

# Mrs. Roper's Romp A Smashing Success

The inaugural Mrs. Roper's Romp on April 19, 2024, was a smashing success because of YOU...our sponsors, donors and attendees who embraced this first-of-a kind event in Manitowoc County. Vinton Construction recently began the work on the first phase of our project, the patio area at The Gardens. The patio will be an aesthetically pleasing area with ample seating and shade. The next phase, a redesigned and upgraded space in the Wisconsin Room, will begin in 2025.



For several years residents and families have asked if we would consider building a more user-friendly area for outdoor gatherings. We are pleased to be moving forward, making these dreams a reality in a phased approach. The completed patio and pub will ultimately offer a location for residents, families, and others to enjoy meals or beverages, attend Felician Village sponsored events, listen to music, and most of all, enjoy social interaction and a sense of community with each other.

*If you are interested in sponsoring the patio & pub project, contact Renee Thompson, Donor Development Director at [rthompson@felicianvillage.org](mailto:rthompson@felicianvillage.org), 920-684-7171, ext. 381.*

**2025** Mrs. Roper's Romp details coming soon!



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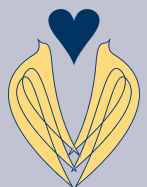
I recently celebrated my one-year anniversary with Felician Village, and being a member of the Donor Development Committee has been a highlight and a blessing. As a Felician Sisters Sponsored, non-profit organization, Felician Village has served the Manitowoc Community since 1887. Felician Village is the only life-plan campus in the area, serving older adults at all stages of their aging journey – whether it be as a member of our community membership program, Felician Village at Home or as one of our most vulnerable residents requiring around the clock care at St. Mary's Nursing Home.

In this newsletter you will read many exciting updates about our innovative and unique programs and services at Felician Village. Behind them all, stand the core values of our organization – Compassion, Solidarity with Those in Need, Justice & Peace, Respect for Human Dignity and Transformation. In collaboration with the faithful generosity of our benefactors, we continue to make a difference in the lives of those we serve. If you are inspired to support the work we are doing, we would be incredibly grateful for your gift.

- Luke Schubert, *President/CEO*

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Felician Village





Watch music therapy in action!

## Music Therapy Transforming Residents' Lives

Marcia Baeten, music therapy interventionist and music therapist, Tracy Reif, had a terrific session with resident, Mary, recently. Tracy and Marcia used their education and experience to enhance Mary's day. "Every day is different for every resident depending on a variety of factors, but today, Mary was so engaged!" Marcia said. "We began our session today with drumming. Mary used both hands to tap and sing to the song Tracy was singing—then we moved into the gentle shaker and again, Mary was tapping both hands." Music therapy continues to advance in caring with our residents. Thanks to the West Foundation and Felician Services, Inc. (FSI).



A donation of **\$185** can provide one day of life-changing music therapy for our residents.



### EDUCATE & ASK!

Felician Village is a non-profit 501c3 organization whose mission is "to continue the

healing ministry of Jesus by providing compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person we serve."

#### Donor gifts contribute to:

- ◆ Music Therapy
- ◆ Dementia education & training
- ◆ Felician Village at Home
- ◆ Cornerstone Endowment Fund for the Poor
- ◆ Resident activities such as music entertainment
- ◆ And so much more!

Non-profit organizations realize the benefits of donations from individuals, companies, foundations, and grant funders. Thanks to our donors, we are able to provide innovative, cutting-edge programs, services, and campus enhancements for our residents.

We continually invest monies which makes life better at Felician Village for residents, families, and our dedicated staff.

**Should you consider a gift to Felician Village, please contact Renee at 920-684-7171, ext. 381. Felician Village (EIN 39-0826123)**

*"Because we are a non-profit organization, it is our responsibility and privilege to raise monies for the many incredible programs and services that we offer our residents."*

- Renee Thompson

One family member remarked that their mother could not afford music therapy if it weren't made possible by donors. Mom benefits from every session! We are so thankful this program is funded through a grant. **There's no other facility that offers this.**

## Music is Good for the Soul

Barb Cook, resident of The Gardens is so proud of her music students, fellow residents at The Gardens! The group has mastered tone chimes.



The group of 30 perform regularly at Felician Village as well as during the holidays at St. James Episcopal Church and the Rahr West Art Museum.

The late Fay Heller and her relative Pat Ratzlaff, made a donation for the chimes and along with an anonymous donor, provided funds for the tuning of a gently used piano.



## Catherine's Legacy

We have been blessed to call Catherine M. Wagner a friend. Catherine moved to Felician Village nearly 25 years ago.

Nursing was her vocation and she embraced her duty seriously when she enlisted in the US Army to serve as a nurse who was sent to England during WWII.

Catherine had previously stated, "I was so proud to be an Army nurse and did everything I could to save the lives of our boys." Old Glory hung proudly at their army base. She continued, "We were so proud to be Americans serving and we'd talk about our flag. No other country's flag was more beautiful than ours!" Catherine said everyone was homesick but they were in it together and knew they all had a duty to fulfill and would return home one day.



*Catherine celebrating her 103rd Birthday at St. Mary's with Megan Bruckschen, FV Marketing Director, in 2022.*

Upon Catherine's return to the US, she continued her nursing career, and met her husband, Gordon. Upon his passing, she moved to Felician Village. Catherine was one of few residents who lived in every household on campus as she aged in place.

While at Felician Village, she became a friend to many. Felician Village became a great friend to her as well. Several discussions about ensuring others were taken care of led to Catherine's decision to include Felician Village in her estate.

We are deeply blessed to know that Felician Village was her home until the end, following a birthday celebration of 103! Catherine shared what her key to living a long and healthy life was ... with a huge laugh, she admitted drinking milk with every meal, brushing her teeth, and enjoying one cocktail every night was a recipe for good health. Catherine felt immeasurably blessed and because she was, she shared with those who were in need. She was a servant while she was alive and evidenced by her generosity, beyond.

We extend a grateful thank you to Salutz Law, LLP, attorneys John Stangel and Mary Salutz for executing Catherine's wishes.

## Thank You

*To Our Recent Grant Funders*

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the care you need

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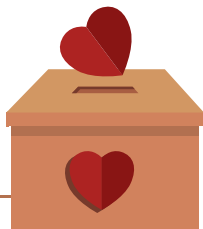
### FV at Home

*Membership Program*  
Support to continue  
living in your home



# Thank You

for your generosity in supporting the mission and ministry of Felician Village



## \$280,132

Fiscal year gifts  
(July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)



## 220

Current active donors



**Fresh Air Fun** What better way to enjoy our sunny and warm days than to participate in activities or simply enjoy a well-deserved nap, all while getting a dose of healthy Vitamin D? Thanks to Craig and Cindy Pauly who gifted us funds to purchase patio furniture at Villa Grove and Villa Lakeside!

The gift was the result of additional funds directed by them from the Theodore and Sibylla Pauly Fund at Lakeshore Community Foundation.



Each Month

## 350

resident activities occur across our campus!

Crafts, musical performances, games, spiritual reflection, culinary experiences, bus trips, exercise, happy hour & more!

All resident activity donations ensure we continue to offer quality and creative experiences for our residents.

**By skipping one day of take-out coffee, your donation of as little as \$5 can provide experiences for our residents!**



### Spirit of Giving

Doug Albright and his fellow VFW Post 1248 members provide gifts for BINGO prizes for our residents. At Christmas, they helped fund gifts for 134 residents.



*“Something small like a flower can brighten the day for most people.”*

More than 225 residents across the Felician Village campus received a poinsettia in December. Donor, Carla Liban remarked, “Something small like a flower can brighten the day for most people. We received a card from a recipient who told us that she looked forward to checking on her flower every morning. To Geof and me, she was telling us that the flower gave her something to look forward to seeing when she woke up.”





## Empowering Older Adults to Live Independently

Felician Village at Home is a membership program that supports those who are 50 and older, living in Manitowoc County. This unique program provides transportation through FV on the Go, socializing and educational opportunities, light household chores and maintenance, volunteer assistance, technology tutoring, grocery assistance, and much more!

We help our members thrive and encourage them to live the life they want to live! The Green Bay Packers Foundation along with the Roy and Darlene Charitable Fund recognized the important role this program plays for older adults, and awarded us grants to support this program. These gifts offer financial assistance to members who do not have the means to afford the program themselves. We continue to see this program grow and it reminds us of the need to serve our community.



A **\$192** donation provides the benefits of a membership for one-older adult in need.



A **\$24** donation provides four one-way rides to someone in need of a last minute ride to the doctor's office or grocery store.

## TEAM SPORT DRAWS A CROWD!

Felician Village on the Go recently had the honor of transporting one of our residents, Jo-Nell Rubick, to speak to the Manitowoc Lincoln Ships Football team before their first home game of the season.

This wasn't just any day—it also would have been her 60th wedding anniversary with her late husband, famed Ships Football Coach, Ron Rubick.



**117 miles ...** our farthest FV on the Go ride to Eagle River for a member to visit family.

*Cornerstone Endowment Fund for the Poor*

**As of June 30, 2024, the balance was \$1,023,667**

Felician Village Cornerstone Endowment Fund for the Poor is growing. The purpose of the endowment is to provide ongoing support for our residents in need. Interest earnings of approximately 4% each year for the last rolling 60 months contributes to earnings returned back to Felician Village for uncompensated care for our residents who rely on financial assistance. This mission supports one of our core values, Solidarity with Those in Need.

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11*

## Sights & Sounds of Summer Fun

Sweet ice cream treats really hit the spot for our residents as they enjoyed tasty treats like drumsticks, popsicles, and push up sherbet pops. John Durbow and Karen Steinberger recently provided an ice-cream truck experience, in memory of Faith Donoghue.

Employees were also invited to join in the fun, making this a nostalgic intergenerational experience for all!





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*Leading by  
example  
through our  
Mission,  
Vision &  
Core Values*



*Sr. Bernetta, Sr. Bernadette, Sr. Michaeleen, Sr. Rosalie*

**Our Mission**

To continue the healing ministry of Jesus by providing compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person we serve.

**Our Vision**

To lead the community in offering seniors personalized services that are life-enriching and wellness focused.

**Core Values**

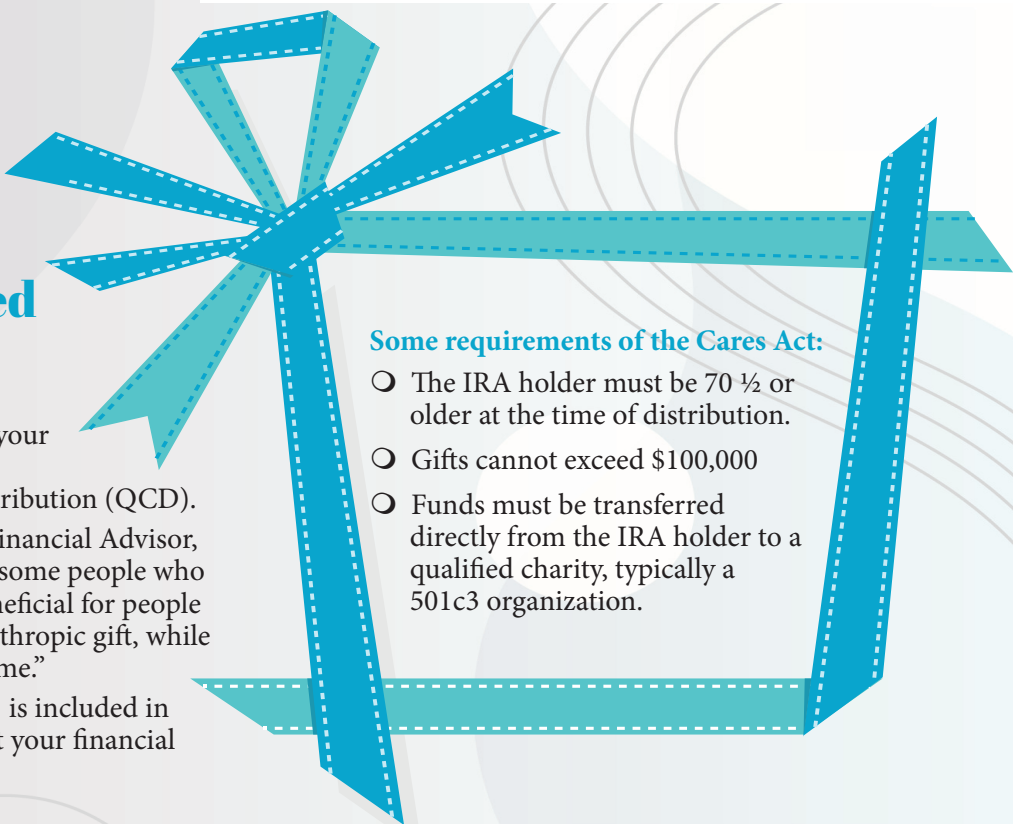
Respect for Human Dignity  
Compassion  
Transformation  
Solidarity with People in Need  
Justice and Peace



**Donate today!**

**Have you considered a charitable gift?**

Now is an excellent time to contact your financial advisor and if you qualify, consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).  
Carla Liban, retired Edward Jones Financial Advisor, advises that “A QCD is attractive to some people who qualify. A gift through a QCD is beneficial for people who wish to make a personal philanthropic gift, while possibly reducing their taxable income.”  
If Felician Village (EIN 39-0826123) is included in your gift giving plans, please contact your financial advisor for current guidelines.



**Some requirements of the Cares Act:**

- The IRA holder must be 70 ½ or older at the time of distribution.
- Gifts cannot exceed \$100,000
- Funds must be transferred directly from the IRA holder to a qualified charity, typically a 501c3 organization.

**Felician Village Fund Development Committee**

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