



MALACHI HOUSE

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of Malachi House,

As spring begins to unfold and the days grow brighter, we are reminded of the sense of renewal this season brings. As we approach our 40th anniversary next year, we look ahead with gratitude and excitement as we prepare to celebrate this meaningful milestone and continue our mission and all that lies ahead for the Malachi House community.

We would first like to extend our sincere gratitude for the generosity shown during the end of the year. Your year-end gifts play a vital role in sustaining the work of Malachi House, and we are deeply thankful for the many individuals who chose to support our mission during that important season of giving.

This year we are also taking important steps to strengthen our operations and the care we provide. One significant advancement is the implementation of an electronic health records system. This technology will ensure that our residents receive the highest level of support during their time at Malachi House.

Every gift to Malachi House, whether large or small, makes a meaningful difference. For nearly four decades, we have remained committed to operating independently, without reliance on government funding. This independence allows us to stay true to our mission and respond directly to the needs of our residents. It is only possible because of the continued generosity of our donors and supporters.

We remain profoundly grateful for the staff, volunteers, hospice teams, board members, associate board members and all supporters who dedicate their time and talents to this work each day. Together, with the support of our community, we continue to carry forward the mission of Malachi House.

Thank you for standing with us and for being such an important part of the Malachi House family. We look forward to the year ahead and to continuing this work together.

With warmest regards and heartfelt appreciation,

Matthew A. Becker
Board Chair

Judy Ghazoul Hilow
Executive Director

RESIDENT FEATURE: EVAN

Evan has been a resident at Malachi House since February 2026 and quickly discovered something special about the House and the people who make it feel like home. Having previously lived in an assisted living facility, he immediately noticed the difference. What stood out most was the warmth and kindness of everyone he encountered. From staff to volunteers, Evan says people take the time to connect with residents, creating a welcoming and personal environment. "It feels more like an actual house than a medical facility," he says. "You really get the best of both worlds."

Since arriving, Evan has enjoyed participating in activities such as art therapy and bingo. Visits from his sister have also been an important part of his time at Malachi House, and the comfortable setting makes it easy for family to spend meaningful time together.

Evan grew up on Cleveland's west side and is an accomplished writer who also enjoys nature photography, a creative outlet he has long loved.

Before coming to Malachi House, Evan had never heard of it. Now that he has experienced it firsthand, he understands how special it is. The compassion and genuine care shown by staff and volunteers have made a lasting impression, and he says the kindness found here makes all the difference.



VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Colleen Feighan O'Neill has been a dedicated volunteer with Malachi House for more than ten years, sharing her gifts as an art therapist with residents of the House. She became involved through her mother-in-law, Malachi House Co-Founder Catherine "Kaki" O'Neill (1933–2023), who encouraged her to volunteer and bring her love of art to residents through art therapy.



Colleen also introduced a beloved companion to Malachi House. Her family's Shih Tzu, Rosie, was certified through the American Kennel Club as a therapy dog and spent many years visiting residents, staff, and volunteers, bringing comfort and joy to countless people before passing away in August 2025.

Colleen earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Spring Hill College and also studied at the Cleveland Institute of Art and Cleveland State University. She holds a Master's degree in Education and Administration and spent more than 30 years teaching elementary students in Lakewood City Schools, where art was a daily part of her classroom.

A published painter and author, Colleen has also completed two commissioned paintings for Malachi House. She and her husband, David, spend the winter months in Rancho Mirage, California. Colleen is the proud mother of two daughters, Mary and Natalie Feighan, both of whom have assisted her at Malachi House.



John Polito has been a dedicated volunteer at Malachi House for the past nine years, generously giving his time at the front desk where he answers phones and welcomes visitors to the House. After semi-retiring from his legal career, John was inspired to get involved through friends who were supporters of Malachi House and was looking for a meaningful way to give back to the community.

One of his favorite parts of volunteering is working alongside the many committed volunteers who help make the House such a special place.

John was born and raised in Cleveland's Kamm's Corners neighborhood and was the fourth of twelve children. He graduated from Saint Ignatius High School in 1970, earned his undergraduate degree from Xavier University in 1974, and received his law degree from Cleveland Marshall College of Law in 1977.

John spent most of his career representing physicians and hospitals in medical malpractice cases and was a founding partner of the law firm Bonezzi Switzer Polito & Perry, which has been in existence for 28 years.

John and his wife, Vicky, have been married for 48 years. Together they have three children, Celeste, Christopher, and Brett, and are the proud grandparents of nine grandchildren. Malachi House is grateful for John's years of service and the kindness he brings to everyone who walks through the doors of the House.

MALACHI HOUSE BENEFIT CONCERT

The 2026 Malachi House Benefit Concert was a tremendous success and an unforgettable evening for our community. We are still reflecting with gratitude on the joy, generosity, and spirit that filled the room. Thanks to your generous support, we raised over \$170,000, an incredible achievement that will directly support the care of our residents.

A heartfelt congratulations to our Community Service Award honorees, Frank and Barbara Sullivan, whose generosity and commitment continue to inspire us all. We are deeply grateful to the RPM International Inc. community and to all of our sponsors and supporters who showed up in such meaningful ways.

We also extend a special thank you to the Boys from the County Hell, Windows on the River, Night Rider Lighting Services, the Leneghan Academy of Irish Dance, and Bob Hale of Benefit Auction Services for helping make the evening so memorable, all in support of the mission of Malachi House and the care of our residents.

Sláinte!



From left to right: Malachi House Board Chair, Matthew A. Becker, Barbara Sullivan, Frank Sullivan - Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, RPM International Inc., Malachi House Executive Director, Judy Ghazoul Hilow.



From left to right: Malachi House Executive Director Judy Ghazoul Hilow, Packy Malley and guest.



From left to right: Malachi House Board Chair, Matthew A. Becker and Malachi House Board Members: Joe Granzier, John Schriner, Donna Skurzak and Mary Lou V. Stricklin



Boys from the County Hell



From left to right: Randell McShephard - Vice President - Public Affairs and Chief Talent Officer, RPM International Inc., Gail McShephard, Jenniffer Deckard, Daryl Deckard.



From left to right: Eric Pfaff - President, Allied Enterprises Inc., Cathy Pfaff, Tom Hunt, Tammy Hunt, Kelly Hunt, Malachi House Board Member Joe Lee, Caroline Lee



Dancers from the Leneghan Academy of Irish Dance



Malachi House Benefit Concert Guests

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MISSION STATEMENT

Created out of a Christian sense of ministry, Malachi House is dedicated to providing compassionate end-of-life care at no cost to terminally ill individuals who need an available caregiver and have limited financial resources. Our trained staff and volunteers offer spiritual, emotional, and physical support under the medical direction of a hospice team, ensuring comfort and dignity in the final stages of life.

WISH LIST

NEEDED ITEMS

- Laundry detergent (liquid & HE only)
- Tall kitchen trash bags (13 gallon)
- Toilet paper
- Bleach (Clorox & Clorox clean up)
- Windex
- Jell-O snack cups (plain; no fruit)
- Pudding snack cups
- Tuna, chicken (canned, in water)
- Canned spinach and greens
- Salad dressing (bottled, italian & ranch)
- Ketchup, Hellmann's mayonnaise, barbecue sauce
- Gravy (canned, jars and dry mixes)
- Boxed potatoes, au gratin, scalloped & instant mashed.
- Antibacterial/bleach wipes

- Bath wipes
- Dishwasher detergent (liquid; no pods)
- Dishwasher rinse aid
- Coffee - ground, regular, decaf (no flavors)
- Single-serve liquid creamers
- Single-serve sugar packets
- First-class postage stamps
- Cake, brownie, & pancake mix
- Cake frosting
- Paper placemats (10" x 14" for meal trays; available at GFS)
- Boxes of tissues (Kleenex/ other)
- Paper towels
- Foil
- Ziploc bags

OFFICE SUPPLIES

- Multi-purpose copier paper (8½" x 11" white, 20-lb., not hole-punched)

NON-PERISHABLE FOODS

- Sugar (granulated plus brown)
- Hot cereal – oatmeal

- Egg noodles
- Spaghetti sauce
- Kool Aid
- Spices (pepper, onion powder, garlic powder & adobo)

MONETARY DONATIONS

- Checks made payable to Malachi House
- Credit card donations online at www.malachihouse.org

** GIFT CARDS **

- Giant Eagle, Walmart, Amazon,
- Save-a-lot, Home Depot, Hobby Lobby/Michaels

POP/WATER/JUICE

- Coke, Pepsi, Ginger ale, and Sprite (only). No diet
- Orange (no pulp), apple & grape
- Ensure or Boost, chocolate & vanilla

CO-FOUNDERS

Fr. Paul Hritz (1923-2013)
 Catherine "Kaki" O'Neill (1933-2023)

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