

YOUR IMPACT *IN ACTION*



Support of VillageFEST 2022 helped launch VillageLIFE – a dynamic expansion of The Village’s Resident Life program. More than a program, VillageLIFE is a vibrant tapestry woven with threads of growth, discovery, joy, and purpose.

LEARN

Encouraging Learning and Providing Enrichment

Lifelong learning is enjoyable, helps residents adapt to unexpected changes, and promotes brain health. The Village provides a range of learning options, from on-site discussion groups and speakers to visits to museums, historic and religious sites, and other cultural activities. VillageLIFE cultivates perpetual discovery, ensuring each day is an exciting new chapter just waiting to be written.

INSPIRE

Fanning the Flames of Fulfillment

Dream big and live a full life! Age doesn't limit the sense of joy that comes from accomplishing something new. VillageLIFE provides encouragement for residents to try, to do, and to be successful. It encourages aspirational thinking by providing opportunities for residents to

try new things. Recent activities included tethered balloon rides, chair ice skating, and an afternoon boat ride on Lake Erie.

FAITH

Nurturing the Soul in Fellowship

Practicing one's faith in a community of friends provides a greater sense of well-being, a greater capacity to cope, and increased optimism. Weekly gatherings to watch *The Chosen*, followed by a group discussion, non-denominational Bible studies, and added times to meet, pray, and say the Rosary are just a few of the ways The Village continues to meet the personal spiritual needs of residents.

EXPLORE

Living Life One "I Can" at a Time

Whether it's music, art, or a personal 'adventure,' VillageLIFE helps shift the perspective to "I can!" and "I'll try!" It encourages new experiences and trying something new. It continues to reshape perspectives, revisit former interests, and consider new ones. VillageLIFE isn't just about activities; it's about empowerment. It whispers, "I can," and celebrates every courageous step.

VillageLIFE

Where each day is an opportunity

The Village of St. Edward is more than a place to live. It's a vibrant community infused with purpose, joy, and opportunities. VillageLIFE is more than a program. It's a philosophy of aging that encourages individuals to redefine their expectations of senior living.

When you support The Village, you support meaningful moments and awesome days.

Psalm 118:24 This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Village is committed to providing an exceptional living experience for the ones you love. With your support, VillageLIFE will continue to deliver activities and experiences that build cherished memories, lasting friendships, and deepened faith.



Residents enjoy the gentle alpacas at Majestic Meadows Alpaca & Boutique.



Residents enjoy time with friends and the scenic views of Portage Lakes from the Portage Princess pontoon boat.



The love of playing ball knows no age limit!



Residents interacted with animal friends from Uncle Dave's Traveling Farm.



Residents loved learning how to tap dance—seated!

Live Your Wish!

The Village makes wishes come true!

Dreams know no age limit, and wishes can come true! They help us look outside daily life, routines, and concerns toward activities that bring us delight. They encourage a sense of fun and possibility. Like you, residents of The Village have places they want to visit, new activities they want to try, and special memories they want to relive.

The Village of St. Edward's Live Your Wish program, a component of VillageLIFE, serves as a conduit for residents, families, and staff to fulfill residents' dreams and wishes. It helps residents redefine aging as a season of celebration and a time of possibility. Sometimes small, sometimes large, the Live Your Wish program works with families, staff, caregivers, and community members to fulfill residents' wishes.

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."
— C.S. Lewis



Judy, a former barrel racer, yearned for a day with horses. With help from Forever Amber Acres, Judy helped groom and feed retired racehorses.

Eleanor wanted to return to her grandmother's house, a place with cherished memories. Village of St.

Edward team members worked with the current homeowner and coordinated a special lunch there for Eleanor and her family.



Lynn and Marilyn were delighted to be on the ice!



Tim, a former boat captain, loved his years at sea moving yachts for their owners and wanted to again spend time on the water. While it's not the Caribbean, VillageLIFE coordinated an afternoon trip with friends on the Goodtime III. Tim enjoyed the time on Lake Erie and a special visit with the ship's captain.



Carol took to the skies with son-in-law-Dan at her side!



Marilyn's simple yet important wish was to have Kentucky Fried Chicken! VillageLIFE invited Marilyn's friends and family for a surprise luncheon. The meal was delivered personally by 'Colonel Sanders,' known by day as Christopher Corral, Payroll Coordinator for The Village of St. Edward.



Upcoming wishes include a beauty makeover, a train engineer for a day, a tattoo, and horseback riding! Does a resident you love have a special wish? Would you or your business like to sponsor a special wish or opportunity? Feel welcome to contact Annette Cannone, VillageLIFE Coordinator to complete your Wish form and discuss the possibilities!



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Save the date!

You can bless residents and make more wishes come true with your Giving Tuesday gift!

Giving Tuesday 2023 – November 28th, from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. Join The Village of St. Edward as we take part in #wegivecatholic, a day dedicated to online giving in Northeast Ohio. Your donation, made through www.wegivecatholic.org, will help fulfill wishes! Search for The Village of St. Edward Foundation and click "Donate" to make wishes come true this Giving Tuesday!

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with the Catholic Community Foundation on #GIVINGTUESDAY
Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving

SAVE THE DATE!
TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 28

A Spectacular Success!

One Great Event: Fundraising Gala Raises
\$97,000 for Volunteer Program!



VillageFEST, our annual celebration benefiting each Community and ALL residents, was a marvelous success. The event was an opportunity to enjoy a fun-filled evening while supporting The Village's important work and mission. Since the first VillageFEST in 2019, this event has raised nearly \$400,000 supporting health, wellness, technology, and resident

life initiatives directly benefiting residents of The Village.

This year, residents, friends, and family members gathered at The Village of St. Edward at Green to raise more than \$97,000! Thank you! Proceeds from VillageFEST will support the launch of

The Village's Volunteer Program, enhancing the lives of residents in each Community with added enrichment programs and special activities.



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who attended and supported this special event.

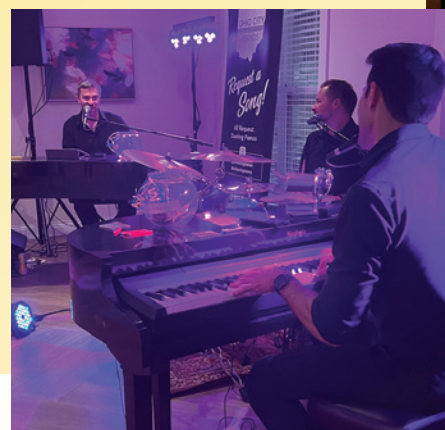


Tantalizing Treats

VillageFEST is about fundraising, and also about enjoying a delightful evening out! The event showcased appetizers and specialties prepared by the talented members of the Village's Dining Services teams. Led by Thomas Bright, Corporate Director of Dining Service, guests enjoyed baked oysters, a carving station, a lavish charcuterie, and a beautiful display of desserts. We extend special thanks to Dining Services Directors Christine Tackett, Will Henry, Amy Irwin, and the entire Village of St. Edward Dining Services team for their dedication, effort, and exquisite food.

Extravagant Entertainment

The highlight of VillageFEST 2023 was the dueling pianos from Ohio City Piano. Residents, staff, and guests danced and sang



There's a place for you!

Volunteer Opportunities at The Village

From the early years of the St. Edward Service League to the many current family members, parishes, churches, and friends of the Village, volunteers have always been a tremendous resource to The Village. They provide important support and services by offering their time, skills, and expertise.

Volunteers run high-quality programs, provide cost savings to The Village, and bless The Village every day in generous, practical ways.

When it comes to your time, we know you have many choices and even more demands. Whether you're a deacon or layman with a heart to serve, a crafty mom, a caring listener, a CPA, a great conversationalist, an avid reader, a jazz musician, or a student looking for meaningful service hours, The Village of St. Edward has just the right spot for you!



along while they bid on silent auction baskets, purchased raffle tickets, and participated in wine and bourbon pulls. To add an exciting twist, guests purchased their favorite tunes, with proceeds benefiting The Village of St. Edward Foundation.

Making Memories

While the primary goal of VillageFEST is to raise funds for vital programs, the event is also a wonderful time for residents, families, and members of our communities to create lasting memories. The event exemplifies the true spirit of philanthropy, making life at The Village more meaningful for all.

Save the Date for VillageFEST 2024!

If you missed VillageFEST 2023, you missed an extraordinary time and a wonderful opportunity to support The Village. Mark your calendar and make plans now to attend VillageFEST 2024, Friday, June 21, at

The Village of St. Edward at Green, 3813 Fortuna Dr., Akron, OH 44312. You don't want to miss it!



Why a Fundraiser?

The Village of St. Edward Foundation is pleased to provide support for the many 'extras' that make life at The Village meaningful and special. While rent and reimbursement cover basic living costs, gifts to The Village of St. Edward

Foundation support Spiritual Care, Benevolent Care, Resident Life Enrichment, and numerous special programs and projects every year. Your participation in VillageFEST is an investment in the lives of our residents!

thank you

To consider the ways you, your church, or your organization might like to partner with The Village, please complete a Volunteer Interest form at www.vsecommunities.org, and click on the Volunteer tab under "Join Our Team".

We have much good work to do. With your help, together we'll accomplish even more!

For more information, feel welcome to contact Rachael at 330-666-8511 or Rachael.whitehouse@vsecommunities.org



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the generous VillageFEST sponsors, whose support made VillageFEST possible.

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GIVING *Now*

We each want to make the most of tax benefits when giving to a charity. Here is some information you may find helpful as you consider your options.

APPRECIATED STOCK

To avoid using current cash resources, and to avoid paying capital gains tax, you may find it beneficial to consider a gift of appreciated stock. Your gift can support the ministry of The Village and allow you to deduct the full value of the security. Your bank or investment advisor can easily assist with the transaction. Stock transfer instructions can be found at vsecommunities.org/st-edward-foundation/

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (QCD)

If you are 70½ or older, it's worth your time to investigate the benefits of making a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your traditional IRA. A gift from your IRA can reduce your taxable income and satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Your financial advisor can assist you in making this direct transfer, payable to The Village of St. Edward, reducing your Adjusted Gross Income and related taxes. You may transfer up to \$100,000 to a charity tax-free each year.

DONOR-ADVISED FUND OR PRIVATE FOUNDATION

A gift to The Village from your Donor Advised Fund or Private Foundation can support Spiritual Care, Benevolent Care, Resident Life, Caregiver Education, or a number of other special projects or programs. Feel welcome to contact The Village to ensure your gift is directed exactly as you intend.

LIFE INCOME

If receiving an income stream is important to you, you may choose to establish a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA). Once the annuity is established, you will receive a fixed sum for the rest of your life. The remainder will pass at your death to your favorite charity. The Village of St. Edward partners with the Akron Community Foundation and can assist in establishing a CGA.

REAL ESTATE

Gifts of real estate can include a home, farm, apartment, or land. I am happy to work with you, your family, and your attorney to help you maximize your tax benefits while supporting the mission and ministry of The Village.

For a confidential conversation about the ways your current or future gift can support The Village, feel welcome to contact Vondea Sheaffer, VP of Development at (234) 466-0556 or vondea.sheaffer@vsecommunities.org.



GIVING *Later*

One of The Village's greatest sources of hope for the future are legacy gifts from friends like you! Legacy donors, individuals who have included The Village of St. Edward in their estate plans, come from all walks of life. Some came from modest means and some from wealth. All were friends of The Village, just like you, with a desire to invest in something permanent and meaningful.

The Joseph and Sophie Jacobs Legacy Society is gratefully named after the siblings of Akron Dominican Sister Cornelia Jacobs. In 1962 the Jacobs children graciously gifted their family home and 26-acre property to establish what is now known as The Village of St. Edward.

Anonymous (3)	Philip Kaufmann
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*Remembered forever

If you are considering making changes to your estate plan or will, or are updating your beneficiary designations, we invite you to consider the ways you might bless The Village- and be remembered forever!



BEQUEST

A will or trust provides instructions on how you want your property distributed upon death. While providing for those you love, you may also consider including The Village of St. Edward as a beneficiary in your will, designating a percentage or specific amount. You can update your will or trust at any time prior to your death. Talk to an attorney about what is best for you and your family, and how you can accomplish your philanthropic goals.

BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION

In addition to plans defined by your will or trust, there are ways you can express your intentions that do not require the assistance of an attorney.

Retirement Plan (IRA), 401(k), 403(b) Beneficiaries

Most retirement assets are subject to both income tax and estate taxes. You may choose to name one or more charities as the beneficiary of all or a portion of your retirement account. Upon your death, funds would transfer to the charity free of tax. Consult with your financial institution or investment advisor to update your designations.

Payable on Death (POD) or Transfer on Death (TOD)

You can easily include one or more beneficiaries on your bank account, certificate of deposit, or brokerage account. Simply speak with your financial institution to have a Payable on Death (POD) or Transfer on Death (TOD) designation added to your account. While the notation does not change your ownership, it causes the funds in your account to directly pass to your named beneficiaries upon your death.

Insurance Beneficiary Designation

You may name one or more charities as the beneficiaries of part/all of the death benefit from an insurance policy. As with POD/TOD options, your beneficiary designations might give a charity a portion to your family and the balance to charity. You can make a beneficiary change on your own or with the assistance of your insurance agent.



DONORS!

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With your thoughtful gift of \$20 or more, an ornament bearing your loved one's name will be placed on the special Honor/Memory tree in the community of your choice. Your gift will enrich residents' lives with compassionate, Christ-centered care by supporting The Village's Resident Life program

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What Makes The Village Different?

The Village of St. Edward has always and will always maintain our commitment to providing a home for life for its residents. It's that simple and that significant.

A recent article in the Washington Post discussed the practice of Assisted Living communities evicting residents who had run out of funds, including some who participated in the State Medicaid Program. This is an unfortunately common practice of for-profit organizations, even in Northeast Ohio, as organizations seek to maximize cash flow and improve shareholder returns.

Older adults who have come to live in any of The Village of St. Edward communities and have outlived their financial resources will continue to reside in our community and in the appropriate level of care. ***The Village of St. Edward is driven by mission, not by profits, and committed, as our mission states, "to support and enrich lives with compassionate, Christ-centered care."***

Managed by a local Board of Directors, we are tied to meeting the needs of the community, not the needs of out-of-state ownership.

We truly appreciate those who have entrusted us with the care of their loved ones. As it has promised for nearly 60 years, residents and families can be assured they have a home for life at The Village of St. Edward.

Your support makes The Village different. You make The Village different. For that, we are truly grateful

With blessings to you and your family this Christmas,



Karen Manna
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