Dear Friends of the Beacon Hill Foundation,

Do you know who our Benevolent Care Fund serves?

Your financial gifts provide for residents who are part of our family…like Stan.

Stan and his wife were married for 53 years and they had two children. Stan served in the army during the Korean War and was an equipment installer for a telephone company throughout his career.

Stan enjoyed travelling for pleasure and for missionary work. He always enjoyed books and learning about new things. Music was another passion and it brought him great comfort. He had many interests including model airplanes, fishing, and woodworking and volunteering with his church.

YOU know someone like Stan! Stan was able to find comfort and pleasure in his declining years as part of our Beacon Hill family. We were able to provide peace of mind and excellent care for Stan because of generous donors like you.

In this issue, we want you to see how financial support over the years has paved the way for the Foundation to ensure Beacon Hill’s ongoing legacy of care. Every gift makes a difference to our family of residents as we provide robust physical care, enhanced activity options, and hope through spiritual care. We are grateful for your support!

Cultivating Care and Community,

Andi Allen
Foundation President

Have Fun & Feel Good!

The mental stimulation of board games, card games and billiards can combat the aging process and improve cognitive skills. When we do activities that we enjoy, we actually have more energy and less stress.

You can add one of these activities to your schedule as a volunteer in the Mary and Martha Center. For more information on volunteering, call Maira at 616-608-8258 or Maira.Pizano@beaconhillgr.org.

Coming Soon:

Join us for the following community events sponsored by the Beacon Hill Foundation in the Community House Auditorium. A reception will follow in the Garden Cafe.

Sunday, October 13 • 2 p.m.
MSU Chamber Ensemble

Sunday, October 27 • 2 p.m.
Maxim Rubtsov, Principal Flutist of the Russian National Orchestra

Sunday, November 3 • 2 p.m.
MSU Saxophone Quartet

Sunday, November 17 • 2 p.m.
Cellist Nancy Steltman, Accompanist Robert Byrnes

Sunday, December 22 • 2 p.m.
Pianist Phil Pletcher
If you’re age 70 ½ or better and have an individual retirement account (IRA), there’s an extraordinarily tax-wise way to support the Beacon Hill Foundation!

A “qualified charitable distribution” (QCD) from your IRA allows you to give meaningful ministry support AND receive significant tax benefits in return.

However, there might be a few reasons to dodge this tremendous charitable giving opportunity...

1. **You love paying taxes.**
   By giving from your IRA, you’ll reduce your taxable income, thereby lowering the bill you owe to Uncle Sam. This benefit applies whether or not you choose to itemize your deductions!

2. **You don’t plan to be charitable this year.**
   Ok, obviously this isn’t you, or you wouldn’t be reading this article. Your IRA opens up a new and convenient way to live out your lifetime commitment to generosity. Not only can you give in the most tax-efficient manner, but also gifts from your IRA can be used to fulfill any charitable pledges you’ve already made.

3. **You enjoy writing checks.**
   Many people appreciate the convenience of annual IRA gifts since they eliminate the need to write and mail monthly checks from their bank account. They also love that they can give from their IRA without affecting their cash flow.

So if you love taxes, you’re taking a break from generosity or you really love pulling out the checkbook, IRA gifts are not a good fit for you.

But if you’re among the majority of seniors looking for smart and convenient ways to have greater Kingdom impact, we invite you to learn more about the benefits and ease of giving to the Beacon Hill Foundation from your IRA.

Call Andi Allen today at 616-608-8285 or email Andi.Allen@beaconhillgr.org.

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**What's (NOT) in Your Wallet?**

**4 Reasons to Consider a Gift Other Than Cash!**

Are you a stockholder? Farmer? Real estate investor? Business owner?

You may be able to increase your potential impact AND reduce your taxes by giving something other than cash to the Beacon Hill Foundation!

Depending on the type, gifts of non-cash assets (such as stock, real estate, business interests, commodities or machinery) can benefit you in a number of ways.

1. **Reduce your taxes.**
   Receive a deduction for the fair market value at the time of your gift and avoid the tax liability on the sale of appreciated assets.

2. **Eliminate hassles.**
   Give assets you no longer need or care to manage for the benefit of ministry.

3. **Increase your giving capacity.**
   Give from your excess resources without restricting cash flow.

4. **Eliminate burdens for your heirs.**
   Reduce potential taxes or complications for your loved ones by giving complex or burdensome assets to ministry in the here and now, rather than leaving them in your estate.

Should you consider giving something other than cash? **Request your free copy of “Non-Cash Assets: Gifts that Reduce Taxes”** by calling 616-608-8285 or email Andi.Allen@beaconhillgr.org.

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**HOW CAN I MAKE AN IMPACT?**

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
- Tribute Gifts
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Personal Property
- Insurance Policies
- IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions
- Refundable Entrance Fee
- Gift in Your Will

You may direct your financial support to any of our funds or allow the Foundation to fulfill our most pressing needs.
A Special Thank You to our 2019 Summer Sponsors.

ON THE GREEN

RESIDENTS

“Snapshots can prove you were there!”
by Andi Allen

On a snowy January day in 1959, Beacon Hill resident Doris Knol accompanied her father, Rev. Gerard Knol to the groundbreaking of the Michigan Christian Home. After several years of prayer and planning by five local Baptist churches, the home was becoming a reality and a young Doris was there to photograph the celebration event. Doris Knol and her family are ingrained in the legacy of our community, now called Beacon Hill at Eastgate.

Doris is a delightful conversationalist and boldly but gracefully shares her life’s guiding values.

“I believe that as long as the Lord gave me strength and ability, I should use it for his purposes.”

Educated at Calvin and the University of Michigan, Doris proudly taught 2nd and 3rd grade students at Seymour Christian elementary school for 40 years. She also loved to mentor student teachers.

Doris loves to read non-fiction books, enjoys classical music and traveled quite a bit with her sister (“Snapshots prove you were there!”) Her favorite holiday is the Fourth of July because it is her birthday! As a result, I was not surprised to learn that she had won a high school writing contest titled “Freedom as a U.S. Citizen”.

Once retired, Doris had a busy volunteer schedule delivering flowers at the hospital, mending clothing for residents at the Michigan Christian Home and directing the Vacation Bible School program at Lake Drive Baptist Church.

When asked about her photography skills, Doris told me that her father encouraged her to learn about photography. “Pictures can help you to remember the experiences that you’ve had and the people that you knew.” Doris lights up talking with pride about her family. She, her sister and brother grew up in East Grand Rapids and living in the church parsonage. Never having married, she has been especially close with her nephew and nieces along with their children. Her brother’s wife Shirley Dysterhouse also was a resident at Beacon Hill.

Doris is a Legacy Society member because this place has been an important part of her life story. “A place like this doesn’t attract a lot of support but it benefits a special segment of the population.” Legacy Society members have included the Beacon Hill Foundation in their estate plans and enjoy knowing that they will play a key role in ensuring that this residential family will be cared for when they are in need.

“We must put trust and confidence in the Lord to take care of us. I am his little sheep.” Doris Knol shares her love for people and Jesus throughout our conversation. We are grateful for her generosity and faithful life.

Groundbreaking Ceremony for Michigan Christian Home—2 p.m. on January 10, 1959. In the center with the shovel is Chairman Scott McCurdy. To the right of Mr. McCurdy is Vice Chairman John Cederlund. Rev. Gerard Knol is on the far right.
Meet Board Trustee

Carl Dufendach

Carl currently serves on both the Beacon Hill Board of Trustees and the Beacon Hill Foundation Board. He joined the board in 1984 when his mentor Ed Daverman, a founding board member of Michigan Christian Home, asked him to join. The mission and values of Beacon Hill at Eastgate serve as an inspiration to Carl who believes seniors should be able to enjoy retirement living in a Christian based atmosphere. Carl and his wife Karen have 6 children and 12 grandchildren (so far!) who are scattered across the Midwest.

We asked Carl to share more about himself by answering a few questions:

What was your biggest career break?
Meeting a couple of recruiters from my hometown while at Duke University School of Law.

What was/is your proudest moment?
Watching my children seek to raise their children to love God and know Jesus.

How did you make your first dollar?
Bellhop at Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference

What is your most-treasured possession?
Tools

What is your dream job?
Junk Collector/Recycler

What is the last book you read?
Gods & Thrones: Nachash, Forgotten Prophecy, & the Return of the Elohim

What is your worst habit?
Procrastination

To unwind, you like to…?
Ride my motorcycle, mow the lawn, read a book.

Who is the person you most admire?
My dad, who gave up an executive engineering job to go to the mission field and be an engineer for a radio mission station. He instilled in his children the belief that we could do or fix about anything mechanical or electrical.