



GOOD TIDINGS

• FALL 2022 •

Newsletter of the Reformed Presbyterian
Woman's Association

REFLECTIONS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

In June, The Reformed Presbyterian Home celebrated our momentous 125th anniversary.

As part of the celebration, many supporters enjoyed our Founder's Day event and learned of RP Home's 2022-2023 Capital Campaign. This campaign includes the renovation of the resident's Chapel and community spaces. Raised funds will also enhance our organization's technological capabilities and improve access to life enrichment activities.

We are excited about the Capital Campaign's progress as we have raised \$215,000 of our \$500,000 goal! A recognition wall will soon display individuals who have donated \$1,000 or more. We are honored that many families have collectively donated in the honor or memory of a loved one. Please consider giving to this important cause and improving the lives of our seniors!

Our anniversary also has us reflecting on the amazing achievement of providing supportive living services to seniors for 125 years, especially given the growing

challenges senior living organizations are presently enduring. We attribute our success to our supporters and to the incredible staff serving our residents. It is their dedication that makes RP Home's mission a reality.

In honor of their efforts and dedication, every year we recognize members of our staff who have reached employment milestones. This September, we recognized five staff members, three of whom have each served a total of 15 years. Another two staff members celebrated 20 years of service!

As we look to the future, The Reformed Presbyterian Home remains committed to providing a supportive living environment to those who call us "home." Thank you to everyone who has celebrated with us this summer, and thank you for joining us as we look forward to another 125 years of care.

Blessings,

Cara D Todhunter
MA SLP, NHA MPM
Executive Director



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Our Mission

Our mission is to provide quality care and a supportive living environment to older adults in a manner consistent with the affection, honor and care that the Bible teaches us to give our parents.

Our Vision

Our vision is to provide an environment which maximizes the physical, spiritual, social and emotional well-being of each member of our community.

Our Philosophy of Care

God has given value to each person's life that does not diminish with age or changes in mental or physical condition. Our goal is to provide an environment that will help each person we serve achieve his/her maximum level of well-being.

\$500,00 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

FROM THE CAMPAIGN CHAIRS

Dear Friends of the RP Home,

We are inviting you to join us in contributing to the 125th Anniversary Capital Campaign to renovate the Chapel at the Reformed Presbyterian Home.

As the spiritual center and social center of the Home, The Chapel is a unique space where both beauty and functionality are necessities. It is constantly in use with activities scheduled seven days a week—worship services, funerals, entertainments, crafting events, birthday parties, and neighborhood meetings.

Renovation will be thorough. No surface will be left untouched. Furniture will be comfortable and attractive. The latest in lighting and sound equipment will accommodate those with hearing or vision limitations. Heating and cooling will be modernized. Spaces adjacent to the Chapel will be included in the upgrade. A small private room for meditation and family visits will be added



next door. Restrooms will be all new. And most importantly, the entrance from the elevator will be modified to ease access by those in wheelchairs.

These renovations will ensure that the Chapel remains an important and accessible space where residents and their families can enjoy each other's company in attractive, comfortable surroundings.

Transformation this thorough is expensive, and our total project cost is \$500,000.

Please consider how you might contribute to this worthy project.

Your fellow RPH supporters,

Fred & Faith

Dr. Fredric Martin
Medical Director RPH, Retired

Mrs. Faith Martin
Executive Director RPWA, Retired

Co-chairs of 125th
Anniversary Capital Campaign



**Online donations can be made
by using the QR code or visiting
rphome.org/capital-campaign.**

**HELP US CELEBRATE
125 YEARS OF SERVICE
BY RENOVATING OUR
MOST IMPORTANT SPACE**

The Chapel



PROGRESS TO CAMPAIGN GOAL



\$215,000

\$500,000

THANKOFFERING 2022



Pastor Jeff Stivason from Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church in Gibsonsia led the Thankoffering Service on October 16, 2022. Pastor Stivason provided a sermon from Matthew 6:19-34, talking about “A Good Eye.”

The RP Home appreciates the presence of our residents, staff, and visitors for this event and for their continued support. The generosity of others allows the Reformed Presbyterian Home to continue serving seniors and providing benevolent care for those who cannot financially support their care needs. The offerings received at the annual Thankoffering service are undesignated gifts supporting the Gracious Giving, Grateful Living benevolent care fund.

In the last calendar year, the total amount of uncompensated care provided by the RP Home amounted to \$2,207,583, consisting of \$130,344 in benevolent care and \$2,077,239 in contractual adjustments for Medicare, Medical Assistance, and commercial insurance.

A person with good eyes gives: gives from his wallet, his time, gives of himself. He considers others, how he can encourage them (Hebrews 10:25).



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

TINA DEGONISH

Volunteers are a vital part of our community at RP Home. They enrich residents' daily lives by providing social interactions and supporting activity programs—just to name a few. And we rely on volunteers like Tina Degonish to support our mission and enhance our residents' social, mental, and spiritual well-being.

Tina first visited RP Home in 2001. At the time, the church she regularly attended had closed its doors. Coincidentally, one of Tina's fellow churchgoers moved into RP Home around the same time that the church ceased its services. After visiting her friend and fellow worshiper at RP Home, Tina felt called to begin volunteering with our organization. We are blessed that Tina continues to visit our residents!

At the start of our career, Tina obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh. Although she is now retired (after 32 years of work with the U.S. Postal Service), Tina continues to volunteer at RP Home and uses her education as a social worker to give back to her community. Undoubtedly, she transfers these skills into her interactions with the residents!

Additionally, Tina incorporates her talents into her visits by playing the guitar to enrich our monthly Catholic Mass. Music is traditionally a fantastic way to connect with residents, especially residents with memory loss.

Tina and her husband, Mark, have two daughters and one son. She enjoys being a grandmother to ten grandchildren (seven of them under the age of 8!).

We asked Tina what she would want to share with others at RP Home. She stated, "How dedicated the nurses, aides and personnel are to their jobs, especially during the pandemic. I am humbled by my presence with the residents going through end-of-life. They have taught me about their life, and I will forever cherish them."

We are grateful to Tina for her 22 years of service to RP Home. She and every one of our volunteers improve the well-being of each resident.



• JOIN US! •

If you would like to join Tina as a volunteer, please reach out to Julie Haley at jhaley@rphome.org or apply on our website at rphome.org/volunteer/.

EMPLOYEES HONORED FOR 2022 SERVICE AWARDS

20 YEARS

Samuel Harris, Dietary
Normal Maddox, Dietary



15 YEARS

Cheryl Edmunds, Nursing
Cheryl Hall, Housekeeping
Catherine Nevels, Dining Service



Employee Appreciation Fund

RP Home is honored to have employees who have dedicated their lives to our residents. Each and every staff member works hard to deliver on our mission of providing a supportive and fulfilling living environment. Our employees are one of the reasons RP Home is so highly regarded for extraordinary care and satisfaction. Each and every staff member works hard to deliver on our mission of providing a supportive and fulfilling living environment.

RP Home has an employee appreciation fund which provides residents, families and others with the opportunity to honor the employees of RP Home. Every dollar raised is directly used to show appreciation to the employees.

INDEPENDENT LIVING AT RP HOME

Independent Living, sometimes referred to as Retirement Living, provides a wonderful, caring community where people can live in comfort and convenience.

At RP Home, our residents enjoy modern facilities that include a community room, beauty and barber services, a rooftop deck for gardening and relaxation, a laundry room, a cafe, and access to transportation and shopping. Residents also enjoy direct indoor access to our main building, helping them to participate in multiple recreational, social, educational and spiritual activities with other residents from across the campus.

All of our facilities are designed to give residents all the comforts of home, as well as access to support and services as needed.

If you're interested in seeing our warm and friendly campus for yourself, contact us today!

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THE UPPER ROOMS AT RP HOME

The Upper Rooms are a special Independent Living offering, designed to provide affordable housing for senior individuals and families. The Upper Rooms provide convenience, community and support, as well as all the comforts of home, privacy, and independence.

The Upper Rooms are available to individuals 62-years of age or older or who are mobility impaired, and who qualify for housing assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

If you're interested in learning more about the Upper Rooms, please visit our website or contact Mechelle Conner at [412-321-4139](tel:412-321-4139) or mconner@rphome.org.

CAREERS AT RP HOME



Our employees are one of the reasons RP Home is so highly recognized for extraordinary care and satisfaction. Each and every staff member works hard to deliver on our mission of providing a supportive and fulfilling living environment.

If you are looking to make a difference, consider joining RP Home's team! We are actively hiring for the following positions:

Nurse, LPN, RN
Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA)
Housekeeping
Personal Caregiver

You can learn more at our website (rphome.org/careers) as well as submit an application directly:

Kathie Haffly, Human Resources Coordinator
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DONATION TO RPWA

With my enclosed gift, I am joining other Reformed Presbyterian Woman's

Association (RPWA) supporters with a tax deductible donation of:

(Please make checks payable to RPWA; donations by credit card can be made at www.rphome.org/give).

\$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$ _____

Accept this gift in honor / memory (circle) of: _____

How is this person related to you? _____

Please notify: Name: _____

Address: _____

I'm interested in talking with someone about an estate gift to help ensure that future seniors are well cared for.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Please include my/our gift in the list of supporters as: Listed Above Anonymous
Please contact Cara D. Todhunter, Executive Director at ctodhunter@rphome.org for questions.

In this season of thanks and giving, we're thankful to you for everything you do for the RP Home community.



We hope you'll consider sharing the spirit of the season by supporting our year end fundraiser—look for something in your mailbox soon!

Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association serves all people regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, age, familial status, handicap or disability.

We are an equal opportunity employer.



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