

A MAGAZINE *from* BRIO LIVING SERVICES

Community

BRIO LIVING SERVICES AND UMRC-PORTER HILLS FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

Partnering with You, Making a *Difference*



Smiling faces at Brio Living Services.



Brio Living Services

MISSION: Welcoming all, partnering together, enriching lives.

VISION: A world in which all are empowered to age well.



Honoring Our Mission

A Letter from Steve Fetyko, President & CEO, Brio Living Services
and Russ Ives, Board Chair, Brio Living Services

At Brio Living Services, we believe that quality care should be the right of ALL older adults, no matter their income level or healthcare need. We recognize the need for a full continuum of care, including assisted living, memory support, and long-term skilled nursing care, as well as independent living. We also offer a comprehensive menu of home and community-based services such as PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly), Home Health Care, and Avenues by Brio Living Services. It is what sets Brio apart from other senior living providers.

While most older adults wish to remain in their own homes for as long as possible, statistics show that 70% of us will need long-term care during our lifetimes due to chronic health conditions and Alzheimer's disease. Still, some senior living providers across our state have stopped investing in long-term care or are getting out of it altogether.

We believe it is our responsibility to ensure that the care you need is available to you, provided in the most comfortable way possible, with a focus on your personal needs and wants. It is why we are taking on a transformational expansion of Porter Hills Village to create beautiful new independent

living, assisted living, memory support, and long-term skilled nursing apartments, utilizing the Household Model of person-directed care. We are designing larger apartments so couples can stay together as long as possible when one is living with dementia. We are honored to be able to provide such a variety of options because we believe that all older adults deserve the best possible healthcare and services—regardless of their finances.

With your help, we continue to honor our mission of *welcoming all, partnering together, enriching lives.* ■

In Service,



Steve Fetyko
President & CEO
Brio Living Services



Russ Ives
Board Chair
Brio Living Services

UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation

MISSION: As faithful, philanthropic stewards and steadfast advocates for vibrant aging, we support the mission of Brio Living Services.



A Letter from Kelli Smith, President & CEO, UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation
and Reezie DeVet, Board Chair, UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation

What does a kind society look like, one that takes care of others and lifts up each person with dignity? How can we offer a helping hand and do this in the most heartfelt way, so that each person we care for feels seen, loved, and valued?

The **UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation**, with the support of friends like you, seeks to create just this kind of society through its faithful focus on the older adults — of all socioeconomic levels — served by Brio Living Services' communities and programs. Together, we do this through our four fundraising pillars, including:

Capital Improvements — creating beautiful homes and spaces where older adults, of all care needs and incomes, can live as vibrantly as possible;

Program Investment — offering life enriching activities and programming to promote the physical, emotional, social, financial, spiritual, vocational, intellectual, and environmental wellness of those we serve;

Team Member Investment — supporting our incredible team members who provide excellent care and services through *Scholarship* opportunities to grow in their careers and *Emergency Aid* at times of financial crisis;

Benevolent Care — ensuring that the qualified older adults we serve in our flagship Brio communities never have to leave the homes they've grown to love, even if they outlive their resources.

Each of these is a vital pillar of the Foundation's \$28 million **Live *Life* with Brio** comprehensive campaign. By supporting these pillars, you are literally changing lives and transforming outcomes for the older adults we serve, as well as for our team members.

We are grateful to each of you for the compassion and commitment you have shown for those we serve. With your help, we will fulfill the vision of Brio Living Services of *a world in which all are empowered to age well.* ■

Best regards,



Kelli Smith, CFRE
President & CEO
UMRC-Porter Hills
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Reezie DeVet
Board Chair
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Huron Valley PACE and EXHALE Program Help Caregivers Take a Breath

“**T**his is killing you,” Rose C.’s doctor had told her. Rose, the primary caregiver for her husband, Pat, had lost weight and was struggling with her own health. Pat lives with dementia, and their three children help with his care. A home health aide visits three times a week. “Still, it’s not enough,” says their daughter, Jill, a nurse. “There is a constant need to provide care for Dad, as well as the daily chores of cooking and laundry. It’s exceedingly draining. It zaps all our strength, all our joy.”

Recent studies show that over 40% of Americans provide unpaid care for a loved one. Though many see being a caregiver as an honor, it also takes its toll through financial strain, health concerns, and isolation. Nearly half of unpaid caregivers report feeling a high level of burnout and stress. When support is available, however, that risk is cut by 70%.



At a doctor’s visit, Jill’s family received a list of local resources, including **Huron Valley PACE**. They also learned about **Exhale—The Family Caregiver Initiative**, a program made possible by a three-year grant to the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation from a partnership of

Michigan funders. Through this project, Pat could receive some PACE services at the Day Center in Ypsilanti, and Rose and her family could receive the respite they urgently needed.

Although Pat has lost much of his verbal ability, he still likes to be with people, Jill shares. “PACE gives him a community. He can exercise, play games, and enjoy activities with others.”

In addition to the benefits for her dad, Jill says, “The Exhale program has decreased Mom’s stress level 100%. It gives her that break she so desperately needs.”

Huron Valley PACE Executive Director, Mimi Suntheimer, says, “The most inspiring part of this work has been seeing caregivers finally take a breath—literally. Many have shared that this is the first time in months or even years that they’ve felt comfortable stepping away for themselves. Watching them relax and rediscover joy has reminded us why this work matters so deeply.”

Jill adds, “The Exhale program has been a tremendous blessing for our family, and we are eternally grateful. What the PACE team does makes a difference.” ■

Read more of the story at MyBrio.org/blog/ or contact Huron Valley PACE at **734.572.5777** to learn more.

Partnering Makes a Difference for Older Adults

Taylor Fowkes and Shannon Westgate are certified nursing assistants (CNAs) for **Emmanuel Hospice**, a Brio Living Services partnership in the Grand Rapids area. Yet, you will see them almost daily as an integral part of the care teams at **Porter Hills Village Health Center** and the **Green House® Homes** where they serve older adults receiving hospice care in those communities.

“We get a full hour with each of our clients, so we have time to be thorough—they get our full attention,” says Taylor. “We provide support to the team members and serve as an extra pair of eyes and ears for the families.”

Shannon says, “We provide a lot of add-on care and companionship, such as taking a resident outside on a nice day, doing their nails and hair. We get the chance to build a bond with them. We become part of the family.”

Brio’s Chief of Residential Services Nicole Maag says, “Our partnership with Emmanuel Hospice allows us to seamlessly integrate hospice support with daily living in our communities, creating comfort and peace for residents and families during a difficult time. Together, we provide not only medical expertise but emotional, spiritual, and social support that truly reflects our dedication to person-centered care.”

As Emmanuel Hospice’s Community Relations Specialist, Jan Amato provides



Jan Amato, Bob P., and Shannon Westgate

education about “what hospice is and what it is not,” explains Jan. “There are a lot of misconceptions and fear about hospice. Once they get to know us, though, we hear, ‘I wish I had called you sooner.’ It fills my bucket to educate people in how we can help. Emmanuel Hospice is the heart and soul of what hospice should be.”

Emmanuel Hospice blends a variety of clinical as well as emotional and spiritual care for its clients. “We offer massage, pet visits, spiritual caregivers, music therapy, and more,” says Jan. “Our motto is ‘more about living.’ We want you to live the best life you can.”

“It’s what I’m meant to do,” Shannon says about her role. Taylor agrees: “It makes me feel good that I’m making a difference.” ■

Beth McDonald: Advancing Degree, Enhancing Skills

Seven years ago, Beth McDonald made a career change—from working in water quality to becoming a nurse. “My first clinical rotation was at Porter Hills Village, and I fell in love with caring for older adults,” says Beth. In 2018, Beth joined the team at Brio Living Services, “my very first R.N. job. I enjoyed the variety of residents, providing quality care and keeping them comfortable, and supporting their family members at a stressful time.”

Two years ago, Beth moved to the **Porter Hills Home Health Care** team. She wanted to continue her education and earn her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN), but her two daughters were also in college, which she was paying for. “I didn’t think pursuing my own educational goal was an option,” Beth says. In 2025, though, she decided to make the leap to apply for a **UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation Scholarship**. She began an accelerated, online program and, in December, earned her BSN degree, thanks to two Foundation Scholarships she received.

“Having my BSN degree has enhanced my leadership and management skills,” Beth explains. “These days, hospitals are releasing patients much earlier than in the past, with more acute medical needs when they get home. In Home Health, we work with providers to extend their care into our clients’ homes and help boost the family’s confidence in caring for their loved one. This helps decrease hospital visits, chances for re-hospitalization, as well as overall costs.”



Beth shared her gratitude with donors who have supported the **Team Member Support Services** fund at this year’s Scholarship Reception, hosted by the Foundation:

“Your generosity helped me take that step forward to pursue more education and advance in the nursing field, something I wouldn’t have done without your support. It also allowed me to show my girls the value of continuing education later in life. If you commit to it and you want it, you can achieve it.” ■

Scholarship recipient, Beth McDonald, BSN

Gratitude and Peace of Mind

Jessica Trader serves as the Transitions Manager at Porter Hills Village. In her role, she assists independent living residents with identifying the resources they may need to remain living independently for as long as possible. She also provides education about other levels of care at Porter Hills Village should residents need more care in the future. “I’m able to really spend time with them, so they are comfortable in coming to me when a change occurs for them,” says Jessica.



Jessica Trader and family

On the Friday before Christmas, Jessica experienced a change in her own life that required help. Her well went out, meaning no water for her family, including two young daughters. Jessica, who has worked at Brio Living Services for the past nine years, and her husband tried everything they could on their own to fix it. However, a new pump and electrical repairs were needed.

Adding to their financial strain, Jessica’s husband had been injured at work, with surgery scheduled that would require him to be off work for six months. The couple has been saving every penny to carry them through this time.

“The well breaking was not something we had planned for,” says Jessica. “I was very much in a panic. You need your water for everything.”

Her boss suggested she apply for the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation’s **Emergency Aid Fund**. “I didn’t know much about it, but I completed the application. The Foundation and the Emergency Aid committee were so quick to approve it.”

Jessica is grateful for those who contribute to the Foundation’s **Team Member Support Services** program, including Emergency Aid:

“I appreciate it more than I could ever put into words. Emergency Aid has helped give my family and me peace of mind and the sense that everything will be ok.” ■

Since 2014,

- **283** Brio team members have received Emergency Aid.
- **322** Scholarships have been awarded to **171** Brio team members.

Thank You, Sponsors!



The UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation and Brio Living Services are grateful to our valued partners who help make life better for the older adults we serve and our team members. This year, instead of sponsoring our annual Giving Gratitude events, the Foundation offered our partners some new opportunities for sponsorships, including a broader range of print materials, digital and social media, as well as a variety of the Foundation's signature events.

These included our *Campaign Kick-off* event in Grand Rapids on September 25 and our upcoming kickoff event in Chelsea on May 28, 2026!



Thank you to our Sponsors for making these events possible!

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Celebrating 25 Years of The Pines

Brio Living Services celebrated 25 years of **The Pines Senior Apartments** in Chelsea at an event on June 25. A collaboration between Brio Living Services (managing partner) and general partners, Phil Seybert and Sydney Smith, The Pines opened in 2000. Consisting of 98 one- and two-bedroom independent living apartments, The Pines is located at 325 Wilkinson Street, on a wooded, ten-acre parcel of land in Chelsea.

The Pines Executive Director Kristy Collins is only the second director in its 25-year history. “There is a deep sense of community at The Pines,” Kristy explains.

Two original residents of The Pines continue to make this community their home, including Lynne Popovich and Jan Dampier.



Lynne Popovich, Kristy Collins, and Jan Dampier

Lynne says, “We just have the best mix of people at The Pines. People are really kind, friendly, and look out for each other. It’s very down to earth and welcoming.” ■

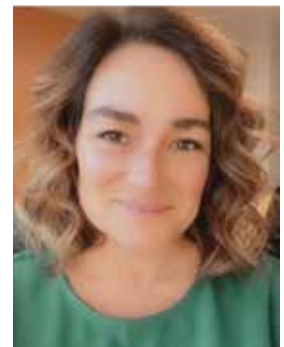
Growing Leaders

In December, Kathy Russell, previously Executive Director for **Chelsea Retirement Community (CRC)**, **The Pines**, and **The Cedars of Dexter**, was named the new Executive Director for **Porter Hills Village**.

Jennifer Shores, who most recently served as Nursing Home Administrator for CRC’s **Kresge Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center**, has been promoted to the Executive Director role vacated by Kathy.



Kathy Russell



Jennifer Shores

“My retirement is allowing for other Brio team members to grow,” says Cheryl VanBemden. “They know the culture, mission, and vision of our organization.” ■

“Ready for New Adventures” — Honoring Cheryl VanBemden



Cheryl VanBemden

Cheryl VanBemden, who retired in December, has been part of the fabric of Porter Hills Village since her first job as a high school student working in Dining Services. While

her career took her to other jobs, she always returned to her roots.

“When you work at other places, you realize what a great place Porter Hills Village is to work,” says Cheryl. “I have personally had so many opportunities, and I’m thankful to have worked here as many years as I have.”

At Porter Hills Village, her career path took her from charge nurse in the Health Center to unit manager, then assistant director of nursing. When Porter Hills pursued the creation of the Green House® Homes, Cheryl was a key part of developing and leading this innovative community. In 2015, she transitioned back to Porter Hills Village, eventually becoming its Executive Director.

“Cheryl has been a cornerstone of both Porter Hills Village and the Green House® Homes for many years,” says Chief of Residential Services, Nicole Maag. “She led the charge in resident-directed care by opening the Green House Homes as the administrator and then went on to accomplish countless other initiatives

which directly benefited those we serve. Her dedication to our residents, team members, and families will leave a lasting legacy, one which we are incredibly grateful for.”



Cheryl VanBemden rides camel at Brio Culture Leaders Retreat at Potter Park Zoo in Lansing.

“I have such a capable and amazing team, so committed and resilient,” says Cheryl. “It’s nice to be around people you can laugh and cry with. Those everyday interactions and relationships make it an incredible environment. It has been so rewarding.”

The residents have given her advice on retirement, including not making a lot of plans or commitments. “Who better to get advice from?” she laughs. With three granddaughters, a love of travel, and a dedication to volunteering, Cheryl says, “I’m ready for new adventures.” ■

Brio Living Services and UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation Highlights – July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025



WELCOMING PACE OF SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

PACE of Southwest Michigan, located in St. Joseph, became a part of the Brio Living Services family on April 1, 2025, following a new partnership between Brio and the Region IV Area Agency on Aging. Serving approximately 250 participants per year since 2012 throughout Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties, PACE of Southwest Michigan continues to focus on hands-on, quality care, while Brio provides administrative support. “It’s a win-win for all of us,” says Michael Zdrodowski, Executive Director of PACE of Southwest Michigan.



PACE of Southwest Michigan



CONSTRUCTION AT PORTER HILLS VILLAGE

In June 2025, Brio Living Services announced plans to expand its Porter Hills Village community, which has served older adults in Grand Rapids since 1970. The scope of this transformational project is a 250,000 square foot building to replace the existing assisted living, memory support, and skilled nursing buildings, and the construction of an additional 55-60 independent living apartments to meet the continued growing demand in Grand Rapids. “Now is the time for a replacement building that will serve the community for the next 50 years—for the 400 older adults who call Porter Hills Village home, now and in the future, and for the 250 Brio team members who make their careers here,” said President and CEO Steve Fetyko.



Brio reveals exciting plans for Porter Hills Village.



LIVE LIFE WITH BRIO CAMPAIGN PREVIEW

In May and June 2025, the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation held exclusive Campaign Preview events in Chelsea and Grand Rapids to let those closest to our mission know about the **Live Life with Brio** \$28 million comprehensive campaign and its four key funding priorities: **Capital Improvements, Team Member Investment, Program Investment, and Benevolent Care**. These were followed on September 25 with the public announcement of the campaign held at the Cascade Hills Country Club in Grand Rapids. The east-side public launch is scheduled for May 28, 2026, at Chelsea Retirement Community. Stay tuned for more details!



WEST MICHIGAN'S BEST AND BRIGHTEST COMPANIES TO WORK FOR WINNER 2025

BEST AND BRIGHTEST COMPANIES TO WORK FOR IN THE NATION WINNER 2025



BRIO RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

Brio Living Services received many accolades this year, including:

- **5-Star ratings** by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for all three of Brio's skilled nursing centers, including Kresge Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center at Chelsea Retirement Community; the Health Center at Porter Hills Village; and Green House® Homes in Grand Rapids.
- Named one of **Senior Care's Best Places to Work 2025** by WeCare Connect™, the industry leader in senior care surveys.
- Earning **West Michigan's Best and Brightest®** designation for the 23rd straight year.
- Recognized as one of the **Best and Brightest Companies to Work For® in the Nation** for third year in a row.



GRAND OPENING OF THE RAVINES

This summer marked the grand opening of **The Ravines** on the Porter Hills Village campus. This addition includes 26 apartments, featuring high quality amenities, spacious floor plans, engaging community space, and serene wooded views. Porter Hills Village Director of Independent Living, Mariah Voss shared, "We are absolutely thrilled to add even more life and energy to our campus. Over the past year, I've had the privilege of watching this beautiful building take shape. The addition of The Ravines brings with it new perspectives, vibrant personalities, and a renewed sense of community."



The Ravines Ribbon Cutting



Live Life with Brio Campaign Leadership (left to right): Marie and Jim Preston, Kelli Smith, Barb and Tom Jackoboice, Susan and Russ Ives, Reezie DeVet, Steve Fetyko

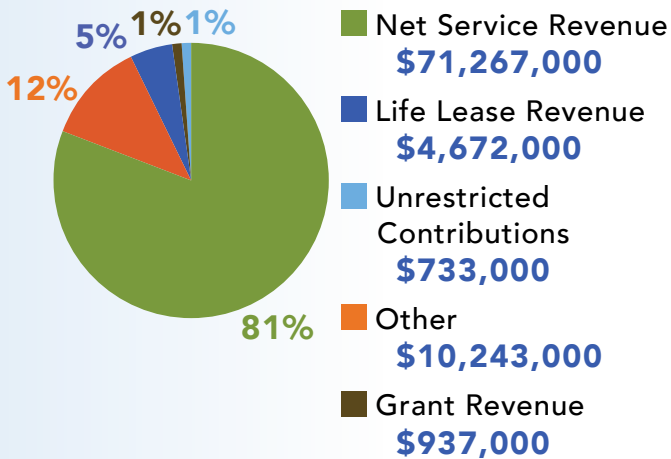


Steve Fetyko shares campaign update.

Fiscal Year Ending 2025 Financial Report

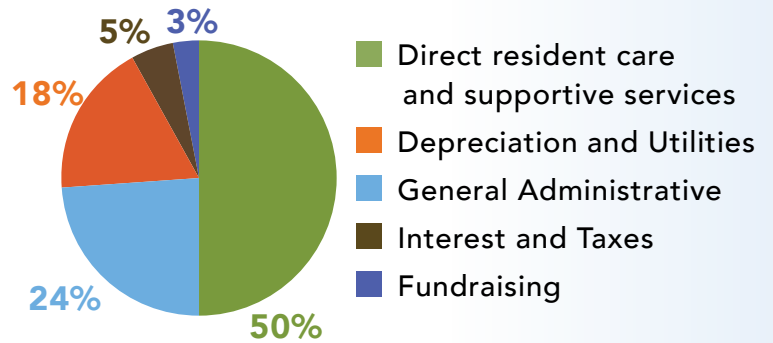
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OBLIGATED GROUP* OPERATING REVENUE



TOTAL: \$87,852,000

OBLIGATED GROUP* OPERATING EXPENSES



Only **3%** in fundraising expenses!
UMRC–Porter Hills Foundation is committed to being a good steward of your gifts.

*Obligated Group is comprised of Brio Living Services and UMRC–Porter Hills Foundation.

CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

Chelsea Retirement Community
\$3,349,000

The Cedars of Dexter
\$363,000

Huron Valley PACE
\$3,631,000

PACE of Southwest Michigan
\$8,000

Thome PACE
\$83,000

TANDEM365
\$60,000

Porter Hills Village
\$16,907,000

Cook Valley Estates
\$1,877,000

Meadowlark Retirement Village
\$180,000

LifeCircles PACE
\$1,193,000

Affordable Housing Communities
\$478,000

Includes:

- Bailey's Grove \$47,000
- Harvest Way \$52,000
- Oak Ridge \$103,000
- River Grove \$166,000
- Station Creek \$22,000
- Walker Meadow \$88,000

Brio Living Services made total Capital Investments of **\$28,129,000** to improve the lives of older adults across Michigan.

As a nonprofit, Brio Living Services reinvests ALL margin and philanthropic dollars to uphold and expand our mission.

RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS

\$6,673,000 Total Contributions UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation

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Benevolent Care
Team Member Support Services

Life Enrichment
Capital Improvements

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8,315 Older Adults!

- 391 Porter Hills Village
- 150 Cook Valley Estates
- 77 Meadowlark Retirement Village
- 25 GREEN HOUSE® Homes
- 70 Avenues by Brio Living Services
- 548 LifeCircles PACE
- 1,377 Home Health Care
- 799 Emmanuel Hospice
- 2,536 Tandem365
- 284 Affordable Living Communities
- Includes:*
 - Bailey's Grove 44
 - Harvest Way 46
 - Oak Ridge 47
 - River Grove 55
 - Station Creek 54
 - Walker Meadow 38
- 255 PACE of Southwest Michigan

- 986 Chelsea Retirement Community
- 68 The Cedars of Dexter
- 208 Thome PACE
- 349 Huron Valley PACE
- 109 The Pines
- 83 The Thome Rivertown Neighborhood

A Life of Opening Doors

Dr. Jacqueline “Jackie” Taylor is the epitome of a lifelong learner. She earned her undergraduate degree, one class at a time, when her sons were in middle school, and completed her Ph.D. while they were in college. “I’ll never forget my son saying, ‘Mom, thank you for not quitting,’” says Jackie.

Throughout her career, Jackie has inspired and mentored students—as the first female vice president at Lansing Community College and Vice President/Provost of Davenport University. She established international educational partnerships and launched the first middle college in Pennsylvania for at-risk high school students.

In 2016, Jackie was invited to join the Porter Hills Foundation Board by friends Sharon Buursma and Dick Young, the Foundation’s first president. “Since I had been involved in education, this gave me a different part of life where I could be helpful,” says Jackie. “It broadened my viewpoint.”

While on the Foundation Board, Jackie saw the affiliation of Porter Hills and United Methodist Retirement Communities (UMRC) in 2019 (now Brio Living Services) and served as co-chair of the Foundation Board when the Porter Hills and UMRC Foundations joined together in 2021. “With a fresh perspective, we opened the pathways of communication so the Foundation could best partner with and support the overall organization.”

Jackie’s term on the Foundation Board ended in 2024, and she immediately joined the Brio Living Services Board of Trustees. “Serving the Brio corporate board gives me a broader insight into the organization,” says Jackie. “I can still bring the energy and knowledge of the Foundation, and it enables me to be a better ambassador of the work we do at Brio.”

She is also a member of the **Live Life with Brio** Campaign Cabinet. “It is my responsibility and my honor to represent our organization and work to build it for the future,” says Jackie. “I want to do my part to support [the campaign] and help create a better world for aging.”

Among her many honors over the years, this fall Jackie was inducted into the **Michigan Women’s Hall of Fame**, the highest honor a woman can achieve in Michigan. Jackie continues to provide her expertise at Pondera Advisors, a leadership consulting practice. She describes her career, not as work, but as “a life of opening doors to help individuals be the best they can be.” ■



Jackie Taylor celebrates honor with members of the Foundation team.

Blending Data and Storytelling



Haley Baker, CNP

We are pleased to feature Haley Baker, CNP, Grant Manager for the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation in this *Foundation Focus!*

In her role, Haley writes

applications for grant funds, manages the grants the Foundation currently has, and researches funding opportunities that are a good fit for programs across the Brio Living Services organization. “My favorite part about my role is getting to blend data and storytelling,” Haley explains. “This develops strong cases for support that resonate with funders and drive mission-aligned giving to advance the work of the Foundation and Brio Living Services.”

Kelli Smith, President and CEO of the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation, says, *“Haley is a great contributor to the Foundation team and Brio, immersing herself in our mission and approaching funding efforts with curiosity, compassion, and commitment to the people we serve. She is a joy to work with.”* ■

Tax-Saving Tips

Happy New Year! Here are some new tax-saving benefits to help you make the most of your charitable gifts to the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation beginning in 2026.

1 You can deduct \$1,000 per person (\$2,000 per couple) for your 2026 charitable gifts, regardless of whether you itemize your income tax deductions;

2 You **MAY** be able to deduct an additional \$6,000 per person (\$12,000 per couple) for your 2026 charitable gifts if you itemize your income tax deductions if you are age 65 or older and your adjusted gross income is \$150,000 or less; and

3 You can give up to \$111,000 from your IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) directly to a charity like the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation and avoid any income tax on your RMD.

Visit with your financial advisor or contact UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation President & CEO Kelli Smith, CFRE at **734.433.1000 ext. 7502** or **616.577.2297** to learn more about these tax-saving tips and other ways to help you get the most out of your support to the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation. ■

UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation

LEGACY SOCIETY

We are honored to remember the following group of more than 430 treasured friends who have made—and continue to make—a difference in the lives of older adults by including the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation in their estate plans. Their generous gifts, totaling over \$25 million, reflect their steadfast belief in our faith-filled mission of service to older adults. Though they are gone, their legacy lives on.

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Susan and Russ Ives support the older adults we serve and our team members in many ways, through Board service, as co-chairs of the **Live Life with Brio** campaign, and as members of the Foundation's **Legacy Society** with a gift in their estate plan. "The organization has meant so much to my family. As a donor, we are especially grateful for how Brio team members provide care for older adults. They turn our gifts into love."



In April, a special closing worship service was held in the 70-year-old Chapel at Chelsea Retirement Community. Renovations are currently underway to expand this space, thanks to an anonymous gift to the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation. The Chapel will be transformed, creating greater accessibility, improved audio-visual experience, and increased opportunities for not only worship, but concerts, lectures, and other lifelong learning and cultural gatherings for older adults and their families to enjoy. This project is slated for completion in Summer 2026.



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“The concerts here at Porter Hills Village have covered a variety of musical styles and have been so enjoyable. We are happy to contribute to the Foundation to continue this music program for our community.”

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—daughter of a Benevolent Care recipient



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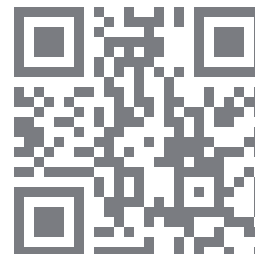
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