contribute in this way," said Betty.

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*To learn more about how you can make a lasting legacy at Light of Hearts Villa by combining different giving options like Betty, please contact Amy Huntley at 440.232.1991 ext. 524 or [amy.huntley@lightofheartsvilla.org](mailto:amy.huntley@lightofheartsvilla.org).*

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

# Sister Helen Scasny, SC, Continues to Put Her Heart and Soul into the Villa

Sister Helen T. Scasny, SC, is a face you see as soon as you walk into Light of Hearts Villa, whether she's there in person or not. That's because her smiling face is on a photo on the wall right by the front entrance. There's a good chance you can see Sr. Helen somewhere around the building as she is one of Light of Hearts Villa's most dedicated volunteers. *Villa Voices* spoke to Sr. Helen about her history with and passion for the Villa.



**Q:** What is your history with Light of Hearts Villa?

**A:** When I was serving as president of the Vincentian Sisters of Charity, we had the Lumen Cordium High School, but it was closing soon. We analyzed and prayed about what to do with the building and what needs needed to be met and out came the idea of forming an assisted living community. It was quite the process. We endured and made it happen. Then we had the question of who was running it? So I became the first executive director.

When we first opened, we only had one husband and wife move in and there were just three of us who managed the entire building. We cleaned, we cooked, we served. Then it continued to grow and I hired people as needed.

**Q:** Why does this community mean so much to you?

**A:** We put our heart and soul into retrofitting a high

school building into an assisted living facility. We truly became family with each other and our residents. We ate together, we prayed together and discussed everything with our residents. It meant a lot to get their opinions and as I watched this place grow, that feeling of joy and family never left and I'm really proud of that.

**Q:** What was the story behind the beginning of the Sr. Helen T. Scasny, SC, Benevolent Fund?

**A:** I made a promise that we would never put people out because of finances. Everyone would tell me that it's not possible and I know this country runs on capitalism and the mindset of "what's in it for me." I tried really hard to keep that out of the Light of Hearts environment. This is a place where people truly feel happy and joyful. I never wanted these residents to feel overwhelmed or burdened by money, but to just enjoy their time here and grow closer to God.

**Q:** What is a life lesson that you have learned that you'd like to pass onto others?

**A:** I've learned the more you give, the more you get back. Not just in material things, but give a little love and compassion and gosh it comes back to you. Just love people as much as you can, be kind to them, talk with them, encourage them and tell them they're doing a good job. Sometimes that's all someone needs to hear to turn their day around. If you're doing these things, you won't have to look for it to come back to you, it just will. I can promise you that. ♦

# END OF 2020 GIVING

## Tips for Year-End Planning that Can Benefit Both You and Light of Hearts Villa

Thanks to you, our generous donors, Light of Hearts Villa is able to provide exceptional, compassionate care to those who need it most in a beautiful, comfortable home. The following are some points to consider as you plan your end-of-year giving.

### IRA Charitable Rollover Gift

If you are 70½ years of age or older, you can support Light of Hearts Villa through distributions from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Your IRA Charitable Rollover Gift may satisfy your annual required minimum distribution and reduce your taxable income. (Note: required minimum distributions from IRAs and pension plans for donors over the age of 70½ are suspended for 2020.)

### CARES Act Giving Incentives

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides new, significant giving incentives, including:

- Donors can deduct cash donations up to 100% of their adjusted gross income (AGI) for 2020.
- In 2020 and future years, taxpayers can claim a \$300 (\$600 for a married couple) “above the line” deduction for cash donations to charities.
- The gifts apply to cash gifts only. Stock gifts remain limited to 30% of AGI and are not deductible above the AGI line.

The CARES Act has led to the temporary suspension of the requirements for required minimum distributions for the 2020 tax year. Consult your financial advisor for the most advantageous opportunities for you.

### Gifts of Stock

You may also consider donating gifts of stock. Depending on the stock’s current value, you may avoid capital gains tax or deduct the loss in value while donating the proceeds of

the sale to Light of Hearts Villa. Consult your financial advisor for the most advantageous opportunities for you.

### Bequests

Creating a bequest is one of the most popular options for legacy giving. With the help of a lawyer, you can designate which charities or nonprofits are included in your will. This can be done a number of ways:

- **Percent bequest** — where a certain percent of your estate will/can be donated
- **Specific bequest** — where a certain dollar amount is gifted
- **Residual bequest** — where a gift is made from the balance of your estate

Bequests are ideal for donors who want to split their estate between family, friends and their favorite charitable nonprofits. You can also designate that your bequest be spread out across several years, so the money isn’t spent all at once.

**For your convenience, you can also support Light of Hearts Villa through your donor-advised fund. Please call Development Manager Amy Huntley at 440.232.1991 ext. 524 or amy.huntley@lightofheartsvilla.org for more information.**

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Sister Helen Scasny, SC, served as the administrator of Light of Hearts Villa for 17 years before becoming a volunteer in 2006. She brings her faith and her love for all people to the Villa. She is responsible for managing the Cozy Corner Re-Sale Shop and is an avid beekeeper and sells her honey (Nun Sweeter) at the Villa. She donates proceeds from honey sales to the benevolent fund, which provides for seniors who have outlived their financial resources. Sr. Helen volunteers an average of 10 hours a week and has accumulated more than 7,000 volunteer hours.

## PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



# Ursuline Sisters Continue to Light the Way

**T**he Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland are committed to serving where most needed: in education, parish life and ministry to the elderly, the ill or dying, and to individuals on society's margins. Like their foundress, Angela Merici, the Ursuline Sisters extend themselves in nurturing faith development and supporting the spiritual life of those they serve.

When the sisters get to the point in life where they need a little extra care, they either come live at Light of Hearts Villa (LOHV) or go to partner ministry Regina Health Center. Seven Ursuline Sisters currently call LOHV home.

"Partnering with the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland in shared ministry and outreach work is such a blessing. We get amazing feedback from them, an outpouring of love, support and prayer. We really are just so thankful," said Breanne Cavileer, LOHV executive director.

This year, the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland became the "Light the Way Sponsor" for the Forever Remember virtual fundraiser. "The health and wellness of our retired sisters is a top priority and we

take comfort in knowing our sisters in residence at LOHV are not only receiving top notch professional nursing care, but are also treated with dignity, compassion and respect," said Sister Ritamary Welsh, OSU, president of the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland.

"Contributing in such a significant way, especially during this pandemic year, really elevated us to reach our goal of raising more than \$65,000 for our memory care expansion project and we are tremendously grateful," said Breanne. "Our residents are so blessed to have partners like the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland who continuously support them so generously." ♦





# Being “Creative to Infinity” to Maintain a Spiritual Environment in Difficult Times

*By Sister Regina Kusnir, SC*

“Be still and know that I am God!” we pray, in Psalm 46:11. St. Vincent de Paul said, “. . .be creative to infinity.” COVID-19 entered our world earlier this year and drew us deeper into prayer and called us to creatively care for our residents, our staff, our entire Villa family. We came together and found ways to safeguard and enrich the lives of each other.

The deep spirituality rooted in Light of Hearts Villa has kept all who live and work here light of heart in this challenging time.

“How?” That became the lead question. Masses ceased March 18 and we couldn’t assemble in the chapel. But prayer is not confined to space. Seventeen days later a traveling chapel (actually a cart) moved to five different hallways and residents sat in their doorways to participate in short prayer services. Alleluias, bells and Easter songs rang through the halls for the season. During May, we celebrated May Crowning in each area. And prayers were given to residents to help them find meaning amid the stressors of solitude.

A dedicated TV channel was up and running for the May 31st feast of Pentecost, the feast day of Light of Hearts Villa, and residents could watch Mass from their rooms. It was summer before the chapel could again be used for gathering, but with 6-foot spacing. Another change was the use of Mass programs since shared books were off limits.

Sit-down conversations became doorway encounters. Hugs of joy or consolation became distance waving. Grief over the lack of human contact became pop-up doorway visits, smiley faces on food containers, joyful music and myriad ways of spirit-lifting.

Many residents came to “know God” in the fullness of their lives. Ministering to the dying is a blessed time here at the Villa. Our staff is extraordinary in caring for residents and their families. We may not be able to do



*Father Wally Hyclak and Father Tom O'Donnell, pictured above, perform prayer services in the hallways of Light of Hearts Villa during the beginning months of the pandemic.*

things in our preferred way, but we are able to create new ways to bring the peace and solace of God to all.

The chapel is a hub of peace and solitude for everyone. Many a time of day, evening or night someone will stop in to ask for strength. Our residents are a powerhouse of prayer! Monthly we offer Mass for the residents, staff, families, volunteers and benefactors of the Villa. Know that you are prayed for. ♦

*May God's peace fill your heart as we continue this journey that is reminiscent of Mary and Joseph traveling the unknown road to Bethlehem.*



## Lumen Cordium Alumni Show Their Support

The Light of Hearts Villa (LOHV) campus has a rich history and is a staple of historic Bedford, Ohio. The physical facility was built in 1963 as Lumen Cordium High School and has evolved and modernized since then. Lumen Cordium High School was an all-girls Catholic high school open from 1963-1987. After closing the school, the sisters immediately dreamed of a ministry to those whose needs were not yet being met and shortly after created LOHV.

Even though the campus is no longer their same high school, the alumni of Lumen Cordium still maintain strong ties. They have become some of LOHV's biggest supporters and now serve as board members, active volunteers, donors and so much more. In 2020, one former student of Lumen Cordium, Mary Synk, coordinated a special blanket fundraiser that raised more than \$700.

The blankets for the fundraiser were created by Custom Woven Blankets in Port Orange, Florida. Paul Everitt, the owner, said his business began when "we wanted to create some unique holiday gifts for local veterans, something personalized that would serve as

a family heirloom." This led to the creation of Custom Woven Blankets and to Paul, it was important to always maintain a charitable aspect within his growing business.

"I have always felt that our blankets are woven in honor, in honor of each of our individual customers, and in honor of what they represent. A big part of that honor is offering a fundraising element to our sales, where we are able to use our products to assist worthy organizations to raise funds for their cause and needs in a very effective manner. So far, our blankets have done the job well, and we are looking forward to helping organizations across the country with their fundraising projects," said Paul.

When Mary was thinking of doing a fundraiser with Lumen Cordium blankets, she said she first sought feedback. "I wasn't sure if it was a good idea or not. I just floated the idea on the Facebook page and was pleasantly surprised by how quickly and positively people responded. When I realized this fundraiser could really make an impact, I was energized to make it happen. Thinking about it now, I suppose the core values of taking responsibility, of doing what you can to make a difference and of being an instrument for good, all of which were instilled in us during our high school years, were simply manifested years (decades) later in this project."

There's no secret that former students of Lumen Cordium High School feel strongly about their school and the legacy that Light of Hearts Villa is continuing. The blankets ordered were custom woven for each former student and will certainly serve as a special heirloom memorabilia piece for years to come.

"Thank you to these amazing alumni for continuing to be a blessing to our residents and to Paul and his company for the generous support," said Amy Huntley, LOHV development manager. ♦





If you are interested in ordering a blanket, please reach out to Amy Huntley at [amy.huntley@lightofheartsvilla.org](mailto:amy.huntley@lightofheartsvilla.org) or 440.232.1991 ext. 524.

*“For me, I think Light of Hearts Villa is continuing what the Vincentian Sisters of Charity started back in 1963, which is fostering the light in our hearts and spreading it to others. That spirit remains not just in me, but in all of us who were blessed to attend Lumen Cordium High School.”*

— **Mary Synk**, Lumen Cordium Alumnae and Light of Hearts Villa Supporter





# National Assisted Living Week Shows “Caring is Essential”

National Assisted Living Week meant something a little different to Light of Hearts Villa (LOHV) this year. The theme, “Caring is Essential,” is more relevant today than in recent years and highlights the incredible care provided by essential caregivers in assisted living communities across the country.

“We are living in some trying and frightening times and our caregivers have stepped up to ensure that our residents are safe and well cared for,” said Breanne Cavileer, LOHV executive director.

Staff across every department has had to make changes in their daily duties to accommodate residents. Staff has often had to think outside the box so that they can accomplish all that needs to happen in a day, especially as they have taken on additional duties as families are not allowed to come in and visit and help their loved ones with their day-to-day needs.

The maintenance staff has had to become “moving men” and our dining staff has become “meals on wheels” as they deliver meals to each resident’s room. These are just a few of the many examples of the changes and sacrifices that our dedicated staff have made.

”Residents have made the ultimate sacrifice of not being able to hug their loved ones or leave the building for anything other than essential appointments. Through it all, we are continuously amazed by their strength and fortitude,” said Breanne.

During the week of September 13, Director of Life Enrichment Anne Messer and her team planned a different activity each day for both residents and staff members to come together and feel appreciated. Activities during this special week included:

**Luau Happy Hour** The week kicked off with a special luau happy hour that featured fancy frozen drinks (including the tiny umbrella straws!), tropical tunes, snacks and a beach getaway backdrop that made for fun photo shoots.

**Karaoke** Day two of the week featured some of LOHV’s greatest on the microphone. Many staff members rocked the activity center to put on a fun show for residents, who had many smiles.

## Employee Recognition Ceremony + Unveiling of Break Room



On the third day, residents joined staff to recognize employees who hit milestone years of service in 2020 (five, 10 and 15 years).

“We are so grateful to work in an environment where there is so much longevity on our teams. We are glad to celebrate these important accomplishments,” said Breanne. Day three also saw the unveiling of a new, updated break room area for employees that featured fresh paint, new furniture, refrigerator, microwave and inspirational quotes. “Our staff was elated,” explained Breanne.

**Meditation and Reiki** Both staff and residents enjoyed an hour of relaxation on Thursday afternoon. They were led in meditation and reiki by Ann Marie Grossman and Diann Kubinski to relax and center themselves. Reiki is a Japanese technique for stress reduction and relaxation that also promotes healing. It is administered by “laying on hands” and is based on the idea that an unseen “life force energy” flows through us and is what causes us to be alive. If one’s “life force energy” is low, then we are more likely to get sick or feel stress, and if it is high, we are more capable of being happy and healthy.

**Ice Cream Social** National Assisted Living Week wrapped up with an ice cream social featuring every kind of topping imaginable to put a smile on the face of each resident—nuts, chocolate chips, cherries, sprinkles, whipped cream, caramel syrup and more! ♦

## Phyllis Barone Taps into the Power of a Bequest to Make a Difference



Phyllis Barone first stepped into Light of Hearts Villa in 2014 and her love for the Villa has only continued to grow. Phyllis's journey with Light of Hearts

did not begin like most do—either having a connection to the former school, Lumen Cordium, or having a loved one or friend as a resident. Instead, when she was looking for a different church home, a friend suggested she attend Saturday Mass at Light of Hearts Villa.

“I went the very next Saturday with my friend and I felt such a difference. An overwhelming feeling of closeness and feeling a part of a group, it was a family feeling that I couldn't ignore and I haven't stopped loving it since,” said Phyllis.

Phyllis is so fond of the organization, she recently made a bequest to Light of Hearts Villa by having her attorney add a few sentences to her will. “Once you witness the love and care of the ministry of the Sisters of Charity and how they take care of their residents, you just can't ignore it. I thought long and hard, and prayed about how I could leave a legacy for Light of Hearts Villa so I knew immediately I needed to include it in my will,” said Phyllis.

In addition to the bequest, Phyllis remains very involved with the Villa. Although 2020 was a bit different and she wasn't able to volunteer in-person, Phyllis assembled eight baskets for the Forever Remember virtual fundraiser. Her baskets proved to be popular items, helping raise more than \$1,000 for the memory care capital project. She also continues to make homemade wreaths and decorations for the chapel and residents' doors. We are so grateful and extend a heartfelt “thank-you” to Phyllis for all of her love and support over the years. ♦

## WAYS TO GIVE

### Bequests Offer an Easy and Significant Way to Provide Support

A bequest is the most traditional planned gift to provide significant help for worthwhile causes. With a gift through your will or living trust, you can retain full use of your gift property during your lifetime. There are a variety of types of bequests, which include:

**General Bequest**—the most familiar type of bequest, the general bequest specifies that the charities of your choice will receive a designated sum. For example, you might make a general bequest of \$25,000. You may prefer this arrangement because it is considered a primary charge against your estate, which means that your philanthropic intentions will almost certainly be fulfilled.

**Percentage Bequest**—an excellent alternative to the general bequest, it states that the charity will receive a certain predetermined percentage of your estate. By making a percentage bequest of 10 percent, for example, you ensure that inflation will not reduce the true value of the bequest you intended.

**Specific Bequest**—directs that one particular property be transferred to charity, such as a piece of real estate, stock from one company, a valuable art object or some other specific property. Please check with the charity first to ensure that your gift can be accepted.

**Residuary Bequest**—directs that the charity receives either everything remaining in your estate or a designated percentage of your estate after all necessary costs, all general bequests and all specific bequests are satisfied. It allows the flexibility of making several primary bequests while still giving you the assurance that the charity will be a secondary beneficiary of your estate.

**Contingent Bequest**—as the name implies, this bequest is contingent on some event. Usually, you might make a primary bequest for a spouse or relative, with the contingency that if that relative is not living at the time of your death, the bequest will pass to the charity.

*There are many ways you can support your favorite charities. For most philanthropic individuals, the greatest advantage is the personal satisfaction in assuring the future vitality of the charities that mean so much to them. It is not difficult to add a charitable bequest to your will. A simple codicil, drafted by your attorney, will accomplish this. Please call the development office at 440.232.1991 ext. 524 for more information about any of these gift options. We are also happy to provide you or your attorney with sample language for any bequest.*



# A Look Back at 2020 Highlights

*Despite the pandemic and the dramatic changes and challenges it brought, there were still many occasions to celebrate and many happy moments at Light of Hearts Villa. Following are just some of those reasons to celebrate and give thanks.*

## A Family Wedding, COVID-19 Style

When Dominic Surace and his wife, Jenna, had to change their wedding plans due to COVID-19, they knew one thing for sure, they didn't want their grandma, *Rita Surace*, who is a Light of Hearts Villa resident, to miss out. "We wanted to surprise Grandma and include her in our special day. We knew she never would have been able to come to a traditional ceremony, so we took it to her. She got to sing her famous 'Ave Maria' to us as we finished the ceremony. 93 years and she can still belt that song out," said Dominic. So beautiful!



## 60 Years of Love

In September, we celebrated as *Lois and William Coyle* celebrated 60 years of marriage! The two have been residents at Light of Hearts Villa for more than a year and are beloved members of the Villa community.



## Birthdays in 2020

While 2020 was a bit of a bummer when it comes to parties and having families visit, the goal was to still try to make birthdays special for residents. Turning another year older is something to always celebrate.

We celebrated *Ann Cannata's 99th birthday* and *Dolores Nose's 82nd birthday*.



# CELEBRATIONS

# ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



## A Blessed Ladies Tea

Female residents and staff reflected on their blessings at a tea in August amidst this interesting time. Resident *Rita Flask* is pictured here.

## Barnyard Games

It's back for another year! Residents loved playing in the Barnyard Game Challenge in September, where the Life Enrichment team had them "milking" the cow, throwing chickens in the basket, racing little piglets and more.



*Pictured: Residents Dolores Nose, Father Bill O'Neill, Margaret Repasi*



## Celebrating Fall Colors

The Life Enrichment Team recently helped kick-off the fall season with making beautiful multi-colored leaf headbands. Residents enjoyed choosing their colors and making their headbands their own. Plus, it was a hoot to see everyone wearing them around the Villa all night.

*Sister Marie Canice, OSU*

## FCSLA Branches Support Residents

The Cleveland District of First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association (FCSLA) typically holds its meetings at the Villa and have felt very invested in the work and mission of the Villa. During this difficult year, we wanted to express our heartfelt thanks for the many FCSLA branches who chose to drop off beautiful flower arrangements, write letters to residents, make monetary donations and so much more. We are tremendously grateful and blessed to have partners like you!

# NEWS *and* NOTES

## Welcome New Director of Fiscal Services James Karasek



James Karasek became the new director of fiscal services upon the retirement of former director Adam Gockowski. James has 30 years of

non-profit experience providing leadership, strategic direction and oversight in the areas of accounting, finance, facilities, information technology and human resources. He has worked for large non-profit organizations like Goodwill Industries and Red Cross, and smaller local non-profits that serve homeless families, and people with mental health and substance abuse issues. Welcome James!



## Welcome the Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic

Pictured with Bishop Malesic on September 14, the day he was installed as the 12th bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, are (left to right) Thomas Strauss, president & CEO of the Sisters of Charity Health System, Jan Murphy, president & CEO of St. Vincent Charity Medical Center and Sister Judith Ann Karam, congregational leader of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine (CSA).



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