

Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer.

Each day, generous volunteers make life more meaningful for residents of The Village by lending helping hands, sharing smiles and creating lasting friendships. Annually, more than 200 volunteers generously share their time and their varied talents.

Volunteers help residents to and from daily Mass in the Nursing Care area. Others create personalized playlists on iPods for residents. Other volunteers gather friends and provide instrumental and vocal music programs.



Resident Marie Waickman shares her experiences

Each Tuesday, volunteer Patsy Biddinger moderates a well-attended current events discussion with Independent and Assisted Living residents. Occasional Fridays, she hosts a movie and discussion, reviews a piece of Akron history or welcomes a special speaker to The Village. Recent guest speakers Marie Waickman, a resident of The Village, and her friend Emily Petrarca, shared personal experiences from their early efforts in establishing Mobile Meals in the greater Akron community. The local nonprofit, now serving more

Rose Begue and
Fairlawn Lutheran School student

than 2,500 meals daily, had its beginnings at Marie's kitchen table.

Schoolchildren, scout troops, civic organizations and individuals visit with residents, engage in intergenerational and educational programs and provide opportunities for spiritual enrichment. Children from Sacred Heart of Jesus School in Wadsworth, under the leadership of fourth grade teacher Marguerite Blake, visited with The Village's Nursing Care residents and led them in praying the Rosary. "We love coming here," she said. "It's our way of caring and giving back to the community."

Monthly, Fairlawn Lutheran School kindergarten teacher, Christie Meyer, warms hearts when she arrives with her class to read to residents. "The children love to come here," shared Meyer, "and it's a great chance

for them to practice reading!" The children randomly select books and scramble into a seat next to a resident. Then they select another book and another resident to read aloud again.

"All around The Village, our volunteers provide wonderful assistance for the residents and The Village's staff," said Amber Dillon, in her prior capacity as Director of Resident Life. "They help in many ways. Their presence means so much for our residents."

Do you have a skill, talent or hobby you would like to share? Do you have a heart for senior-living residents? To learn more about Village opportunities or to complete a volunteer application, please feel welcome to contact the Director of Resident Life at (234) 466-6531.



Essential Pieces of the



Laura Kelley, 2017 Outstanding Volunteer

Following a special Mass honoring their service, more than 80 guests were welcomed at The Village's Volunteer Appreciation luncheon on March 21, 2017. "You're essential," said Amber Dillion, in her prior capacity as Director of Resident Life as she welcomed guests, "and we want you to remember that!" In keeping with the theme, volunteers received special puzzle-shaped gifts, a "Thank you!" for their hours of service and dedication to the people of The Village.

Father Novak blessed the event and emphasized the significance and sacrifice of each volunteer, quoting 2 Corinthians 9: 12-14.

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you."

"I feel God has blessed me for this purpose by serving others."



Volunteer Patsy Biddinger and resident Betty Hershberger

e Puzzle

Dedicated volunteers serve God, serve others.

John Stoner, CEO of The Village reiterated, "Our success rests in people like you, people who become the hands and feet of Jesus when you generously share your time with residents."

Longtime volunteer, Patsy Biddinger, reminded guests that as each puzzle piece has a special role, so too does each volunteer. She explained that God gifts every person differently, making each uniquely suited for their life. "You're important and you're needed. Every task you do, whether it's stuffing envelopes or playing music, is special. You're part of a beautiful picture," she said, "and without you we are incomplete!"

Special recognition was given to Laura Kelley. Laura has been a daily volunteer for more than four years.

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— Laura Kelley
2017 Honored Volunteer

Amber unveiled a new volunteer program that will track service hours. She shared information about the volunteer program and encouraged guests to circulate the applications with families and friends who might want to "become an essential part" of The Village.



Evelina Zoribini with Sally



Tish Gillespie with Sally

It's been said happiness is defined by **having someone to love, something to do and something to look forward to.** Village staff members understand well that partnering with families and volunteers facilitate and support residents not only receiving the best medical care but also feeling welcome and at home at The Village.

Would your church or civic organization like to bring a program to The Village? Would you like to enrich your personal spiritual life by giving back to others in the community? Are you a scout leader looking for outreach opportunities for your troop? Does your teen want to fulfill service hours and touch lives in a meaningful way?

Here are some of the many ways you can help:

- Read to residents with impaired vision or dexterity
- Assist with creative activities
- Provide materials and teach a special craft or activity
- Bring your pet to visit with residents*
- Distribute newsletters to resident rooms
- Share your musical talent
- Provide an educational or entertaining program
- Help set up and decorate Christmas trees
- Wrap Christmas gifts for Nursing Care patients and residents
- Make lap blankets
- Assist in taking residents to Mass
- Visit residents without families
- Provide special favors for dinner tables
- Update iPods with new music
- Sit with residents to share music
- Help move residents to the outdoor patio
- Send notes or cards to residents
- Assist at special resident outings
- Help with weekly manicures
- Sew catheter cover bags and wheel chair bags
- Donate gently used magazines

For more information or to complete a volunteer application, please feel welcome to contact the Director of Resident Life at (234) 466-6531.

* For the safety of our residents, specific documentation is required for all visiting pets

Stations of the Cross

FIRST

Jesus is condemned to death

SECOND

Jesus carries His cross

THIRD

Jesus falls the first time

FOURTH

Jesus meets His Mother

FIFTH

Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry His cross

SIXTH

Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

SEVENTH

Jesus falls the second time

EIGHTH

Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

NINTH

Jesus falls the third time

TENTH

Jesus is stripped of His garments

ELEVENTH

Jesus is nailed to the cross

TWELFTH

Jesus dies on the cross

THIRTEENTH

The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross

FOURTEENTH

Jesus is laid in the tomb

Special Gift Provides Stations of the Cross



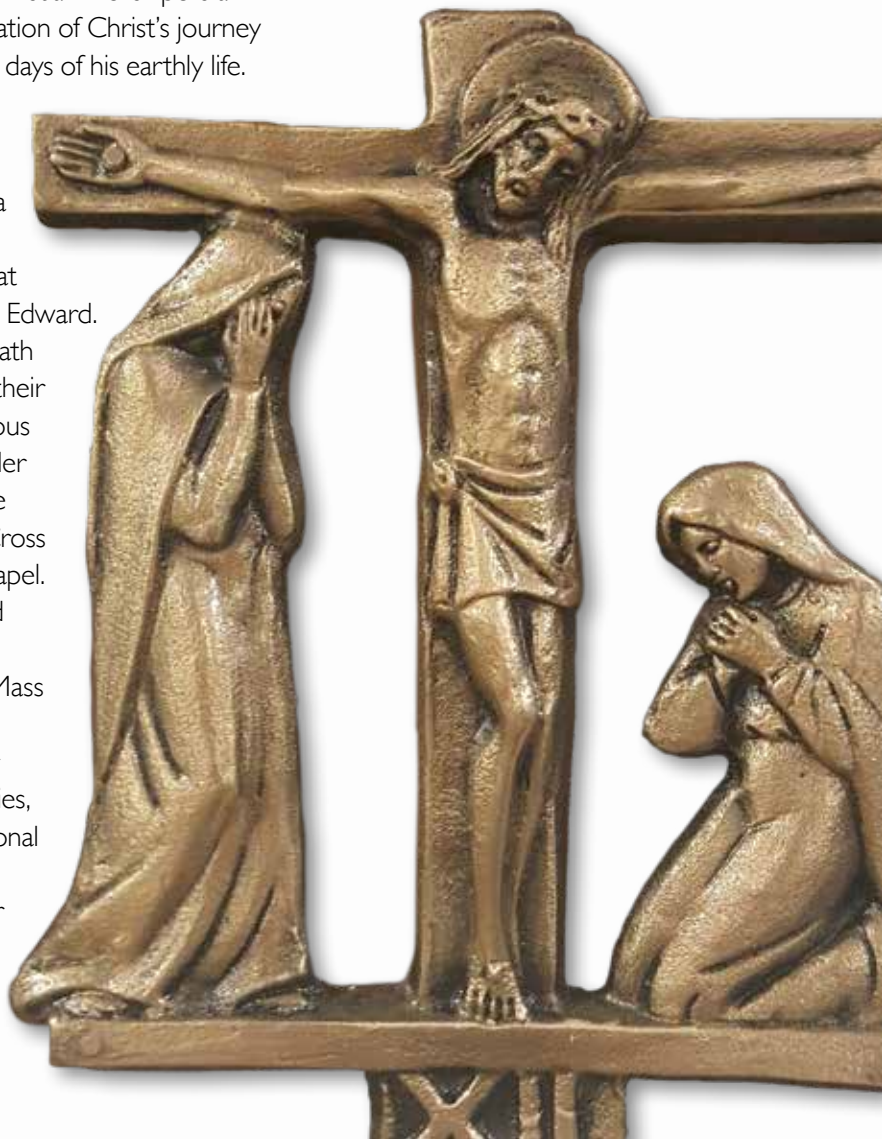
From L, Three of the six Bader children with Father Novak- Jeff Bader, Virginia McGuckin and Mary Cochran

More than forty family members, residents, and friends gathered in December as Father David Novak, resident Chaplain, remembered Mrs. Bader. Father Novak explained the historical significance of the stations and blessed them in a special service. Following the blessing, guests enjoyed a reception and fellowship.

Through the generosity of this gift, Barbara Bader's presence at The Village will forever fondly be remembered. The Village of St. Edward extends special thanks to Thomas and Annette Bader, David and Pam Bader, Jeff and Linda Bader, John and Karen Bader, Michael and Virginia (Bader) McGuckin and Thomas and Mary (Bader) Cochran for their generosity.

For centuries, the Stations of the Cross have provided Christian worshipers a visible representation of Christ's journey through the final days of his earthly life.

Faith was an important part of life for Barbara (Bobbie) Bader while a resident at The Village of St. Edward. Following her death and in honor of their mother, a generous gift from the Bader family funded the Stations of the Cross for the Mary Chapel. Independent and Assisted Living residents enjoy Mass in the Chapel. It is also used for group Bible studies, non-denominational services and opportunities for personal prayer and reflection.



Make this Mother's Day and Father's Day Extra Special!

Are you looking for a unique gift idea for this Mother's Day or Father's Day? Let The Village of St. Edward help someone feel extra special this year with your gift to The Village honoring your loved one.



Just note "Mother's Day" or "Father's Day" on your gift to The Village in honor or in memory of your beloved parent. If your loved one is a current resident, we'll make sure he/she receives a special card and balloon acknowledging your thoughtfulness. If your parent is now celebrating in heaven, we'll deliver a special card and balloon to a resident who otherwise might not be remembered.

Return the enclosed envelope or go to www.vsecommunities.org to make your gift securely online. For online gifts, simply include "Mother's Day" or "Father's Day" and your honoree's name in the "Write a note" box. Be sure your gift arrives before May 13 for Mother's Day or before June 17 for Father's Day, so timely greetings can be delivered to the honorees. Your name (no amounts) will be recognized in the monthly resident newsletter and in The Village of St. Edward year-end community newsletter.

Your generous gift to The Village of St. Edward Foundation supports activities, programs and special events for residents.

Resident Spotlights

Independent Living



Jack Ferrick

"There are always so many things to do—so much to choose from. I'm busy and I'm very happy here."

Assisted Living



Nick Thomas

"My friends are here. I knew several people when I moved in and I've made more friends. This is a good place."

Nursing Care



Margaret Green

"The staff works with my doctors and physical therapist to make sure I get the best care every day. It's the best place for me and I'm very happy here."

Dates to Remember

- May 12** Mother's Day Lunch (Independent Living/Assisted Living)+
- May 13** Mother's Day Tea (Memory Care)+
- May 25** Village of St. Edward Memorial Service
- June 16** Father's Day Block Party+
- August 18** Village of St. Edward Car Show*

+ Open to all residents and their families. Reservations required.

* Entries welcome! For more information, please contact the Director of Resident Life at (234) 466-5231.

Music and Art Provide Enjoy



Jacquelyn Hudak admires her painting

“I haven’t done this since I was a child. It’s so much fun!” exclaimed one Assisted Living resident who participated in a painting activity. “I feel like a kid again!”

Nursing Care residents, some experiencing dementia and others with limited use of their hands, also enjoy painting and creative expression. “I’m so happy my mother-in-law is here,” shared a family member watching the room full of artists at work. “Because of her dementia, she has a tendency to get depressed. Painting and being with others helps so much. She’ll even sleep better tonight!”

No matter our age, music and art provide enjoyment, are proven therapies and are forms of communication. As we age, the benefits of music and art, gerontologists say, may be even greater.

“Music helps unlock memories and reach parts of the brain in ways other forms of communication cannot.” said Michelle Emerson, Director of The Village’s newly-opened Memory Care Unit. “Our auditory system and receptivity to music develops at sixteen weeks, long before other functions. Residents may be able to sing, clap, whistle, color or paint long after they are unable to communicate with words. Art and music helps residents with dementia feel a sense of accomplishment and joy and can help calm restlessness.”

Passive and active music is also core to the socialization and enjoyment of



Philomena Olivo takes comfort in music selected by Resident Life staff member Leah Gallas



Resident art becomes Village Stationary

Residents of The Village participate in regular creative activities specifically designed to provide artistic expression, reduce isolation and build community.

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of life and promotes healing. Music therapy, whether listening to music, creating music, singing, or even discussing music, can provide health benefits.



Elsie Oldfield

A generous gift from the GAR Foundation provided the financial support for The

Village's purchase of fifteen new iPods, headphones and numerous iTunes gift cards. Resident Life staff and volunteers carefully select music suited to Nursing Care and Memory Care residents' particular tastes and needs.

"He just smiles as soon as we help him put on the headphones," explained a Nursing Care aid. "Music just makes him happy!"

You trust us to take care of your loved one the way you would. As such, we strive to make each day meaningful for every resident. Your gift to The Village of St. Edward Foundation supports music and art programs for residents.

Donna Bender shows off her painting



Life and Death Decisions – and Living Forever!

In discussing your estate plans with your family and your attorney, there are many important decisions to consider. Some decisions affect how your assets are managed during your lifetime; others determine how you may bless your family, friends and favorite charities as your legacy from life.

The generous support of residents, families and community members have shaped The Village for more than fifty years. Because of a forward-thinking gift from Mary T. Nyeste, residents can be assured they will never be asked to leave The Village when they outlive their resources. In appreciation for The Village's commitment to the Catholic community, a thoughtful gift from the estate of Margaret Anne Brosnan provided support for The Village of St. Edward Foundation, the Brosnan-Barrett Pavilion and the Good Shepherd Tower, both located at the front of the Fairlawn campus.

Your planned gift, planned because it is part of your will, can make a lasting impact in the lives of others while maintaining or enhancing your current finances. Your named gift – a way to live forever – can be arranged with as little as a \$10,000 commitment.

If you would like more information about bequests or other charitable gift options, please feel welcome to contact Vondea Sheaffer, Vice President of Development, at (234) 466-0556.

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A Message from the Chairman



Since its inception in 1964, The Village of St. Edward has passionately fulfilled its Christian ministry, promoting the highest quality of life possible for those entrusted to our care and always recognizing the sacredness of life and the dignity of each person.

Originally operated as a 100-bed nursing facility, The Village responded to community needs with an investment

in Assisted and Independent Living apartments in 1990. Very recently The Village opened a state-of-the-art Memory Care center specifically designed and operated to meet the unique needs of residents with cognitive impairment.

For more than fifty years, The Village has been the region's senior living community of choice. With the support of The Village of St. Edward Foundation, we are again responding to the demand for top-notch, faith-based senior living options. The Village is currently in the development phase for projects in Green and Wadsworth.

With these and future developments come opportunities for collaboration. The Village of St. Edward's Foundation Board is currently accepting resumes for philanthropic, community-minded individuals who want to be part of the success of The Village. Interested individuals are welcome to reach out to me at (330) 572-1318 or pkaufmann@stark-knoll.com.

Similarly, our new growth provides unique opportunities for personal, family or corporate naming rights on each of The Village's campuses. For more information on ways your gift can provide an immediate and lasting legacy, please feel welcome to contact Vondea Sheaffer, Vice President of Development, at (234) 466-0556 or vondea.sheaffer@vsecommunities.org.

This is just the beginning! Your support of The Village of St. Edward Foundation aligns you with the vision of The Village and ensures our legacy of excellence.

Sincerely,



Philip S. Kaufmann
President
The Village of St. Edward Foundation