

MALACHI HOUSE





LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of Malachi House,

There is something special about this time of year at Malachi House. As we look toward the months ahead, we are reminded not only of the important work happening within our walls each day, but also of the thoughtful planning and preparation taking place to ensure Malachi House remains strong for the future.

Over the past year, our Board and staff have been focused on strengthening the organization in meaningful ways. As part of that work, our Board recently completed an expense benchmarking review comparing Malachi House with similar nonprofit organizations. We are pleased to share that our expenses are at or above expectations for our nonprofit comparables, affirming the careful stewardship of the resources entrusted to us.

We are also preparing to celebrate an extraordinary milestone: 40 years of Malachi House. Our 40th Anniversary Committee has officially begun planning for a special year of events and celebrations, including our Ruby Gala on April 10, 2027. This anniversary will be an opportunity to honor the many individuals who have helped shape Malachi House over the past four decades, remember those whose lives have touched our community, and look ahead to the years to come.

Another important step forward is the continued implementation of our new electronic health record software. The transition is progressing as planned, and our team has reported favorable change management throughout the process. While this work may happen behind the scenes, it is an important investment in the way we organize information, communicate, and ultimately care for our residents and their families.

As we move through the remainder of 2026 and toward an exciting anniversary year, we are grateful for the strong foundation built over the past 40 years and encouraged by what lies ahead. Your continued involvement allows Malachi House to remain a place where individuals can experience compassionate care, dignity, and peace during some of life's most difficult moments.

Thank you for believing in this mission and for being part of the Malachi House community.

With warmest regards and heartfelt appreciation,

Matthew A. Becker
Board Chair

Judy Ghazoul Hilow
Executive Director

REMEMBERING DAVID



David spent just under a month at Malachi House, but in that short time, he became part of the small, close-knit community he had come to appreciate.

Originally from a small town in Michigan, David moved to Ohio when he was 18. Throughout his life, he embraced an independent spirit, describing himself as a "man of the world" who liked to do what he wanted, when he wanted to do it.

His daughter was the one who found Malachi House for him, and David quickly came to appreciate the people who made it feel like home. He especially enjoyed getting to know the staff and experiencing the attentive, compassionate care they provided.

David appreciated the personal care and compassion he received from the hospice teams and Malachi House staff.

Though his time with us was brief, David left an impression. We are grateful he chose to spend his final weeks at Malachi House, and we are honored to remember the independent spirit, warmth, and perspective he brought with him.

A SUMMER FILLED WITH COMMUNITY

Summer brought plenty of reasons to celebrate at Malachi House, and we were reminded once again that our mission reaches far beyond the walls of our House.

From our Malachi House Summer Social, organized by our incredible Associate Board, to an afternoon of music and fellowship at Gormley's Pub, our community came together throughout the summer to enjoy time together while giving back. We are so grateful to the local businesses, volunteers, Board members, donors, and friends who helped make these gatherings possible.

And sometimes, the sweetest acts of generosity come in the simplest forms. This summer, Jade and Jameson, children of Board Member Jonathan Onk and his wife, June, hosted a lemonade stand benefiting Malachi House and donated all of the proceeds to the House. Their effort was a wonderful reminder that giving back can start at any age.

We are especially grateful to the many local businesses and community partners who helped make these summer moments possible, including Saucy Brew Works, Jukebox, Great Lakes Brewing Company, Pins Cleveland, ABC the Tavern, Sean Gormley and Gormley's Pub, Angelo's Pizza, Sanson Produce, Blackbird Baking Company, Hunger Network, Community West Foundation, and Goldie's Donuts.















CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS

There is no way to fully measure the difference our volunteers make at Malachi House. They bring compassion, friendship, comfort, and countless acts of kindness to our residents and families throughout the year, giving generously not only of their time, but of themselves.

This year, we had the pleasure of celebrating these remarkable individuals at our 2026 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Pier W in Lakewood. A beautiful evening on the patio gave us the opportunity to pause, gather together, and recognize the people who help make the Malachi House mission possible every day.

We were especially honored to recognize our **2026 Volunteers of the Year, Colleen Feighan O'Neill and John Polito**, whose dedication exemplifies the spirit of service that makes our volunteer community so special.

We also celebrated the following volunteer milestones:

10 Years – Deacon Leo Bistak

10 Years – Julie Stenger

5 Years – Mike Milia

Our sincere thanks to Pier W, our Board, staff, volunteers, and everyone who joined us for this memorable evening. Most importantly, thank you to every Malachi House volunteer. Your presence, kindness, and commitment make a lasting difference in the lives of our residents and their families.

Congratulations to all of our honorees, and thank you for being such an important part of the Malachi House family.















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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

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