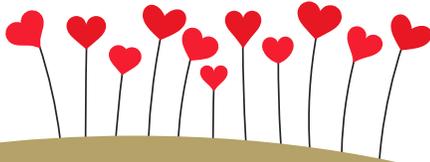


# Gratitude REPORT



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YouvilleHouse  YouvillePlace  
Assisted Living Residences

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## Helping Hands

Thank you to everyone who has given to the Helping Hands Employee Emergency Assistance Fund! This 100% donor-supported fund helps our employees when they need it most. To support the fund, donate online at [youvilleassistedliving.org/YHDonate](https://youvilleassistedliving.org/YHDonate) or by mail to:  
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Cambridge, MA 02138

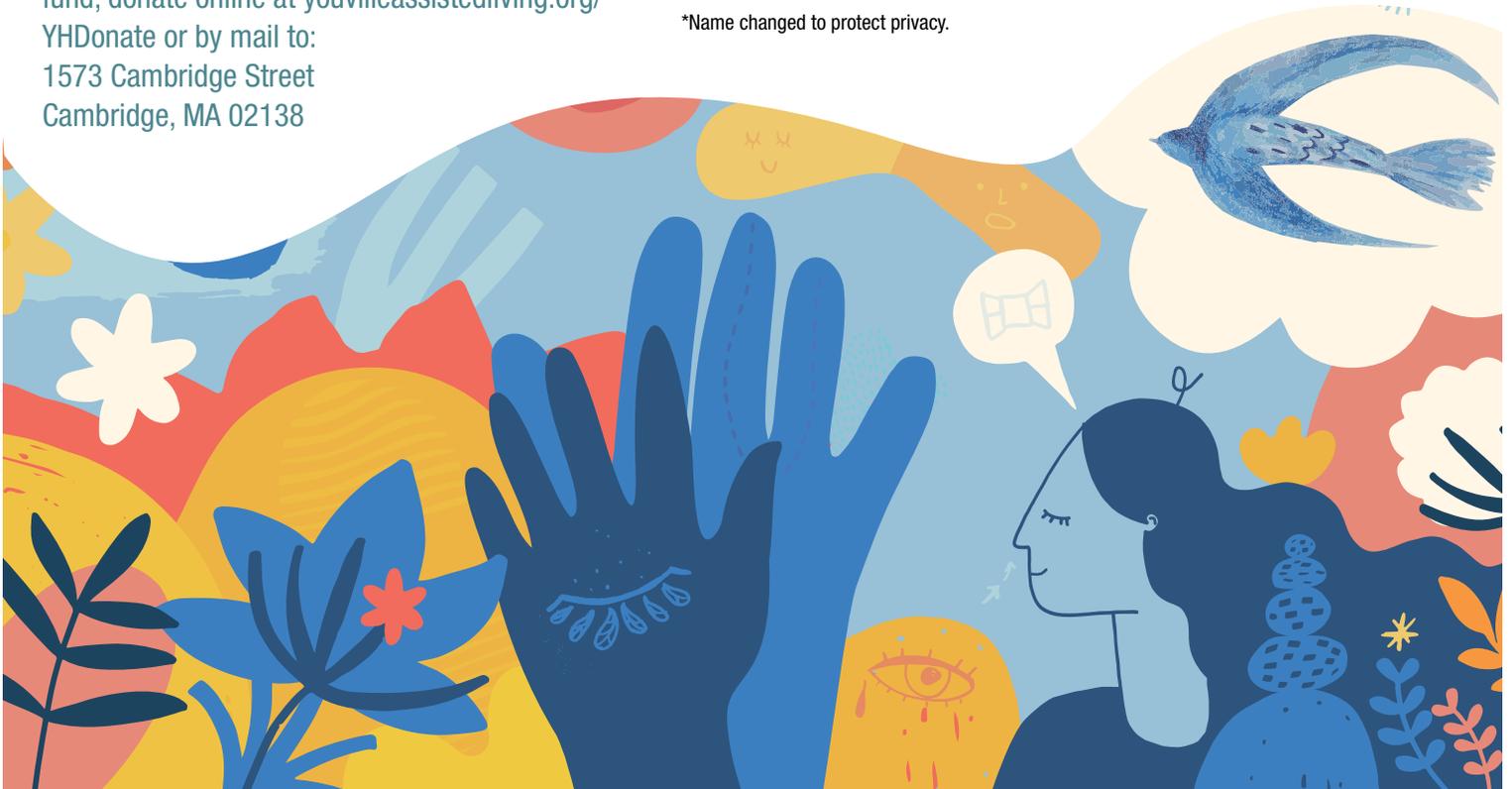
## Helping Hands Fund Keeps Margaret's\* Family Secure

Every day we witness our employees selflessly dedicating themselves to making life for our residents joyful. In the spring of 2021, you answered our call to help return this kindness to our employees who may need a helping hand during times of unexpected financial hardship. In doing so, you helped establish the Youville Helping Hands Employee Emergency Assistance Fund to help employees like Margaret.



A valued employee, Margaret, recently had two hardships disrupt her life. She unexpectedly lost her source of childcare, and her car broke down. Margaret is a single mother of three, the youngest of whom has special needs and requires specialized care. Without someone to care for her youngest child, she was forced to reduce her work hours. At the very same time, her car broke down. Margaret had no idea how she was going to pay for car repairs and worried about how she would get to work and pick up her other two children from school. Thanks to those who donated to our Helping Hands Employee Emergency Assistance Fund, Margaret received help to repair her car and assist with back rent payments. She was able to arrange for a trusted family friend to care for her youngest child. Now that Margaret has reliable transportation and her children have dependable care, she has returned to full-time employment and things are looking up!

\*Name changed to protect privacy.





## **Outdoor Improvements Encourage Residents to Reconnect With Nature**

In summer 2021, with donor support, Youville House was pleased to refresh our outdoor space. By fencing the lawn area to create a calming separation from the nearby hospital, we created an oasis for our residents. The purchase of new outdoor furniture, thoughtfully placed alongside beautiful new plantings by the fence, brought a sense of tranquility to the outdoor space.

“The new furniture and flowers in the backyard feel like heaven,” says Marianna Natale, a 101-year-old resident. “I spend every sunny day out there in a chair relaxing with the sun on my face. It is the best feeling! Our donors are truly wonderful people.”

This peaceful new area promotes socialization among residents, offers a comfortable place for family visits and provides a space for outdoor programming. Thank you to all who helped us fund this important and impactful project!

### **Donor Spotlight: Peter & Sue Herlihy**

#### **What inspired you to give?**

My wife, Sue, and I put in a patio off our kitchen years ago. It's become an extension of our living space. It provides a bit of an oasis to sit outside and read during the warm summer months or entertain family and friends who visit. When Youville House was looking to upgrade its patio, we felt it was a great way to give back to a community that has been so welcoming to my mother, Mary Ann, who resides at Youville House. We were excited to see how well the project turned out! With the new stonework, landscaping and furniture, the space has become an outside living room for residents and family members to connect.

#### **What would you say to others who might consider giving to Youville House?**

Sue and I have supported Youville because we feel it is a first-class assisted living community that provides a quality lifestyle for its residents. We feel good about budgeting a portion of our charitable giving to such a worthy organization.

## Ralph Chapman Leaves a Legacy of Building Community and a Lifeline for Youville's Frontline Workers

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, many frontline workers have been forced to balance the strenuous demands of work with significant home responsibilities, including raising children and supporting family members in need. Thanks to donor support, Youville House has established the Helping Hands Employee Emergency Assistance Fund to help frontline staff weather financial crises that can arise, especially during challenging economic times.



Recently, the Helping Hands Fund received a \$10,000 gift from the estate of Ralph Chapman, a beloved Youville resident who passed away in 2020. According to Susan Oldrid, executive director of Philanthropy at Covenant Health, "Ralph's gift has been transformational. It has significantly increased the capacity of this fund to be there for Youville House employees."

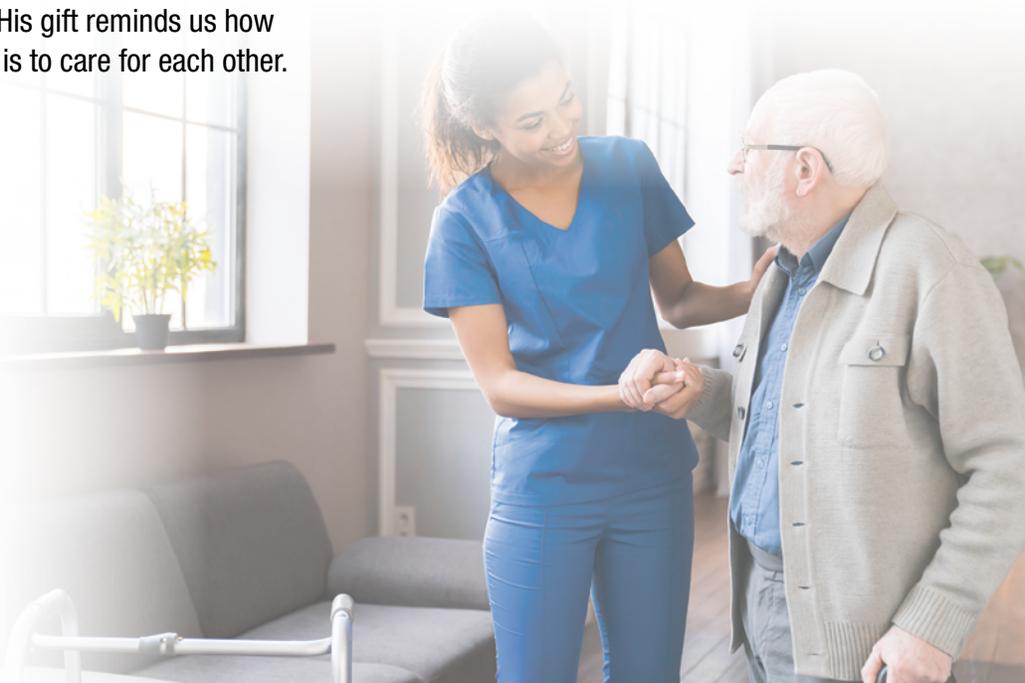
As deputy chief for the Cambridge Fire Department, Ralph was sensitive to the toll that an unexpected disaster could take on a family. He had an unwavering allegiance to his community — and as his many friends can attest, he had an uncanny ability to build community wherever he went. Following his wife's death in 2012, Ralph moved to Youville House, where he became the center of a close-knit community.

Ralph leaves a legacy of deep concern for others and the importance of building community in all stages of life. His gift reminds us how connected we all are and how important it is to care for each other.



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"Ralph was very attached to and concerned about Youville staff, especially the aides, kitchen staff and maintenance workers. He knew everyone's life story and wanted to help them as much as he could. He always knew people's names, their family members' names, problems they were facing and occasions they were celebrating."  
— close friend Diane Paul





## Have You Considered Your Legacy?

For many of us, the most significant gifts we'll ever make are those given at the end of our lives. Legacy giving is a planned future donation, given through a will or other designation. A gift can take a variety of forms ranging from simple to more complex, depending on your situation. A legacy gift to Youville House is a meaningful way to express your gratitude and can be a powerful way to influence and dramatically change lives for years to come. To learn more about legacy gift options that are available, please contact [susan\\_oldrid@covenanthealth.net](mailto:susan_oldrid@covenanthealth.net) or call 508.728.1843

## Giving Through Your IRA Can Save You Money!

Many retirees take the standard deduction when filing taxes and thus can't claim a charitable deduction. But a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA has a greater benefit: *You often save more by lowering your taxable income rather than claiming a tax deduction.*

**example:**  
**71-year-old couple**

required minimum distribution  
of \$24,000

**Standard deduction  
is \$26,550**

NO TAX ADVANTAGE!

**MAKE QCD GIFT OF  
\$5,000 AND REDUCE  
TAXABLE INCOME  
BY \$5,000**



Other Benefits:

- Potentially THOUSANDS in federal and state tax savings.
- Make a gift to Youville House.
- Could fund a charitable life insurance policy for larger gift in future.

 *Thank you* for all you've done! We hope that this report will convey the difference you have made for our residents and staff this past year.

With a grateful heart,

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