

A MAGAZINE *from* UMRC & PORTER HILLS

Community

UMRC & PORTER HILLS CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021



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Foundation

Our Mission

Welcoming all, partnering together, enriching lives.

Our Vision

A world in which all are empowered to age well.



Porter Hills Village residents enjoy Christmas decorations at Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park.

Unending Appreciation

A Letter from
Mary Wagner,
Board Chair

Happy New Year! I am delighted to thank each one of you for the love and support you have shown to the older adults we serve across UMRC & Porter Hills' 24 locations and service lines. Your shared belief in our vision of a world in which all are empowered to age well inspires the highest quality care for older adults and their families.

As one organization, UMRC & Porter Hills delivers unparalleled, innovative, and compassionate care and services for older adults across lower Michigan. Whether through our market-rate and affordable residential locations, or the home- and community-based services we provide, such as Programs of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and Home Health, it is our utmost goal – always – to ensure the highest level of independence and vibrancy for those we serve so they can live their best lives.

Our valued team members make this goal possible. The skills, passion, and enthusiasm they bring each day to care for older adults is absolutely vital to all we do. This is not just lip service. At a time when burnout and turnover

of healthcare workers is at a critical level in our country, UMRC & Porter Hills is taking important steps to acknowledge and thank our team members.

That's why the corporate board voted in November to invest in a \$5.2 million **Commitment Bonus** program to support retention efforts of our organization's workforce and reward our team members for their longevity and devotion to the older adults we serve. Read more about these efforts on page 13.

I am grateful to each of you for your unique role in bringing our mission to life: *Welcoming all, partnering together, enriching lives.* ■

With gratitude,



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Wagner".

Mary Wagner
UMRC & Porter Hills
Board Chair

A Letter from Karen Andrews and Jackie Taylor, UMRC & Porter Hills Foundation Board Co-Chairs

In July 2021, the UMRC Foundation and Porter Hills Foundation joined as one. Through conversations of unity and trust, our board members thoughtfully merged and created one foundation to do the important work of caring for older adults. Our foundations originated to support the operations of UMRC and Porter Hills. Since the operating entity has come together as one, it is important for the foundation to mirror that as well, with a focus on mission and vision, all while keeping donor intent at the very center. As one foundation, our impact on senior living, benevolent care, and aging in general is stronger.

The Foundation also developed and adopted a single statewide Benevolent Care policy for residents across the organization. This safety net for the older adults we serve is the most important aspect of our work as Foundation board members. Benevolent Care ensures that our residents always have a home here with us, while allowing our organization to operate in a fiscally sound way to provide care and services at an exceptional level.

Relationships are key to any partnership. As co-chairs of the UMRC & Porter Hills Foundation, we bring our own knowledge of each separate foundation to create a joyful partnership, demonstrating our mutual trust, caring, and

respect to our colleagues on the board. As we look to the future, the Foundation Board and team, led by Wendy Brightman, will continue to build relationships as part of our visionary planning to support the strategic initiatives of the organization.

We have unending appreciation for you, our faithful donors, partners, and team members, who truly care about providing opportunities for aging. You make this vital work possible. ■

With gratitude,



Karen Andrews
UMRC & Porter Hills
Foundation Co-chair



Jackie Taylor
UMRC & Porter Hills
Foundation Co-chair



“The Benevolent Care Fund is at the very heart of our Christian founders’ vision and is the most faithful piece of the work we do to care for older adults,” says Foundation President, Wendy Brightman. “Ensuring that our qualified residents always have a loving home, even if they outlive their savings, is the most meaningful support our donors provide.”



Bjork Concert Series Brings Joy of Music

In October 2021, the UMRC & Porter Hills Foundation launched the *Marjorie Bjork Concert Series* to bring the joy of live music to residents of Cook Valley Estates. This series, in partnership with the Shoreline Music Society in Grand Rapids, was made possible thanks to a generous gift to the UMRC & Porter Hills Foundation from the Hartger family in memory of their mother, Marjorie, a former resident of Cook Valley Estates.



Ensemble Montage performed on November 17, including J. Varineau – clarinet; H. Kim – piano; and A. Eppinga – cello.

Vice President of Philanthropy, Joanna Hogan says, “We are honored to welcome world-class musicians to perform on Marjorie’s exceptional Steinway piano, which she donated to Cook Valley Estates in 2010. These concerts, performed in the newly renovated theatre, are offered in person and live-streamed.”

This very special instrument was purchased in 1918 by Marjorie Bjork’s mother, Helen Wykes of Grand Rapids. Helen studied

music in Germany and even played for royalty, but her studies were cut short due to World War I. She returned to her home of Grand Rapids, married, and had a family, and kept her passion for music, serving as president of the St. Cecilia Music Society in 1946-47.

Helen passed on her love of the piano to Marjorie, who earned music degrees from Vassar College and the University of Michigan. An accomplished pianist, organist, and teacher, Marjorie served on the Board of Directors of St. Cecilia and was a founding member of the Board of Opera Grand Rapids.

Shoreline Artistic Director, Robert Nordling, whose parents are also residents at Cook Valley Estates, says, “Concerts don’t happen without partnerships – this is a partnership between composer, artist, audience, and supporters who play an absolutely valuable role. I am so grateful to the Hartger family for its generosity in bringing the Marjorie Bjork Concert Series to life.”

These monthly concerts have featured a variety of music from solo piano, to chamber music, to Christmas favorites, and will continue through April 2022. For more information, contact Joanna Hogan at 616.577.2297 or JHogan@porterhills.org. ■



Marjorie Bjork and piano teacher at Vassar

Evie Bowers' Unique Perspective

Evie Bowers has a unique perspective on UMRC & Porter Hills, having lived at two of its Chelsea and Grand Rapids locations.

Evie met her late husband, Jack, in college while he was studying to enter the ministry. The two were married and moved to Grand Rapids where he served the Fountain Street Church for 30 years. Evie was a member of the church's foundation board. "My interest was sharing with others why we have a foundation and why it's important to support it," says Evie. "At our church, we reaped the benefits of those who had donated before. It's important to tell that story."

After retiring, the couple moved to Cook Valley Estates in 2000. "We decided to make the move young enough that we could get to know people," says Evie who became co-chair of the Welcome Committee.

When UMRC and Porter Hills affiliated in 2019, Evie says, "My ears perked up – my youngest son and his family live in Chelsea." In 2020, Evie moved to Chelsea Retirement Community (CRC) to be near them.

"Every move has been my choice – that makes for a happy move," says Evie. "I have found wonderful people here, both team members and residents. Just like Porter Hills, CRC has the continuum of care."



Evie Bowers

That's important, to be able to stay on the same campus."

Evie has supported the UMRC & Porter Hills Foundation and is a member of the Legacy Society with a planned gift from her estate. "Every small amount helps," says Evie. "It's easy to give a percent in your will. People have paid it forward for many years – we owe it to the people who will come after."

To learn more about making a gift in your will or estate, contact the UMRC & Porter Hills Foundation at 734.433.1000 ext. 7502 (east) or 616.577.2297 (west). ■

Dr. Dale Dedrick

Providing a Leg Up to Support Team Member Scholarships



Dale Dedrick competed with the USA Para Dressage team at the London Paralympics in 2012, finishing 10th in the world.

Dr. Dale Dedrick, a retired orthopedic surgeon, 2012 Paralympic athlete, and Prairie Cottages resident at Chelsea Retirement Community, credits the tuition program where her father worked in helping her achieve her educational goals. “I grew up in a family that couldn’t afford college tuition,” says Dale. “The tuition program where my father worked allowed my two sisters and I to attend college and earn graduate degrees as well.”

Dale completed medical school at the University of Maryland and touched countless lives practicing medicine at the University of Michigan, doing patient care, surgery, and teaching, as well as research in the area of osteoarthritis.

“If I hadn’t gotten that boost up in my education, I might have taken a very bright mind and wasted it,” says Dale. “I would not have had the opportunity to do such worthwhile work.”

Dale’s gratitude has led her to planning a gift to the UMRC & Porter Hills Foundation’s **Team Member Scholarship** program in her estate, and she hopes to encourage others to do the same.

“Education is expensive, but it shouldn’t be a luxury that people can’t access,” says Dale. “There are so many people at CRC who care for me every day, and I would love to see them get ahead. Just knowing that support is available may be the push you need to go back to school and reach your goals.” ■

Fred W. Ford:

A Life of Faith and Service to Others

Leaving a legacy is a lasting reflection of your life's work – your interests, values, and beliefs. Fred W. Ford's abiding faith and passion for serving others was evident during his lifetime, and that legacy lives on through his generous estate gift to the UMRC & Porter Hills Foundation. His thoughtfulness included not only cash, but property as well.

An influential member of the community of Munith, Michigan in Jackson County, Fred was a pillar of the Farmers State Bank of Munith where he began working in 1924 as a clerk. Its motto, "The Bank Where You Feel at Home," was something Fred took to heart during his 55-year career which spanned the Great Depression. At the age of 80, Fred was required to give up his position as a director of the bank, but he remained on to help train young executives.

Fred was also a long-time member of the Munith United Methodist Church, an affiliation that began in 1916. He served as a trustee and treasurer for 40 years and taught Sunday School for six decades.

In 2021, the UMRC & Porter Hills Foundation received a transformational gift made through Fred's irrevocable trust. This included not only cash, but also a unique property gift of the Munith post office owned by Fred which sold for over \$100,000.

"Fred Ford was a lifelong Methodist and clearly a man of deep faith," says Wendy Brightman, President of UMRC & Porter Hills Foundation.



Ford's gift of Munith Post Office building will support older adults.

"We are grateful that his faith led him to make such a generous gift through his estate in support of the older adults we serve." ■

Did You Know?

Gifts of real estate or other personal assets in your will or trust, in accordance with legal guidelines and policies of the UMRC & Porter Hills Foundation, can be a great way to support our mission of caring for older adults.

To learn more about how donating property like a post office, family cottage, or farm can support older adults, while providing incredible tax advantages, visit Foundation.UMRCPH.com/planned-giving/ or contact 734.433.1000 ext. 7397 (east) or 616.577.2297 (west).

UMRC & Porter Hills Highlights – July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021



GRANTS HELP SUPPORT THOME PACE EXPANSION

Grants of \$1 million from the Edward N. and Della L. Thome Memorial Foundation and \$250,000 from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation helped complete an **expansion to the Thome PACE** (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) Day Center in Jackson, Michigan, to increase the number of low-income older adults it serves.



Expanded Thome PACE Dining area



Linda and Charlie Britton enjoy a live-streamed concert.



MUSIC PROVIDES CHEER FOR RESIDENTS

In January 2021 the UMRC Foundation and Creative Washtenaw collaborated to bring live-streamed concerts by local world-class musicians to our residents at UMRC & Porter Hills, thanks to support from the **Elizabeth Loder Fund**. “During the chill of winter, these concerts helped warm the hearts and cheer the souls of our residents,” said Foundation President, Wendy Brightman.



CELEBRATING GENEROSITY AT NEW ROOFTOP GARDEN

A celebration was held on the new **Dr. Robert W. and Lynn H. Browne Rooftop Garden** to honor Dr. Browne for his generous support of this spectacular new space as well as the **Team Member Scholarship fund**. “A gift that supports the educational pursuits and career goals of Porter Hills team members seems like a natural fit for my dad,” says Robert’s son, Jim. (Our condolences to the Browne family regarding Dr. Browne’s passing on January 8, 2022.)



Dr. Robert W. and Lynn H. Browne Rooftop Garden



HOME HEALTH CARE STRETCHES SHORE TO SHORE

UMRC & Porter Hills received final state and federal approval to extend its home-based service across Michigan. “**Home Health** started at Porter Hills in Grand Rapids in 1995 and has one of the highest satisfaction ratings in West Michigan,” said Jamie Palma, Executive Director of Certified Home Health and Avenues for UMRC & Porter Hills. “Home Health provides exceptional care in the comfort of your own home. We are thrilled to bring this service to the east.”



Home Health Care is now a shore-to-shore service.



KRESGE CENTER EXPANSION AND RENOVATIONS COMPLETED

All new private resident rooms with personal showers, inviting common areas and dining spaces, and a welcoming new entrance with bakery are just part of the 15,000 square foot expansion and renovations completed at UMRC & Porter Hills’ **Kresge Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center** on UMRC’s historic Chelsea campus. A focus of the UMRC Foundation’s *Growing to Serve* comprehensive campaign, this project provides state-of-the-art amenities and care, incorporating the Household Model for both long-term care residents and short-term rehabilitation guests. “In a usual year, we would have celebrated the completion of years of work at our Kresge Center with fanfare: tours, fellowship, live entertainment, great food,” said Wendy Brightman. “Thank you to all our donors who dreamed with us to make this project possible – one that is not only beautiful, but life-improving.”

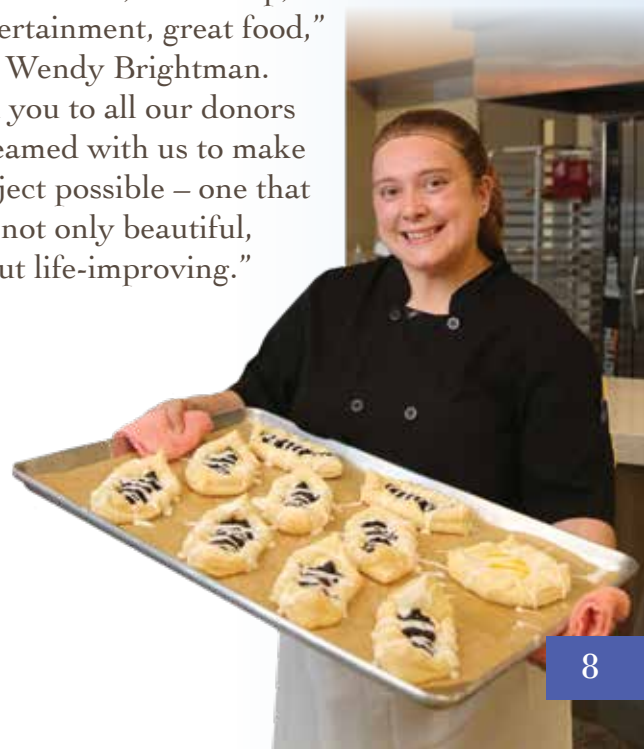


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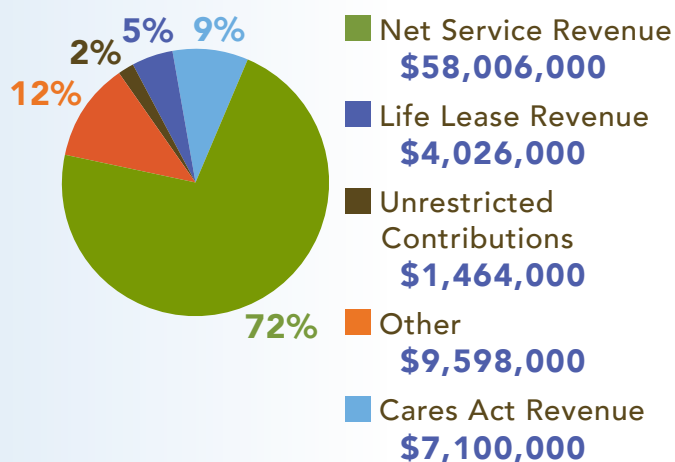
UMRC & Porter Hills was named a Best and Brightest Company to Work For® in both Metro Detroit and West Michigan. Michelle Henderson, Chief Human Resources Officer, says, “We are thrilled to receive this designation, shore to shore, again in 2021. This award validates and honors the tireless efforts of each of our team members across the state as they provide exceptional care and services for older adults.”



Fiscal Year Ending 2021 Financial Report

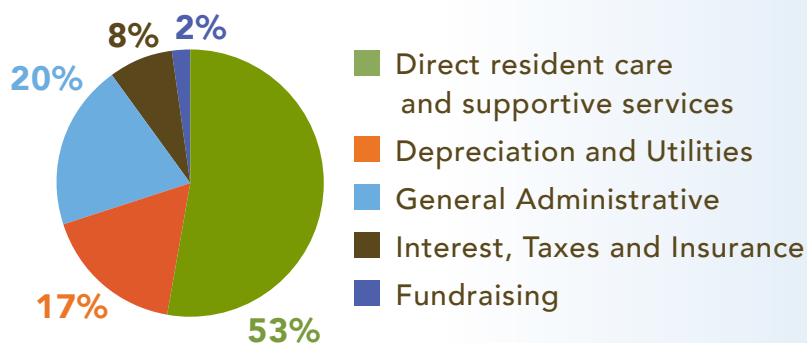
JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021

OBLIGATED GROUP* OPERATING REVENUE



TOTAL: \$80,194,000

OBLIGATED GROUP* OPERATING EXPENSES



Only **2%** in fundraising expenses!
UMRC & Porter Hills Foundation is committed to being a good steward of your gifts.

*Obligated Group is comprised of UMRC & Porter Hills and UMRC & Porter Hills Foundation.

CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

Chelsea Retirement Community
\$4,276,000

The Cedars of Dexter
\$598,000

Huron Valley PACE
\$503,000

Thome PACE
\$890,000

Senior Community Care of Michigan
\$26,000

Porter Hills Corporate Office
\$311,000

Porter Hills Village
\$2,289,000

Cook Valley Estates
\$3,106,000

Meadowlark Retirement Village
\$116,000

LifeCircles PACE
\$65,000

Affordable Housing Communities
\$223,000

Includes:

■ Bailey's Grove	\$21,000
■ Harvest Way	\$19,000
■ Oak Ridge	\$21,000
■ River Grove	\$78,000
■ Station Creek	\$58,000
■ Walker Meadow	\$26,000

UMRC & Porter Hills made total Capital Investments of **\$12,403,000** to improve the lives of older adults across Michigan.

As a nonprofit, UMRC & Porter Hills reinvests ALL margin and philanthropic dollars to uphold and expand our mission.

RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS



\$1,378,000

Porter Hills Foundation



\$3,146,000

UMRC Foundation

\$4,524,000

Total Contributions

THANK YOU for your gifts that support our initiatives of:

Benevolent Care

Team Member Support Services

Life Enrichment

Capital Improvements

OLDER ADULTS SERVED

643 Porter Hills Village

187 Cook Valley Estates

92 Meadowlark

Retirement Village

30 GREEN HOUSE® Homes

46 Avenues by Porter Hills

434 LifeCircles PACE

1,805 Home Health Care

671 Emmanuel Hospice

1,785 Tandem365

278 Affordable Living

Communities

Includes:

Bailey's Grove **43**

Harvest Way **47**

Oak Ridge **50**

River Grove **49**

Station Creek **48**

Walker Meadow **41**

UMRC & Porter Hills Served
8,048 Older Adults!

776 Chelsea Retirement
Community

86 The Cedars of Dexter

220 Silver Maples of Chelsea

222 Senior Community Care
of Michigan

241 Thome PACE

284 Huron Valley PACE

125 The Pines

123 The Thome Rivertown
Neighborhood, Detroit

Thank You, Sponsors!



Thanks*For*Giving & Garden Party

The UMRC & Porter Hills Foundation was thrilled to be able to host in-person events this past year! In July, we hosted our much-loved *Garden Party*, along with Honorary Co-Chairs Steve and Lori Sarns, on the Chelsea Retirement Community grounds. This event showcased our beautiful new Kresge Center Courtyard, made possible from funds raised at the previous Garden Party! On November 11, we celebrated “50 Plus One” years of Porter Hills at our *ThanksForGiving* event at the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids.

Our Foundation team and board are grateful to all of our friends and donors who help us move our mission forward. In particular, these events would not be possible without the generosity of our very special **Sponsors**. Thank you to these truly amazing organizations and individuals for your dedication and support of our events and those we serve:



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Emergency Aid: Helping Team Members When Needed Most



Wendy Brightman,
UMRC & Porter Hills
Foundation President

You know many of the ways in which the UMRC & Porter Hills Foundation supports the faithfulness of our organization, including raising funds for Benevolent Care, scholarships for our dedicated team members, and capital needs to create beautiful spaces for the older adults we serve at every income level. But you may not be aware of the **Emergency Aid** fund, part of our **Team Member Support Services** program, that provides limited assistance in times of crisis for our family of team members.

The Emergency Aid program, which launched in 2014, is available when team members need it most – when a personal or family emergency causes temporary, unplanned financial hardship. It is not a loan, but a gift for those who give so much of themselves each day to care for older adults. Much like Benevolent Care, Emergency Aid gifts are made discreetly to ensure the dignity of our team members.

The Emergency Aid fund has been even more of a Godsend in the past two years as the effects of COVID-19 have been deeply felt by our team members. In recent months, Emergency Aid has been there to help a caregiver who tested



Thank you for helping to ensure the Emergency Aid Fund is there when needed.

positive for COVID. She was living with her elder relatives so, thanks to the Emergency Aid fund, we could provide her with a hotel stay to help keep her family safe. We even hand delivered groceries to her. Emergency Aid has helped us pay for a hot water heater for a team member and to repair another team member's furnace. It has also offered some comfort when the unthinkable happens – providing funds for the funeral of a team member's child.

My heart is warmed, and I'm sure yours is, too, when we are able to make a difference at a critical time for our team members. It is yet another way that we can show Christian love and care for each other. I am grateful to all of you who help make the Emergency Aid fund possible.

You Can Help!

To support Emergency Aid and our Team Member Support Services Fund, please visit our website at Foundation.umrcph.com or call us at 734.433.1000 ext. 7502 (east) or 616.577.2297 (west).

UMRC & Porter Hills Board Supports Workforce Retention with Commitment Bonus Program

At a time when burnout and turnover of healthcare workers is at a critical level in our country, UMRC & Porter Hills is taking important steps to acknowledge the work of its team members. UMRC & Porter Hills recently launched a **Commitment Bonus** program for its eligible team members, thanks to a \$5.2 million commitment by the corporate board. This program supports retention efforts of the organization's workforce; in particular, caregivers and those who provide support services.

"We've always known how terrific our team members are at UMRC & Porter Hills," says President and CEO, Steve Fetyko. "The global pandemic has shown us just how extraordinary they truly are. For more than 18 months, our dedicated team members have gone above and beyond the call of duty, risking their own health and well-being to care for our residents, participants, and each other. Their sacrifices have been remarkable, and our entire community has benefited from the talents, commitment, and thoughtfulness of our team. Now it's our turn to show our support through our commitment bonus program."

Bonus totals up to \$14,000 over two years will be offered to eligible team members in good standing, with amounts awarded based on employment status and years of service.



The strength of our team members

"We are delighted to launch this program and grateful to our board for recognizing the vital work of our team members," says Michelle Henderson, Chief Human Resources Officer for UMRC & Porter Hills. "This sends a huge message and is just one of the many ways we are working to thank and retain our dedicated team members, based on their feedback."

Additional task forces are also underway to boost recruiting and retention efforts, including improved onboarding, department training, minimum wages, and career path opportunities.

"There are no words to express our organization's gratitude for the work our team members do, and we thank God for them each and every day," Steve adds. "Given the challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, we hope this new bonus program helps our team members see the incredible value of their service and dedication." ■

UMRC FOUNDATION

UMRC LEGACY SOCIETY

We are honored to remember the following group of 243 treasured friends who have made – and continue to make – a difference in the lives of older adults by including UMRC Foundation in their estate plans. Their generous gifts, totaling over \$18 million, reflect their steadfast belief in UMRC and its faith-filled mission of service to older adults. Though they are gone, their legacy lives on.

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“Lori and I were delighted to welcome guests to this year’s Garden Party! The Sarns Family has recognized UMRC as a vital asset to our community for many years. From sharing time together on the beautiful Chelsea Retirement Community grounds, to singing karaoke, the Garden Party reflects for us the love and engagement of being part of the UMRC & Porter Hills mission of enriching lives.”
– Lori and Steve Sarns, 2021 Honorary Garden Party Co-Chairs

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Renovations to the Chelsea Retirement Community Mackinaw Dining Room were completed, thanks in part to a generous gift from former UMRC Board member, Rich Brown and his wife, Karen of Plymouth, Michigan. Their gift helped make the lounge area possible, named “Gracie’s Grotto” to commemorate their beloved Italian greyhound, Gracie. “We have great compassion for the residents and team members of UMRC & Porter Hills,” says Rich. “The concept of upgrading the dining room was appealing, especially knowing how important the dining room environment is for residents. It’s part of their home, and we see it as something that adds to their comfort and enjoyment.”

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Porter Hills Village Resident Assistant, Hannah Hensel, has worked with the elderly since her first job at an adult foster care center when she was sixteen. "Older adults are so wise, and their stories are amazing to listen to," says Hannah. "They have a special place in my heart." In November 2020, she received a Scholarship, part of the Team Member Support Services fund. "I was so ecstatic and happy to receive my scholarship! I am super grateful and blessed by the Foundation and the people who have given to this fund and made it possible. It helps people like me who work and go to school. It is so beneficial to my future and for the older adults I care for!"



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– Pat Winton



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“Working here is an
extension of our family.
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here, and you are supported
as a person and as a team
member. Giving to the UMRC
& Porter Hills Foundation is a
great way to give back.”



**Porter Hills Village
Executive Director,
Cheryl Van Benden:**
“I don’t like it here, I LOVE
it! I wouldn’t be here if I
didn’t love it. It’s all about
the relationships, the
people I’ve met
over the years, and
the residents.”

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**In the UMRC & Porter Hills
Autumn 2021 CommUnity
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photo was inadvertently
used of Ruth and Don Porter
on page 4. This photo should
have been used in its place.**



To understand who we're becoming, you should know our history...

United Methodist Retirement
Communities... what a mouthful.

1906 was the date. It was a time
of no social security,
and no such thing
as a retirement
community.

Leaders and
laymen of the
Methodist
Church
dreamed of
an innovative,
faith-based
way to care for
older adults.
Thus... that same
year, the not-for-
profit-difference in
Chelsea, MI... was born.

Local stove manufacturer Frank
Porter Glazier, donated 33 acres from a former
county fairground site for the project and
ground was broken to create UMRC's "Old
People's Home." For over a century, UMRC
broke barriers and continues to provide
care and support for older adults all across
Southeast Michigan.

2019 rolled around and UMRC
affiliated with Porter Hills.

Porter Hills, you say?

1970 was the date. A group of
friends in Grand Rapids,
Michigan set out to provide
gracious living primarily
for women of moderate
means. Through hard
work and a benevolent
spirit, Porter Hills
expanded throughout
the greater Grand
Rapids area serving
people from all
different backgrounds.

So how did we get to
where we are now?

Today, we serve 24 service lines and
locations, with over 8,000 older adults served
each year throughout the lower peninsula
of Michigan.

So why am I talking to you
about this...?



2022 is the year.

We are ready to announce our new, unified brand... Stay tuned!



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The Impact of Non-Cash Giving

Gifts of long-term, appreciated assets such as stocks and real estate can be a win-win, providing important tax advantages for you while increasing the amount of your gift to the charities closest to your heart. Your thoughtful planned gift can provide meaningful ways of caring for the needs of older adults – both now and in the future.

Read more inside about several of our donors who have made planned giving a priority, including UMRC & Porter Hills resident Evie Bowers.

“We reap the benefits of those who have donated before,” says Evie. “People have paid it forward for many years – we owe it to the people who will come after.” ■

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