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BEACON HILL FOUNDATION • CULTIVATING CARE AND COMMUNITY

Dear Friends of the Beacon Hill Foundation,

I must admit that I get goosebumps just watching the progress of the rising steel and framing of the BRIDGE! Your dedicated efforts to raise the required funds has made the 'Linking Lives' intra-community bridge a reality.

The mission of the Beacon Hill Foundation is to ensure that Beacon Hill at Eastgate continues to meet the physical, social, and spiritual needs of its residents; has adequate resources for development of its campus and facilities, and remains an integral part of the Eastgate neighborhood. Our efforts are focused on:

- The Benevolent Care Fund which provides charitable health care for residents whose financial resources are exhausted.
- Capital projects to help maintain and enhance the campus, facilities, and programming for Beacon Hill at Eastgate.
- Community engagement projects that support relationships with each other and our neighbors through volunteer, education, and arts programs.

We are grateful for your participation in our efforts. I know that you enjoy learning about how some of your fellow residents and others are helping us to meet our mission and ways in which you can engage with our activities.

Cultivating Care and Community,

*Andi Allen*

Andi Allen  
Foundation President



Read more about the Beacon Hill Foundation and how **YOU can make an impact!**

**Coming Soon:**  
Watch your mailbox for an upcoming message from a benevolent care recipient.

Before you take out your wallet or checkbook, consider these **4 OTHER ways to give** that have big impact **AND** reduce your taxes. Turn to page 2 to read more.



Be sure to visit our brand-new website at [www.BeaconHillGR.org](http://www.BeaconHillGR.org)





# More Bang than Your Buck!

Four gifts that have big impact **AND** reduce your taxes

Giving from your wallet is a great and familiar way to support Beacon Hill Foundation—but there may be more cost-effective ways for you to give.

If you have appreciated stock that you've owned for at least a year, you can receive a double tax benefit by donating this stock to Beacon Hill Foundation. Not only will you receive a tax deduction for the fair market value of the stock, but you'll also avoid paying capital gains tax.

Do you have real estate that has increased in value that you no longer need? Consider giving all or a portion of the property as a gift, prior to a sale. By doing so, you can bypass the capital gain tax and receive a charitable deduction.

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can make tax-free distributions from your IRA (individual retirement account), up to a maximum of \$100,000 per year. These gifts count toward your annual required minimum distribution, and none of the IRA distribution will be included in your adjusted gross income.

Ready to learn more about how you can support Beacon Hill Foundation in smart and powerful ways?

Contact Andi Allen by calling (616) 608-8285 or emailing her at [andi.allen@beaconhillgr.org](mailto:andi.allen@beaconhillgr.org)

## Lasting Legacy

RESIDENTS

How did you two meet? "Oh that is a fun story... dancing at the Arthur Murray dance studio! When Dave returned from serving in the Air Force, he heard it would be fun to take lessons. I got the lessons as part of a real estate business deal. A guy couldn't come up with my full commission so he gave me 100 dance lessons to make up the difference. I met Dave and we hit it off. I didn't take all 100 lessons but we learned all kinds of dancing and went to different places around town with live music and dancing all the time."



"We've been married 61 years and retired 40 years ago!"

Many residents have seen Dave's photographic expertise on display at Beacon Hill but Dave actually retired as an aircraft instrumentation and robotics technician. Addie has shared her expertise here as a professional accordion player but blazed trails for women as a business professional in real estate and the wholesale antique market. Then they bought a factory that manufactured specialty machine and woodworking tools and redeveloped that business. "I was the salesperson, the business manager and hired everyone. If they couldn't work for a woman they weren't cut out for our business!"

Dave and Addie both grew up in Grand Rapids but once they decided to retire, they embraced being "R.V.-ers" and traveled November through April all over the US and Mexico. They would pick a different place each year and really get to know the area and the people. They were able to share these experiences with their grandchildren too. In the summer, they would flip houses. Flip houses! Now they winter in Florida and have a wonderful community of neighbors who come for coffee every day at 9:00 a.m.

Dave and Addie are Legacy Society members and first came to know and love Beacon Hill at Eastgate when they helped Dave's grandma move into the Mary and Martha Center which then was called the Michigan Christian Home. What a long history of care for this place! We thank them for continuing their care for our community through their lasting gift to the Beacon Hill Foundation.

Addie noted that their parents brought them up to be helpful to others in all situations. They have struggled with how to continue to be helpful to others despite their changing life circumstances. It is the Gleasons' desire to maintain their family tradition of care through a legacy gift to their Beacon Hill family.

You can join the Legacy Society by adding the Beacon Hill Foundation to your will or as part of your estate gift. In most cases, a gift in your will can reduce your estate and income taxes, maximize the financial and tax benefits of your gift, and allow you to make a larger gift than you ever thought possible. If you plan to include a gift to Beacon Hill in your will or have questions, we would love to know! Please contact Andi Allen in the Foundation office or call her at 616-608-8285.

# Community Picnic 2018



The Linking Lives pedestrian bridge project is well underway. Construction is expected to be complete by January 2019.



## Concerts on the Green



## 2018 Celebrating the Arts



Sunday, November 4 • 2 p.m.  
Community House Auditorium  
**Celebrating the Arts with Professor Sook Yung Cho and Grand Valley State University Students**

Wednesday, November 7 • 7:30 p.m.  
Community House Auditorium  
**Speaker Caroline Cook Hill Association- 50th Anniversary Presentation**

Thursday, November 8th • 2 p.m.  
**Celebrating the Arts with Calvin College Jazz Band**

Wednesday, December 5 • 3 p.m.  
Community House Auditorium  
**Celebrating the Arts with The Calder City Band**

Monday, December 10th • 7:30 p.m.  
Community House Auditorium  
**Celebrating the Arts with Sam's Swing Band Christmas**

Wednesday, December 19 • 7:30 p.m.  
Community House Auditorium  
**Celebrating the Arts with the Schubert Male Chorus**

## Ways to Give

Your gift to the Beacon Hill Foundation will cultivate benevolent care, campus enhancements and community engagement.

**Here are the ways you can impact our initiatives:**

Beacon Hill Legacy Society, stocks and securities, charitable gift annuities, personal property, insurance policies, IRA qualified charitable distributions, cash gifts, Monthly Caring Club

You may direct your financial support to any of our funds or allow the Foundation to fulfill our most pressing needs.

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**Mission:**

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**Meet Beacon Hill Foundation Board Trustee**

Jim Rauwerda



Jim is married to pediatrician Dr. Jayne Rauwerda M.D., of Alger Pediatrics. They have three children; Annie is a freshman at the University of Michigan, Joey is a sophomore at Grand Rapids Christian High

School and Sammy is a 5th grader. Jim and Jayne both grew up in Grand Rapids and met in high school. Jim began his career as a middle school teacher and as their family grew, became an adjunct professor at Cornerstone University.

Jim is the editor of our neighborhood newsletter, the Gatewatch and has served on the Eastgate Neighborhood Association board for over 10 years. We asked Jim a few questions to get to know him better.

**How did you make your first dollar?**

I had a newspaper route!

**What is the last book that you read?**

Revisionist History by Malcolm Gladwell. I love how he picks apart a historic happening to see how the passage of time might have affected change. He has a terrific podcast too. I like to listen to these on my walks.

**How do you like to unwind?**

House and yard projects . . . right now I'm

working on a closet repair and installing a basement bathroom.

**What did you last Google?**

Probably something about the Constitutional Convention for the Government Class I am teaching.

**Why are you interested in BHE and the Foundation?**

Because Beacon Hill is a local business and a good neighbor. It has been natural for me to connect with the Foundation because it is interested in continuing to being a good partner with my neighborhood.

**What other organizations are you passionate about?**

I have always volunteered and been involved with my church, Cascade Fellowship CRC. It is a large church with many opportunities.

**What else would you like to share?**

I live right on Boston Street and I think that the Eastgate neighborhood is so full of life. We have a lot of families who make it a positive and dynamic environment because they get involved and love the community. I've watched the area change over the years and have the opportunity to meet all of the businesses when I am working on the Gatewatch. It just seems to get better and better and I like how Beacon Hill works to be a positive factor as things change too.