

December 2019

Dear FIRST NAME(S),

Because of you, Bethany Health Care Center is a comfortable, joyous home for the Sisters and lay people who live here. Your gift to the Annual Fund allows Bethany to recruit the most talented, compassionate staff members to care for the well-being of our residents.

You support the Activities Program that promotes their social and emotional health. You make possible Bethany's Namaste Program that brings comfort and connection to our residents living with advanced dementia. And you help to continually improve on the facility so we can deliver the highest quality care for residents' minds, bodies, and spirits.

Every day I see how your kindness and generosity impact Bethany residents. They share their gratitude for you with me when describing how much they enjoy their life at Bethany, or how they feel so well cared for here.

**Sister Barbara Reney** knew that she wanted to be a Sister of Saint Joseph from the time she was in grade school. She was the youngest member of her class of 47 women when she entered the congregation right after graduating from High School in 1950.

After studying English at Boston College, Sister Barbara's ministry began with her being assigned to teach 7th grade at St. Columbkille School in Brighton. She loved teaching and especially enjoyed teaching poetry to the children.



Reading and writing poetry were always part of the English lessons when Sister Barbara was teaching. She began writing poetry in grade school and has continued to write throughout her ministry. Sister Barbara's father frequently read poetry to her and her four siblings when she was young, and she can still recite some of these poems today. She believes there is a spirituality to poetry, and it can be used to express your connection to God.

Sister Barbara later went on to teach at Sacred Heart School in Weymouth, Mt. St. Joseph Academy, and Fontbonne Academy. Later in her ministry, Sister Barbara had the opportunity to study in California before beginning a new role leading retreats at the St. Joseph Retreat Center in Cohasset for 16 years.

But her days instilling a love for poetry in children weren't over. Sister Barbara joined the staff of Ursuline Academy in 2009 and soon found herself teaching 7th grade English again. Though retired and living at Bethany now, Sister Barbara is still writing poetry to this day. It certainly is no surprise that Sister Barbara penned an ode to Bethany to express her gratitude for all that you make possible.

***“Throughout the building people speak from one to another – listen to stories and tell tales. When help is needed, it is always there with excellent nursing care. With deep gratitude we pray for all who make Bethany a wonderful place.”***

Excerpt from a Poem by Sister Barbara Reney, CSJ, Bethany Resident

Your gift to Bethany's Annual Fund is essential because it provides critical resources that are directed to current needs and opportunities. It helps Bethany provide the highest quality medical care for our elderly residents, in the most comfortable and home-like environment. And it supports the emotional, physical, and spiritual health of residents like Sister Barbara and all of her friends who call Bethany home.

**Your donation will make an immediate impact. A gift of:**

- **\$2,937** helps replace all of the aging and worn out furniture in one resident room
- **\$1,200** pays for one monthly live entertainment event for an entire year
- **\$638** provides one week of events in the state-of-the-art Activities Center
- **\$475** brings an ice cream truck to Bethany for the residents
- **\$190** sponsors one resident pizza party
- **\$125** provides one week's worth of entertainment on the Memory Care floor
- **\$65** funds one hour of Music Therapy
- **\$25** underwrites an out trip on the Bethany bus for one resident to enjoy lunch in the community

Know that I will put your generous donation right to work improving the quality of our residents' lives every single day. Right here. Right now.

I, along with every staff member here at Bethany, am so grateful for your investment in the lives of those who call Bethany home. **My sincere appreciation for your help.**



Sister Jacquelyn McCarthy, CSJ, RN  
CEO and Administrator, Bethany Health Care Center

**P.S. Remember...Your gift today will be put to work right away caring for Bethany's elderly Sisters and lay residents. Thank you for your generous support!**

You are our friends  
as well as our  
benefactors!

With love and thank  
you...

Sr. Edie

Bethany Health  
Care Center  
Resident



**YOUR GIFTS TO BETHANY** help provide a comfortable, joyous home for over 150 elderly residents every day. You are behind every delicious and nourishing meal, Bethany's welcoming environment, and every activity and performance. Your generosity allows us to deliver the highest quality medical care along with the social, emotional, spiritual, and physical support that helps Bethany's residents thrive!



**Sister Theresa**  
BETHANY RESIDENT

"Bethany is a very caring and understanding community. The nursing care and the concern for the residents are excellent. I always feel safe and feel that I am heard. We wouldn't have Bethany without our benefactors."



**Louise**  
BETHANY RESIDENT

"I feel so lucky to be at Bethany, where I am so comfortable and well cared for. Every person is kind, thoughtful, and friendly. I enjoy Mass every day, the delicious food, and all of the activities. And I love spending time with the friends I've made here! We wouldn't have all of this without Bethany's benefactors."



**Sister Edie**  
BETHANY RESIDENT

"Because of you, Bethany is not "a home," it is our home. We are so loved and well cared for. All of the people who help us do it all with a smile. The staff in every single department do their work with joy. They know us by name and really connect with us. It makes all the difference."



**Maureen**  
BETHANY DIRECTOR OF NURSING

"You make it possible for us to help people live life fully. Here, they have the tools and support to do the things that many of us take for granted until we no longer have the ability to do them."



**Nancy**  
BETHANY VOLUNTEER

"I have been visiting individually with some of Bethany residents for over four years. These one-on-one visits have such a positive impact on the residents, but I feel that I get back way more than I give! Allowing residents to tell their stories is very important. Storytelling doesn't just entertain us, it also connects us with others. Bethany cares for the entire person, especially their social-emotional needs."





## Your gift to Bethany

helps provide the highest quality medical care for our elderly Sisters and lay residents in the most comfortable and home-like environment. It also supports the emotional, physical, and spiritual health of all who call Bethany **home**.

### Give online

BethanyHealthCare.org

### Give by check

Make your check out to:  
Bethany Health Care Center

Send to:  
Sister Jacquelyn McCarthy, CSJ, RN  
Bethany Health Care Center  
97 Bethany Road  
Framingham, MA 01702

For questions, or more information about matching gifts, recurring donations, gifts of securities, or planned giving, call us at 508-271-2324



### Sister Sally BETHANY RESIDENT

"I have always felt I have gotten the best care at Bethany. The staff is so well prepared to do their jobs and go out of their way to make life easier for us. I love singing at Mass, playing Bingo, and visiting with the many other residents I call my friends. I enjoy all of the events in the new activities center, which wouldn't exist if not for the generosity of our donors. I am so blessed to have landed here."



### Jill BETHANY SOCIAL WORKER

"All of the activities for residents and their families are possible because of the generosity of Bethany's benefactors. Events like the Mother's Day Tea bring together many generations and give residents the chance to socialize and celebrate. These are the things that support feelings of connectedness and help those who call Bethany home to thrive!"



### Florence BETHANY RESIDENT

"Everyone at Bethany is so kind and helpful. I really enjoy socializing with the other residents and attending concerts and musical performances in the beautiful new Activities Center. It is wonderful to have my own space to read and relax and to have the choice of attending so many activities and events. Because of you, we have everything we need here."



### Catherine SPECIAL CARE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

"Bethany donors make it possible for residents to enjoy out trips, which helps them feel connected to life. Things like taking the van to get ice cream brings the residents joy, engaging them with the world around them."



Your Gift Makes a  
Difference Every  
Day at Bethany





(First Name) (Last Name)  
(Street Address)  
(City), (State) (Zip Code)

*Please help us keep our records up to date and make any necessary changes to your name or address.*

## **You can bring joy to an elderly resident this Christmas season!**

**Yes, Sister Jacquelyn, I would like to support the residents who call Bethany home!**

**Enclosed is my gift to Bethany:**  \$[Amt 1]  \$[Amt 2]  \$[Amt 3]  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please consider a monthly or recurring gift. It may allow you to provide support for our residents at a giving level that you didn't think was possible.

**Annual Fund Designations:** (You may split your gift between any of these designations)

- Area of Greatest Need       Activities Program       Resident Room Furniture  
 Music Therapy               Memory Care

Name as you would like it to appear from Annual Report recognition \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of *or*  In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

See reverse side for payment options. Please return this completed form with check or payment information to: Bethany Health Care Center, 97 Bethany Road, Framingham, MA 01702.

*19 Annual Giving*

**Give online.**  
bethanyhealthcare.org

**PAYMENT OPTIONS** *(Bethany's Fiscal Year is January 1 - December 31)*

**Check enclosed (Please make payable to Bethany Health Care Center)**

**Credit Card**

**One-time payment**

**Monthly payments** Amount per month: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Start date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Number of months: \_\_\_\_\_

**Recurring payments** (until further notice)

Amount per month: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Start date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Visa  MasterCard  American Express

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me to make a gift of **Appreciated Stock** or establish a **Multi-Year Pledge**. \_\_\_\_\_

(phone)

Please send information on ways to include Bethany in my will, living trust or estate plan.

**MATCHING GIFTS**

**Matching gift programs are an easy way to dramatically impact your contributions to Bethany.**

**My/My spouse's matching gift form is enclosed or will follow.**

**The gift will be matched by** \_\_\_\_\_.

(company name)

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