Mission in Action





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Sculpting Generosity

Resident and local arts patron donates cherished piece

The late Anne Melvin's generosity and volunteer leadership have inspired and shaped the Columbus, Ohio arts community.

For decades she passionately supported BalletMet, Opera Columbus, the Columbus Museum of Art, WOSU-FM and the Columbus Symphony Orchestra.

Anne moved into the new Goodale Landing building at Ohio Living Westminster-Thurber in March of 2016, close to these wonderful downtown organizations she held dear.

in Columbus in March at the age of 97. Found in over 500 public and private collections across the world, his sculptures of humanity were influenced by tragic memories yet designed to evoke a mood of peace and contentment.

The donated sculpture depicts a mother with her hair blowing in the wind swinging

infuse us with wonder and delight." Day celebration where she was awarded Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year by the Central Ohio Chapter of the

"Art can embolden our creativity,

vigorously stir our intellects and

her delighted child in the air. "This piece appealed to mom's sense of joy," Anne T. Melvin said. "She loved the relationship it conveys between mother and daughter."

"My mother loved it there," said her daughter, Anne T. Melvin. "She loved her neighbors and the sense of community. She loved that her apartment was light and bright, and just the right size for her at this stage of life. She thought it was fabulous, and she was delighted to be there."

But high-rise living meant that Anne had to find a new home for a large piece of fine art that she adored. Always a believer in expanding access to art of all kinds, she donated it to Ohio Living Westminster-Thurber for her neighbors to enjoy.

Titled "First Flight," the sculpture was created by famed artist Alfred Tibor, a holocaust survivor who passed away

The life-sized piece proudly stands in the center of the courtyard along the connector between the Goodale Landing and Thurber Tower buildings. Several residents in each building can see the sculpture from their apartments above.

One resident in particular makes a habit of looking down at it each morning to begin her day with a smile on her face. •

ON THE COVER: Residents at Ohio Living Westminster-Thurber are enjoying this playful piece of fine art thanks to the generosity of a former resident. The late Anne Melvin was an area volunteer and philanthropist, and extended her generosity to her neighbors by donating this beautiful statue for the campus.

Making a Splash

Donors fund aquatic therapy and rehab center

Thanks to donors, Ohio Living Dorothy Love's Sargeant Family Center for Aquatic Therapy & Rehab opened in January with a special dedication ceremony.

Construction of the center had begun in June of 2016, and was funded by a \$1.52 million capital campaign.

The campaign exceeded its initial goal of \$1.4 million, demonstrating the generosity of the community and the strong support for this type of therapy in the Sidney/ Shelby County area.

The center was named for brothers and longtime

supporters John and Robert Sargeant, who were lead donors and co-honorary chairs of the campaign. It features a HydroWorx 2000 therapy pool that provides a warm, soothing therapy environment that puts less stress on joints or painful areas, making for a faster, more successful recovery.

The state-of-the-art therapy pool also features underwater cameras for observation by the therapist, movable resistance jets, an integrated treadmill and a rising floor for easy access.

The campaign also included expansion of the campus's therapy gym, doubling the

size of the existing facility.

"At Ohio Living Dorothy Love, we have been evolving and changing for more than 95 years. And this is just another example of how we will continue changing to meet the needs of our community," said Executive Director Tricia Atwood.

Thank you to all the generous donors who helped make Ohio Living Dorothy Love's dream of an aquatic therapy and rehab center a reality! •

BELOW: Ohio Living Dorothy Love's new aquatic therapy pool, made possible through donor generosity as part of a \$1.52 million campaign.



Inspiring Innovation

Donor generosity helps fund good ideas

People have good ideas every day, but often money is a barrier to making them happen. Thanks to donors, the Ohio Living Foundation has helped finance a few of these good ideas, helping residents, patients and staff every day.

With approval from the Ohio Living Board of Directors, the Ohio Living Foundation now sets aside a small portion of unrestricted donations for identifying, testing and developing the best ideas to help improve care and services. The results have been hugely successful.

Nurses train on lifelike mannequins

Kathleen Tuttle, an Ohio Living Board member and nurse, tried out the medical mannequin training program.

"Every skill had a manneguin on which to practice like starting an IV, placing a urinary catheter and more. Thanks to the Foundation for supporting this financially," she said.

Connie Tostevin, Ohio Living's chief nursing officer, explained why training on the lifelike mannequins, each designed to teach a specific task, makes a huge difference. "Nurses learn by performing the skill. Watching a video or being taught in a classroom setting does not promote confidence or competence. They have to be done hands-on in a simulated setting," she explained.

"I liked the real-life touch every mannequin had. It was like doing the skills on real people," said one nurse.

Professional food labels

There was a time when the food items in Ohio Living health care kitchens were identified by hand-written labels. Some new employees in the culinary departments asked why Ohio Living did not have the professional labels they saw elsewhere. Experts say employees notice if a company is behind the times on technology; innovating attracts supports, and keeps good staff members.

With help from donated funds, Ohio Living purchased the FreshDate2 automated food labeling system. Like the labels on most items at the supermarket, it lists nutrition information, ingredients and dates.

Brian West, director of culinary and nutritional services at Ohio Living Rockynol, tested the system and loaded in menus. "This labeling system has made a big difference for our residents here at Rockynol," he said. "The system shows health inspectors that we have properly rotated our inventory. I want to thank the Ohio Living Foundation for providing this technology at all of our health care kitchens across the state," he added.

New call system in Toledo

An outstanding idea now helping home health clients avoid returning to the hospital began with the example of a calling system used to reach out to new Ohio Living employees for feedback.

Ohio Living Home Health & Hospice in the Greater Toledo region wanted to expand this idea to reach out to its new clients

and stay ahead of potential problems. So donated funds were used to purchase such a calling system.

Calls are made to a select group of clients at 24 hours, 72 hours and seven days after admission to the home health agency. The information from these calls reveals if clients are adjusting to their return home from the hospital, if they understand their medication instructions, if they are participating in their plan of care, and if they know how to contact Ohio Living.

The answers identify those who might be at higher risk of returning to the hospital and gives Ohio Living a chance to intervene.

"With only a few weeks under our belt with this program, we're already seeing an improved clinical oversight of program participants because case managers react promptly whenever a negative response is provided to the call center," said Executive Director Wendy Price Kiser. •

TOP & CENTER: Charitable gifts helped to purchase lifelike mannequins for Ohio Living nursing staff to practice their skills. Thanks to donors, staff are able to build competence and confidence in a real-life setting.

BOTTOM: Ohio Living communities nutritional labeling got an upgrade thanks to donor generosity. Brian West, director of culinary and nutritional services at Ohio Living Rockynol, is thrilled with the new system, saying it's made a big difference for residents and staff alike. The new labels are more professional and includes all relevant information.







Spiritual Significance

Funding for campus program reaches all-time high

Donors have pushed funding for spiritual life at Ohio Living Lake Vista past the \$500,000 milestone, and support is continuing.

The effort began with a campaign to endow spiritual life and support annual programming. The campaign officially ended in 2016, having raised an impressive \$425,000.

"Sometimes I've been amazed at how well the campaign went and how receptive people still are to the ongoing need," said Betty Linville, a campaign committee member and 14year resident of the campus.

The campaign was designed to build an annual program fund as well as create an endowment, where the principal would remain intact to provide annual income for the future. The hope is that the endowment will eventually pay all spiritual life program and

chaplaincy costs, putting no demands on the campus's annual operating budget.

The need for a chaplain on staff is great. Many residents still attend their home churches, but some can no longer make that trip and need worship to come to them. Oftentimes in these stages of life people want to focus even more on their spiritual journeys. Without a permanent spiritual presence on campus, these opportunities are lost.

With support from donations, Mary Ann Bromley was hired as chaplain, and she is now in her third year of service. Since she began her work, Sunday attendance has had a huge increase, from an average of 13 people to more than 35 each week. Tuesday Bible Study has also grown, from an average of 5 attendees each week to more than 12.

Mary Ann said that Lake Vista is a community where people look out for each other. "This is a beautiful campus with beautiful people who care for one another. And it's sincere." she shared.

With the addition of a chaplain and charitable support of spiritual life programming, Ohio Living Lake Vista has been able to offer things like weekly chapel service, special Christian holiday services, weekly Bible study, monthly communion, hospital visits to residents, spiritual support for residents and staff, and so much more.

Betty said she expects donations to spiritual life to continue. She appreciates the need for the work of a chaplain on campus, adding, "And a lot of people feel the same way I do." �

You can make a difference in the lives of Ohio Living residents and patients by sending your charitable gift today. Simply fill out the enclosed reply envelope or visit our website (ohioliving.org) and click "Donate." Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Board Bio

Get to know who's representing you

Name: Michael J. Kowalec

Hometown: Toledo, Ohio

Board Position: I represent Ohio Living Swan Creek on the Ohio Living Foundation Board as a member of the

Investment Committee.

Career: I'm the Regional Marketing Manager for EMC Insurance Companies (property casualty), handling marketing and agency management for Ohio and Indiana.

Education: BBA in finance from the University of Toledo

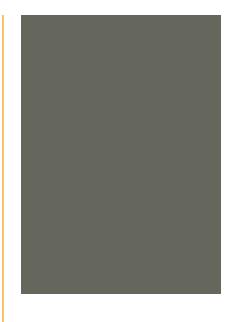
Hobbies/Interests: I am a member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church. I also enjoy spectator sports, fishing, and coin and stamp collecting.

Relationship with Ohio Living: My mother had exceptional care for the 4+ years she was at Ohio Living Swan Creek at the end of her life. I was there almost daily. and saw how much she improved and enjoyed living there. I was honored to be asked to be on this board because of seeing first-hand what a wonderful organization it is, and how much donors bring to quality of life.

My Message to Donors: Donors provide so much of what makes Ohio Living a place for seniors to thrive and live well in their final years. And donors are so important to residents who run out of money for their care, as my



mother was about to do. As a member of the Investment Committee, I'm proud that our investments are managed openly and to a high professional standard. I don't see how we could be more open about our investment program or careful in where we put our money. •

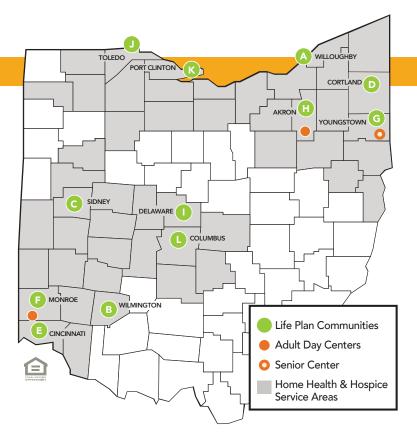


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I hope you've enjoyed reading about all the ways donors like you are making a difference in the lives of the people we serve.

We sincerely appreciate your generosity, and hope that you'll continue to partner with us to provide charitable support for the people, projects and programs of Ohio Living.

It's donor generosity that helps us further enhance the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of our residents and clients, so thank you again!





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