

## A Part of Our Story for 40 Years

The story of Holland Home is a story of generosity. A story of God's faithfulness providing for residents for over 130 years through the generosity of those He has called to give of their time, talent, and treasure in so many ways. It is a story of growth, of resilience through hard times, and of unwavering commitment to hold true to mission. In 1892 Holland Home was founded on a mission of compassion, committed to providing lifetime care for its eight residents, even when they outlived their ability to pay. God has called people forward to fulfill that mission today serving over 1500 current residents. Working at Holland Home is a calling and one where God allows individuals to become a part of the story here, His story, OUR story.

Jennifer Cummings is one of those people. Jennifer serves as the Home for the Aged (HFA) Nurse Manager for the 2nd floor of the DeVos Assisted Living Unit on the Raybrook Campus. In 2023, Jennifer was recognized for 40 years of service at Holland Home, and she shared the following at the annual awards ceremony:

*"The mission is to fulfill God's calling by serving others, and I wake up every morning and say I will serve with love and compassion, commit to excellence, and follow Christ's teaching and examples in all I do. This is something that you take into your life as you live. It is not just a Holland Home thing. It is something that we need to*

*keep in our hearts every day as we think about how we treat each other and our residents. For me, that mission statement hits home. It is how I live my life and I am pretty sure it is what the Lord would want us to do. That's what keeps me going when I get up every morning."*

Jennifer exudes the mission. We are proud to have her serving at Holland Home and proud that her story is a part of OUR story.





## "We love it here"

Terrace residents, Jeron and Pat Hendricks, are happy to be part of the Breton Campus community. So happy in fact that they recently updated their estate plan to include Holland Home, and they are now members of Holland Home's 1892 Heritage Society.

The Hendricks moved to the Terrace in 2022, reconnected with friends from the past, and found new friendships. "Our home on the lake was the center for so many family gatherings, and selling it was a hard decision," said Pat. "It took some time to adjust to an apartment, but we're so happy to be here."

"About eight years ago I stopped by to get some information and take a tour," shared Jeron. "We weren't ready then, but living here now is so much easier in my situation." Due to a 1966 Vietnam war wound, Jeron's left leg was amputated above the knee in 2017. "Having the pool and exercise equipment available is such a blessing."

As they raised their three sons in the Byron Center area, the Hendricks were engaged in several business ventures including life insurance sales, an ice cream shop, and owning and operating the Family Restaurant in Byron Center. Their family now includes nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Hendricks' testimony: "God has led us all the way and that includes moving to the Terrace."

"Putting Holland Home in our estate plan seemed like a natural thing to do. This is where we live and want to serve. It's a community of faith, and we want to see Holland Home continue for years to come."

## Summer Garden Party and Concert

Members of the 1892 Heritage Society are invited to the annual Society thank you event on Tuesday, August 20 at Wildwood Family Farms near Alto, Michigan. However, this is *not* about cows, pigs, and chickens! This former "working farm" is now a unique venue for outdoor events and a beautiful setting for the Society Garden Party and Concert.

Wildwood features floral cutting gardens, and attendees will have the opportunity to cut fresh flowers and enjoy yard games during the social hour. After our meal, the Skylight Quartet will provide an outdoor concert featuring a repertoire of inspiring songs fit for the occasion. *Invitations coming soon! (Solo 1892 Society members may invite a guest to join them.)*



The 1892 Heritage Society honors donors who provide a planned gift in their will or trust for Holland Home, Holland Home Foundation, or Faith Hospice. Other types of planned gifts also qualify for Society membership. Contact the Foundation office for more information.





## *Thank you for your generosity as we "build up Breton Woods."*

Launched in early 2023, the BretoNext Campaign is well on its way to the \$1.1 million goal. The campaign goal is part of Holland Home's plan to invest \$15.8 million in 60+ projects on the Breton Woods campus over the next four years.

The centerpiece of the improvements is the newly renovated Terrace Lobby and Café. This nine-month transformation is now open and serving residents and guests. Once the weather allows, plans call for a complete revamping of the west patio just outside the

Café, adding a delightful space for outdoor activities. Other projects will improve Breton Ridge, Breton Homes, campus lighting, signage, and efficiency.

We invite you to join us in reaching the \$1.1 million goal. Your gift of any amount makes a difference, and there are several creative options for Holland Home residents, resident family members, and others to support BretoNext. For information contact the Foundation office (616-235-5460) or online at: [hollandhome.org/foundation/capital-campaign/donate](http://hollandhome.org/foundation/capital-campaign/donate)

## Making a World of Difference

Holland Home Volunteer Services coordinates volunteer support for the residents and staff of the Holland Home licensed facilities and independent living communities at the Raybrook and Breton campuses. There are so many opportunities to get involved. To get started, visit [www.hollandhome.org/volunteer](http://www.hollandhome.org/volunteer)

### **In 2023:**

- 578 volunteers logged 34,074 hours served in 160 volunteer roles
- Average age of a Holland Home volunteer is 78.
- The youngest volunteer is 13 years old — *the oldest is 102!*
- 68% of our volunteers are Holland Home residents.
- 10 Therapy dogs made many tail-wagging visits.





## An Instrument of Peace

Last year, through our *This is My Story...This is My Song* project, we invited residents, staff, and the greater community to share a favorite song and why that song is meaningful to them.

Faith Hospice nurse practitioner Jill Paauwe shared the following: “In my 30+ years as a nurse practitioner, the song “Make Me an

Instrument of Your Peace” has always been my prayer. It has been especially meaningful as I care for people at the end of their lives. Despite my education, experience, and wonderful colleagues, I still have moments of doubt that I may not know the right thing to say or do to help those facing serious illness, difficult decisions, and distressing symptoms. But I have made it a faith and work discipline to take a deep breath, pray the words, and ask God to use me to address any needs that arise. It reminds me to rely on His strength and mercy. And I love the promise and assurance of the last line — “it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.”

Jill’s story is OUR story, and we are proud to have her as a member of the Faith Hospice team — a team that humbly, faithfully, and generously serves patients at all hours of the day and night. It is a team that exemplifies the mission of serving others with love and compassion, committing to excellence, and following Christ’s teachings and example in everything they do.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

Amen.

## 2023 Faith Hospice Luncheon

A big thank you to our sponsors and supporters of the annual luncheon which raised net proceeds of \$42,035. These proceeds support Faith Hospice’s palliative care program, Trillium Palliative Services, which provides relief and comfort to those suffering with the symptoms of serious or chronic illness. For more information on Trillium Palliative Services, go to [faithhospicecare.org/services/palliative-care](http://faithhospicecare.org/services/palliative-care).



## Welcome New Faith Hospice Staff

Gina Schulz, the new Director of Philanthropy for Faith Hospice, grew up in West Michigan on a farm in the Conklin/Ravenna area and has worked for several non-profit organizations in the area — from the March of Dimes, the American Diabetes Association, the Grand Rapids Public Museum, to John Ball Zoo. Having experienced the compassionate care of hospice firsthand when her dad battled cancer during her high school years, Gina is greatly looking forward to being a part of an organization dedicated to providing such invaluable support to families in need. She will be fundraising for Faith Hospice, Trillium Institute, and Dementia Institute. You can reach out to her at [gina.shulz@faithhospicecare.org](mailto:gina.shulz@faithhospicecare.org).

“What a wonderful event last night. The music was exceptionally good. The Scrooge character was fun. There was a clear celebration of God’s blessings to us through the Christ Child and through his blessings to Holland Home over the years. It was a fabulous night.”

–Dinner attendee



## Keeping the Promise Dinner — a Grand Evening!

We celebrated a wonderful Christmas Carol themed event where carolers sang and guests watched Scrooge transform. The evening focused on the true meaning of Christmas as the Christmas Story was read and Sons of Serendip touched our hearts through their awe-inspiring performance.

We are grateful for all who supported and attended the Keeping the Promise Dinner which raised a net profit of \$175,000 for the Holland Home Resident Assistance Fund. Your generosity blesses residents who have outlived their resources.

*Thank you for being a part of OUR story!*



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## 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024

WATERMARK COUNTRY CLUB



## ANNUAL FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

12:00-1:00 PM

Cascade Hills Country Club



Monday, December 16, 2024

DeVos Place

*featuring singer & songwriter Francesca Battistelli*

For information on any of these events please contact the Holland Home and Faith Hospice  
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