Letter from the Chairman and Executive Director

Our summer will be filled with projects as well as capital improvements in upwards of $200,000, and we are so very grateful for the generosity of many local foundations who continue to make our house a home. The Cleveland Foundation has granted us an award to completely renovate our kitchen, where our cooks, caregivers and volunteers will continue to serve our residents. The Catherine L & Edward A Lozick Foundation grant will enable us to create a new, second-floor laundry area, expand our storage and also renovate a bathroom. The Severance Prentiss Foundation grant provided us with the ability to purchase all new furniture and paint all of our interior spaces. Special thanks to our partners on this project, George Shiekh of Cleveland Kitchen and Design, Kevin Wyman with Framing Systems, and Leon Sampat of LS Architects. Many thanks to one of our long-time Board members, Kevin Kelly, who has given much of his time and talent to oversee this large project. We, together with Grant Writer, Molly Syphard Pascoe, and Executive Assistant, Veronica Rains, remain grateful to our community of foundation supporters who are enabling us to further create the most loving environment for our residents and visitors.

Joseph C. Granzier
Board Chair

Judy Ghazoul Hilow
Executive Director
Michael

Michael was a proud Army veteran—Green Beret and Paratrooper. He arrived at Malachi House dressed in camouflage and wore some variation of it every day along with his combat boots. He was delighted that we had a camouflage blanket, and it never left his bed. Michael quickly came to like his new home. He went out for a walk every day and loved to spend time with the cooks, offering suggestions and lessons learned as a professional chef. Never did a student avoid his eagerness to share his stories and to hear their stories in return.

As Christmas approached, Michael eagerly made his list for Santa, and we watched his rapid decline and hoped that he would be with us for the holiday. And he was. In Santa’s bag was his most wished for gift—a St. Michael Patron Saint of Paratroopers medal. As Deacon Leo placed it on him, Michael said, “Now I’m complete.” He died one week later. We lovingly dressed him in his camouflage, draped him with the American flag, placed his medal, and sent him on his way. Complete.

Pamela Roe RN, CHPN
Clinical Director

2018 Fr. Paul Hritz Volunteers of the Year

“Without volunteers, we’d be a nation without a soul.” – Rosalynn Carter

And without volunteers, it would be impossible for Malachi House to provide a loving last home to our residents—we are blessed with many helping hands. It is with great pleasure we announce the Malachi House 2018 “Fr. Paul Hritz Volunteers of the Year” – Karen Andrejcak and Diane Obringer.

Karen Andrejcak has served Malachi House for over 19 years as a front desk volunteer on Thursdays, answering the phone, buzzing in visitors, the smiling face people first see as they enter Malachi House. A Cleveland native and retired R.N., Karen has five grown children. Her husband, Joseph, is deceased. What brought Karen to Malachi House over 19 years ago? “Someone talked about what a great place it was – and they were right!”

Diane Obringer has served as a kitchen volunteer for over 18 years, assisting with resident tray set-up, clean-up, and any other kitchen help needed. Diane was originally from New Philadelphia, Ohio, and in her first 22 years, lived in 8 states. She was a high school math teacher for 25 years and a programmer/analyst for 18 years. When asked what Diane enjoys the most about volunteering at Malachi House, she responded, “I like knowing I am part of the mosaic that makes up a beautiful home for people’s final journey.” Diane mentions a blessing a resident gave at the dining room table that began, “Lord, we thank You for this day we’ve never had before . . . .” Amen.

Liz Bowen
Volunteer Coordinator

Best Wishes, Emily!

Congratulations and best wishes to Emily Szy and her family as they welcome their third child. Emily has been so amazing as our part-time Event Coordinator over the past year. She has managed the Annual Meeting, 30th Anniversary Gala, Merry Ploughboys, golf outing, newsletter, annual report, all invitations and assisted with the associate board events and meetings. Emily’s contagious smile, experience, professionalism, strong work ethic and mission-driven sprit were the key to her success. She is a joy to work with and will surely be missed by the residents, staff and volunteers at Malachi House! Many blessings to Emily and her beautiful family from Malachi House now and in the future!

Many Thanks to George Weidinger

George Weidinger was born on the outskirts of Vienna, Austria in 1923. George immigrated to the United States in 1939. He served in World War II and played an important role in acquiring information for U.S. Troops about German technologies, while stationed at P.O. Box 1142. He continued his life as an American citizen after the war, working hard in various jobs to fund his passion for photography and adventure. With a mission to see the world and capture it on film, George traveled to Italy, Peru, China and Tibet, among 75 other countries, taking thousands of pictures along the way. George has donated some of his photos to Malachi House in memory of Nina, his wife of 68 years, who passed away in February 2011 at Hospice of the Western Reserve. George celebrated turning 95 years young on June 24th.

Malachi House is elated to be the fortunate beneficiary of George Weidinger’s artistic eye and talent. George was so kind to graciously frame and hang one of his original photos, of an estimated 20,000 in his portfolio, in each of our residents’ rooms. “I look at the picture all of the time and I was even just talking about how much I like it with my sister who came to visit. It makes me feel calm,” Resident Laura explains as she looks keenly at George’s framed photo of the Statue of Liberty in her room. Laura and all of our residents love George’s beautiful photographs from all over the world, and imagine what it would be like to be there.
Malachi House truly special.”

loving care for our residents has never changed – which is what makes expansion and multiple improvements and renovations over the years, our “Seeing the great growth of Malachi House from our original building, through Board of Urban Community School and St. Malachi Center. Fr. Tony observes, Permanent Deacon Formation for the Diocese of Cleveland. He serves on the Catholic Charities. From 2010 to 2015, he also served as the Associate Director of the Catholic Deaf Apostolate in Akron (Kenmore). From his ordination in June 1977 until January 1988, he also served as the Associate Director of the Catholic Deaf Apostolate in Catholic Charities. From 2010 to 2015, he also served as the Director for Permanent Deacon Formation for the Diocese of Cleveland. He serves on the Board of Urban Community School and St. Malachi Center. Fr. Tony observes, “Seeing the great growth of Malachi House from our original building, through expansion and multiple improvements and renovations over the years, our loving care for our residents has never changed – which is what makes Malachi House truly special.”

Join us for our Annual Benefit
Serve Thy Dear Neighbor
Saturday, November 10, 2018
LaCentre Conference & Banquet Facility

With Honorary Chairs
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SAINT IGNATIUS HIGH SCHOOL
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Accepting award:
President, Rev. Raymond Guiao and Theology Department Chair, Mr. Michael McLaughlin

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Anne Hummer - Magnificat High School
Brownie Troop 70312
Brier Tuscan Grille
Bridget Funderburk
David Andes, Merchant du Vin, Ovral Beer
David Fitz, Founder & Partner, Strategy Design Partners
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Nina Rodgers, West Side Catholic Center
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Tom Kehoe Jr., Independence Business Supply
VFW Post 387
Walsh Jesuit School

Garden Dedication

On June 28th, we were pleased to formally dedicate our newly landscaped, beautiful tree lawn garden. Thanks to many loving hands and donations over the past year from the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland, and inspiration from one of our residents, Tim Stacho, we were able to create a beautiful area with plants, flowers, and rock mosaics for all of our visitors and neighbors to enjoy. Many thanks to Malachi House volunteer, Bob Rensel, and resident, Tim, for all of their hard work and dedication to this special project.

If we missed your name or organization, please contact us at development@malachihouse.org or 216-621-8831 to be added to the next issue of our newsletter.
Mission Statement
Malachi House, created out of a Christian sense of ministry, serves persons who are terminally ill without regard to gender, race, religion, or national origin and without cost to the resident or family. This home ministers to individuals who need an available caregiver, who have limited or no financial resources and are in need of special home care in the final stages of life. A trained staff and volunteers provide spiritual, emotional, and physical support with the assistance of a hospice team.

Malachi House Wish List

ESPECIALLY NEEDED:
Liquid Laundry Detergent (no powder or pods, please)
Multi-purpose Copier Paper (8 ½ x 11, white, 20-lb., not 3-hole punched)
Grocery Store Gift Cards (Giant Eagle, Aldi’s, Dave’s Supermarket)
Gift Cards: Home Depot, Walmart, Staples™
Face Juices (bottled): (Apple, Grape, Orange, Cranberry blends)
First-class Postage Stamps
Trash Bags (30 gallon)
Trash Bags (Tall Kitchen)
Napkins (plain white, dinner-sized)
Sugar (single-serve packets for coffee/tea)
Splenda / Sweet and Low (single-serve packets for coffee/tea)
Paper placemats (white, 10” x 14” for our meal trays – GFS carries these)

RESIDENT NEEDS:
Antiperspirant or Deodorant (men’s/women’s)
Body Lotions (light scents)
Body Washes (light scents)
Mouth Wash

HOUSEHOLD:
3 oz. Dixie cups (or another brand, but only 3 oz., please)
Glade or Airwick Plug-in Air Fresheners Refills (we have the plug-ins) (mild scents)
Trash Bags (30-gallon)
Trash Bags (tall kitchen)
Kitchen Sponges
Brillo/S.O.S./generic Scouring Soap Pads
Aluminum Foil (heavy duty)
Plastic Wrap
Dishwasher Detergent
Dishwasher Rinse Aid
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Kleenex/Puffs/generic Tissues
Clorox/Lysol Antibacterial Wipes

OFFICE SUPPLIES:
Printer Cartridges:
Canon 210 & 211
Canon 240 Black / 241 Tri-Color
EPSON 98 Black / 99 Color
HP 61 Black / Tri-Color
HP 934XL Black / 935 Color
HP 96 Black / 97 Tri-Color

FOOD:
(Please, no commercial-sized containers.)
Soda Pop (cans, please)
Coffee (Regular, ground)
Spices: Pepper, Onion Powder, Garlic Powder, Paprika
Maple Syrup/Pancake Syrup
Broth: chicken, beef and vegetable
Flour
Fruit (cans)
Gravy / Sauces (jars/cans/dry mixes)
Hot Cereal – Oatmeal, Cream of Wheat, etc. (Instant)
Cold Cereal – Cheerios, Frosted Flakes, Rice Krispies, etc.
Jello / Pudding Snack Cuts
Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise
Noodles, Egg
Potato/Rice Side Dishes (boxed)
Salad Dressings (bottled)
Soups (cans – especially Tomato, Chicken Noodle, Cream of Mushroom)
Spaghetti Sauce
Sugar, Granulated & Brown
Tomato Sauce
Tomatoes (cans)
Tuna / Chicken (cans)
Vegetable Oil, Vinegar, Vegetable Oil sprays (like Pam)
Vegetables (cans)
Ensure/Boost nutritional drinks (vanilla/chocolate)