



ABUNDANT IMPACT

FALL 2023

The following stories represent the abundant impact generous donations make for the people United Church Homes serves. Thank you!



Celebrating Our Abundant Journey: A Reflection on Success and Commitment

As we reflect on the remarkable achievements of our Campaign for Abundant Life, which garnered support from more than 2,500 individuals and community partners, raising an impressive \$47.4 million to propel our mission into a new era of service—it's clear we've reached a significant milestone.

Consistent with our history, our mission continues to flourish and adapt. We remain steadfast in serving older adults and their families, ensuring abundant life in diverse settings without compromising quality and compassionate care, whether inside the walls of our communities or beyond.

In our pursuit of meeting people wherever they are on life's journey, our innovative NaviGuide service coordination program is connecting older adults and their families to essential wrap-around services, especially as more older adults choose to remain in their own homes.

Evidence of our unwavering commitment to service shines through the story of Claire who shares how her internship at The Parkvue Community enriched her as a student and instilled the profound value of servant leadership.

A cherished legacy we hold close is the support of our loyal donors, volunteers and church partners. We are truly blessed by your heartfelt commitment and, most importantly, your friendship. Enjoy the photos of us celebrating together 'in community' as we honored our supporters during two recent donor appreciation receptions.

In embracing the possibilities technology offers, we invite you to watch our **Gratitude Video** on YouTube by typing in the following address:

unitedchurchhomes.org/gratitude! This video is our special gift to you as a token of our deep appreciation for your unwavering and faithful support of United Church Homes.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth V. Daniel".

Rev. Dr. Kenneth V. Daniel

Changing Lives and Perspectives

MEET CLAIRE CECOLI. Claire is a student at Syracuse University and spent her summer as an intern at The Parkvue Community in Sandusky, Ohio. This experience proved to be transformational for her.

United Church Homes is committed to be a teaching organization in addition to being a service provider. Mentoring the next generation of leaders is vital not only for the lives of older adults we serve, but also the perspectives of students.

Such is the case for Claire whose internship was funded by the Erie County Community Foundation. Her reflections on this experience demonstrate how your gifts to scholarships and internships provide abundant life for all.



“As time passed, I came to know the gift that this work is. I was able to help people feel seen, heard and cared for.”

“We become these residents’ families. We are the smiling faces in their lives that build a community for them to enjoy as we care for them daily. Our work is a service, and the mission for abundant living is evident.”



“The way we live our lives matters, as our time is limited. This experience only boosted my desire to work within the nonprofit sector because I want to live my life serving. I want to live my life making a difference for others.”



Celebrating **IMPACT!** Donor Appreciation Receptions

This summer, United Church Homes came together with dedicated donors and volunteers to celebrate and honor the exceptional individuals and churches who have made a significant impact on The Chapel Hill Community and the four Trinity Communities in the greater Dayton region as well as our forthcoming Longfellow Commons Community.

As United Church Homes continues to foster a culture of giving and service, these appreciation events underscore the profound impact that individuals and community partners have on individuals when united by shared values.

Expressing her gratitude, Gloria Hurwitz, Vice President of Advancement at United Church Homes, shared,

“We hold deep appreciation for every donor who has contributed to the growth and well-being of our communities. It is especially heartwarming to recognize those who go above and beyond, whether through their time or resources. Events like these allow us to express our gratitude and celebrate the remarkable individuals and partners within our communities.”



“I do what I do, because of my love for people.”
Mr. Pete Johnson, Spirit Award honoree for The Trinity Community at Fairwood

“I resolved that I would be of service to individuals... because individuals are what make each of us special to each other.”
Varn Frank, Spirit Award honoree for The Trinity Community at Miami Township



A Gift to You!

The Comprehensive Campaign for Abundant Life Gratitude Video

The successful completion of our \$47.4 million Comprehensive Campaign for Abundant Life is cause for celebration! Every donation you generously gave from 2017-2022 contributed to this incredible goal and is making a difference. To show our gratitude, we created a video that shows your impact, from the perspective of donors, residents and leadership team members.

PLEASE VISIT:
unitedchurchhomes.org/gratitude
to view our gift to you!

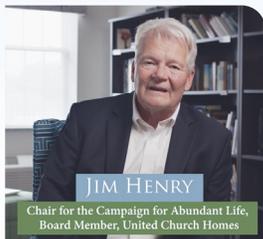


Dawn Shover and Dan Dickman reflect on their mother Lou Dickman's legacy gift that renovated The Parkvue Community's chapel during the video shoot:

"It's a beautiful win-win, what Parkvue provided for mom, and then what mom provided for Parkvue."

"We realize that one of the things we all do as people is not plan just for today but to help plan for tomorrow."

"It reminds me of how if you drop a pebble into a lake of water, and that pebble is one donation, that donation blesses so many other people forever. Those little acts of kindness can change somebody else's heart, mind, or truly, their life. The donation wasn't a once in a chance moment. It's an ongoing gift that is alive and well."



Jim Henry, Chair for the Campaign for Abundant Life and United Church Homes Board Member ends the video with a personal note of thanks and encourages us all to **"get ready- opportunity awaits, as our story is just beginning!"**

IN MEMORY of the volunteer leaders for The Campaign for Abundant Life



ROBBY LEE,
former Board of Directors for United Church Homes (identified to serve as Campaign Chair)

REV. DR. RALPH C. QUELLHORST,
Distinguished Chaplain and Spiritual Elder



REV. DR. PAUL KIEWIT,
Honorary Chairman



The **IMPACT** of **PERSONALIZED CARE**



A client referred by his landlord was struggling to pay rent while in and out of the hospital. During his NaviGuide subsidy period, he caught up on finances and did not return to the hospital.

United Church Homes' new service coordination program **NaviGuide** is impacting older adults and their families all over Ohio and throughout the country. NaviGuides assists countless older adults by helping them connect with local resources to navigate through their aging journey. Individuals and families gain peace of mind from the service coordinator, a trusted advisor, as they navigate the challenges associated with aging.

Donor funded support for NaviGuide allows UCH to provide critical assistance to those who need it most. Your gifts toward NaviGuide help expand the program and improve the quality of life of the older adults in the community. Each service coordinator provides trusted guidance and compassionate support.



"NaviGuide is a godsend for my parents and me."

"They're really comfortable in that discomfort - they helped us be comfortable in knowing what we're walking into without discomfort and fear."



"Both my mother and I have benefited greatly from the involvement of our NaviGuide."

"It's given us peace of mind knowing that NaviGuide is in our corner, making life easier for all of us."





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