

Joe D'Ambrosio & Beth Eckhardt

Husband and wife volunteer their time and resources as a way to give back to Heritage Community, where Beth's mother resides.



GRATITUDE.

It's part of our heritage.

The Heritage Legacy Fund

Summer 2017

Beth Eckhardt and Joe D'Ambrosio have both felt inspired by the story of Heritage Community, not only as children to one of the residents, but as community members of Kalamazoo.

In the aftermath of her father's passing, Beth has watched her mother bloom at Wyndham West, an assisted living community at Heritage. Beth points to the other residents and the staff for the way her mother has thrived. In turn, Joe has been so moved by the ways Heritage embodies community spirit and responsibility through the Legacy Fund that he now serves on the organization's board.

Today, Beth serves on the foundation board as well as hosting parties for residents particularly at holiday time, or providing special activities where residents come together. Beth explains her work: "I see my mother's sparkle, her smile and eagerness to try new things each day with her friends. This is her family, and I've come to embrace them as my family too."

"Thanks to the Legacy Fund, residents can spend the whole of their lives here if they outlive resources. Anyone who didn't work here might not realize what an incredible thing that is—over 400 employees serve this community, and it is the shared commitment of the staff and each donor that ensures every resident not only enjoys great care, but the highest level of dignity."

-JOE D'AMBROSIO
Board Member

Heritage Community of Kalamazoo is continuing to raise additional funds so we can offer lifelong care to all our seniors.

JOIN US

Give online today:

HeritageCommunityFoundation.com

To discuss a specific Heritage Community need you wish to serve, contact:

Kim Loftus, Foundation Director
(269) 276-4046

WHAT CAN YOUR GIFT DO?

\$37

The average cost of care for one resident per day to bridge their gap in expenses.

\$1,110

A month.

\$13,505

A year.

Whether you have \$25 or \$25,000, your gift makes a difference in maintaining care for our seniors. Thank you.

Gala Donors Generous to Heritage Legacy Fund

The 1970s-themed Heritage Community Foundation Gala raised \$51,700 for the Heritage Legacy Fund, which assures residents that if they can no longer cover their own living costs through unexpected circumstances, their home will always be secure at Heritage Community. Donor support provides an average of \$37 per day to help bridge the financial gap for a resident.

The Gala took place on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at Cityscapes Event Center in downtown Kalamazoo with 193 guests in attendance. The Purple Poppy Award was presented to **Mary Little Tyler** for her service, support, impact and advocacy on behalf of older adults at Heritage Community and throughout Southwest Michigan. **Next year's 1980s-themed Gala is scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2018 at Cityscapes.**



From left: Kim Loftus, Executive Director, Heritage Community Foundation; Jay Prince, President & CEO, Heritage Community of Kalamazoo; and Mary Little Tyler, 2017 Purple Poppy Award recipient.

The Heritage Community Foundation recognized 38 sponsors for their support of the Gala.

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Beth Eckhardt
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Guests sported their 70s attire or posed in the 70s cutout for a memorable photo.



Photos: Sam Zomer Photography

Betty Upjohn Mason

Longtime patron and advocate for Heritage Community of Kalamazoo.



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Elsa Krum Development Fund

Betty Upjohn Mason carries the story of Heritage Community deep within her heart. Her first husband, Burton served on the board in the 1950s, diligently raising funds for expansion into the Merrill Residence so more of Kalamazoo's seniors could receive the highest quality of care. After Burton's passing, Betty continued his vision.

When her late husband, Lowell, needed advanced care, Betty knew Heritage Community would provide the thoughtful care he required at Wyndham West.

Betty feels a personal gratitude, and therefore responsibility, for both the residents and the caregivers who make Heritage Community such a welcoming place. This is why she works to ensure there is easy accessibility for visiting families and care staff, as well as thoughtfully created gardens and fountains that bring a sense of beauty to the campus. For Betty, it's all about thanking those who have dedicated themselves to the community of Kalamazoo by ensuring they continue enjoying their lives.

"The founders' dream to help our oldest citizens go from one health need to another seamlessly—it made Heritage Community something unique. Something special. This has never been a nursing home. It's an engaged and caring extension of the Kalamazoo community."

-BETTY UPJOHN MASON
Donor and Advocate

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WHAT CAN YOUR GIFT DO?

\$500

Contribute to the enhancement of spaces that provide comfort and beauty for residents at Heritage Community.

\$5,000+

Provide life enriching projects and programs to enhance residents' quality of life.

\$20,000+

Endow an enduring space or garden, dedicated to a person of your choice.

Donors support capital projects that truly enhance the quality of life for residents. For a complete and current list of projects, please inquire at the Foundation office.

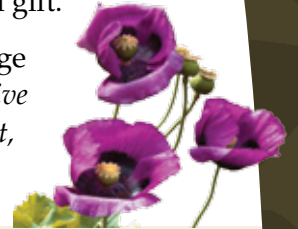
Our Mission

We will be the premier senior living provider that celebrates the whole person while embracing families and partnering with the community.

The Purple Poppy Legacy Society

The Purple Poppy Legacy Society recognizes individuals and couples who have made provisions in their estate plans for a gift to Heritage Community of Kalamazoo Foundation. These gifts can be bequests that name Heritage Community Foundation in a will, trust or charitable remainder trust. Or they can be refundable membership fees, gifts of life insurance or any other type of charitable planned gift.

Leaving a gift to Heritage Community in your estate plans will benefit seniors at Heritage Community for years to come. The following statement may be used in your plans: "I give and bequeath (describe gift) to Heritage Community of Kalamazoo Foundation, 2400 Portage Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001 (Tax ID 38-2758582)."



Commitments to Caring

Rooted in a tradition of caring — and thanks to generous donors — we have four funds devoted to serving the needs of Heritage residents, employees and the Kalamazoo community.

Elsa Krum

Development Fund:

Supports structural renovations and program enhancements

Heritage Legacy

Fund: Ensures residents receive care and services while they live at Heritage

William Carter Lowe, M.D. Education Fund:

Provides scholarships to employees enrolled in nursing education

Memory Care Initiative

Fund: Supports the implementation of cutting-edge research in our practices and facilities

When you think of making your gifts, please consider helping Heritage Community continue its good work by donating to one of these funds.

First Foundation Chair Turns Over Role to Vice Chair

When Mason Coleman agreed to serve as the Foundation's first chair in 2015, it also coincided with his retirement from Fifth-Third Bank. Mason served as the Foundation board chair from March 2015 until May 2017. Mason continues to serve on the Heritage Community of Kalamazoo Board of Directors and the Finance Committee. He joined that board in 2011. Greg St. Arnauld assumed his new role as Foundation chair at the July 19, 2017 meeting. Greg is a lawyer with Lewis Reed & Allen P.C.



From left:
Greg
St. Arnauld
and Mason
Coleman

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Donor Recognition Opportunities

Donors can change remarkable renovations into extraordinary enhancements!

The residents and greater Kalamazoo community are the beneficiaries of the reinvestment made on the grounds each year by Heritage Community of Kalamazoo.

Heritage Community is grounded on principles of honor, community and meaningful living, and exists to support the residents' desire to continue enjoying life fully. With that, we look for ways to enrich life experiences of residents, and philanthropic gifts make that possible.

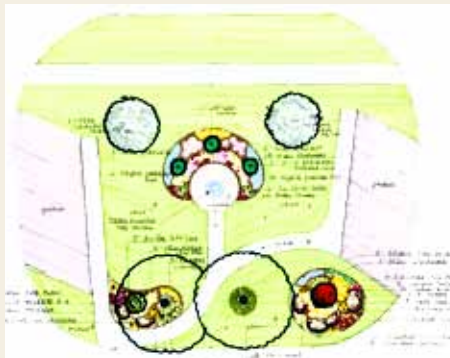
There are a number of landscaping renovation projects underway that will be completed in the next 12 months, which will offer donors a unique naming opportunity to commemorate someone special while furthering the scope of the renovation.

Benches and landscaping trees in designated locations throughout the campus offer special commemorative opportunities. Donor gifts provide for the tree or bench, installation and a plaque. Donors may choose from a list of more than 20 available bench locations and 12 available trees and their locations.



Town Square benches are the chosen style for campus benches.

Two featured landscaping projects are located at Wyndham and Wyndham West:



Wyndham Center Island Water Feature and Walkway

A beautiful water feature located in the center of the Wyndham central front island will provide sight and sound comfort to the residents and guests as they enjoy the walkway through the parking area and surrounding landscaping. Trees and benches are also available individually.



Wyndham Parking Curved Edge Garden

Decorative landscaping in front of Wyndham and Wyndham West will provide year around color and a place to enjoy the outdoors. Bench and trees are individually available.

Please contact Kim Loftus for a complete list of opportunities.

In Memory Of:

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*Denotes Purple Poppy Hero donors

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I Give Because...

A board member shares why she gives to Heritage Community of Kalamazoo

I was blessed to be raised with numerous loved ones of various ages around me; parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and dear friends who all imparted wisdom, guidance, joy, and love upon me. They all did so much to ensure my life was easier and better than they could only dream. I believe it is my duty, my honor and my privilege to help our seniors in any way possible. Giving to Heritage Community is my way to say thank you to those who paved my way.

— Jane Brogger, Heritage Community Foundation, Board of Directors



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