



Making A *Difference*

Hope Endures...



While the pandemic and the fight against Covid-19 still continues, we certainly see many signs of hope and progress.

Vaccines are successfully

being administered across our nation and the world. We have found new ways to carry on over the last year, and while things are not 'back to normal' there are undoubtedly signs of hope all around us.

Now with positivity test rates that are dropping, many states are lifting mask ordinances and easing social distancing measures. But with our line of business in nursing and hospice care, the continued need for protecting the vulnerable is still very much in place.

At our communities of care we continue to be masked, to vaccinate, and

to swab with covid tests. We continue to be cautious, but not fearful, in order to best protect those in our care. Everyday life here is different, but we rely on the hope that with each day our efforts are measured as essential acts of love in caring for our most vulnerable residents, hospice patients and at home clients.

The resiliency and health of residents and staff has been a huge concern especially during these prolonged lockdown efforts. What was once everyone's darkest hour when the shutdowns first began, has turned into the opportunity to celebrate the joys of Hope as we transition slowly back to normalcy.

The Foundation has served an essential role in finding ways of supporting both employees and residents since we first learned of the impending crisis. The Foundation initially pledged \$150,000 of immediate emergency support across all our continuums of care. Because of the generosity of so many, our efforts have now realized funding to support

over \$330,000 in direct response to fund critical covid needs.

It has been a long journey, but donor generosity has helped fund the purchase of personal protection equipment, masks, thermometers, visitation tents, vital sign equipment, employee financial assistance and even refrigeration units to help administer vaccines.

We have many things for which to be thankful. The progresses made during these pandemic times would not have been possible without the continued support of so many. Your gifts help impact our ministries of care in such meaningful and inspiring ways. So thank you for your prayers and support, for it is our enduring hope that we continue to walk together during these difficult times to truly make a difference for those in need.

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Blessed by Community



Let me introduce you to Ms. Mary, a dear friend of mine who lived until the end of her life at RoseCrest a Lutheran Homes community of care in Inman. We first met

when she was an independent resident and we became fast friends...sharing stories, learning of adventures and talking about family and shared faith. I visited Ms. Mary often as she moved through our continuum of care. I often found her in the midst of community playing bingo, at worship, painting or making other crafts, or sharing a meal with her friends. She would always call me by name and invite me into her community and we would laugh and visit.

On our latter visits Ms. Mary would say to me "you look familiar, I know you ...I'm sorry my mind is not what it used to be" yet we would visit and laugh like old friends. You see although Ms. Mary was losing some of her memories she knew of our friendship, trust and care. She also knew of her safety in community and would introduce me to staff that had become not only her friends but also an

extension of her family.

I recall with great fondness one of my last visits with her. I found Mary in the sunroom at a table with a large puzzle spread out. She greeted me warmly with "I know you, you look familiar... would you join me?" We sat together in silence with the blessing of trust found in relationship and put a few pieces together. She later invited me to her room and told me of her latest adventure with family over thanksgiving where they had celebrated at the old



homestead. She was so joyful and generous in sharing these cherished memories with me. We talked of life, we talked of faith, we talked of her peace, laughing and visiting.

Ms. Mary knew she was well taken care of and was at peace with the circumstance of her long life. One way that Mary had taken care of herself was by establishing a life annuity thru the

ELCA Foundation making the Lutheran Homes of SC Foundation the beneficiary. This means that she had an ongoing monthly income until her death at which time the remainder would go to the LHSC Foundation to help with subsidized care.

Mary gave of herself helping others throughout her lifetime and continued

that help to others with this established gift after her death. She would tell me how happy she was to have made the decision to establish this annuity and how beneficial it had also been for her

by bringing her joy knowing that others would be helped at her death.

Planned giving is important not only to the foundation but also for donors. A planned gift can be made in a variety of ways dependent on life needs, tax impacts and donor wishes. Will you join Ms. Mary by finding the joy in knowing others will be well taken care of through your planned gift?

"Fore!" Fundraising

The 18th Franke at Seaside Golf Tournament was held Monday, May 3rd, at Rivertowne Country Club. Congratulations on the effort led by Elliott Williams and volunteer staff at Franke to increase the total net proceeds to over \$12,000 for the benefit Franke at Seaside and Lutheran Hospice of the Lowcountry.



Awarded Highest Rating for 8th Consecutive Year

Charity Navigator announced earlier this year that the Lutheran Homes of SC Foundation has again achieved highest marks with earning another 4-star rating. Congratulations are in order for demonstrating strong financial health, accountability and transparency.

We are proud to announce an eighth consecutive 4-star rating, which indicates that the

Foundation outperforms most other charities in America. This exceptional

designation from Charity Navigator sets us apart and acknowledges our level of commitment to good governance, best practices and accountability.

Charity Navigator is the largest and most utilized evaluator of charities in America helping donors make intelligent giving decisions in

reviewing nearly 1.5 million nonprofits.



Foundation Annual Report



In the fiscal year that ended on September 30, 2020, there were 1,674 donors that contributed to the Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation. Their gifts along with income on endowments made it possible for the Foundation to provide \$1,840,977 in support to the ministries of Lutheran Homes.

The generous gifts from our donors certainly gave peace of mind to the 39 residents, hospice patients and clients that had their care subsidized with support totaling \$585,128. They were able to receive the services they needed even though they could not afford to pay the full cost of their care.

Those gifts also made a difference in the quality of life for all of those

served by Lutheran Homes as we spent \$907,742 to fund capital purchases on emergency covid protection equipment, facility upgrades and medical services equipment. Also included was providing an additional \$348,107 to support our ministry sites with program enhancements, operational grants and transfers such as life enrichment, pastoral care and special projects.

Being able to give back is a good thing for the donor as well as the charity. And when you give a gift to the Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation, it is good for our residents, hospice patients, and clients because your gifts will be used to make a real difference in the lives of those we serve.

Estates and Bequests

Gifts from estates and other planned giving instruments have played a vital role in the 100-year history of Lutheran Homes and its predecessor ministries. The Foundation has received funds from planned gifts established by the following:

The Raymond and Elizabeth Caughman Charitable Remainder Unitrust made an unrestricted distribution of **\$57,463** to benefit the ministry of Lutheran Homes of South Carolina.

Edwin B. Hill established a charitable gift annuity at the ELCA Foundation which distributed **\$9,628** to the Evangelical Lutheran Charities Society for Franke at Seaside.

\$83,774 was received from the **Estate of Julian F. Wise** which named the LHSC Foundation as a remainder beneficiary.

Grants Continue to Make a Difference

Grants received since the last issue of Making a Difference include...

\$1,000 from the **Cook Family Donor Advised Fund** by Boyd and Margaret Cook for Subsidized Care.

\$1,000 from the **Coastal Community Foundation** for Subsidized Care at Franke, by Jean and James Rion.

\$5,000 from the **Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation** for Subsidized Care patients of Lutheran Hospice in the Upstate.

\$500 from the **Vincent DiGangi & Christine Owens Donor Advised Fund** for Subsidized Care at Lutheran Hospice.

\$5,000 from the **Ernest and Kathryn Troutman Foundation** to install a stained glass window in an established worship space at RoseCrest.



Mission Statement

The mission of Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation is to support the ministry of Lutheran Homes of South Carolina by enabling donors, who care about older adults and hospice patients, to achieve their philanthropic goals and by being a faithful steward of their gifts.



Bank Drafts and Credit Card Payments

The Foundation accepts one-time and recurring contributions through bank drafts and credit card payments. Please contact Judith Whisman at **800.756.9443** or visit **LutheranHomesSCFoundation.org**.

Purpose Statement

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What is "Planned Giving"?

"Planned giving" is not a term one hears everyday—in fact, most people do not make "unplanned gifts" to charitable interests or to family and friends. All gifts, in effect, are planned gifts. This term, however, is frequently used by many not-for-profit organizations to denote specific gift plans, which carry with them special benefits to the donor and to charity.

There are a variety of ways you can make a planned gift to the Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation and create a legacy. Several suggestions on how your charitable goals can be realized by making a planned gift are listed below.

A Charitable Bequest in Your Will

A bequest is an ideal way to ensure that the charitable causes which are important to you and your family continue to be supported beyond your lifetime. You can designate a set amount or percentage of your estate, or leave your house or other asset. Bequests to the Foundation can create significant tax savings for your heirs.

IRA or Retirement Plan Assets

You may designate the Foundation as a beneficiary of your IRA or other retirement plan. Since these plans are

taxable to you during life, they are also taxable to your heirs at death. Including estate taxes, sometimes IRA's are taxed up to as much as 50%-75% of their value. This is an ideal asset to leave to charity as it will retain its full value and can be rolled over to charity with no tax consequences.

Life Insurance

You can transfer ownership of a cash value policy during your lifetime and be eligible for an immediate tax deduction based on the policy's current value. Naming the Foundation as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy can also be a valuable estate planning strategy.

Planning with ones resources often allows a donor to secure their own future while preparing to make a gift that will shape the lives of others. Contact us to learn more about one of the many options that may help you make a gift to the ministry of Lutheran Homes Foundation:

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