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Store of Treasures

Tucked away in a small room at Porter Hills Village is a real gem ...

The Store of Treasures accepts no longer-needed household items from residents, sells them at bargain basement prices to residents and staff, and then donates the proceeds to the Porter Hills Foundation's Benevolent Fund. A win-win-win situation if ever there was one!

Before the store was established, staff and volunteers held quarterly garage sales which were very popular, but also very challenging. Storage space was practically non-existent and the people-power required was tremendous.

For those reasons the Store of Treasures, was created. The dedicated space was furnished with left-over paint and re-utilized display racks.

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"Where your treasure is,
there will your heart be also."

Matthew 6:21



Store of Treasures

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The store is open one day a week and a small group of volunteers manages the sales.

According to Esther Bailey (pictured above), she volunteers because, "It makes me feel good, and I love helping others. Volunteering is part of who I am ... I have been volunteering forever ... I LOVE IT!"

Barb Markus (also pictured above)



echoed that thought by saying, "I partially do it to stay busy, but the real reason is because volunteer work is so important. The Store of Treasures does so much good for everyone at Porter Hills. It allows those that can no longer drive the option to find wonderful bargains. It's also nice to know the proceeds help those that have outlived their resources in some small way."



The "small way" isn't small at all. Since 1996 more than \$180,000 has been transferred to the Porter Hills Foundation ... WOW!

We tip our hat to all current and former volunteers for making the Store of Treasures a success.

For more information, please contact Jackie Chandler at 616-954-1799, ext. 10233.

Introducing...

We are pleased to introduce Jim Preston, the newest Chairman of the Porter Hills Foundation Board of Trustees. Jim was born on D-Day, in Flint Michigan, the first of two children born to Emery and Mary Ella Preston.

He married his wife Marie in 1965. They have two children, Heather and John. Heather is a psychologist living and working in Seattle, Washington. Their son John lives in Grand Rapids, Michigan with his wife Melissa and their children Lauren, Henry, and James. John is an investment advisor and Melissa is a school social worker.

Jim graduated from Central Michigan University, and began his career path at the J. L. Hudson Company in Detroit, Michigan. Jim and Marie moved to Grand Rapids where Jim joined Klingman's Furniture Company. In 1972, he left the furniture business to become a stockbroker. He joined Buys MacGregor and Company in 1974, and in 1984, opened a new Michigan office for A.G. Edwards and Sons Inc. Jim retired from the securities industry on June 30, 2010.

Over the years Jim has been involved in many community organizations. He has served as board chair of ICCF (Inner City Christian Federation), the Peninsular Club, the Grand Rapids Symphony, and PHRCS (Porter Hills Retirement Communities & Services). Jim was recently elected to the board of Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park.

Jim's passion for Porter Hills is evident through his twelve years serving on the Governing Board, and he is looking forward to leading the Foundation Board into the future. Jim said "My goal is to encourage everyone I know to give generously to the work of Porter Hills and then to share the joy!"

We look forward to Jim's encouragement, energy and excitement for the future.



Jim Preston

Sr. M. Aquinas Weber, OP Honored for Service

New Encore group honors one of its own

On Wednesday, October 6, 2010, Porter Hills held its first Encore luncheon. Encore is the name given to former Governing, Foundation and Affordable Housing Community board members. The intent is to keep these volunteers in touch with each other and with Porter Hills and its current endeavors.

It was with great pleasure that Larry Yachcik, President & CEO, Jon Pike, Governing Board Chair and Jim Preston, Foundation Board Chair, recognized Sr. Weber for her years of service on both the Governing and Foundation

Boards. Additionally, Sr. Weber was awarded Emeritus Trusteeship on the Foundation Board

In a resolution presented to Sr. Weber, she was recognized for her:

- passion for Porter Hills and its residents through the Aquinas College Emeritus Program
- leadership in the development efforts at Porter Hills, chairing the Development and Annual Giving Committees, along with mentoring the development department staff



- personal commitment for encouraging others to take leadership roles
- example of Christian stewardship of time and resources
- belief in Porter Hills' mission

All present were delighted to heap praise upon Sr. Weber, but those who know her will smile at her reaction ... "I just wanted to go quietly."

Well, Sr. Weber, we couldn't allow that to happen. We thank you for your loyal service to Porter Hills. You have blessed us all with your unique talents and pleasing personality.



We are collecting e-mail addresses!

May we have yours? If you are willing to share, please submit your information to

cdowner@porterhills.org

Thank you!



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Wonder Woman Strikes Again

Donation Enhances Residential Health Office

We think of Stella Shields as “Wonder Woman.” She sees a need and then starts wondering what she can do to help. And you should know, Stella is a habitual “offender!”

On a recent visit to the Residential Health treatment room at Porter Hills Village, Stella realized that many needs are met there, but that the space could use a facelift. Working together, Stella, Michelle Coberly, Executive Director, and Molly Rayman, Supportive Services Director, reviewed department needs and came up with a plan.

When you visit or walk past Residential Health Services today, you will see beautiful new cabinetry

in which health records, charts and medicines are stored in a secure environment. “Having the appropriate storage space has really helped us become more organized,” said Molly. “And by de-cluttering the area, it just looks better all the way around.”

Stella stopped by recently to see the finished product and staff members were eager to share their gratitude. We all thank you, Stella, for your ongoing support of your neighbors,

staff members and Porter Hills as an organization.

Where would we be without our Wonder Woman – and countless others just like her who are constantly on the lookout for opportunities to help?

Where do you suppose they will strike next?!

Staff members Jeff Alcalá, Residential Health Nurse, and Andrea Wilson, Support Services Assistant with Stella



Samaritan Club Members Honored

20th Annual Recognition Events Held



Porter Hills Village
Wednesday September 22, 2010



Thousand Oaks
Thursday September 23, 2010

The Porter Hills Foundation honored its Samaritan Club members during two recent celebrations.

Samaritan Club members are those individuals who have made cumulative gifts of \$25,000 or more

or have provided for Porter Hills in their estate plan.

Luncheon guests at Porter Hills Village and diners at Thousand Oaks Country Club enjoyed delicious meals and a corporate update from Larry Yachcik, President & CEO. The most important message, though, was the gratitude Larry expressed for Samaritan Club members’ unwavering loyalty and support.

At each event’s conclusion, guests received a gladiola, which symbolized the qualities embodied by our Samaritan Club members:

Faithfulness

“Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship.”

Hindu Prince Gautama Siddharta, 563-483 B.C.

Honor

“No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.”

Calvin Coolidge, 1872-1933

Strength

“Nothing is so strong as gentleness, and nothing is so gentle as true strength.”

Ralph W. Sockman, 1889 - 1970

If you would like more information about the Samaritan Club, please contact the Porter Hills Foundation at (616) 949-4975, ext. 20444.

LifeCircles Greenhouse Fund Grows

Major Gifts Recognized

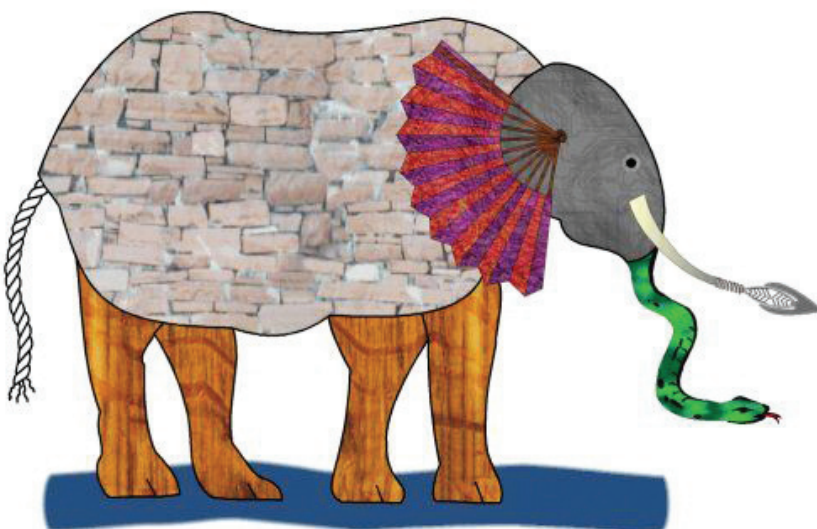
The Porter Hills Foundation is happy to announce a \$12,000 grant from the House Family Foundation and a \$10,000 pledge from Huntington Bank. The gifts will be used to construct a greenhouse in the LifeCircles Adult Day Center in Muskegon. The LifeCircles greenhouse, which will allow participants to garden year round, is not to be confused with The GREEN HOUSE® Homes on the Cook Valley Estates campus,

which house 20 residents and provide skilled nursing care.

Our goal is to provide purpose-driven activities that are not only mentally therapeutic, but reminiscent of participants' past.

Surely, greenhouse activities will help participants combat what has been described as the three plagues of elderhood: loneliness, boredom, and helplessness.

The total cost of greenhouse construction is \$40,000. To date, thanks to recent, generous gifts from the House Family Foundation and Huntington Bank, \$27,000 has been committed. If you would like to help, please call (616) 949-4975, extension 20444 or email us at cdowner@porterhills.org.



Annual Appeal

“Feed the Elephant”

It's that time of year. Undoubtedly, your mailbox is filled with solicitations, appeals, asks . . . whatever you want to call them. And, you might be feeling somewhat, or even very, annoyed.

Guess what? Porter Hills' annual appeal is, or soon will be, among the others in the stack on your kitchen counter, dining room table or desk.

Please put ours on top of the pile. Better yet, shorten the stack by returning your gift to Porter Hills as soon as possible. Do it for those we serve. You will feel better, we promise!



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Huntington Bank to the Rescue - Again Transportation Funds Provided

Huntington Bank has made a generous three-year pledge to support transportation for Porter Hills' six Affordable Housing Communities. Their gift will directly impact the lives of approximately 270 residents.

The funds will provide transportation for a monthly social or cultural activity for residents of each of the communities, which are scattered around the greater Grand Rapids area.

According to Del Meulenberg, Huntington Bank's Senior Vice President, "We feel good about investing in a program that will allow those without transportation an opportunity to get out and have some fun."

Our thanks to Huntington Bank for their show of support!



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Anne M. Benson
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Our mission is to raise, invest, and monitor the funds that support Porter Hills Retirement Communities & Services in providing a continuum of high-quality communities and services.

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