

A MAGAZINE *from* PORTER HILLS

Community

Special Edition: FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2019 PORTER HILLS AND PORTER HILLS FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT



PORTER HILLS SERVES SENIORS WITH

Grace, Health & Vitality

50TH ANNIVERSARY
PORTER HILLS

25TH ANNIVERSARY
PORTER HILLS
FOUNDATION

Our Mission

Throughout its 50 years of caring for older adults, Porter Hills' mission has remained: To be trusted experts serving seniors with grace. Its vision is to be nationally recognized as an unparalleled leader and partner in senior services.



Exercise class at Porter Hills Village keeps residents active and fit.

PROGRESS IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT CHANGE

A Letter from
Steve Fetyko,
President and CEO



They say the one constant in life is change. However, it is in this change that growth and progress can flourish. I am proud to say that has been true over the past year for United Methodist Retirement Communities (UMRC) and Porter Hills. In August 2018, we first announced our interest in affiliation and, on March 1, 2019, our affiliation became a reality. Stronger together, this "marriage" of our two faith-based, mission-driven organizations, under shared governance and leadership, is already benefitting the lives of those we serve.

At our Porter Hills locations, a variety of **major maintenance** projects have been completed, including new roofs, windows, and apartment renovations – all with the comfort of our residents at top of mind. We will begin additional capital improvements in the months ahead.

The Porter Hills Foundation recently began fundraising for the **Employee Support Program**, offering **Emergency Relief Aid** and competitive **Staff Scholarships** for our dedicated team members. By supporting our outstanding employees, especially those who provide direct care, we ensure the highest quality services for older adults and their families.

Since April 2019, I have been privileged to lead this organization as its President and CEO, serving over 6,700 older adults annually from Detroit to Muskegon. While much has changed in the past year, our mission of providing the best possible care and services for older adults remains steadfast. I look forward to working with each of you in the months and years to come as, together, we serve seniors with grace.

Sincerely,

Steve Fetyko
President & CEO
UMRC and Porter Hills

A LETTER

From Wendy Brightman, President
UMRC Foundation and Porter Hills Foundation and
Joanna Hogan, Vice President of Philanthropy
Porter Hills Foundation

It is our great honor to lead the Porter Hills Foundation, along with our dedicated Porter Hills Foundation Board of Trustees. We love getting to work together and appreciate the opportunities we have had over the past year to meet many of you who care so deeply about the older adults we serve at Porter Hills.

In November, the Porter Hills Foundation team welcomed guests and sponsors for our inaugural **Thanks For Giving** event, held at the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park. It was an absolute thrill to be part of this tremendous evening, highlighting the importance of our amazing team members. Testimonials from family and Board members showed how our team members live out Porter Hills' mission each day, so that all our residents may live life to the fullest.

It was the perfect setting to share about the Porter Hills Foundation's **Employee Support Program**. This fund will provide competitive scholarships for our dedicated team members, particularly those who directly serve older adults, to advance their educational and career goals; as well as emergency relief aid to ease an unexpected financial crisis for our team members.

In addition, the Porter Hills Foundation's initiatives include the **Benevolent Care Fund**, our cornerstone; life enrichment programming; and capital improvements. We look forward to sharing more information with each of you in the coming year. In the meantime, thank you for your generous commitment to the older adults we serve at Porter Hills.

With warmest regard,



Joanna Hogan, Vice President
of Philanthropy
Porter Hills Foundation



Wendy Brightman, President
UMRC Foundation and
Porter Hills Foundation



While UMRC Foundation and Porter Hills Foundation remain separate, our teams work together in a variety of ways, including planning the **Thanks For Giving** event held on November 20, 2019. From left to right: Jennifer Amormino, Wendy Brightman, Lisa French, Leah Tremaine, Joanna Hogan, Karen Owen, and Becca Weil.

Thank You For the Music:

NURTURING STELLA'S LOVE OF MUSIC AT PORTER HILLS

Charlie Royce told his mother's story at the Porter Hills Foundation's **Thanks For Giving** event on November 20, just a few days after Stella passed away. "It was therapeutic for me to be able to share at the event. Mom would want her story shared."



Hannah, Angie, and Charlie Royce

Charlie Royce's mother, Stella, loved music. "Music was always a huge part of our family's life," says Charlie.

As a young woman in the 1950s, Stella sang classical and popular music at any opportunity. She particularly loved the opera. She worked at the American Consulate in Mexico City where she had the chance to enjoy world renowned classical vocalists. She even made a recording of herself singing opera. After meeting and marrying Charlie's dad, Charles Sr., and coming to Michigan to work at his family's company, Royce Rolls Ringer Co., his mom continued her passion by singing in the Grand Rapids Symphony Chorus, serving for 25 years on the Symphony Board of Directors, hosting sing-alongs in her home, and nurturing her children's musical talents.

In 2012, Stella and Charles moved to Porter Hills. (Charles passed away in 2015.) When Stella's symptoms of dementia increased, Stella moved to Harmony Hall, a fitting name for her new home.

"Porter Hills has long had a choir, and Mom knew the director," explains Charlie. "She would make sure Mom could come from Harmony Hall to sing with them. Mom would know all the verses to every song and loved to be the soloist. She wouldn't remember it later but, while she was there, and in the moment, it meant so much to her."

Eventually she was no longer able to go to rehearsals, but Harmony Hall has a piano. The caregiving team recruited someone to play nearly every day at lunchtime so Stella could still enjoy the music, even setting up a recliner next to the piano when her hearing began to fade.

"It was amazing," says Charlie. "The Porter Hills team truly embraces dementia care and meets residents where they are to improve their experience." ■

A 'BLESSING' TO RESIDENTS AT PORTER HILLS

Blessing Kafulani's journey began in Zimbabwe where he was born. Twelve years ago, his family emigrated to the U.S. Because many of his relatives are far away, Blessing especially enjoys the opportunities to build relationships with the older adults he serves as a certified nursing assistant (CNA) at Porter Hills Village Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

"Porter Hills is like a second home to me," Blessing says. "That is my family. I don't consider it work."

"His smile is infectious, and his genuine caring nature is inspiring," says Blessing's supervisor Jessica Mays. "Blessing keeps the dignity and personhood of our residents at the center of the care he provides, while always trying to bring a smile to their face."

"A day without laughter is a day lost," adds Blessing who sees himself as part "goofy grandchild" and part advocate for the residents. "I was far from my father when he died. I understand how our residents' families feel. To trust someone else to take care of Mom and Dad? That is huge."

Blessing aspires to, one day, becoming a nurse. "I promised my dad before he died that I would finish nursing school," says Blessing. "He was very proud of me."

Porter Hills' new Employee Support Program may provide the means for Blessing to keep this promise. In the meantime, he finds fulfillment in his caregiving career and those he serves. "Humans have feelings, aspirations, dreams, no matter their condition. I do whatever I can to make life worthwhile for our residents and their families." ■



Blessing and Fred B., Porter Hills Village resident and a Marine veteran, share a love of the MSU Spartans.

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a second home to me.
That is my family.
I don't consider
it work."* — Blessing Kafulani

And Now... a Word from Our Sponsors



Left-hand photo:
Leslee Lewis and
Tony Calcagno

Right-hand photo:
From left to right:
Riley Jensen, Jackie
Taylor, and Pam Kidd.

The Porter Hills Foundation held its inaugural **Thanks for Giving** event on November 20, 2019 at the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park. We are grateful to Dickinson Wright and Verhey Carpets, Inc. for supporting this event at the highest level, and honored to share what each of these organizations means to the older adults we serve at Porter Hills.



Leslee Lewis



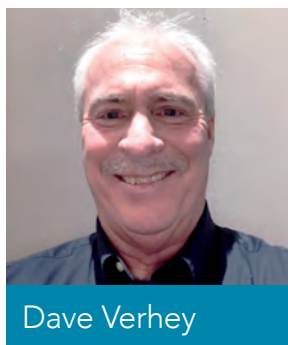
Leslee Lewis, Grand Rapids Managing Member at Dickinson Wright, appreciates the part her organization plays to support “the wonderful mission” of Porter Hills. “I feel so lucky to get to work with Porter Hills on a wide spectrum of projects and, most recently, the affiliation with UMRC.”

Vice President of Operations for UMRC and Porter Hills, Nicole Maag, says, “Dickinson Wright has been by our side at every significant milestone. Because we are so diverse in what we do, these issues can vary in the same day, from a lease, to a fair housing issue, to an employment issue. Dickinson Wright has a deep expertise. I know I can pick up the phone, and they will be able to help us with whatever the issue may be.”

Leslee compares her role as that of the left tackle or “blind side” position who protects the quarterback on the football field. “You don’t hear their name called, but they are very important to what’s going on.”

“Dickinson Wright frames their counsel in a way we can understand and that translates into meaningful action,” Nicole adds. “As a result, I know what the next action is to take. I can’t think of a better partner to sponsor our event because they care so much about what we do. It’s a beautiful fit.”

Says Leslee, “We want to be part of giving back. It is meaningful for us. We believe in the mission and believe that Porter Hills is doing it right.” ■



Dave Verhey



Forty-two years ago, Dave Verhey of Verhey Carpets, Inc. remembers walking into Porter Hills for the first time and seeing “miles and miles of green carpet.” Dave says, “It was my job to remove all that hallway carpet.” Porter Hills also had the largest continuous dining room in West Michigan, according to Dave. “1,000 yards of carpet! I’ll always remember that.”

Today, the relationship between Verhey Carpets and Porter Hills is still going strong, with Verhey Carpets handling all carpet and installation for each Porter Hills apartment renovation.

“Dave doesn’t sell flooring, he sells happiness,” says Debbie Steggles, Porter Hills Senior Executive Director of Affordable Housing. “He wants to be sure the customer is satisfied. We are thrilled that Verhey Carpets has never missed an installation deadline at Porter Hills.”

Dave says that many of the residents at Porter Hills have been customers of Verhey Carpets before moving there. “They know what to expect, and we know what to deliver.”

“This is a very special relationship that dates back 42 years,” says Debbie. “Dave, his family, and his team members are truly invested in supporting Porter Hills and the mission that we hold to serve seniors of the greater Grand Rapids area.”

“Doing work for friends is really what it is,” Dave says. “We enjoy that and appreciate it and wanted to be part of the **Thanks For Giving** event to say ‘thank you.’” ■

LIVE YOUR best LIFE

Retirement in the 21st century looks different than ever before.

Today's older adults are dynamic, digital and determined to pursue all those ideas and activities they've been putting off for later.

Because living well is what it's all about. At Porter Hills, we work to provide communities and services capable of ensuring senior living is just that – living, in every sense of the word — maintenance-free apartments, town homes and free-standing estate homes, chef-run dining experiences, a vibrant social life and dynamic wellness programs.

We welcome all, regardless of faith or national origin, to benefit from our superior team and healthcare providers. Learn more by visiting our communities, or exploring our home care services online at www.porterhills.org.

PORTER HILLS

Trusted experts serving seniors with grace.

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Headlines from 2018-2019



Celebrating the affiliation are (standing) John Nixon III, UMRC Board Chair; Mary Wagner, Porter Hills Board Chair; and Kim Hoppe, UMRC and Porter Hills Chief Financial Officer. Seated: Steve Fetyko, UMRC and Porter Hills President and CEO; and David Bard, Bishop of the Michigan Area United Methodist Church.



TOP MICHIGAN SENIOR LIVING ORGANIZATIONS FINALIZE AFFILIATION

UMRC and Porter Hills entered an agreement, effective March 1, 2019, to come together under shared governance and leadership. Together, UMRC, Porter Hills and their affiliates now represent a \$150 million organization that serves more than 6,700 older Michigan adults annually across 22 counties in the lower peninsula.

"This decision follows a six-month due diligence process which began in August 2018," said Mary Wagner, chair of the Porter Hills governing board. "We worked thoughtfully to ensure not just the right financial and operational fit, but the right culture and ethos for a truly strong partnership. We are pleased at the outcome and optimistic about the future."

John Nixon III, chair of the UMRC governing board, agreed. "Bringing together these two organizations, with over 160 years of combined history, has been a labor of love as well as due diligence, and a shared commitment of both organizations to the best possible care for older adults in our state."



UMRC AND PORTER HILLS ANNOUNCE NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

UMRC and Porter Hills announced the appointment of Steve Fetyko as president and chief executive officer to lead the newly affiliated organization. This decision followed 18 months of thoughtful deliberation and careful review by the CEO Search Committee, comprised of both UMRC and Porter Hills Board members. Steve previously served as interim CEO since November 2018, and as vice president and chief financial officer of UMRC since 2014.

"With his solid healthcare and finance background, his exceptional capability as a leader, and his outstanding commitment to serving a growing population of older adults, both the UMRC and Porter Hills Boards have every confidence that Steve Fetyko is precisely the right person to guide our organizations – together – into the future," said Mary Wagner, Porter Hills Board chair.



Steve Fetyko takes the helm as President & CEO of UMRC and Porter Hills.



PORTER HILLS EARNS 'WEST MICHIGAN'S BEST AND BRIGHTEST COMPANIES TO WORK FOR®' HONOR

Porter Hills was honored by the National Association of Business Resources as one of **West Michigan's Best and Brightest Companies to Work For®** in 2019. "Porter Hills is one of just five area companies to earn this distinction for seventeen straight years," said UMRC and Porter Hills Chief Human Resources Officer, Michelle Baldwin Henderson. "We are thrilled to receive this honor that recognizes our commitment to best practices as a local employer and speaks to the dedication of our Porter Hills team members in providing excellent care with grace for the older adults we serve."



Porter Hills Foundation Board Chair, Jay Wisentaner, spoke about his personal connection with Porter Hills. "I am proud to serve Porter Hills because of the extraordinary care my aunt receives as a resident here. My aunt's caregivers treat her like a member of the family, which means the world to me."



Sister Aquinas Weber, Nancy and Don Lubbers



Lorraine Faist, Bruce Lyon, and Betty Dykstra

Porter Hills caregivers Qusheba Mitchell and Marcia MacGraw were guests at the **Thanks For Giving** event.



PORTER HILLS FOUNDATION HOSTS INAUGURAL THANKS FOR GIVING EVENT

On November 20, the Porter Hills Foundation hosted its inaugural **Thanks For Giving** celebration at the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park. Guests included donors, residents and families, corporate sponsors, board members, and staff.

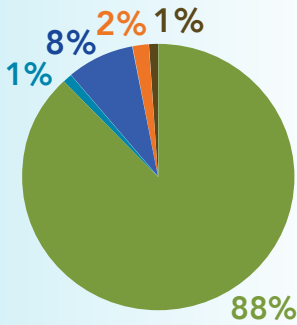
With a focus on the importance of Porter Hills' caregivers, sponsorships and ticket sales from this event will create the Porter Hills **Employee Support Program**, providing scholarship opportunities and emergency aid for our devoted team members, especially those who work most closely with the older adults we serve.

Porter Hills Vice President of Philanthropy, Joanna Hogan, says, "This was a celebration of generosity. When people give to the Foundation, it often comes from a feeling of gratitude for the care that they, or their loved one, have received. So, in addition to celebrating donors, we highlighted our dedicated caregiving team members who make Porter Hills such a special place to live and work."

Fiscal Year Ending 2019 Financial Report

July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

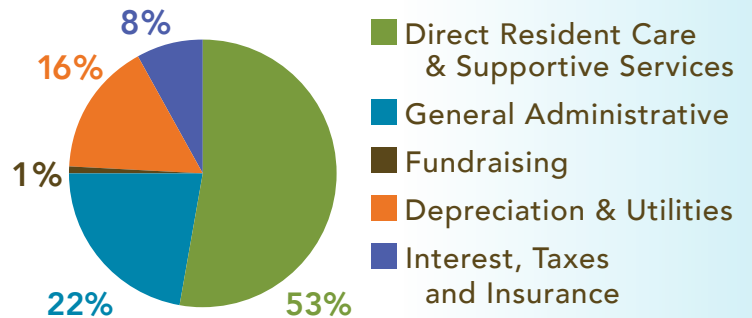
Combined Porter Hills & Porter Hills Foundation (Obligated Group) Revenue



Total: \$34,123,576

Net Service Revenue	\$29,985,073
Investment Activity	\$379,027
Life Lease Revenue	\$2,719,619
Other	\$777,810
Contributions	\$262,047

Expenses by Type



Only 1% in fundraising expenses! Porter Hills Foundation is committed to being a good steward of your gifts.

CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

Porter Hills Village	\$2,186,921
Cook Valley Estates	\$962,168
Porter Hills Corporate Office	\$73,928
Meadowlark	\$65,415
Home Health Care	\$1,860

Affordable Living Communities

\$116,492

Includes:

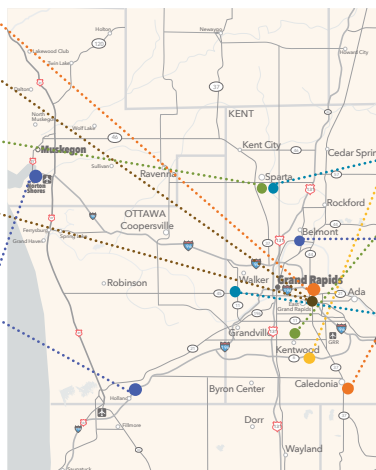
Bailey's Grove	\$10,605
Harvest Way	\$22,822
Oak Ridge	\$10,897
River Grove	\$19,969
Station Creek	\$11,825
Walker Meadow	\$40,374

As a nonprofit, Porter Hills reinvests **ALL** margin and philanthropic dollars into new programs and facilities.

UMRC & Porter Hills made total Capital Investments of **\$3,406,784** to improve the lives of older adults in West Michigan.

PORTER HILLS OLDER ADULTS SERVED

Porter Hills Village	398
Cook Valley Estates	180
Meadowlark Retirement Village	56
GREEN HOUSE® Homes	20
Avenues by Porter Hills	48
LifeCircles PACE	332
Porter Hills Home Health Care	1,634



270 Affordable Living Communities	
Includes:	
Bailey's Grove	43
Harvest Way	45
Oak Ridge	45
River Grove	46
Station Creek	49
Walker Meadow	42

Porter Hills Served **2,938** Older Adults!

\$3.4 MILLION INVESTED IN PORTER HILLS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS!

NEW GARDEN ROOF AT PORTER HILLS VILLAGE

THE ROOF IS NOW WATER TIGHT AND
MUCH OF THE FORMS AND BASE IS INSTALLED.
THE TURF AND FINISHES WILL BE COMPLETED IN SPRING.

588

NEW
GARDEN
APARTMENT
WINDOWS

GARDEN APARTMENT WINDOW REPLACEMENT

GARDEN APARTMENTS WEST **160**

GARDEN APARTMENTS EAST **390**

COMMON AREAS **38**

VILLAGE CENTER APARTMENT RENOVATIONS

152 TOTAL VILLAGE CENTER APARTMENTS

77 VILLAGE CENTER APARTMENTS RENOVATED

56%
COMPLETED
RENOVATIONS

RENOVATIONS WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE NEXT YEAR.

SISTER AQUINAS WEBER – A FAITHFUL LIFE OF SERVICE



Sister Aquinas Weber

Give you thanks for this wondrous life; all your works are wonderful.

These words from Psalm 139 inspire and describe the life of Sister Aquinas Weber, a Grand Rapids Dominican Sister for over 75 years. This Aquinas College graduate continues to bless the lives of others, from college students at her alma mater, where she is Chancellor Emerita and still works part-time in the Advancement office; to older adults living at Porter Hills. “Porter Hills has a wonderful reputation,” says Sister Aquinas. “It’s the place to go when you retire.”

Sister Aquinas joined the Porter Hills governing board in 1990 and, in 1995, became a charter member of the Porter Hills Foundation Board, which she served for 15 years. The Porter Hills Benevolent Care Fund is especially meaningful to Sister Aquinas, and she continues to be a trusted advisor to the Porter Hills Foundation.

An advocate for education, Sister Aquinas appreciates the Porter Hills Foundation’s new Employee Support Program. “What a marvelous way for Porter Hills to show how they value and appreciate their employees.” ■

DAVID HOOKER SHARES FAMILY CONNECTIONS



David Hooker

David Hooker, President and CEO of Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, knows first-hand about Porter Hills’ mission of serving seniors with grace: “Three of my four grandparents lived out their many years at

Porter Hills. They were years filled with good times with family and friends, old and new.”

His parents also made their home at Cook Valley Estates for “many great years.” Says David, “They could travel, entertain company, and enjoy time with their family.” Although, David’s mother has passed away, his “vibrant, active, fully engaged 89-year-old father” still lives at Cook Valley.

David shares the story of his grandmother, Elizabeth Hooker, who was hesitant at first to make the move to Porter Hills. “She had lots of friends and never intended on moving from her Grand Rapids home. Yet, life changes, and we develop needs which must be met in a different place.” David said the logical choice was Porter Hills.

When her name rose to the top of Porter Hills’ wait list, Elizabeth promptly said, “No, thank you.” “Dad and Gram had a long, significant discussion,” says David and, finally, his grandmother agreed to move.

After two weeks, says David, everything had changed. “She found that many of her existing friends already lived there. She made many new friends and was having the time of her life!”

What happened in those two weeks? David says, “She was surrounded by love, she was surrounded by friends, and she was needed. That, my friends, is called grace.” ■

Dori Vander Mey:

"THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT PORTER HILLS"

Dori Vander Mey was born in Cleveland, but spent much of her young life in Canada near Toronto. At nineteen, she moved to Grand Rapids to live with her aunt and met her husband, Herbert, on a blind date. "I thought he was too tall at first, but Aunt Marge liked him," laughs Dori. "He was wonderful to me."

When Dori was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in her mid-20s, she and Herbert, who became president of Michigan Wheel, founded the West Michigan M.S. Society.

Herbert served on the Porter Hills Board for four years and told Dori they should move to Porter Hills. (Herbert passed away in 2004). Dori has lived at Porter Hills for 20 years and loves her home and backyard garden.

"I like the people and everything about Porter Hills. It's a lovely retirement home," says Dori who painted the decorations on the walls of the Garden Café. "There is something for everyone." She especially loves Bible study with Chaplain Melody Johnson. Her favorite Bible verse is Romans 8:28 – *everything works together for good for those who love the Lord.*

"Everything is good at Porter Hills," says Dori. It's why she has decided to include Porter Hills in her will and is a member of the **Porter Hills Legacy Society**. "They have been so good to me and I've enjoyed it so much here." ■



Dori Vander Mey enjoys all Porter Hills has to offer.

As a member of the **Porter Hills Legacy Society**, Dori has chosen to support Porter Hills through her Estate Plan. To learn how you can join Dori in making a lasting difference for tomorrow's older adults, contact the Porter Hills Foundation at **616.577.2112**

PORTER HILLS FOUNDATION

PORTER HILLS LEGACY SOCIETY

We are honored to remember the following group of more than 200 treasured friends who have made – and continue to make – a difference in the lives of older adults by including Porter Hills Foundation in their estate plans. Their generous gifts reflect their steadfast belief in Porter Hills and its faith-filled mission of service to older adults. We are grateful for their legacy.

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The Porter Hills Foundation hosted a luncheon and reunion for Emeritus Board Chairs held at Porter Hills on July 10, 2019. "We are so grateful to this dedicated group of men and women for their leadership, compassion, and support of the older adults we serve at Porter Hills," says Wendy Brightman, President of the UMRC Foundation and Porter Hills Foundation. "As the Porter Hills Foundation approaches its 25th anniversary in 2020, it is an honor to thank these amazing individuals. Their generous service over the years has blessed the lives of so many older adults and families."

In attendance were (back row): Richard Rathburn, Thomas Jackoboice, Jim Preston, Jay Wisentaner, and Charles (Chuck) Jennings. (front row): Mary Wagner, Richard (Dick) Young, and Catherine (Reezie) DeVet.



Words of Gratitude

"Porter Hills' amazing caregivers make my Grandma feel loved and cared for. More than once, she has told me how wonderful the staff is to everyone. Porter Hills wouldn't be the same without its caring team members, and we are so grateful."

— a thankful granddaughter



Porter Hills team member provides service with a smile.

EMPLOYEE SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Porter Hills Foundation is proud to launch the **Employee Support Program** for Porter Hills' outstanding team members. The Employee Support Program offers competitive **Staff Scholarships** to provide a leg-up for team members wishing to pursue their career and educational goals. **Emergency Aid** will also be available to lend a hand to support Porter Hills team members who experience an emergency causing financial hardship. To learn more about how you can help the Employee Support Program grow, contact Joanna Hogan, Vice President of Philanthropy for the Porter Hills Foundation, at 616.577.2112.

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Porter Hills' compassionate, professional team members make a difference in the lives of older adults every day. We are grateful for those who made a gift to the Porter Hills Foundation in Fiscal Year ending 2019.

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Porter Hills Foundation - Making a Difference

MISSION STATEMENT

The Porter Hills Foundation's mission is to raise, invest, and monitor the funds that support Porter Hills in providing a continuum of high-quality communities and services.

The Porter Hills Foundation was officially established as a separate nonprofit organization in 1995 with a \$3.5 million gift. Since then, donors like you have been generous partners in supporting the older adults we serve at Porter Hills.

With a focus on the health, well-being, and security of older adults, as well as the education and retention of our outstanding team members, the Porter Hills Foundation's four **Priority Initiatives** include:

Benevolent Care Fund,
ensuring that eligible residents who outlive their financial resources always have a loving home at Porter Hills.

Employee Support Program,
offering competitive Staff Scholarships and Emergency Aid to support our dedicated Porter Hills team members.

Life Enrichment for Older Adults,
helping those we serve find their purpose, follow their passions, and live life to the fullest.

Capital Improvements,
transforming existing buildings and constructing new ones that provide the utmost in personal comfort and amenities for Michigan's growing population of older adults.



Committed to offering affordable living options for older adults in West Michigan, Porter Hills serves a total of 270 low-income older adults each day at its six Affordable Living Communities – more than any other organization in Kent County. These communities include: Bailey's Grove in Kentwood; Harvest Way in Sparta; Oak Ridge in Grand Rapids; River Grove in Belmont; Station Creek in Caledonia; and Walker Meadow in Walker. To learn more about Porter Hills' Affordable Living Communities, please call 616.301.0145.



TRUSTED EXPERTS SERVING SENIORS WITH *Grace*

The mission of **Porter Hills** is to be trusted experts serving seniors with grace. Its vision is to be nationally recognized as an unparalleled leader and partner in senior services. In March 2019, Porter Hills affiliated, under shared governance and leadership, with **United Methodist Retirement Communities**, based in Chelsea, Michigan. Together, these organizations represent the second largest nonprofit senior living organization in Michigan. With a tradition of exceptional quality and a commitment to cutting-edge care, these faith-based organizations and their affiliates combine to serve more than 6,700 older adults each year, from 24 locations and service lines, across 22 counties in Michigan's lower peninsula.

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