



Partners For Community Living

enhancing the quality of life for people served by
Choices In Community Living and Resident Home Association



RHA Executive Director Pete Roll and Care Source Community Marketing Representative Lisa Taylor share a joyful time together during the presentation of a replica check, representing a grant to RHA from the CareSource Foundation that will assist with the purchase and installation of a generator for our Piedmont Home.

Safe at home

Through the generosity of the CareSource Foundation, the Brighter Tomorrow Foundation, major gifts from donors and other gifts small and large, we have reached over 40% of our goal of \$180,00 for generators for Choices In Community Living and Resident Home Association homes. Together with the proceeds from the first Giving Tuesday effort on December 3 and proceeds from Jingle Bucks '19, we have gifts of \$78,843.00.

These funds have made it possible for us to complete the installation of generators in our Garber and Springmill homes and begin the process for our Piedmont Home (RHA.) The process is also underway for Choices' Gardenside and Lavon Court homes.

According to RHA Executive Director Pete Roll, having the first generators installed already brings a sense of relief that residents will be better protected in weather and other emergencies, such as the tornadoes of 2019. "Not only are the residents and staff in the homes with generators now more protected around the clock, we can relocate residents from our homes in other neighborhoods during an emergency that may require them to temporarily relocate."

Generators will continue to be our number one funding priority until we reach our goal and install whole home generators in each of our identified homes. Fundraising efforts will continue under the direction of our Partners Development Team. "The caring response to this important need is one example of how Partners provides critical support to our partner agencies," says Vel Hux, Director of Development. "Although Medicaid provides more than 97% of funding for Choices and Resident Home, it does not fund such critical needs as generators, vans, medical equipment, home furnishings, recreation, clothing and more. Partners focuses on efforts like Giving Tuesday, Jingle Bucks, Fish Fry, Bowl-A-Thon, our newsletter and more so that Choices and RHA staff can focus on providing quality of life care and services. We're so proud to be a part of the team and so grateful for the opportunity to work with our donors and sponsors. I know together we will meet our goal for our generators, as we meet other needs as well!"



He's back! We'll be welcoming him back when we host Geraldo's Fish Fry 2020 on April 3, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Huber Heights Athletic Foundation, 5367 Fishburg Road.

We're happy to be back at this community location after a fire in the building last year meant we had to cancel our event for the first time. Our Fish Fry is our annual Spring tradition for the people we serve, families, friends and the community, as we come together to share all our event has to offer. In addition to enjoying being with family and friends and welcoming new friends as we share stories and laughter together, our event includes all you can eat fish dinner, raffle baskets, bake sale and more. Our proceeds this year will help us continue to fund whole home generators for Choices and Resident Home.



We'll move from the fun of our Fish Fry to the talent, creativity and inspiration of our annual **Art & Soul** Exhibit opening reception on Saturday, April 18, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., at the Main Library in Dayton, which is open to the public at no charge. Artists from across Ohio with intellectual/developmental disabilities will be represented in the Exhibit. All of the art (*45 pieces*) will be available for sale. This is the 13th year for the Exhibit, which will be on display throughout April. It is coordinated by Partners For Community Living and Toward Independence, with generous funding support from sponsors, most of whom have supported our Exhibit since its beginning. See more at the Facebook event page at "**Art & Soul 2020**" or go to www.artandsoulohio.com.

Editor's Note: Contact Annie Shaver at ashaver@rhadayton.com or 937-278-0791 for more information about both events, including ordering tickets for our Fish Fry or to RSVP for **Art & Soul**. When you contact her, ask her about how you can get involved as a Fish Fry donor or sponsor, including donations for our raffle baskets; and how you can make a donation to support cash awards and framing and matting of art work for our **Art & Soul** artists. All donations to Partners, Choices and Resident Home are tax-deductible.

Partners 2020 Winter Survey

Your feedback is valuable! Please complete the survey and return it in the enclosed reply envelope. Your responses will be confidential. Please include your name, address, phone and email on the reply envelope.

Your relationship with us (RHA or Choices family; guardian; professional, volunteer; advocate, friend, etc.) _____

How do you prefer to receive information from us?

newsletter email other _____

We provide events to promote awareness, community integration, friendships and to raise funds in support of more than 400 individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

Have you attended one of our community events in the past two years? Yes No

Have you made a donation to one of our community events in the past two years? Yes No

Have you purchased a Jingle Bucks ticket in the past two years? Yes No

What kind of an event or activity do you prefer to support? _____

Our **John W. Pratt Society** recognizes and honors families and individuals who include Partners, Choices or RHA in their estate planning.

I/We have included Partners Choices RHA in our estate planning through a will, life insurance, trust, IRA or other planned gift. Please contact me to add me as a member of the **Society**.

I/We would like information or a confidential meeting to discuss how I can become a member of the **Society** through a planned gift.

Medicaid is the primary funding source for Choices and RHA, providing 97% of revenues, most of which are used to provide direct care staff. Partners works with community partners to apply for grants and to raise funds through events and donations to support critical needs such as generators, vans, medical equipment, recreation and more.

I would be interested in being an annual sustaining donor in an amount of my choosing, and paid annually, monthly or in a timeframe of my choosing.

I would like more information on how I can support special projects, such as generators, vans.

I have not made a donation but want to continue to receive newsletters and other information.

Nationally, the value of an hour of volunteer service is almost \$25.00. Our Volunteer of the Year, Carolyn Hays, has volunteer service valued at more than \$ 25,000 and still going!

I would like more information on volunteering in support of Partners Optimist Club, Venturing Crew, fundraising or other.

What would you tell a friend about Partners? _____



Thank you to our caring donors whose gifts gave us reason to be thankful as 2019 ended and even more reason to be hopeful as 2020 began.

Note: In keeping with the ongoing funding priority of installing whole home generators in Choices and Resident Home homes, the following gifts have been designated to our generator fund unless otherwise noted.

CHOICES IN COMMUNITY LIVING

Deborah Carey
Andrea Ginnan, *in honor of Howard Mathews*
Larry & Judith Koker
Mary Panstingel, *in memory of Thomas S. Panstingel*

RESIDENT HOME ASSOCIATION

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Karen Andersen
Tom & Jayne Gmeiner
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Richard & Janet Matthews, *Riverbend Home*
David & Bobbie Murphy, *Woodbury Home*
Gary Newton
Carmen & Ann Riazzi
Wanda Roll
Cindy Zimmer

PARTNERS FOR COMMUNITY LIVING

(100% of gifts to Partners For Community Living supports the mission and services of Choices In Community Living and Resident Home Association, providing our partner agencies the option to use gifts where needed most, such as the installation of whole home generators.)

Fred & Joy Bartenstein	Vel Hux
Jerry Bohman, <i>in honor of Tom Weaver</i>	William Kramer
Joseph R. Coursey, <i>in memory of Moonyene Freeman Coursey</i>	Ed & Janet Marrinan
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Linda Fish	Sylvia Oxley
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Dennis Hays, <i>in honor of Lois Hays</i>	Barbara Sterling
Paul Hutsonpillar	Brea Thornton, <i>in honor of Elvia Thomas</i>
Kelley Hux	Donald Wildenhaus

We share our appreciation with staff from Choices In Community Living and Resident Home Association for their participation in our annual Employee Campaigns. Employees make an annual pledge that is deducted from their paychecks. In 2020, their pledges will be split 50/50 between their agency's Wish List and for our generator fund, another way they directly support the people they serve.