



MALACHI HOUSE

| FALL 2025 NEWSLETTER |



## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of Malachi House,

As fall settles in, we find ourselves reflecting on the year that has passed and the many moments that have touched our community. Life at Malachi House is always a mix of joy and tenderness. This year has been no exception, and we are deeply grateful for the love and support that surround us.

We also think back on the everyday joys that make this house feel like home. Laughter drifting from the garden on a sunny afternoon. Volunteers bringing warmth and kindness into our halls. Families finding comfort and strength as they sit with loved ones. And always, the generosity of our supporters, which makes it possible for us to keep offering care without charge to those in need.

One of the most meaningful moments of the year came with the dedication of the Malachi House monument at Lake View Cemetery this past June. Families, staff, board members, and donors gathered together for a beautiful ceremony, creating a sacred space of remembrance. Now, our residents have a final place of rest that reflects the dignity and care they experienced in life.

We are especially grateful to longtime board member **John Sullivan**, who initiated this project and has faithfully served Malachi House since its inception. His vision and dedication made this special tribute possible.

As we move into the last months of the year, we carry both gratitude and hope. Gratitude for every person who gives their time, resources, or prayers to sustain this mission. And hope for the many ways Malachi House will continue to grow as a place of compassion and peace.

Thank you for walking alongside us. We wish you a season filled with reflection, love, and connection.

With warmest regards and heartfelt appreciation,

Matthew A. Becker  
Board Chair

Judy Ghazoul Hilow  
Executive Director



TOP: MALACHI HOUSE INTERMENT DEDICATION AT LAKE VIEW CEMETERY

BOTTOM: JOHN SULLIVAN, BOARD MEMBER AND JUDY GHAZOUL HILOW, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## OCTOBER 2025

10/7

Feast of St. Therese Mass  
11:30 am @ Malachi House

10/11

Associate Board Fundraiser:  
OSU Watch Party  
@ Around The Corner  
Lakewood

## DECEMBER 2025

12/5

Lights for Life Event  
@ Malachi House

## JANUARY 2026

1/31

Malachi House Benefit Concert  
@ Windows On The River

## RESIDENT REFLECTION: DEBORAH'S STORY



Deborah, one of our cherished residents at Malachi House, grew up on Cleveland's west side as the oldest of three siblings. With a playful spirit and a natural sense of responsibility, she helped set the tone for her family. From an early age, her passions reflected her vibrant personality. She spent hours on the baseball field with friends and later pursued beauty school, inspired by her beloved mother.

Today, Deborah finds joy in simple and meaningful routines. Arts and crafts, saying the rosary, and watching church services bring her comfort. Classic sitcoms like *Everybody Loves Raymond* spark laughter and remind her of the shows she grew up with.

When she first arrived at Malachi House, Deborah admits she was not sure what to expect. "What is it going to be like?" she wondered. But after only a few nights, she says she felt at home. "I cannot even find the right words to describe how much the staff is there for you," she shares. She especially loves her room, describing it as warm and welcoming.

For Deborah, Malachi House is more than just a place to stay. It is a place of peace, care, and belonging.

## HONORING THREE DEDICATED BOARD MEMBERS

Malachi House is grateful for the individuals whose time, talent, and leadership have strengthened our mission. This season, we honor three such dedicated leaders: **Jeff Neuman, Patricia "Trish" Krewson, and John Schriener.**



Jeff Neuman has been a guiding force for Malachi House since its very beginning. As a founding board member and longtime treasurer, Jeff has generously shared his professional expertise to ensure our financial health was managed with care, precision, and integrity. His steady leadership has helped us steward our resources wisely for the benefit of our residents and mission. Now retiring from his distinguished career with Barnes Wendling CPA, Jeff will be stepping down as treasurer but will continue to serve on our board. We are deeply grateful for his many years of dedication, and we especially thank Catherine "Kaki" O'Neill for first introducing Jeff to Malachi House all those years ago.



Patricia "Trish" Krewson brought her legal expertise, compassion, and thoughtful perspective to the Malachi House Board of Trustees. As a specialist in human resources law, Trish provided invaluable guidance through challenging situations, always with the dignity of our residents and the well-being of our staff in mind. Her steady counsel was a source of comfort and confidence to our executive director and leadership team, helping to ease the weight of difficult decisions with grace, kindness, and clarity. Trish's wisdom and generosity of spirit left a lasting impact on Malachi House, and we are profoundly grateful for the many years she dedicated to our mission as she now transitions off the Board of Trustees.



John J. Schriener, our former Board Chair, provided strong and steady leadership throughout his tenure. His vision, dedication, and ability to bring people together helped Malachi House grow in both reach and impact, ensuring our mission remains strong for years to come. John consistently kept the Malachi House mission at the forefront of every decision, leading with kindness, focus, humility, and humor. Our leadership was grateful to learn from his thoughtful guidance and his visionary approach to problem-solving. While Malachi House was always close to John's heart, his greatest devotion has always been to his wife and children. It was an honor to have him serve as our Chairperson, and we remain deeply appreciative of his lasting impact on our mission.

Together, Jeff, Trish, and John embody the spirit of service that makes Malachi House a place of comfort, love, and peace. We extend our deepest gratitude for their leadership, generosity, and unwavering commitment to our mission.

# CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS

Malachi House was proud to host the 2025 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Pier W in Lakewood, a wonderful evening dedicated to honoring the incredible people who give so generously of their time and hearts.

Our volunteers are truly the heart of our mission, providing comfort, care, and companionship to our residents each day. Their impact is immeasurable, and we are deeply grateful for their dedication.

During the celebration, we were honored to present the **2025 Volunteer of the Year Awards** to **Shirley Hemminger** and **Julie Stenger**. We also recognized years of service with special milestone pins:

- **10 Years** – Bev Lund, Debbie Fitzgerald, Martha Wright
- **15 Years** – Chris Connors
- **20 Years** – Mary Ann & Jim Kappa

A heartfelt thank you to Pier W, our board, staff, volunteers, and guests who made this evening so special. Congratulations to all who were recognized!





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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.

### CO-FOUNDERS

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

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## 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](http://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

### EMERITUS

Diane C. Kennedy

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- Michaela Burke
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### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Judy Ghazoul Hilow

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