Letter from the Chairman

As we quickly approach the spring of 2018, while some things change, others remain the same, like the mission of Malachi House. I am proud to say that our staff of “angels” becomes more committed to our mission with each passing day.

For over three decades, Malachi House has served more than 2,300 residents with the generous support of 9,368 individuals, corporations and foundations. The work we do is hard—it is physically and mentally difficult, relationships are forged and we know our time with the residents is limited. It is hard to say goodbye, but our staff has to do that every day...with care, grace and love for each and every person who comes through our doors. They truly do “God’s work.”

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Joseph C. Granzier
Board Chair

A Note from the Executive Director

It is with great pride that we move forward into our 31st year of service set forth by the vision of co-founders, Fr. Paul Hritz (1923-2013) and Kaki O’Neill. We are so grateful for the record-breaking support at our 30th Anniversary Gala, which allows us to continue to serve our mission. We continue as a team, alongside our Board, Associate Board, staff, hospice teams and volunteers, all playing integral roles in the success of Malachi House. Together, we strive to continue this unwavering dedication to serve those in need who are terminally ill.

We invite all of you to visit Malachi House and witness the love that our team so proudly displays towards our residents each day. We are looking forward to many exciting projects and renovations in 2018. We are thrilled to create an even better space to serve our mission for another 30 years to come.

Judy Ghazoul Hilow
Executive Director

30th Anniversary Gala Raises Unprecedented $400,000!

Over 30 years ago, Fr. Paul Hritz approached our co-founder Kaki O'Neill about his vision of opening a home for those in need who are terminally ill. Along with her husband, David, her children, extended family and friends, and notably her brother Tom Sullivan, Kaki has seen Malachi House through from vision to inception, and now three decades later of carrying out the mission of Malachi House, which is quite simply, “love one another.” On November 4, 2017, Malachi House held its 30th Anniversary Gala at the Cleveland Museum of Art with nearly 400 guests in attendance. We were privileged to honor our co-founder Catherine “Kaki” O’Neill for her pioneering vision and dedication to the mission of Malachi House for over 30 years. Kaki was joined at the Gala by her family, including her brother Tom who is still by her side. Also honored at the Gala were Paul G. Clark, Gala Chairman, past Malachi House Board member, and PNC Bank Regional President as well as Terry Gibbons, Fr. Paul Hritz Volunteer of the Year. The funds raised at the Gala will ensure that each of our residents has the appropriate physical, mental, and spiritual assistance during the last stage of their lives. Special thanks to our emcees, Chuck Kyle from Saint Ignatius High School and his daughter Maureen Kyle from WKYC. We send our most sincere thanks to our Underwriters, Sponsors, Board of Trustees, Associate Board, supporters, and volunteers who helped to make this evening a tremendous success.

CO-FOUNDER KAKI O’NEILL WITH HER BROTHER TOM SULLIVAN OF RPM INTERNATIONAL INC.
Young Volunteers Impress as They Give Back

The maturity, responsibility, compassion, and dedication shown by our younger volunteers is impressive and an example to us all.

We have participated in Saint Ignatius High School’s “Sophomore Service” program for many years. St. Joseph Academy’s Health Science’s Honors Program students come to Malachi House monthly. School groups come to Malachi House for one-time service projects or to earn service hours: St. Edward High School, Padua Franciscan High School, St. Leo the Great (Buffalo, NY), John Marshall High School, Beaumont School, Gesu Parish School, Walsh Jesuit High School, Benedictine High School, Tri-C, and Case Western Reserve University students have served at Malachi House in 2017.

St. Charles (Parma) eighth graders made Christmas gifts for our residents as well as donated holiday cookies. Individuals, like Archie Kenny (St. Mary’s, Avon), initiated two fundraising events to benefit Malachi House.

We thank all of the young people who have assisted us in providing a loving last home to our residents!

Liz Bowen
Volunteer Coordinator

Bringing Our Supporters Together Through Events

Through our events, we are able to personally reach those who make up the fabric of our mission. We are incredibly grateful to those who support our events and initiatives throughout the year, including: the Annual Meeting, Annual Benefit, Lights for Life, Merry Ploughboys Benefit Concert, Annual Golf Outing, Associate Board Summer Social and OSU Watch Party, as well as our newsletters, Annual Report, and social media. Our supporters are exceptional, coming together as the greater Malachi House family to lend support, which is as resonant now as it was when we began in 1987. As we enter our 31st year, the dedication that our supporters have for Malachi House is unparalleled and evident at each special event. Everyone in attendance knows they are there because they, in some way, contribute to and strengthen the loving care for each of our residents – the people in our community who need compassion and kindness most during their final days. Throughout the New Year, I encourage you to bring a friend, colleague, or neighbor to one of our upcoming events. We would love to share our story and our purpose with them, and continue to share it with you. All the best for a joyful 2018.

Emily Szy
Event Coordinator

“Vance Bond”

What a great way to introduce himself to Malachi House. Vance, like most, resisted a move to Malachi House for as long as possible. Fiercely independent, he had finally moved in with his daughter. However, his illness took its toll and as he required more assistance, safety became a concern. Vance made many friends at Malachi House. He spent his days visiting with his next door neighbor and socializing on the smoking porch where he made sure the birds and squirrels were well taken care of. He loved sharing his life stories with us and the many students that came by to visit. And he loudly joined in the festivities as we cheered on the Cleveland Indians. Vance was a gentleman, always considerate and supportive of other residents who were having a bad day. He was always thoughtful and expressed appreciation for the care that we provided.

Vance did well for quite a while but when he could no longer get out of bed, we knew it would not be long. His beloved granddaughter came for one last visit, he thanked all of us, and then he was gone— with his daughter by his side.

We think of Vance often. His squirrels are still visiting our garden—they’re the chubby ones! That would make Vance smile.

Pamela Roe RN, CHPN
Clinical Director

ARCHIE KENNY AND HIS DONATION

LEFT TO RIGHT: HORTICULTURIST BOB RENSEL WITH RESIDENT TIM; CHRISTMAS DAY WITH SANTA AND RESIDENT MICHAEL; FEAST OF ST. THERESE WITH KAKI O’NEILL AND FR. ANTHONY SIMONE; HALLOWEEN WITH RESIDENT ROBERT AND A TRICK-OR-TREATER
Malachi House Board Spotlight

John Schriner has been on the Malachi House Board of Trustees since 2011, where he serves as Co-Chair of the Public Relations/Marketing Committee. But John’s ties to Malachi House go back much further than that—all the way back to 1987, when his aunt, Kaki O’Neill, co-founded Malachi House. From pulling weeds in the back lot in grade school, to becoming the first Saint Ignatius High School student to conduct his Sophomore Service project at the House, to volunteering his cooking “skills” upon graduation from law school, to serving on the Associate Board prior to taking a seat on the Board, John has thoroughly enjoyed being involved in Malachi House throughout its remarkable history.

John is Associate General Counsel – Corporate Litigation at New York Community Bancorp, Inc., which is the holding company for New York Community Bank (of which Ohio Savings Bank is a division) and New York Commercial Bank, where he manages litigation around the country. Before working at NYCB, John was a business litigation attorney at the law firm of Roetzel & Andress for 12 years, and prior to that, he served as a judicial law clerk in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

John is a graduate of Northwestern University and The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, and he is also a member of the Board for Prayers From Maria Children’s Glioma Cancer Foundation. John lives in Bay Village with his wife, Shana, and their two children, Avery and Henry, and on most nights and weekends, he can be found on a court or a field watching or coaching the sports they love.

List of Visitors & Supporters

Alexandra Weber, World Synergy
Andrew Kovach, International Visitor Program Associate
Anne Moss, Orchard Stern School
Archie, Patrick and Becky Kenny & Kathleen McGuire
Beaumont High School
Bob Rensel, Gardeners of Greater Cleveland
Caitlin Dugas, Case Western Reserve University
Caitlin Dugas, Nonprofit Leadership Dialogs Project
Christine Horne, Joseph’s Home
Church of the Gesu Youth Group
Church of the Resurrection
Cleveland Clinic cardiology nurses, Floor J31
Cleveland Monsters/Cleveland Gladiators
Courtney, Wired Views
Dan Keugler, The Keugler Group
Daniel Cohn, Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation
Donté Gibbs, George Gund Foundation
Dr. Frank Bossu, Benedictine High School
Dr. Fred Peters, The Fitness Doctor
Elizabeth & Karina Castro
Emma Shook, The Cleveland Orchestra
Gerry Quinn, AM 1420
Gilmour Academy
Gina Moore
Good News Giving, Northeast Ohio Media Group
Greg Sword
Jill Ricker
John Carroll University Center for Service and Social Action
John McGuire
Karen Hooser, Reinberger Foundation
Koula Callas, Cleveland Clinic
Laurie Banks, VFW Post 387
Leon Sampat, LS Architects
Lou Keim, St. Malachi Parish
Lydia Koutre, Crain’s Cleveland Business
Mark Mulch, Modgility
Marty Berry, Berry Insulation
Mary Sue Tanis, Youth Challenge
Maura Hagan & Gurpreet Gill, Exchange Base
Maureen Kyle, WKYC
MCPC, Women in Leadership
MediQuant, In Great Company
Meghan Wingenfeld, Wild Fox & Flowers
MetroHealth Unit 11B/11C
Michael Conole, Skylight Financial Group
Michael D’Amico & Allstate Hairstyling & Barber College Students
Mike McGraw, Street Chronicle
Nancy Kilbane
Nancy Wiedner
Neil McCarthy, Harvard Business School
New Community Bible Fellowship
Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine
Padua High School
Patrice Guidice, PNC
Paul Clark, PNC
Progressive
Pure Intention Club
Reese Germany & Al Moses, Blues Chronicles
Rocky River United Methodist Church, Mission Sunday
Ruffling Montessori School, Rocky River
Sr. Gretchen Rodenfels, Volunteer Massage
Therapist
St. Angela Parish Youth (YOSA)
St. Bernadette Parish
St. Paul Lutheran Church
St. Peter United Church of Christ
St. Vincent Charity Medical Center
Stan Kasmarnak, Alta Partners
Tobias Peltier, Saint Ignatius Broadcasting Network
Tom Arbezniak
Tracy Carloss, WEWS
We Care Committee, Cleveland Clerk of Courts

If we missed your name or organization, please contact our Event Coordinator, Emily Szy at eszy@malachihouse.org to be added to the next issue of our newsletter.

Upcoming Events

June 9 – Pier W Copper River Salmon Run, Lakewood Park
June 22 – Malachi House Open
July – Christmas in July
July – Associate Board Summer Social
August – Volunteer Appreciation Event
September – Annual Meeting
September – Associate Board OSU Watch Party
September 28 – Malachi House Birthday
October 1 – Feast of St. Therese
October 23 – Associate Board All Day Happy Hour at Platform Beer Co.
November – Annual Benefit
December – Adopt A Resident
December 7 – Lights for Life

Check out our Facebook page for more details!
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™
Fruit Juices (bottled): (Apple, Grape, Orange, Cranberry blends)
First-class Postage Stamps
Toilet Paper
Paper towels
Napkins (plain white, dinner-sized)
Sugar (single-serve packets for coffee/tea)
Spindala / 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 93XL 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 Cups
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)