

Annual Fund Drive

November 2011

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The Trustees, Staff, and Residents of Park House would like to extend our sincere hope that our friends and neighbors are on the road to recovery from our devastating tropical storm, Irene. We are extremely appreciative of the support leant us during this time which was difficult for each individual in our area. We are eternally grateful that Park House remained a safe and relatively comfortable sanctuary throughout this disaster.

We have had many challenges this year bringing Park House up to new Vermont Building codes. Our latest achievement was to install magnetic door stops so we can keep main living spaces open and inviting. However, as always, there is much more to maintaining Park House as a secure, affordable residence for our seniors.

Our goals for this year include energy efficient window treatments for the living room, repairing weather damage on the front porch and steps, and of course among other things, working toward an emergency backup generator system. We are also faced with the bigger need to bridge the gap between the cost to our tenants and the cost to operate this organization. By keeping rental fees affordable to everyone (as required by our covenant with Vermont Housing Conservation Board) we have to raise significant money from our annual appeal to make ends meet.

Thanks to your generous support, Park House has bridged this gap for 20 years, and we appreciate the shared responsibility our community feels towards providing our valued elders with shelter, nutritious meals and companionship. Please consider making a generous, tax-deductable gift to help keep this vital resource active and thriving.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Pruiksma

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Board President

Juli Reiderer

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P.S. We love to share the gift of Park House with the community, please contact us if you would like a tour, to schedule your event, or just to come by and visit!

Our Heartfelt Thanks For The Kindness

Your Have Shown

In Memory of...

Jim Billings
Alison Crayhon
Stephen Dietz
Alice Finney
Eleanor Hutchinson
Delia Kimball
Alice Martin
Elwood Martin
Wallace and Eleanor
Martin
Margaret and Ev Moses
Dorine Pratt
Dot Roach
Deborah Roberts
David Segal

In Honor of...

George & Mary Goding Keith & Eva Jesso's 50th anniversary Tom & Gretchen Perera

Food

Advanced illumination **JoAnn Andrews** Belcher Library Kathy Bisson **Boettiger Family** Jeff Brown Homer Brown Suzanne Butterfield Camp Killooleet Toziers, Mother's Day Community Church of Hancock & Granville Barb Cote Nancy Crowell Ralph Darrah "Girls in Motion"

Java Hubbard



Pam Jacques Jesso Family **Brad Johnson** Jeanne Johnson Nancy Johnson RA Johnson **Ieannie** Levitan Valerie Levitan Fran MacIntosh **McCormacks Doris Mears** Gordon Mills Keith Mills **Bob Moramarco** Emma Patterson Margaret Perkins Pittsfield Church Ray Quillia Route 100 Lion's Club Cynthia Ryan Saint Elizabeth's Church Nancy Sanz Cheryl Sargeant Linda Schneider Stockbridge **Iason Stover** Bill Thrailkill Carol Twitchell

Entertainment

Whitley Family

Alicia Waite

Susan Bushnell Sue Clarke

Tim Crowley Deb Danforth Fay Daniels Mary Beth Deller Jane Eubanks Becky Klein Marian Levasseur Julie Ann Marsh **Joanne Mills** Alan Moore Ioan Petrillo Julia Purdy Dorothy Robson Rochester Elementary Excell Program Lesley Straus Stockbridge Central School

<u>Flowers</u>

Advanced illumination Clara Bennett family Carrie Bessette Family Steven Fowles family Eva Jesso Ruth Lyman family Harland McKirryher

Yard Sale

Janet Aviano
Maryann Gilmartin
Ann Mills
Deb Paino
Kate Seeger

Golf 1464 Salon and Spa House Advanced illumination Brad and Jerry Baker **Begin Family** Steve Bird Boys and Girls Club of **Greater Vergennes** Kent Butterfield **Brooks Barron Real** Estate C.V. Oil Co, Inc. Burma Cassidy Deb's Country Coiffures Dick's Slate & Tile DW Electrical & Plumbing Easy Street Café Glenn Eldredge Gifford Medical Center Green Mountain National Hawk North Management Kinney Pike Insurance Ann and Dave Hunt Huntington House Inn Inner Traditions Bear & Company **I&H** Automotive Allen Johnson Kayak King Killington Golf Resort Liberty Hill Farm Lou's Shear Delight In Memory of Marion

Leonard (Amee Farm)

In Memory of Tom

Paino

Mascoma Savings Bank Judy &Terry Manley Susie Martin **Ieff Mather** Bill & Deb Matthews Mike Lary Painting & Property Mgmt Louise Mantel Milne Travel/ **American Express** Original General Store Perera Family Picarello's Pizza Sandy Pierce Pittsfield Garden Center Pittsfield Pitt-Stop Poulos Insurance Agency Pristine Mountain Springs Proctor Pittford Country Club Walter & Evelyn Pruiksma Randolph National Bank Gary Richardson Rochester Tire & Auto Rutland Regional Medical Center Carol Schwenk Skip Mart Lary & Lesley Straus Swiss Farm Inn Ted Green Ford Tozier's Vermont River Tubing The Village Porch Walt Wells Weden Family White River Valley

Credit Union Lesley Stra
Jim Whitley Audrey Tu
Jake Wildwood & counting
Company Irene Wait
Woods Market Garden and books

Miscellaneous

John Belisle shoveling Mark Belisle- carrying groceries Maddy Benson - yard sale Doris R Bowen puzzles Deb Brouillard Dick & JoAnn Bryfogle - 12 piece china Chaplin Children -May Baskets Dave Curtis - manual labor DW Electrical & Plumbing Neil Gibbs – redecorating, gardening Gert Harris - kitchen items Janet Jesso – manual labor Keith Jesso – manual labor Kelly Family - snow blower use Valerie Levitan locking doors Parrish family – tree Ann Mills - yard sale Marie Patterson -Christmas goodies Sandy Pierce - pigs Walt Pruiksma -

manual labor

Lesley Straus - cards
Audrey Turk - accounting
Irene Waite - puzzles
and books
Nancy Woolley phone directory, cooking, gardening

Irene

John Baker Priscilla Baker Mark Belisle Sue Clarke Kate Douglas The Goupees Diane Hanscom Scott Holtz **Greg Homan** The Hunts The Iessos Cassidy Johnson Rose Juliano **Jeannie Levitan** Deb Matthews The McCormacks Connie Mendell Gordon Mills Sue Moulton **Evelyn Payette** The Pruiksmas Julia Purdy Mike Reiderer Marti Rotchford Midge Scanlon Priscilla Selfridge Greg Smith Mahar Sperling Carol Twitchell

Raffle

Green Mountain Coffee Roasters - Keurig Brewer

Grants

The Baird Foundation
Gay & Lesbian Fund of
Vermont
United Way of Rutland
County

Voter Support at Town Meeting

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Thank you!!!

We appreciate all gifts, large and small.

We apologize most sincerely if any generosity escaped mention.

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Last year, Cynthia Ryan of Cynthia Ryan Graphic Communication redesigned and awakened our website. We are fortunate and pleased that she continues to update this site periodically. Please check us out on the web at parkhousevt@myfairpoint.net.

New Building Code Challenges

Almost a year ago, we learned that fire safety standards require our interior doors to remain closed at all times. The only exception to this rule is that they can be held open by a magnetic system wired into our alarm system. We spent a dreary 11 months with our doors closed. However, earlier this month we achieved our goal to install the magnetic door holding system on the common areas of the first floor within a year. Our residents can once again walk easily from the living room, dining room, and game room and we have restored the open feeling of our main living area.

Past - Present - Future

This year we marked the 20th anniversary of meeting the housing needs of our community's active senior population! We've been celebrating this milestone all year, capping it all off in August with a pig roast following our annual golf tournament. As we reflect on 20 years of service, we are proud that we have had a full house on several occasions in the past couple of years and currently are home to a dozen vibrant and active elders. Looking ahead, our volunteer trustees are always looking for ways to make Park House an even more comfortable and enjoyable place to live. While maintaining a balanced budget and meeting the immediate needs of our residents, in the next year we plan to spruce up the living room with new curtains and hope to install a generator to be even better prepared for future power outages.

We're Living United!

The United Way of Rutland County serves Rutland County, including Pittsfield, as well as the towns of Stockbridge and Rochester. This year, we are continuing our work with this fine organization and have received a funding award from them.

